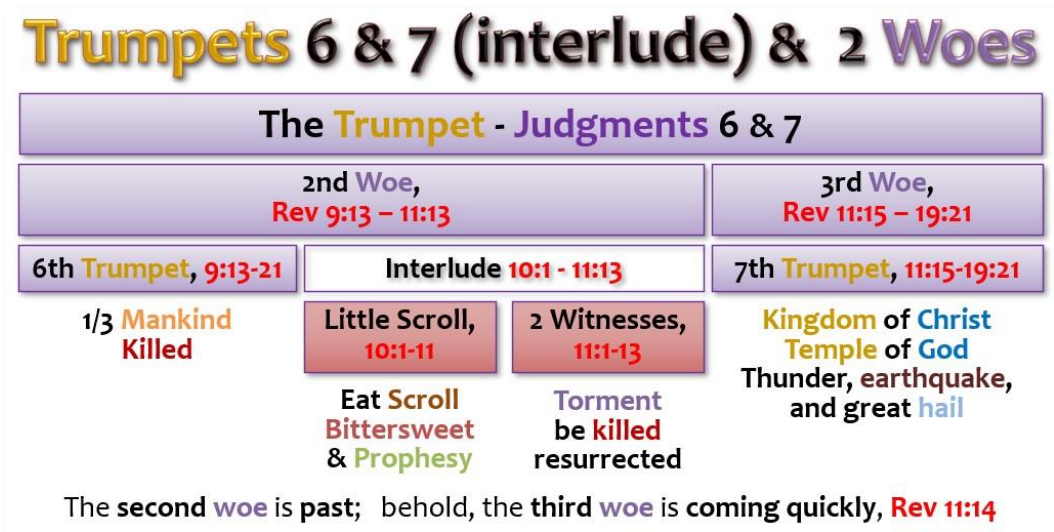


BOOK OF REVELATION

THE THINGS SEEN AND ARE AND WHAT SHALL TAKE PLACE

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Interlude: A strong Angel, a little book (scroll), the seven peals of thunder

Working Outline > Read Revelation 10:1-7 (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 10:1-7

- I. 1 I (John) saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, 5:2, 18:1, 20:1
 - A. clothed with a cloud;
 - B. and the rainbow was upon his head,
 - C. and his (angel's) face was like the sun,
 - D. and his feet like pillars of fire;
- II. 2 and he (angel) had in his hand a little book which was open. 5:1, 10:8-10, Ezek 2:9-3:4
 - A. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left (foot) on the land;
 - B. 3 and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; Joel 3:16
 - C. and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices.
- III. 4 When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I (John) was about to write; 1:11, 1:19
 - A. and I (John) heard a voice from heaven saying,
 - B. "Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken Deut 29:29, Prov 25:2
 - C. and do not write them." Dan 12:9
- IV. 5 Then the angel whom I (John) saw standing on the sea and on the land
 - A. lifted up his right hand to heaven,
 - B. 6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, 4:9
 - C. who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, 4:11, 14:7, Neh 9:6
 - D. and the sea and the things in it, that there will be delay no longer, 11:15, Hab 2:3, 1 Tim 6:15
- V. 7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, 11:15
 - A. then the mystery of God is finished, Rom 16:25, Dan 12:7, Isa 24:1-6, 24:19-23, 26:21, 27:6-9
 1. as He preached to His servants the prophets. 10:11, Amos 3:7,

another strong angel coming down out of heaven, Rev 10:1

An Angel coming down out of Heaven is mentioned in, Rev 5:2, 18:1, 20:1

Many understand this Angel to be Christ, But (Grk. *allos*, 243) means "another of the same sort" *Vines Dic.* This Angel's appearance is similar to Christ's, in Rev 1:15-16, Matt 17:2, but he is a created Angel.

he (angel) had in his hand a little book which was open, Rev 10:2

This little book (scroll) is Not the book in Rev 5:1, because that Book has 7 Seals that are opened by Christ to reveal the Seal, Trumpet, and Bowl Judgments.

Also no one was worthy to open or read the 7 Seal Scroll except Christ, in Rev 5:3.

This little Book is Not Sealed but Open in the Angel's hand. More discussion on this in 10:8-10.

He (angel) placed his right foot on the sea and his left (foot) on the land, Rev 10:2

This act of putting one foot on the sea and the other foot on the land, demonstrates the Lord's claim through this Angel, to the sea and the land or All of Earth as a whole.

Satan offered Christ all dominion of the Earth, that he said was given to him, Lk 4:5-6.

Therefore, now the Lord is beginning to reclaim dominion or authority over the Earth. 10:6b

Then this Angel, cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars, to draw attention to this event, like a trumpet draws attention or announces an event. 10:2

the seven peals of thunder, Rev 10:3-4

In verse 3, when he (the angel) had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices. "thunder" is a noise, but here it is personified by use of the word "their" and "voices".

In verse 4, When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I (John) was about to write; 1:11, 1:19

John was about to write down what the seven peals of thunder had spoken.

