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# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 11

### *The Two Witnesses*

# Rules Of Interpretation

## #1 The Golden Rule

- When the plain sense of scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense; take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning, unless the facts of the immediate context, studied in the light of related passages indicate clearly otherwise

# Revelation Chapter 11

## The background

- The disciples asked Jesus:
  - *“when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, at the end of the world”* (Matt 24:3),
- Jesus pointed them to the book of Daniel chapter 9 vs 24-27.
- This is our key to our understanding the ‘end times’ in general and in particular, the opening verses of this chapter.

# Revelation Chapter 11

## The background

- Daniel was just a teenager when he was taken away captive from his home in Israel to Babylon
- But by ch 9, almost 70 years had passed.
- Daniel remembered that God had promised through the prophet Jeremiah that Israel's captivity would last for 70 years.

# Revelation Chapter 11

## The background

- Taking the promise literally
  - God had said 70 years so Daniel figured that that was what He meant!
- Daniel started to pray and ask God about the future of his people and the city of Jerusalem.

# Gabriel's Prophecy

Seventy **weeks** are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

**Daniel 9:24**

# 'Seventy Weeks'

my [ib]vi

- Shabuim
- 'weeks of years'
- 'Seventy weeks of years'
- $70 \times 7 \text{ years} = 490 \text{ years}$

# 'Seventy Weeks'

- 1 week of days = 7 days
  - (Gen 2:2; Ex 20:11)
- 1 week of weeks = 7 weeks
  - (Lev 23:15,16)
- 1 week of months = 7 months
  - (Ex 12:2; Lev 23:24)
- 1 week of years = 7 years
  - (Lev 25:1-22; Deut 15; 2 Chron 36:19-21)



# Gabriel's Prophecy

<sup>24</sup> [490 years] are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Daniel 9:24

- Has this happened yet?
- Not that you would notice!

# Gabriel's Prophecy

- Prophecy for Israel & Jerusalem
- Finnish transgression
- Make an end of sins
- Reconciliation for iniquity
- Bring in everlasting righteousness
- Seal up vision & prophecy
- Anoint the most holy (place/one)

# Gabriel's Prophecy

<sup>25</sup> Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks [49 years], and threescore and two weeks [434 years]: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Daniel 9:25

# Gabriel's Prophecy

- Command to restore & build Jerusalem
- Seven weeks ( $7 \times 7 \text{ years} = 49 \text{ years}$ )
- Sixty two weeks ( $62 \times 7 = 432 \text{ years}$ )
- Street and Wall rebuilt
- 'Troublous times' (Ezra / Nehemiah)
- 483 years conclude with Messiah

# The 490 Years

Command to restore  
& build Jerusalem

Messiah the King

483 years



1<sup>st</sup> Nisan 445 B.C.  
20<sup>th</sup> yr  
Artaxerxes  
Longimanus  
14<sup>th</sup> March 445 B.C.

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the *twentieth year of Artaxerxes ...*

Nehemiah 2:1

<b>Ascension Year</b>	0	465	B.C.	454	11th
<b>First year of reign</b>	1st	464		453	12th
	2nd	463		452	13th
	3rd	462		451	14th
	4th	461		450	15th
	5th	460		449	16th
	6th	459		448	17th
	7th	458		447	18th
	8th	457		446	19th
	9th	456		445	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Year of reign</b>
	10th	455		<del>444</del>	21 <sup>st</sup>

