

We will now begin our tenth lecture on Revelation. /Today's text is Revelation chapter 11. /Today's title is, "The Two Witnesses." /First, measure. /Verses 1-2. /Second, the two witnesses. /Verses 3-7.

/Third, the witnesses are murdered. /Verses 8-10. /Fourth, resurrection and the rapture. /Verses 11-13. /Fifth, praise. /Verses 14-19.

/Read 11:1, 2. /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. 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.

/The apostle John was given a reed like a measuring rod. /With this, he was told to measure the temple of God and the altar and to count the worshippers there. /What is this reed that is like a measuring rod?

/This is a tool required to measure. /This symbolizes the Word of God. /Therefore, the Word of the Bible is a measure, a scale.

/This means that the Word of God is the rule for all aspects of life. /It is the standard of all lives. /We must live our lives with the Word of God as our standard. /Here, it says to count three kinds of people.

/“Count” means that "God watches over us." /God distinguishes things that are holy from things that are secular. /Therefore, God distinguishes and takes care of things that are holy.

/He also supervises. /Ezekiel 42:20. /Also, the act of measuring reflects God's ownership. /Ezekiel 40:2 /Ezekiel 43:13.

/Then who are those to be measured before God? /First, they are those who live in the temple. /To live in the temple is to enter a secluded inner room and meet God.

/They are those who live in the house of the divine God. /Luke 2:49 /Jesus stayed in the temple. /Simeon and Anna lived in the temple. /Anna always prayed to God in the temple.

/She always anticipated the coming of Christ. /Today, we must also enter the utmost high place.

/We must have spiritual relationships with God, and we must walk with God. /This is what it means to live in the temple. /God takes care of these people and gives them his grace.

/Second, they are those who live at the altar. /This means to present before God a living sacrifice. /Romans 12:2.

/We must take the things we have and sacrifice them to the Lord. /We must be able to sacrifice our possessions, /sacrifice our time, /and even sacrifice our lives to God.

/We must serve and dedicate ourselves to the Lord. /Then we must become living sacrifices, without blemishes, in the eyes of God.

/Third, they are those who worship there. /God looks after those who worship in spirit and in truth. /John 4:24 /Matthew 4:10

/We must worship God by the touch of our spirits, /and worship God according to the truth. /1 Corinthians 4:20

/We must worship not with the flesh, but with the spirit. /Therefore, we must worship before God in spirit and in truth. /Thus, it is worship of truth.

/In addition, it says to exclude the outer court. /God does not watch over the outer court. /This refers to those who live their lives from a long distance away from God.

/These people have distanced themselves from God. /They only step across the yard outside of the temple. /These people believe in God while neglecting his Word. /They hold onto the world with one hand and God with the other.

/When they sin, God lets them be. /Then they are trampled under the feet of people of this world. /At the end of verse 2, it says that they will trample on the holy city for forty-two months.

/It says that the outer court outside of the temple will be trampled on. /In the beginning of the verse, it says to exclude the outer court. /This means that God does not watch over the area and lets it be.

/Instead, they are trampled on by the powers of Gentiles. /If the salt loses its saltiness, it will be trampled on by people of this world. /If believers and Christianity fall, the non-believers in the world will mock us.

/It says that they will trample on the holy city for forty-two months. /"Forty-two months" is half the time of the seven years great tribulation. /The seven years great tribulation is a time known only by God.

/It is a period of time that God has established. /We cannot know exactly how many years it will be. /Half of that time is forty-two months. /This means that Christianity will receive persecution by the people of this world for forty-two months.

/Verse 3. /And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."

/The "two witnesses" symbolize the church. /Verse 4 refers to these two witnesses as two lampstands. /Revelation 1:20 says that the lampstand is the church. /Therefore, the two witnesses symbolize the church. /The number two is the number of witnesses.

/When Jesus sent His disciples to evangelize, He sent them in pairs. /Thus, these two witnesses consist of the church that believes in Jesus from among the Jews and the church that believes in Jesus from among the Gentiles.