He had been instructed to write down what he saw previously in 1:11 and 1:19.

In verse 4, John heard a voice from heaven saying,

"Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken and do not write them."

The voice from heaven is unidentified, but of divine authority for it forbids John from writing it down.

In this case the Lord was keeping what was said to be a secret or concealed, Deut 29:29, Prov 25:2, Dan 12:9

Then the angel swore by the Lord, that there will be delay no longer, Rev 10:5-6

The Angel whom John saw standing on the sea and on the land

lifted up his right hand to heaven, and swore (promised) by Him (the Lord) who lives forever. 4:9, 11:15

The Angel swore (promised) by the Lord that there will be delay no longer. Read Hab 2:3, 1 Tim 6:15

This means, no more delay in carrying out Christ taking back "The kingdom of the world".

Read Rev 11:15 and 1 Cor 15:24-28

swore by the Lord who lives forever, who created heaven, earth, and the sea, Rev 10:6

The Lord created All things in the Heavens and the Earth from the beginning as affirmed in so many places in scripture I can't count them. Gen 1:1, Rev 4:11, Neh 9:6, Isa 40:26, 42:5, 45:12, 45:18, Col 1:16

the day of the voice of the 7th angel sounds, then the mystery of God is finished, Rev 10:7

When 7th angel sounds the 7th Trumpet, 11:15, then the mystery of God is finished.

The mystery of God is then finished, because the 7th Trumpet brings on the Final 7 Bowl Judgments

that are followed by the Coming of Christ when He takes back "The kingdom of the world". Rev 11:15

When the 7th Bowl Judgment is poured forth, "a loud voice came out of the temple in heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done !", Rev 16:17.

The mystery of God is All those things claimed as Mysteries in the NT that must be Fulfilled.

mystery > things that have been kept secret by God for long ages past, but now revealed, Rom 16:25

The mystery of the Gospel, Rom 16:25, Eph 6:19, mystery of Jew and Gentile into one body, Eph 3:1-21,

mystery of Israel's Blindness, Rom 11:25, mystery of the Rapture of the Church, 1 Cor 15:51,

and mystery of the Church, Col 1:24-29.

The **mystery of God**, as **He** preached to **His servants the prophets**. 10:7, 10:11, Amos 3:7, **God** had preached various **mysteries** to **His** servants **the prophets** in the **Old Testament**, like **Daniel, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Joel, Amos**, and **Zechariah** who revealed **end-time events**. Much detail, however, was **hidden, kept secret, or not revealed** by **God** until the NT, **Amos 3:7**, like the **mystery** of **Church**, and the **mystery** of **Jew** and **Gentile**, **Col 1:24-29, Eph 3:1-21**

Interlude: Voice from Heaven, take the little book (scroll), and eat it

Working Outline > Read Revelation 10:8-11 (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 10:8-11

- I. 8 Then the voice which I (John) heard from heaven, 10:4,
A. I (John) heard again speaking with me, and saying,
B. “Go, take the (little) book, Rev 5:7, which is open in the hand of the angel
1. who stands on the sea and on the land.”
- II. 9 So I (John) went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. 10:2,
A. And he said to me, “Take it and eat it; Ezek 2:8-3:3
1. it will make your stomach bitter,
2. but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.” Ps 19:9-10
- III. 10 I (John) took the little book out of the angel’s hand and ate it, Ezek 3:3, Jer 15:16
1. and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; Ezek 3:3, Ps 119:103,
2. and when I (John) had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.
- IV. 11 And they (the voice, the angel) said to me, “You must prophesy again
A. (prophesy) concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.” Rev 7:9, 11:9, 13:7, 14:6, 17:10-12, 17:15,

the voice which I (John) heard from heaven, Rev 10:8

John hears again the same divine voice from heaven mentioned in 10:4.

Go, take the little book (scroll), which is open in the hand of the angel, Rev 10:8

The divine voice from heaven tells John to Go, take the little book from the Angel.

In Rev 5:7, the Lamb takes the 7 Seal Scroll from the Father, leading to God’s Judgments.

I (John) went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book (scroll), Rev 10:9

John, in response to the divine voice from heaven, tells the Angel to give him the little Scroll, that was open.

The Angel tells John to take the Scroll and Eat it.

The Angel says the Scroll will make John’s stomach bitter, but in John’s mouth it will be sweet as honey.

In Ps 19:9-10 it says, “the Judgments of the Lord” are “sweeter also than honey”.

I (John) took the little book out of the angel’s hand and ate it, Rev 10:10

John now takes the Scroll from the Angel and he Eats it as told.

In John’s mouth it was be sweet as honey, But when it got to John’s stomach it was bitter.

Ezekiel speaks of a similar prophetic revelation event. Read Ezek 2:8-3:3

Ezekiel is told to Eat a Scroll, Ezek 2:8, and so was John, Rev 10:9

Ezekiel is told “it was sweet as honey in my mouth”, Ezek 3:3, and so it was for John, Rev 10:9

Ps 19:9-10 says, “the Judgments of the Lord” are “sweeter also than honey”.