# The 490 Years

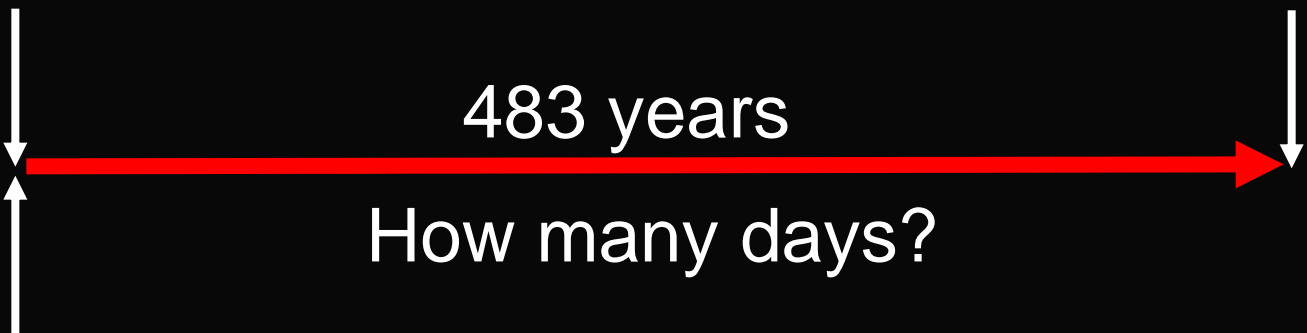
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How many days?

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# God's Reputation

- 9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,
- 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

**Isaiah 46:9-10**



# The 490 Years

- Prophetic years always reckoned as 360 days in Scripture

# 360 Day Year?

- Gen 7:11, 8:4 cf Gen 7:24 5mts, 150d = 30 day months
- Dan 7:25, 12:7 inferred from Rev 12:6, 12:14, 13:5-7 1260 days
- Rev 11:2, 11:3, 13:5, 12:6 42 mts, 1260 days
- Servitude of Nation, 606 B.C. – 537 B.C.  
70yrs @ 360d per yr
- Desolations of Jerusalem, 587 B.C. – 518 B.C.  
70yrs @ 360d per yr
- Ezekiel 4, 430yrs – 70 = 360yrs x 7 (cf Lev 28) = 2520yrs @ 360d  
Servitude: 20<sup>th</sup> July 537 B.C. – 14<sup>th</sup> May 1948 (907,200 days)  
Desolations: 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 518 B.C. – 7<sup>th</sup> June 1967 (907,200 days)
- Daniel 9:27, Jeremiah's Prophecies, Final week = 2520 days
- Daniel 9:24-27, Exactly 360 letters in 4 verses (Hebrew)

# 360 Day Year?

- Ancient calendars based on 360 day years
  - Assyrians, Chaldeans, Egyptians, Hebrews, Persians, Greeks, Phoenicians, Chinese, Mayans, Hindus, Carthaginians, Etruscans, Teutons, et al.
- $360^\circ$  in a circle, 60 minutes/hour, 60 sec/min
- 360 icons in the gnostic genii
- 360 gods in the theology of Greek Orpheus
- 360 idols in the palace of Dairi in Japan
- 360 statues surrounding Hobal in Arabia

# The 490 Years

Command to restore  
& build Jerusalem

Messiah the King  
(Triumphal Entry)

483 years

173,880 Days!

1<sup>st</sup> Nisan 445 B.C.

20<sup>th</sup> yr

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# The Hour

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, saying,

The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified...

<sup>27</sup> Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

John 12:23-27

# Gabriel's Prophecy

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Daniel 9:26

# The Interval

- After the 483 years
- But before the final 7 years
- Messiah is to be cut off
- The city of Jerusalem is to be destroyed
- Until the 'end' desolations will continue
- A 'prince' will come who will be of those who destroy the city
- A prince will come from 'Rome'

# Gabriel's Prophecy

<sup>27</sup> And he shall confirm the covenant with many for **one week**: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

