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The Tribulation Temple, Two Witnesses and The Beast
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Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, “**Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.** ² But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the **Gentiles**. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for **forty-two months.** ³ And I will give power to my **TWO WITNESSES**, and they will prophesy **one thousand two hundred and sixty days**, clothed in sackcloth.”

⁴These are the **two olive trees and the two lampstands** standing before the God of the earth (*ref.: Zechariah 4:1-14*). ⁵And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. ⁶These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

⁷When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. ⁸And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our **LORD** was crucified. (*i.e.: Jerusalem*) ⁹Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and **NOT ALLOW** their dead bodies to be put into graves. ¹⁰And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make **MERRY**, and **SEND GIFTS** to one another, because these **two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.**

¹¹Now after the three-and-a-half days the **breath of life from God** entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. ¹²And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “**Come up here.**” And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. ¹³In the same hour there was a **great earthquake**, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake **seven thousand people were killed**, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.

¹⁴The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

¹⁵Then **THE SEVENTH ANGEL SOUNDED**: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “**The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our LORD and of His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever!**” ¹⁶And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷saying:

“**We give You thanks, O LORD God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come,**

Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. ¹⁸The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

¹⁹Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

1. This marks the MID-POINT in the Great Tribulation – 3.5 years have passed ...
42 Months / 1260 Days ... means a Prophetic Year = 360 Days (remember that calculation?)
2. The Tribulation Temple will be rebuilt ... but it will not contain the Court of the Gentiles, due to the fact that the other buildings will still be on the Temple Mount (i.e. “Mosques”, etc.)
The exact location is debatable ... two most common are: The Dome of the Spirits, and the other Near the Rear Steps, etc. (for more go to: <https://www.templeinstitute.org>)
Reference: 2 Thess. 2:1-12; Daniel 11:21-39
3. The TWO-WITNESSES: Their ministry is in the 1st Half of the Tribulation, along with the 144,000 ... notice that they are both Israeli (the Two Witness are called Prophets [see Deut. 18:15-18] – Prophets of God must be of Israeli descent per Deut. 18:15ff)
Two Olive Trees / Two Lampstands → Zechariah chapter 4 (read it...)
4. The “Ministry” of the Two Witnesses in verses 5 & 6, which perfectly describes what we just read in Chapters 8 & 9. The Two Witnesses are the ones “controlling” what we just read in Chptrs 8 & 9.
5. The Only “Person” who can defeat the Two Witnesses is the AntiChrist (the Beast who ascends out of the bottomless pit → see Rev. 8 → Abaddon / Apollyon – the “king” of the bottomless pit, the Angel (fallen angelic being) over the Locust/Scorpion demons). He makes WAR with the Two Witnesses and kills them. References to the AntiChrist temporarily defeating the “saints” in Daniel 7:11,19-22; 8:9-12; 9:27; 11:28-35 → Point to a STOP to the Daily Sacrifices and a Defeat of Israeli forces (temporarily) and the Abomination of Desolation being set in the Temple. This PRESUPPOSES a few things:
 - a. Israel has to be back in her land before all this starts to happen
 - b. Israel has to have rebuilt her Temple on the Temple Mount (since 70 A.D.)
 - c. Israel has to have restarted the Biblical/Ritual Sacrifices in the Temple
 - d. An agreement must’ve been made to have allowed the surrounding nations (i.e.: Muslim nations – because those are the only ones that care/matters to) to allow Israel to rebuild the Temple and to restart their Sacrificial System. (Dan. 9:27)
6. The Events of the AntiChrist defeating the Two Witnesses Clearly Reveals the Beast’s True Colors (no longer seen as a “man of peace” of the “religion of peace” ...) This Signals the Beginning of the Second Half of the Great Tribulation – 42 Months more ...
7. The “Making Merry” and the “Giving of Gifts” to each other, world-wide is Significant:
 - a. It is the Only Passage of Scripture – Post Resurrection/Ascension of Christ, that mentions “making Merry” and “Giving Gifts to each other” – implications? No place in Scripture that we see any Christian doing this, no command, no example, no principles ... NO YEARLY CELEBRATION of “Making Merry” and “Giving Gifts” to each other → Interesting, eh? The Only Example is in regards to the AntiChrist’s “victory”.
 - b. The Whole World is seeing this LIVE → Implies World-Wide Satellite TV, Internet, etc. This could not have happened prior to the 1960’s, etc. This implies ISRAEL is the Key to End-Times Prophecy (again). How could John have known?
8. The Resurrection and Ascension (Rapture) of the Two Witnesses is seen, LIVE on Satellite TV / Internet ... Earthquake ... it is a World-Wide REBUKE from GOD ... more Woes are coming Some folks in Jerusalem give Glory to God (ref. Zechariah 12 ... please read it)
9. The 7th Trumpet → More Lightening, Thunderings Earthquakes, and Great Hail ... You thought the First Half of the Great Tribulation was Bad, you ain’t seen nothin’ yet!