/It says here that they were clothed in sackcloth. /This refers to the humble and repenting image of the church. /It says here that they will prophesy for one thousand two hundred and sixty days. /If you calculate one month as thirty days, this becomes forty-two months.

/This is similar to verse 2. /11:3 /12:6 /Thus, this is half of the seven years great tribulation. / This means that during that time, there will be great tribulations. /It says that they will prophesy.

/It means that the church will testify to the Word of God during the great tribulation. /The church must continue to testify to the Word of God, even during tribulations.

/These witnesses will continue to testify for Jesus. /We as the church must also be witnesses of Jesus.

/Verse 4. /These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

/It says that there are two olive trees and two lampstands. /It says that they stood before the Lord. /Matthew 22:44 /Here, the two olive trees and two lampstands are like the two witnesses in verse 3. /It symbolizes the church.

/The two olive trees also symbolize Jesus Christ. /Zechariah 4:12-14 /Therefore, Jesus Christ and the church are one. /This is because the church is the body of Christ, and Jesus is the head of the church. /Ephesians 1:22, 23

/Thus, as the head and body are one, /Christ and the church also become one. /The church

was compared to a lampstand. /This means that the church shines light upon this dark world.

/This means to shine the light of God. /It means to shine the light of the gospel. /It is to shine the light of the revelation. /This is how we can rescue people of this dark and sinful world.

/We must light the lampstand with oil. /This oil refers to the truth and spiritual inspiration. /We must receive the truth and spiritual inspiration through Jesus Christ.

/Also, we must shine spiritual light upon this world. /This is the mission of the church.

/Verse 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.

/Fire comes from their mouths if anyone tries to harm the "church." /Here, "them" refers to the two witnesses, the church. /Those who attempt to harm the church are to receive judgment. /Jeremiah 5:14

/The fire represents the Word of God. /They receive judgment by the Word of God. /Those who attempt to harm the church receive judgment by the Word of God.

/Verse 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.

/It says, "these men have power." /Here, "they" refer to the church. /The church prophesies according to the Word of God, /and the Word is carried out and it will not rain and there is a famine. /Matthew 24:7

/Water turns into blood. /16:4 /In this way, the plagues that strike the earth will take place as prophesied by the Word of God.

/For example, there are many earthquakes in this world at the end of days. /When believers prophesy according to the Bible, it will surely come true.

/It says, "it will not rain." /This means that the God-given grace and blessings will be interrupted. /When witnesses deliver the Word, there are times when people do not repent but rebel instead.

/People do not repent, even when witnesses tell them to repent. /Then, they will be cut off from God's grace and blessings. /Haggai 1:10, 11 /Deuteronomy 28:24

/In the time of Elijah, it did not rain for three years and six months because the Israelites worshiped idols.

/It says, "they have power to turn the waters into blood." /"Water" symbolizes the grace and blessings God has given to mankind. /To "turn into blood" symbolizes curses and judgment.

/Also, to "turn into blood" symbolizes death. /This means that this death plague will occur as a result of sin. /Haggai 1:6 /Deuteronomy 28:31-33

/Verse 7. /Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.

/There is a beast that comes up from the Abyss. /This symbolizes the antichrist. /It symbolizes the nations, organizations, and powers that persecute the church and kills the believers.

/It symbolizes any nation, society, or organization that persecute believers. /The antichrist holds on to worldwide power and persecutes true Christianity. /9:1, 2

/It says, "and kill them." /The antichrist persecutes and kills believers. /At that time, it will be difficult for the church to handle the persecution because it will be so great.

/Also, the church will not be able to worship and all activities will be put to a halt. /Hence, the church will seem dead externally.

/Verse 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.

/"Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city." /"Their bodies" are the bodies of the witnesses. /The church will become a corpse after receiving persecution. /Only the exterior of the sanctuary will remain. /People will not be able to worship due to persecutions.