Ezekiel is told the Scroll is concerning, “lamentations, mourning and woe” or Judgments, Ezek 2:8

Ezekiel is told the Scroll is concerning, Judgment on the Nation of Israel, Ezek 3:4-5,

But here the little Scroll is about Judgment on All Nations, Rev 10:11

the little Scroll

the little Scroll “it was sweet as honey in my mouth”, But “my stomach was made bitter”

Therefore, the Scroll was bittersweet.

Bittersweet, def: pleasure accompanied by suffering or regret *Websters*

There is sweetness in the Lord’s Prophetic Judgment,

“judging and avenging our (believer’s) blood on those (unbeliever’s) who dwell on the earth”, Rev 6:10

There is bitterness in the Lord’s Prophetic Judgment,

Because it results in the eternal Loss, Judgment, and punishment of countless persons who reject God.

bitterness “concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings”, Rev 10:11

And they (the voice, the angel) said to me, “You must prophesy again, Rev 10:11

John was to (prophesy) concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.” Rev 10:11

John was to again to prophecy of the coming Bitter Judgments as in the 7th Trumpet Judgment

and the 7 Bowl Judgments, on All Nations.

Interlude: The Temple, those in the Temple, and the Court outside the Temple

Working Outline > Read Revelation 11:1–2 (a portion of a Paragraph, 11:1-6, ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 11:1–2

- I. 1 Then there was given me (John) a measuring rod like a staff; Ezek 40:3, 40:5
 - A. and someone said, “Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, Rev 21:15, Zech 2:1-5
 1. and (measure) those who worship in it (the temple). 2 Thes 2:4
 - B. 2 “Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, Ezek 40:17, 40:20
 1. for it (the court) has been given to the nations;
 2. and they (the nations) will tread under foot the holy city (Jerusalem) Lk 21:24,
 - a. (Jerusalem) for forty-two months. Dan 7:25, Dan 12:7, Rev 12:6, Rev 13:5

Then there was given me (John) a measuring rod, like a staff, Rev 11:1

Then, after John was just told to Prophesy about the Nations, Rev 10:11

John was given a measuring rod, like a staff,

It doesn’t say who gave John the measuring rod.

In Ezek 40:3, “a man whose appearance was like bronze”, so he was either an Angel or the Angel of the Lord.

In Ezek 40:5, a measuring rod, is said to be 6 cubits plus a hand breadth or about 10 feet long.

Measuring the temple of Ezekiel or this Temple in the Tribulation or the city of Jerusalem in Zech 1:1-5

or the city of the New Jerusalem in Rev 21:15, implies God’s ownership of that Temple or City.

This Temple in the 7 year Tribulation, in Rev 11:1-2

This Temple is the one built during the first 3½ years of the Tribulation by the Jews, Dan 9:27

This Temple is the one that sacrifice is abolished by the Antichrist, Dan 9:27, Dan 12:11,

This Temple is the holy place that the abomination, the Antichrist, stands up in, Matt 24:15, Dan 12:11, 7:25

This Temple is the Temple of God, the Antichrist, takes his seat in, displaying himself as being God, 2 Thes 2:4

John was told to measure the Temple, the Altar, and those who worship in it, Rev 11:1

“those who worship in the Temple”, are the Jews, late in the first 3½ years of the Tribulation.

The Antichrist had Not yet abolished sacrifice Nor stood up in the Temple as God.

Then John was told Not to measure the court which is outside the temple, Rev 11:2

The reason is that the court outside the temple has been given by God to the Nations, Rev 11:2

“the court outside the temple” was “the court of the gentiles” the outer court of the temple,

The “the court of the gentiles” was open to all people of all Nations.

they (the nations) will tread underfoot the holy city (Jerusalem) for 42 months, Rev 11:2

The nations will tread underfoot the holy city (Jerusalem) for 42 months. Rev 11:2

This treading underfoot, was revealed by Jesus in Luke 21:24

“they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem

will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled”, Luke 21:24

This treading underfoot, is when the saints of Israel, are given into Antichrist’s hand for 3½ years, Dan 7:25

This treading underfoot, is when, “the power of the holy people (Israel)”, is “completed”, 3½ years, Dan 12:7

This treading underfoot, is when, the Antichrist is given authority, by God, to act for 42 months, Rev 13:5

But the woman (Israel) “fled” the Dragon to “the wilderness” to “be nourished” for 1260 days, Rev 12:5 (Israel) is persecuted by the Dragon, flees to “the wilderness” to “be nourished” for 3½ years, Rev 12:13-14

Rev 11 is about the Nation of Israel, their Temple and their 2 Witnesses in Jerusalem

Interlude of 2nd Woe: The Two Witnesses, before the Lord

Working Outline > Read Revelation 11:3-6 (a portion of a Paragraph, 11:1-6, ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 11:3-6

