

STUDYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 20 – The Two Witnesses - Revelation 11:1-14

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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REV 11:1 I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the worshipers there. [2] But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. [3] And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." [4] These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. [5] If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. [6] These men have power to shut up the sky so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

REV 11:7 Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. [8] Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. [9] For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. [10] The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

REV 11:11 But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. [12] Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

REV 11:13 At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

REV 11:14 The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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254. What was John given? (11:1)

255. What was John told to do with the object he had been given? (11:1)

256. What was John told to count? (11:1)
257. What part of the temple was John to exclude from his "fact-finding mission"? (11:2)
258. What important "end times" individuals are mentioned in this passage and what will be their mission? (11:3-6)
259. What special protection will be given the ones called the "two olive trees and the two lampstands"? (11:4-5)
260. What supernatural powers will the two witnesses possess? (11:6)
261. What will happen to the two witnesses when they have finished their God-ordained ministry? (11:7)
262. How will the two witnesses die? (11:7)
263. What will take place in the three and a half days after the two witnesses die? (11:8-10)
264. In John's vision, what happened three and half days after the two witnesses were killed by the beast? (11:11-12)
265. What catastrophic events will follow the two witnesses? (11:13)
266. What do the events in this passage tell us about the world?
267. What encouragement for Christians today does the story of the two witnesses offer?

Lesson 21 - The Seventh Trumpet - Revelation 11:15-19

REV 11:15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."

REV 11:16 And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, [17] saying:

"We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

REV 11:18 The nations were angry; and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great-- and for destroying those who destroy the earth."

REV 11:19 Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

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268. What did John observe? (11:15)
269. What did John hear? (11:15)
270. What did the voices say about the world? (11:15)
271. What did the voices say about the reign of Christ? (11:15)
272. What group of people in addition to John heard the heavenly voices? (11:16)
273. Where were the twenty-four elders seated? (11:16)
274. How did the twenty-four elders respond in the wake of the message of the heavenly voices? (11:16)
275. How did the elders describe "the Lord God Almighty"? (11:17)
276. Why were the elders thankful to God? (11:17)
277. How did the elders describe the nations of the world? (11:18)
278. In the elders' prayer, what "time has come"? (11:18)
279. Who did the elders describe as deserving a reward? (11:18)
280. Who did the elders describe as deserving destruction? (11:18)
281. What happened in the heavenly temple of God after the prayer of the elders? (11:19)
282. What spectacular phenomena accompanied the opening of the temple? (11:19)
283. How is the promise that God will reign over the earth significant to you?

284. For what do we have to be thankful to God?

285. What does it say to us that even angels with awesome power and beauty and elders with great heavenly position worship God in total humility?