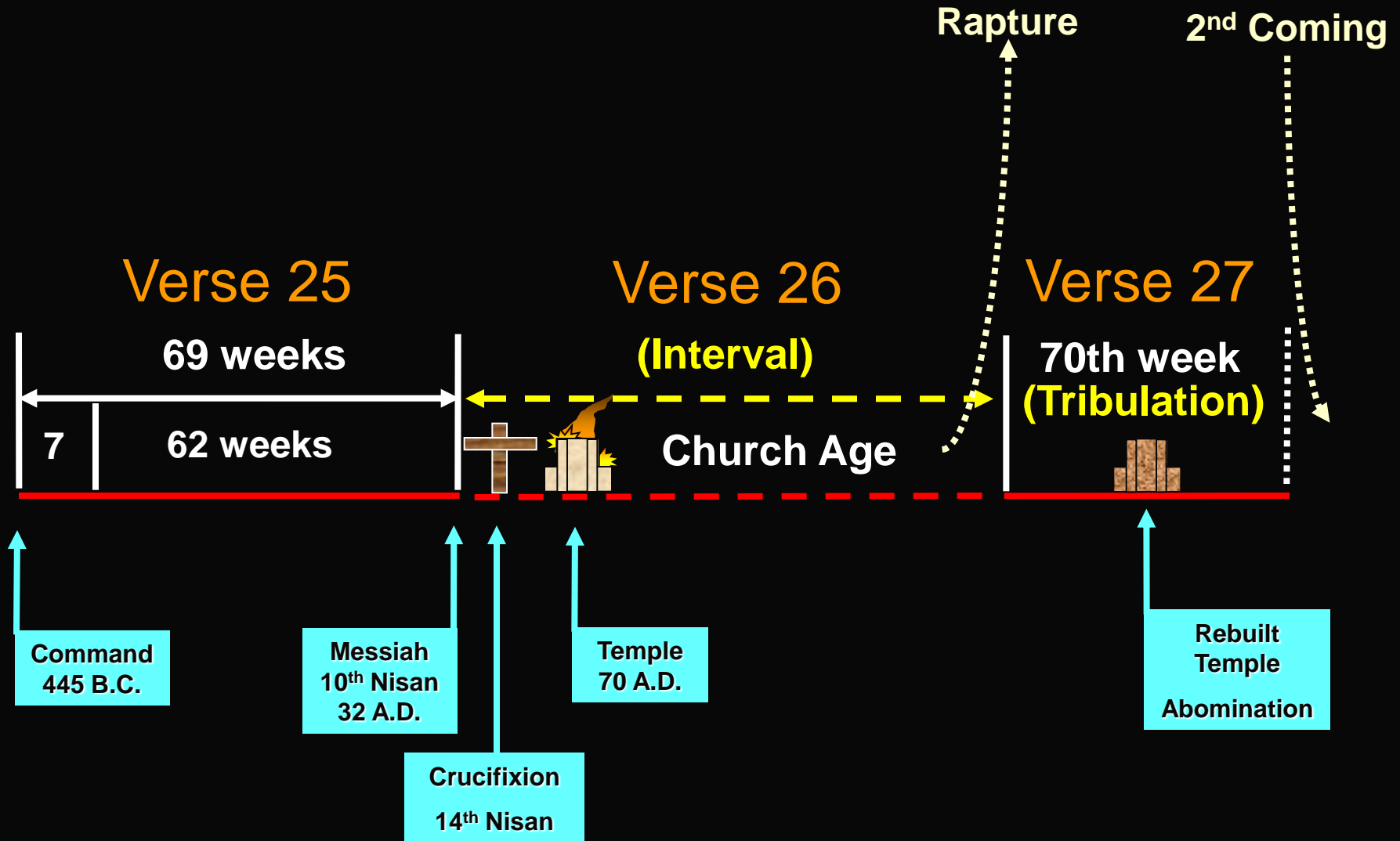
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