- I. 3 “And I (the Lord) will grant authority to my two witnesses,
 - A. and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.” 11:6
- II. 4 These (witnesses) are the two olive trees and the two lampstands Zech 4:2-14
 - A. that stand before the Lord of the earth. Zech 4:3, 4:11, 4:14
- III. 5 And if anyone wants to harm them,
 - A. fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; 2 Kings 1:10-12, Jer 5:14,
 1. so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.
- IV. 6 These (witnesses) have the power (to act) to shut up the sky, Lk 4:25
 - A. so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; 11:3, Jas 5:17
 - B. and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, Ex 7:17, Rev 8:8
 - C. and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

I (the Lord) will grant authority to my two witnesses, Rev 11:3

The Lord will grant authority to His 2 Witnesses. They belong to Him and stand before Him. 11:4

“witnesses”, those who attest or testify to a fact, an event, or a person. In this context The Lord’s Witnesses.

These 2 Witnesses, witness to the whole earth, like the Apostles were sent by Jesus to do, in Acts 1:8.

they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth, Rev 11:3

The Lord’s 2 Witnesses will prophesy for 1260 days, speaking forth for God to the whole Earth.

Prophecy, (Grk. Propheteia, 4394) signifies “the speaking forth of the mind and counsel of God”, Vines Dic.

The 2 Witnesses will Prophecy for 1260 days,

These 1260 days are based on prophetic years or 360 day/years. This is 1260 days/360 = 3.50 years

Many say these 1260 days are the second 3 ½ years of the 7 year Tribulation.

But that would mean that the 2 Witnesses would be around to just before the 2nd Coming in Rev 19, when the Beast is thrown into the Lake of Fire, in Rev 19:20.

But this occurs BEFORE the Dragon (Satan) comes on the scene to persecute Israel, in Rev 12:1-6, 12:13-17.

Also, this occurs BEFORE the Beast (Antichrist) comes and overcomes and wars with the saints, in Rev 13:1-10.

Conclusion: These 1260 days are within the first 3 ½ years of the 7 year Tribulation.

The 2 Witnesses will Prophecy, clothed in sackcloth, Rev 11:3

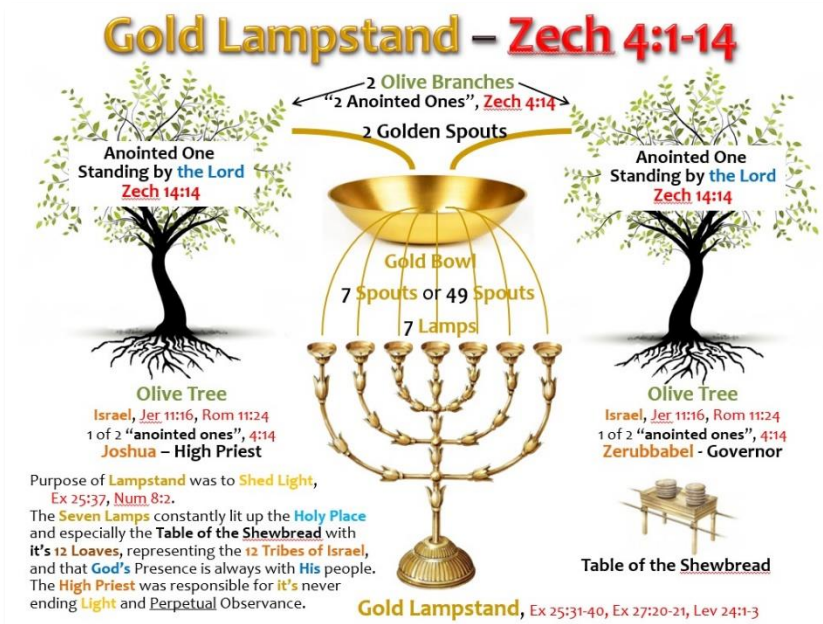
sackcloth (Grk. sakkos, 4526), “a warm material woven from goat’s hair or camel’s hair,” Vines Dictionary

sackcloth garments were worn to express mourning or penitence, as in Matt 11:21.

sackcloth garments were worn to express repentance, in Luke 10:13 and by John the Baptist, Matt 3:4.

sackcloth garments are for purpose of prophetic testimony, here in Rev 11:3, 11:6.

These (witnesses) are the two olive trees and the two lampstands, Rev 11:4



The 2 Witnesses are the two olive trees and the two lampstands, Read Zech 4:2-14 the two olive trees, are on the right side and the left side of the golden bowl and lampstand, Zech 4:3, 4:11 the two olive branches, are two golden pipes, which empty the golden oil from themselves?" the golden oil of the two golden pipes represents the Holy Spirit, Zech 4:6 the two olive branches, are the 2 anointed ones who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth, Zech 4:14 1 of 2 anointed ones is Zerubbabel an Israelite, the governor of Jerusalem, after Exile, in 538 BC.

