**THE GREAT TRIBULATION**

**The Two Witnesses, No. 9**

**Rev. 10:1 -11:19**

**Part Two**

**Truth for Today:** MacArthur, p. 73.

 Review & Remember- Rev. 10:1 – 11:19 is an Interlude, a Time Out, a Pause, a break in the

 sequence. For example, 94- 95- 96- (a relaxing interlude, or pause) then 97 – 100.

**The Text:** Rev. 11:1 – 19, Part Two

**The Exposition:**

Preview: ESVSBftn. 11:1-14

**Verses 1 – 2**

 A reed (1)

 Rev. 21:15

 Ezekiel 40:3

 The Temple of God (1)

 This is a literal, rebuilt Temple & MacArthur believes the area being measured with the reed is the Holy of Holies.

 Altar (1)

 Probably the Bronze Altar, not the Incense Altar

 Court which is outside (2)

 The Court of the Gentiles, not the Inner Court

 Tread the holy city [Jerusalem] under foot (2)

* Not the past Oppressors, including Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome
* But the Future Oppressor- the Antichrist

 **ILL:** Some say, “Oh that could never happen!” Oh Really?

 Historically, it has happened on multiple occasions already.

 **α.** 2 Kings 25:8-10

 **β.** Psalm 79:1 and 74:1-4

 **γ.** Isaiah 63:18

 **δ.** Lamentations 1:10

 **ε.** ESVSBftn. On Lam. 1:10

 Forty-two months (2)

* 3 ½ + **3 ½** = The Seven Year Tribulation Period

 While the second half of the Tribulation is equal to the first half in length, it is more

 intense regarding the severity of the Fallen Angel’s global assault on the human race.

 The Antichrist, Satan’s ‘hit man,’ or ‘mob muscle,’ will be accelerating his war against

 God. His wrath will be humanly visible in the suffering of those humans who trusted in

 the Messiah during the first 3 ½ years of the Tribulation.

 *Progressively Increasing Destruction* Chart

 6:8 7 Seals Death and Hades given authority over ¼ of the earth

 8:7-12 7 Trumpets 1/3 of all afflicted

 16:3 7 Bowls every living creature

 ESVSB, p. 2472

 These Tribulation Believers are the spiritual fruit of the Hebrew Evangelists, called the

 144,000. Evangelism will flourish, and a spiritual revival will light up men’s hearts, when

 God sends in His Two Witnesses.

 **ILL:** Isaiah 55:11

**Verses 3 – 12**

 One thousand two hundred and sixty days (3)

 **ILL:** 11:1-2 ESVSBftn

 Sackcloth (3)

 **ILL:** Do People use sackcloth today? See: *Sackcloth Prayer Robe (Faith Robe)*

 <https://www.etsy.com/listing/862203184/sackcloth-prayer-robe-faith-robe>

 Two olive trees and two lampstands (4)

 **ILL:** Spiritual Revival in the O.T.

 *Nehemiah*: Jerusalem’s Walls Rebuilt & Restored Worship of YHWH.

 א Wall completed 7:1a

 ב Law read 8:1a

 ג Genuine confession 9:1-2

 ד Wall is dedicated

 Fire proceeds . . . and devours (5)

 **ILL:** Counterfeit Sign: False Prophet, 13:3

 Power to shut heaven (6)

 **ILL:** ESVSBftn 11:5-6

 Waters to turn them to blood (6)

 The Beast (7)

 This is a person mentioned 36 times in Revelation. He is the Antichrist of Rev. 13. He receives his power from Satan, like we receive our power from Almighty God.

 “The False Trinity” This false trinity is a Counterfeit Trinity.

 1. *Dragon*- Satan, The Fallen Angel who wanted to be like God

 2. *Beast-* Antichrist, a Worldwide, Political Leader

 3. *False Prophet*, a Worldwide, Religious Leader

 “The Real Trinity”

 1. Father

 2. Son (Lamb)

 3. Holy Spirit

 ESVSB Chart *Satanic Imitations of God’s Reality*, p. 2481.

 Kill them (7)

 Bodies will lie in the streets (8)

 Dishonor, disrespect, contempt, indignity

 **ILL:** <https://rohatynjewishheritage.org/en/culture/death-burial-mourning/>

 The Great city (8)

 Widespread Wickedness in the Holy City

 Three-and-a-half-days (9)

 Rejoice . . . make merry . . . send gifts (10)

 **ILL:** 1 Cor. 13:6

 Breath of life from God entered them (11)

 Ascended to heaven in a cloud (12)

 You would think that everyone would be converted instantaneously. But they were not. Why? Luke 16:31.

 Enemies saw them (12)

 Who are the Two Witnesses? See *The Two Witnesses*,

 Prophecy Study Bible, Tim LaHaye, p. 1381

**Verses 13 – 14**

 Earthquake (13)

 God is attempting to get Man’s attention. He is saying,

 **Listen up. You need to pay attention!**

 The rest (13)

 “God of heaven:” This title is used throughout the OT, but it’s used only twice in the NT. The second time is Rev. 16:11.

 Gave Glory to the God of heaven (13)

 >>> Zechariah 12:10 – 13:1

 Notice “all the families that are left” (14).

 >>> Romans 11:25-27

 >>> **The Question:** Did everyone give glory to the God of heaven?

 **The Answer:** 16:11

Second woe (14)

 Let’s Review:

 *The Seven Trumpets of 8:7 – 11:19*

 Restrained judgments from heaven are sent in response to the saint’s prayers

 **Trumpet** **Reference** **Result**

 Trumpet 1 8:7 hail, fire, & blood cast on land- 1/3 burned

 Trumpet 2 8:8-9 burning mountain cast into sea- 1/3 bloodied

 Trumpet 3 8:10-11 burning stars fell on rivers & springs- 1/3 embittered

 Trumpet 4 8:12 sun, moon, and stars- 1/3 darkened

 Trumpet 5 9:1-11 demons from the Abyss

 (1st Woe)

 Trumpet 6 9:13-21 invasion from the East- 1/3 of mankind killed

 (2nd Woe)

 Trumpet 7 11:15-19 kingdom of world becomes kingdom of God

 (3rd Woe)

(ESVSB, p. 2475)

**Verses 15 – 18**

 Seventh angel sounded (15)

 The 7 Bowl Judgments of Rev. 16 are included **IN** this 7th Trumpet.

 Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ (15-16)

 The godless kingdom of this world becomes the Kingdom of God

 ILL: John 12:31 and ESVSBftn on 12:31

 One who is and who was (17)

 See 1:4, 8, 4:8

 Nations were angry (18)

 Impotent man vs. Omnipotent God

 Your wrath (18)

 Dead . . . judged (18)

 Matthew 25:31-46

 John 5:25-29

 **>>> God Rewards:**

 1. The Old Testament Believers

 Daniel 12:1-3, see 22:12

 I Cor. 3:8 Plant / Water Principle

 I Cor. 4:5

 2. The New Testament Church

 1 Cor. 15:51-52

 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

 3. The Seven-Year, Tribulations Saints

 Rev. 20:4

 **>>> God Assigns Unbelievers to the Lake of Fire**

 Rev. 20:15

**Verse 19**

 Temple of God . . . heaven (19)

 Exodus 26:31-37

 ILL: ESVSBftn. Exod. 26:33-35

 ILL: ESVSBftn. Rev. 11:19

 Hebrews 9:23-28

 Ark of His Covenant (19)

 John saw the THRONE, 4:5

 ALTAR, 6:9

 ARK OF THE COVENANT, 11:19

 Lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail (19)

**Your Reflections & Responses?**