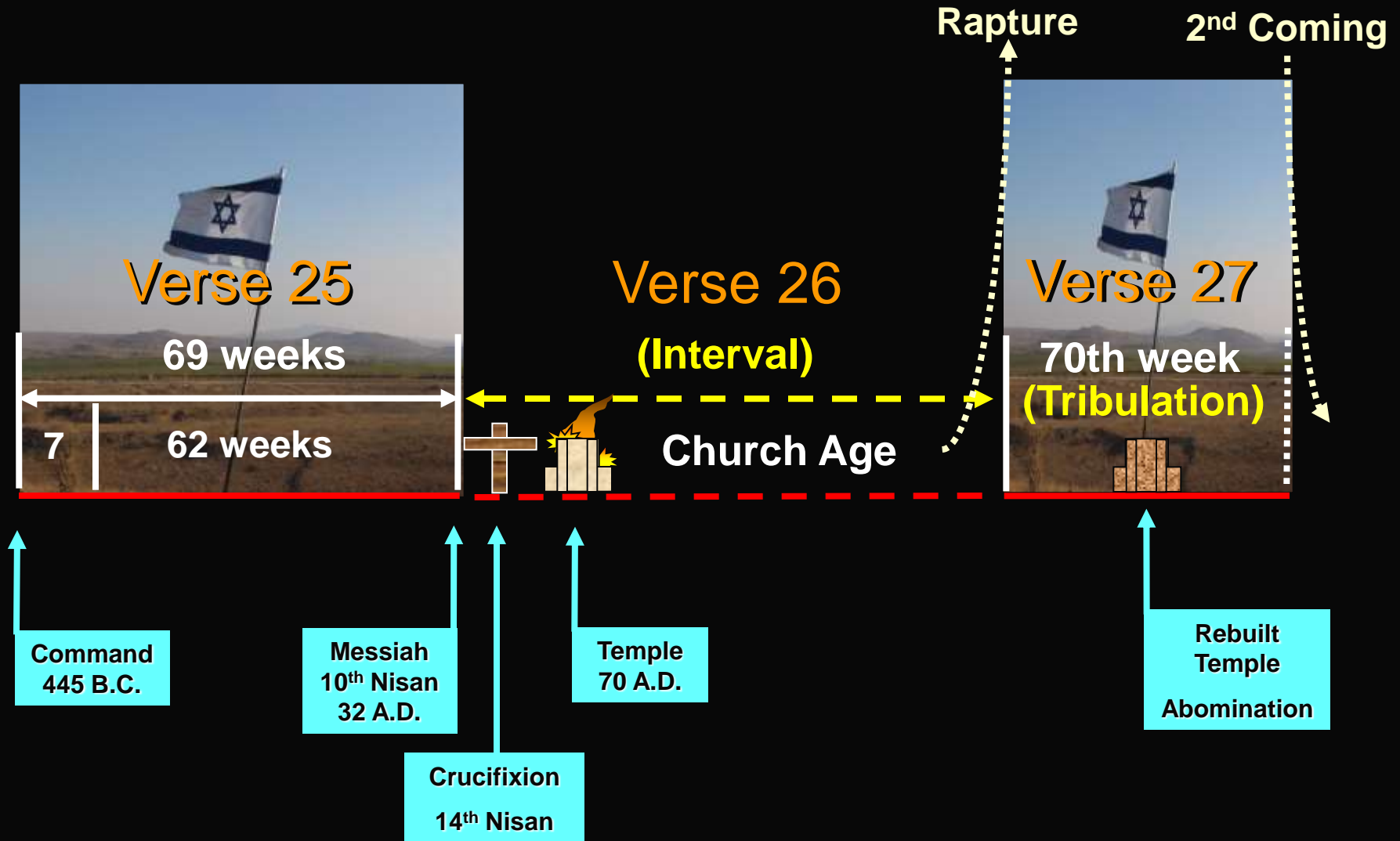
# The Final 7 Years