2 of 2 anointed ones is Joshua an Israelite, the High Priest, Zech 3:1-10 Read Hag 1:14

The 2 Witnesses are the two lampstands

The Purpose for the Tabernacle Lampstand was to shed Light in the Holy Place, Ex 25:37, Num 8:2, Heb 9:2
The seven lamps constantly lit up the Holy Place, Ex 25:37, Num 8:2, Heb 9:2
The Lampstand was meant to burn perpetually (forever), Exodus 27:20-21
The High Priest filled the Lampstand with Olive Oil in the Holy Place, Exodus 25, Lev 24:3

The 2 Witnesses stand before the Lord of the earth, Rev 11:4, Zech 4:14

The 2 Witnesses stand before the Lord in Heaven as representing a position of ministry to the Lord, in this case witnesses representing God's people Israel but witnessing to the whole Earth. They were probably presenting, "the Gospel of the Kingdom", to repent, the Kingdom is at Hand, and the Gospel of Grace, that Jesus died for your sins and was resurrected to conquer death for you.

Conclusion: The 2 Witnesses in Rev 11, are the two lampstands and are the Lord's Witnesses, given by the Lord, witnessing to the whole Earth, to shed Light on or testify as representatives of the Lord in the Tribulation. This is like how we are to be, "the light of the world", Matt 5:14 God is a merciful God and gives Unbelievers in the Tribulation an opportunity to repent and accept Jesus.

if anyone wants to harm the 2 Witnesses, Rev 11:5

fire flows out of the 2 Witnesses mouth and devours their enemies; 2 Kings 1:10-12, Jer 5:14, if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way (by fire).

These 2 Witnesses have power (to act), Rev 11:6

the 2 Witnesses have the power (to act) to shut up the sky, Read Lk 4:25

so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; 11:3, Read Jam 5:17

the 2 Witnesses have power (to act) over the waters to turn them into blood, Ex 7:17, Rev 8:8

the 2 Witnesses have power (to act) to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

The 2 Witnesses have power (to act) or the authority to act given to them by God.

The 2 Witnesses present great signs and wonders to authenticate that they are representatives of God by doing things only God can do, knowing that these miracles may lead some to Christ, as to be saved.

These 2 Witnesses who are they ?

A common interpretation is that the 2 Witnesses are **Moses** and **Elijah prophets** in the OT, who inflicted **Judgments** like to those of the two witnesses.

Elijah's Rain Judgment lasted 3 ½ years like the 2 witnesses **Judgments**, of 1260 days, Lk 4:25, Jam 5:17

Also, because **Elijah** was taken up to **God**, Gen 5:24, like the 2 witnesses were, Rev 11:12

Moses changing the waters into **blood Judgment**, Ex 7:17, is like the 2 witnesses do

Moses striking the earth with 10 **plague Judgments**, is like the 2 witnesses do

Also, because **Moses** and **Elijah** appeared to **Jesus**, **Peter**, **James**, and **John**, in Matt 17:3-4.

It is not critical that we understand who these 2 witnesses are but understand their purpose and ministry.

What we know for sure about the 2 Witnesses

They are from **God**, they stand before **the Lord**, they testify for **God**, they are **Prophets** of **God**, they are of the **Nation of Israel** in **Jerusalem**, they **Judge** like **God's Prophets** do, they do **signs** and **wonders** as **God's Prophets** do, they **torment people** on **Earth** for 1260 days, they are **Killed** and **resurrected** like **God's people** are, they are hated and **killed** by the **Antichrist**, **Earth Dwellers** (**Unbelievers**) rejoice over their **deaths**, and **God** calls them back to **Heaven** as before.

Interlude of 2nd **Woe: The Two Witnesses**, finished their testimony, and are **Killed**

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 11:7-10** (a Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 11:7-10

- I. 7 When they (2 witnesses) have finished their (1260 day) testimony,
 - A. the beast (Antichrist) that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, 13:1, 17:8,
 1. and overcome them and kill them. Dan 7:21, Rev 13:7
- II. 8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city (Jerusalem)
 - A. which mystically (spiritually) is called Sodom and Egypt, Isa 1:9, Ezek 23:19
 1. where also their Lord was crucified.
- III. 9 Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations 5:9, 10:11
 - A. will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days,
 1. and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.
- IV. 10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; 3:10
 - A. and they will send gifts to one another,
 1. because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

When they (2 witnesses) have finished their testimony, Rev 11:7

When the 2 witnesses have finished their testimony, after 1260 days of witnessing and testifying for the Lord their divinely ordained purpose and time is complete. Their witnessing will be seen worldwide by Satellite Television or on the intranet if still functioning.

the beast (Antichrist), that comes up out of the abyss, Rev 11:7

Notice, in 11:7, "the beast, that comes up out of the abyss", and Not the beast, comes up out of the abyss.

Notice, in 13:1, the beast (Antichrist), is "coming out of the sea",

Notice, in 17:8, But the beast (Antichrist), is about to "come up out of the abyss",

Q1: IS the beast (Antichrist), a spirit being whose origin is the abyss, like demons ?

