

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter 11

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Chap. 11:1

The temple and altar are measured, thus showing God's care for the true worshippers in Israel in preserving them and accepting their worship.

Chap. 11:2

The 'court' is not valued by God; that is, He disowns Israel's outward profession under Gentile rule and oppression.

Chap. 11:3-7

The two witnesses signify adequate testimony to the 'God of the earth', the very fact disputed by the Beast in asserting himself. The witnesses are preserved until their testimony is finished. Thus after three and a half years (1,260 days or 42 months — see verses 2 and 3) they are slain just prior to the return in glory of the Lord. Jerusalem is seen as the center of things here.

Chap. 11:8-13

They are raised up in sight of their enemies and a great overthrow (great earthquake) takes place in the complete organized systems of earth.

Chap. 11:14-18 — The Seventh Trumpet

Brings things down to the end in a general way. The 'World-Kingdom' of our Lord and His Christ is ushered in, with the judgment of the living nations (Matt. 25:31-46) and then of the dead (Rev. 20:11-15).

Chap. 11:19

More properly belongs to Chapter 12 as Israel comes strongly into view again.