/They will not be able to even gather in the church. /The church will not be able to carry out its job. /This is what it means for the church to seem dead. /Here, "the street of the great city" symbolizes Babylon. /It symbolizes this world.

/The people of this world will see the corpse of the dead church and know. /They will call this city Sodom. /They will also call this city Egypt. /This Sodom is a place filled with materialism and hedonism.

/It is a place of many crimes. /It means that even the faith of the church will die in a place like this. /It will be incredibly difficult to keep one's faith in a place like Sodom.

/Here in Egypt, there lives an evil and stubborn king. /This king oppresses believers. /He deprives people of the freedom of faith. /He commanded that newborn sons be thrown into the Nile River and killed. /Exodus 1:15, 16

/Is the place you currently live in, Sodom or Egypt? /Sodom is a place where freedom of faith exists, yet is filled with materialism and hedonism.

/However, Egypt is a place where there is no freedom of faith and is difficult to believe in Jesus. /It is difficult to be a Christian in this place. /2 Peter 2:6-8

/"Where also their Lord was crucified." /During the great tribulation of the Last Days, sufferings will be as severe as to be crucified on the cross. /Christianity will appear dead as a result of severe persecutions.

/Verse 9. /For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial.

/They will witness the corpses for three and a half days. /Here, three and a half is half of the seven years great tribulation. /This also appears in 11:11. /Three and a half days and three and a half years are the same.

/Forty-two months and one thousand two hundred and sixty days are also the same. /One period, two periods, and half a period are also the same. /Daniel 9:27 /This is also half of the seven years great tribulation. /The church and its believers will seem dead as a result of the persecution of the antichrist.

/It says that they will "refuse them burial." /This means that the exterior will remain. /There are still sanctuaries and believers. /However, there is no freedom of faith. /The faith of believers will enter a dead state.

/Verse 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.

/When the church walks in true faith, the world cannot do whatever it wants, and thus, the world suffers. /The world cannot do whatever it wants if the church keeps its true faith.

/The people of this world despair when the church keeps the true faith. /Believers shout to the people of this world, "Repent of your sins." /Then as a result, the people of this world will hate them.

/The people of this world will be distressed. /The people of this world will be joyful when the church and its believers die. /They will send each other gifts because they are happy that the church and its believers died.

/However, the church and its believers will not die completely. /They only look as if they are dead.

/Verse 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.

/Verse 11 is important. /Revelation 11:11 is important. /At that moment, the breath of life enters the church. /At that moment, Jesus arrives from the air. /Believers rise for the rapture.

/Here, "after the three and a half days" refer to the three and a half years before the seven years great tribulation. /Jesus will arrive in the air three and a half years before. /Jesus will come again riding on a cloud. /Revelation 1:7 /1 Thessalonians 4:13 /Matthew 24:22, 27

/The Scriptures speak of the Second Coming of Jesus. /The church will be dead in the Last Days but will come back alive when Jesus comes again. /Dead believers will be resurrected.

/Believers who have already died will resurrect first, /and believers who are alive until then will be transformed. /That is when they will rise immediately to the air and meet Jesus.

/The spirit of life from God will enter them. /This refers to the future resurrection of us believers. /It says that terror struck those who saw them.

/When Jesus comes again, people who went against the church will be afraid. /Those who went against the church will be greatly afraid.

/Verse 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.

/"Come up here." /When the Lord says, "Come up," all believers will rise in the air on clouds. /Believers will be transformed and rise in the air.

/The enemies will see this and fear. /This signifies the rapture of believers. /Therefore, people who did not believe and were not raptured will tremble in fear. /However, we will rise in the air in joy and meet the Lord.

/Verse 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.

/The city will collapse. /Here, the city symbolizes Babylon. /Thus, it symbolizes the humanistic world. /There will be a great earthquake during the time of Jesus' Second Coming and a tenth of this world will be destroyed.