A1: IF the beast (Antichrist), is a spirit being from the abyss, then he must be a demon ?

A2: IF the beast (Antichrist), is a human being, then he must at some point take on the form of a man ?

A3: OR the beast (Antichrist), in 11:7, is he "that (later) comes up out of the abyss", as in Rev 17:8 ?

What **we know** for sure is that **the beast (Antichrist)**, comes on the scene and **kills the 2 witnesses**.
What **we don't know** is whether **the beast (Antichrist)**, is a **demon** taking on the form of a **man**
or just a **man**, born of a **woman**, whose "father is the **devil**", **Jn 8:44**, or a "**spirit**" not from **God**, **1 Jn 4:2-3**
Also, **we know the 2 witnesses** stand before **the Lord** in **Heaven** and **the Antichrist** is from the abyss.

Then **the beast (Antichrist)**,..., will make **war with the 2 witnesses**, **Rev 11:7**
and overcome **the 2 witnesses** and **kill them**.

the beast (Antichrist), that comes up out of the abyss, **wars with and kills the 2 witnesses** who are of **God**
and are of **Israel**. This **killing** is a forerunner of the **Nation of Israel** being pursued by **Satan** in **Rev 12**
and made **war with**, in **Rev 13**, by **the Antichrist**. This event is also quickly followed by
the breaking of the **7 year Covenant**, at **3 ½ years**, between **Israel** and **the Antichrist**, **Dan 9:27**,
and "**horn (Antichrist)** was waging **war with the saints** (of **Israel**) and overpowering **them**", **Dan 7:21**,
and "given to **him (Antichrist)** to make **war with the saints** (of **Israel**) and to overcome **them**", **Rev 13:7**

their dead bodies will lie in the street of **the great city**, **Rev 11:8**

the 2 witnesses' dead bodies will lie in the street of **the great city (Jerusalem)**

This **great city Jerusalem**, is "**mystically (spiritually)** is called **Sodom and Egypt**", **Isa 1:9**, **Ezek 23:19**

This **great city Jerusalem**, is "where also **their (2 witnesses') Lord** was **crucified**".

Jerusalem, is "**mystically (spiritually)** called **Sodom and Egypt**", because of the **people's apostasy**
and rejection of **God** and aligning with **the Antichrist** was like **Sodom and Egypt** in the OT.

Like **Sodom**, **Isa 1:9**, and like **Egypt**, **Ezek 23:19**

Those from the **peoples and tribes and tongues and nations**, **Rev 11:9**

will look at **their (2 witnesses') dead bodies** for **three and a half days**,
and will not permit **their (2 witnesses') dead bodies** to be laid in a **tomb**.

All those **people (Unbelievers)** from every **nation** in **Jerusalem**, will look at **the 2 witnesses' dead bodies**
for **3 1/2 days**, and the **people** will not permit **the 2 witnesses' dead bodies** to be laid in a **tomb**.

This begins to fulfill, "**You (John)** must **prophesy** again concerning many **peoples and nations**
and **tongues and kings**" as said in **Rev 10:11**.

those who **dwell on the earth** will **rejoice over them** and **celebrate**, **Rev 11:10** **3:10**

All **those people (Unbelievers)** from every **nation** in **Jerusalem**, who **dwell on the earth**
will **rejoice over the 2 witnesses' dead bodies** and **celebrate their** being **killed** by **the Antichrist**.

Also, **they** will send **gifts to one another**, like at a birthday celebration.

They will **celebrate** because **these two prophets tormented those people (Unbelievers)** from every **nation**
in **Jerusalem**, who **dwell on the earth**.

They were **tormented** by **the Lord's 2 prophets**, but Not **killed** by **them**.

God in **His** mercy is giving **them** an opportunity to **repent** but there is no evidence here that **they** do.

This is like **Rev 9:20**, "The rest of **mankind**, who were not **killed** by these **plagues**, did not **repent** of
the works of **their** hands, so as not to worship **demons**, and the **idols...**", also Not **repent**, in **Rev 16:9**.

Interlude of 2nd Woe: The Two Witnesses, finished their testimony, and are Killed

Working Outline > Read Revelation 11:11-13 (a Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 11:11-13

- I. 11 But after the three and a half days,
 - A. the breath of life from God came into them (2 witnesses),
 1. and they stood on their feet;
 2. and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.
- II. 12 And they (2 witnesses) heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, 11:15
 - A. "Come up here." Then they went up into heaven in the cloud,
 1. and their enemies watched them.
- III. 13 And in that hour
 - A. there was a great earthquake,
 1. and a tenth of the city fell;
 2. seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake,
 - B. and the rest (people) were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. Rev 14:7, 16:9

But after the three and a half days, Rev 11:11

Then after 3 1/2 days, of those people (Unbelievers) celebrating over the 2 witnesses' dead bodies in the streets of Jerusalem, the breath of life from God came into the 2 witnesses.