- He (the prince that is coming) will confirm a covenant for the final 7 years
- This is detailed in Dan 7; Rev 6, 13
- Mid way through the 7 years this 'prince' will stop the Jews sacrificing
- Jesus referred to this event when explaining what would precede His return (Matt 24)
- The Jews will be in for a rough ride

# The 490 Years



# The 490 Years



# “Seventy Times Seven”

## 1) Abraham to the Exodus

Promise	Gen 12:4	75 years	
		<u>+430</u>	505
Ishmael,	Gen 16:16; 21:5		<u>-15</u>

**490 years**

## 2) Exodus to the Temple

Begun:	1 Ki. 6 - 8	594	
Completed:	1 Ki 6:38	<u>+ 7</u>	601
Servitudes:	Judges 3 - 13		<u>-111</u>

**490 years**

## 3) The Temple to the Edict of Artaxerxes

	1 Ki 8:1-66	1005 B.C.	
	Neh. 2:1	445 B.C.	560
Babylonian Captivity			<u>-70</u>

**490 years**

## 4) Artaxerxes to the Second Coming

445 B.C. to the 1st Advent (69 x 7)			483
[Church interval]			- ? -
“The Seventieth Week”			<u>+ 7</u>

**490 years**

# Forgiveness

21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? **till seven times?**

22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, **Until seventy times seven.**

Matthew 18:21-22

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Messiah the King

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### *The Two Witnesses*

<sup>1</sup> And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

**Revelation 11:1**

- Note we have a temple & worshipers
  - *“Every time you see the beginning of measurements, in either the Old or New Testament, it indicates that God is beginning to deal with the nation Israel (see Jer. 31:38–39; Zech. 2)”* - J Vernon McGee
- It is not only the temple but the worshippers that are being measured



2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

**Revelation 11:2**

- Jesus said: *“and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled”* – Luke 21:24
- The outer court of the Temple was the court of the Gentiles.

Temple model – Temple Institute, Jerusalem



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# The Rebuilt Temple?

**Court of the  
Gentiles**



# The Rebuilt Temple?



3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

**Revelation 11:3**

- These two witnesses are supernaturally empowered for 3 ½ years.

4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

**Revelation 11:4**

- Olive trees are mentioned 7x in scripture
- Each time it is linked with faithfulness
- In Ch 1 candlesticks were seen as representative of the Church being a witness.
- Now the Church has gone, these two witnesses pick up the baton.

# Two Olive Trees?

<sup>11</sup> Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?...

<sup>13</sup> And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

<sup>14</sup> Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the LORD of the whole earth.

**Zechariah 4:11-14**



- 5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.
- 6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

**Revelation 11:5-6**

# Their Identity?

- Options:
- Unknown
- Joshua & Zerubbabel
  - Because of Zechariah 4
- Elijah & Enoch
  - Because of Hebrews 9:27
- Elijah & Moses

7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

**Revelation 11:7-8**

- **Note: they couldn't be touched until God allowed!**

- 9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.
- 10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

**Revelation 11:9-10**

- **Exclusive news flash! Psalm 73:1-3**

11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

**Revelation 11:11-12**

- ‘Come up here’ is a ‘rapture call’!

13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

**Revelation 11:13-14**

- After vs 1-13 we are now back chronologically to where we were at the end of ch 10.

<sup>15</sup> And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

**Revelation 11:15**

- Now Jesus has taken back the Earth!
- But before is can experience blessing...
- It must be purged

- 16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,
- 17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

**Revelation 11:16-17**

- The Greek the tense of the word is the ingressive first aorist active indicative!  
– according to Dr Chuck Missler!
- It should read “Thou hast begun to reign”.



18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

**Revelation 11:18**

- Thy wrath is come – the Great Tribulation is here!

<sup>19</sup> And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

**Revelation 11:19**

- John is now taken from the scene on earth in verse 18 back to Heaven and our attention is drawn to the Temple in Heaven being opened.
- Inside we see the original ark of which Moses made a copy at God's instructions.

An open scroll with Hebrew text, illuminated by a warm light, set against a dark, textured background. The scroll is unrolled, showing two pages of text. The lighting is dramatic, with a bright glow emanating from the center of the scroll, creating a sense of revelation and divine light. The background is dark and textured, possibly representing a cave or a hidden place.

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To be continued...