/Many people die. /It says that seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake. /There will be a great earthquake in the days of Jesus' Second Coming. /The earth also shook when Jesus was crucified on the cross. /Matthew 27:51

/When it says that seven thousand people were killed, it means that many people will die. /"Gave glory to the God of heaven." /This does not mean that they will internally believe in God.

/They will only fear God externally. /These people are unbelievers. /Unbelievers are unable to be raptured.

/They will glorify God externally. /Thus, they will only pretend to glorify God. /They will tremble in fear of God.

/Verse 14. /The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.

/The second woe has passed. /In 8:13, the first woe called out, "Woe! Woe! Woe!" /The first woe is in 9:1-11. /This is the fifth trumpet plague.

/The second woe is in 9:13-11:13. /This is the sixth trumpet plague.

/The third woe appears beginning in verse 15. /This is the seventh trumpet plague. /It says that this woe will come soon.

/Verse 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."

/It says that the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of Christ. /This refers to the Millennial Kingdom. /The kingdom of the world will become the kingdom of Christ for one thousand years. /We believers will reign as kings in the kingdom of Christ.

/This kingdom is full of peace and holiness. /It is full of comfort and rest. /There are no wars. /There is no sin. /The kingdom of Christ is perfect. /This does not mean that we will rule this world in our fleshly bodies.



/In verses 11 and 12, it says that our bodies will be transformed into spiritual bodies. /We will reign in our spiritual bodies. /It says, "he will reign for ever and ever."

/Christ will reign as King in the Millennial Kingdom. /Christ also reigns as King, forever in eternal heaven. /When the seven years great tribulation comes to a complete end, Jesus will come again to earth.

/Then He will rule over this world for one thousand years. /At that time, we will have already been transformed into spiritual bodies. /After the Millennial Kingdom comes, the Great White Throne Judgment will take place. /After that, we will enter eternal heaven.

/Verse 16. /And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,

/Twenty-four elders will fall before God and worship him.

/Verse 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.

/Our God existed in the past, exists now, and is God Almighty. /Our God is an eternal God. /He is Almighty God.

/He saves, and he judges. /God saves believers, and he judges unbelievers.

/Verse 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."

/God will pour out his wrath and judge unbelievers. /He will reward the believers. /God's kingdom will ultimately be established.

/We will worship, praise, and give glory to God. /Believers of God will receive blessings.

/Verse 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.

/It says that the temple was opened. /This refers to the utmost Holy of Holies of the temple. /The Ark of the Covenant of God could be seen. /We can now approach God anytime.

/We are able to live before God. /We are able to meet God. /We are able to see God and serve him.

/It says that the Ark of the Covenant of God was seen. /This means that God's Ark of the Covenant was fulfilled. /It means that God's covenant will have been fulfilled. /Hebrews 9:4 / Exodus 25:22

/God is truthful. /He will judge the world according to his promise. /He will save the believers according to his promise. /Therefore, all of God's promises will be carried out.

/There came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and a great hailstorm. /This reveals God's majesty and judgment. /God is God of justice. /Therefore, God will judge all the sins of this world.

/Our God shows us that he is truly the God of majesty. /We must endure, even during times of hardships and persecutions. /We must not fear and we must obey the Word in hope.

/The world around us is like Sodom and Egypt. /In the midst of it all, we must reverently keep our faith. /The faith of many believers will fall during the tribulations of the Last Days.

/However, we must keep our faith until the end. /During the seven years great tribulation, and when the three and a half years before that passes, Jesus will come again in the air. /At that time, Jesus will say to the believers, "Come up here."

/Then we believers will rise for the rapture. /We will be transformed into spiritual bodies and meet Jesus. /Then God will judge this world.

/In addition, we will reign during the Millennial Kingdom. /We will reign in our spiritual bodies. /After that will be the Great White Throne Judgment.

/Then, we will enter eternal heaven. /Therefore, we must glorify and worship God.

/We will now conclude our tenth lecture on Revelation. /Thank you.