The 2 witnesses came to Life from the Dead, like Lazarus did, "Lazarus Come forth", in Jn 11:43.

The 2 witnesses stood on their feet and were Alive and stood up after lying Dead, and great fear and distress fell upon those people from every nation in Jerusalem who were watching them.

Those people's fear was aroused because they understood something supernatural had revived the 2 witnesses that had just tormented them, therefore they may get more of the same.

they (2 witnesses) heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, Rev 11:12

the 2 witnesses heard a loud voice from Heaven saying to them, as they stand Alive in the street.

the 2 witnesses get the divine call from Heaven, saying, "Come up here."

They have been resurrected from the Dead and Now they are Called up to Heaven with a Loud Voice, like the Rapture when the Dead are Called up by a "shout", in 1 Thes 4:13-17.

Then the 2 witnesses went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies (Unbelievers) watched them.

in that hour, Rev 11:13

in that hour, just after the 3 1/2 days, and after the resurrecting of the 2 witnesses up into heaven there was a great earthquake, in Jerusalem, and a tenth of the city fell or collapsed, and 7000 people were killed in the great earthquake,

the rest of the people, in Jerusalem, who were Not Killed by the earthquake, Rev 11:13 were terrified the rest of the people, gave glory to the God of heaven. Rev 14:7, 16:9

People either give God the Glory, His High Honor, and repent and trust in God or they don't.

Rev 14:7 explains what God wants from Mankind, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

Rev 16:9 explains what Mankind often does, "Men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory."

Rev 11 is about the Nation of Israel, their Temple and their 2 Witnesses in Jerusalem

The 2nd Woe: is Past

Working Outline > Read Revelation 11:14 (a Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 11:14

- I. 14 The second woe is past;
 - A. behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

The second woe is past, Rev 11:14 Chart Repeated

The second woe is past, the second woe Judgment overlaps and includes the 6th Trumpet Judgment

The second woe began in Rev 9:13 with the 6th Trumpet Judgment of God.

Then the 6th Trumpet Judgment was followed by the Interlude of the Little Scroll, Rev 10:1-11

Then followed by the Interlude of the 2 Witnesses or Prophets of God, Rev 11:1-13

Therefore, the second woe Judgment began in Rev 9:13 and Ended in Rev 11:13

behold, the third woe is coming quickly, Rev 11:14

behold or look the third woe is coming quickly.

the third woe begins in Rev 11:15 with the 7th Trumpet Judgment of God.

Then the Wars on Earth, Heaven, and Earth, 12:1-17

Then The Dragon and the 1st Beast and the 2nd Beast, 13:1-18

Then Various Announcements, 14:1-20

Then Prelude to the 7 Bowl or 7 Plague Judgments, 15:1-8

Then The Scroll, the 7 Bowl or 7 Plague Judgments, as the Wrath of the Lamb, 16:1-21

Then Religious Babylon, the Judgment of the Great Harlot, 17:1-18

Then Commercial Babylon, the Fallen Babylon in Judgment, 18:1-24

Therefore, the third woe Judgment begins in Rev 11:15 and Ends in Rev 18:24

The 7th Trumpet or 3rd Woe, The Kingdom of the World becomes the Kingdom of our Lord

Working Outline > Read Revelation 11:15-19 (a Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 11:15-19

- I. 15 Then the seventh angel sounded (trumpet); 8:2, 10:7
 - A. and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 11:12
 - B. “The kingdom of the world 2 Cor 4:4, Jn 12:31,
 1. has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; 12:10, Dan 2:44, Dan 7:14, Dan 7:27, Lk 1:33, 1 Cor 15:24-25
 2. and He will reign forever and ever.”
- II. 16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, 4:4,
 - A. fell on their faces and worshiped God, 4:10
 1. 17 saying, “We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty,
 2. who are and who were, 1:8
 3. because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. 19:6
- III. 18 “(24 elders said) And the nations were enraged,
 - A. and Your wrath came, 6:16-17, 14:10, 14:19, 15:1, 15:7, 16:1, 19:15
 - B. and the time came for the dead to be judged, Dan 7:10, Rev 20:12
 - C. and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints 10:7
 1. and those who fear Your name, the small and the great,
 - D. and (the time) to destroy those who destroy the earth.” Isa 24:3, Gen 9:11, 2 Pet 3:10,
- IV. 19 And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; 4:1, 15:5
 - A. and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, Heb 9:4,
 - B. and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder 4:5, 8:5, 16:18
 1. and an earthquake and a great hailstorm. 16:21

Then the seventh angel sounded (trumpet), Rev 11:15

Then the seventh angel sounded his trumpet given to him in Rev 8:2, 10:7

When the 7th Trumpet sounds, “then the mystery of God is finished”, Rev 10:7

The mystery of God is then finished, because the 7th Trumpet brings on the Final 7 Bowl Judgments that are followed by the Coming of Christ when He takes back “The kingdom of the world”. Rev 11:15

there were loud voices in heaven, saying, Rev 11:15

First the loud voices in heaven spoke, saying,

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;

“The kingdom of the world” is under

“the god of this world” “the ruler of this world” Satan, 2 Cor 4:4, Jn 12:31

“The kingdom of the world” “has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ”,

In Rev 12:10, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren (Satan) has been thrown down,....

And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, Rev 11:16

the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,

This is like the throne room scene in Heaven, in Rev 4:4, 4:10

Then the 24 elders in heaven spoke, saying, Rev 11:17a

“We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are (present) and who were (past),.... 11:17a

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,

“who is (present) and who was (past) and who is to come (future), the Almighty.” Rev 1:8

The Reason the 24 elders “give thanks” to the Lord is, Rev 11:17b

“because You (Lord) have (past) taken Your great power and have (present) begun to reign”, 11:17b, 19:6

Here the Lord is Not totally reigning yet, but has “begun to reign”, as explained in Rev 11:18

The Lord is gradually destroying His enemies and taking back control of the Earth.

The 24 Elders explain, the time has come for the Lord to take back the Earth, Rev 11:18

24 Elders said,

the nations were enraged (very angry), and Your wrath came, 6:16-17, 14:10, 14:19, 15:1, 15:7, 16:1, 19:15

And the time came for the dead to be judged, Dan 7:10, Rev 20:12

and the time (came) to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints 10:7

and (to reward) those who fear Your name, the small and the great,

and (the time came) to destroy those who destroy the earth.” Isa 24:3, Gen 9:11, 2 Pet 3:10,

“the time came” for 4 Things,

For the Lord’s Wrath, the dead to be judged, rewarding the Saints and Prophets, and to destroy the Earth.

Everything occurs according to the Lord’s Timing and Will, Gal 4:4, Mk 1:15

The Lord Declares the End from the Beginning, He Plans it, Purposes it, and brings it to Pass, Isa 46:8-11

the temple of God which is in heaven was opened, Rev 11:19

And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; 3:12, 4:1, 7:15, 14:17, 15:5-8, 16:1, 16:17

and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, Heb 9:4,

and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder 4:5, 8:5, 16:18

and an earthquake and a great hailstorm. 16:21

the temple of God which is in heaven

where God dwells in His glory, is identified as His throne room, in Rev 4 & 5.

In the temple of God is “the ark of His covenant”, God’s Throne, Rev 4:5,

As “the 4 horned golden altar” 6:9, 8:3-5 and the thrones of the 24 Elders, 11:16.

The Temple for Israel in the OT was patterned after God’s Temple in Heaven, Ex 36:21-37

Q1: Why Would **God** preserve **the Ark** of the (Old) Covenant, **the Tablets** of **the Law** of the Mosaic Covenant If **the Law** is fulfilled and **God** is done with **Israel** ?

The Answer is, **God** is Not done with **Israel**, **they** need to go through the last **3 ½ years** of the **Tribulation** and be persecuted by the **Antichrist** before **Christ** comes again and then **they** receive the **Kingdom** promised to **them** in the Old Testament.

Q2: What has **the Church** and **the Gentiles** to do with **the Ark** of the (Old) Covenant, **the Tablets** of the Law of the Mosaic Covenant ?

The Answer is, **the Ark** and **the Law** are Not about **the Gentiles** and **the Church**, **they** are concerning **the Nation of Israel**, **God's people**. To **whom** belong **the Covenants** and **the Promises**, **Rom 9:4-5**.

The Lord's Kingdom will Come

Daniel 2:44

44 "In the days of those **kings** **the God** of **heaven** will set up a **kingdom** which will never be destroyed, and that **kingdom** will not be left for another **people**; **it** will crush and put an end to all these **kingdoms**, but **it** will **itself** endure **forever**."

Daniel 7:14

14 "And to **Him** was given **dominion**, **Glory** and a **kingdom**, That all the **peoples**, **nations** and **men** of every language Might serve **Him**. **His dominion** is an **everlasting dominion** Which will not pass away; And **His kingdom** is one Which will not be destroyed."

Daniel 7:27

27 "Then the **sovereignty**, the **dominion** and the greatness of all the **kingdoms** under the whole **heaven** will be given to the **people** of **the saints** of **the Highest One**;
His kingdom will be an **everlasting kingdom**, and all the **dominions** will serve and obey **Him**."

Luke 1:32-33

32 "**He** will be great and will be called **the Son of the Most High**;
and **the Lord God** will give **Him** the **throne** of **His** father **David**;
33 and **He** will **reign** over **the house of Jacob forever**, and **His kingdom** will have **no end**."

1 Corinthians 15:24-25

24 then comes **the end**, when **He** hands over **the kingdom** to **the God and Father**,
when **He** has abolished all **rule** and all **authority** and **power**.

25 For **He** must **reign** until **He** has put all **His** enemies under **His** feet.

Rev 11 is about the **Nation of Israel**, **their Temple** and **their 2 Witnesses** in **Jerusalem**