

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Chapters 8-11 – The *Second* Journey Through the Tribulation Period

THE TEMPLE OF GOD – REVELATION 11:1-2

The primary key to *understanding* the Bible is to simply believe what you read is _____. As we enter Revelation 11, we must note that this is one of the most important chapters in the entire Bible as it concerns end-times *understanding*.

To remain doctrinally sound in the church age there are three critical books that you must *understand* – Matthew, Acts, and Hebrews. To *understand* them you must *understand* the Old Testament. To *understand* the OT, you must *understand* the book of Revelation. To *understand* the book of Revelation you must *understand* Chapter 11. This whole issue may seem overstated until you consider its contents:

- The future rebuilt _____ in Jerusalem – verses 1-2
- The restoration of the Nation of Israel – verses 2, 8
- The two witnesses during the tribulation reign of the _____ – verses 3-14
- The beast – verse 7
- The _____ of tribulation saints – verse 12
- The second of three woes is past, and the third woe comes quickly – verse 14
- The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ – verse 15

Your interpretation of the events of Chapter 11 will determine what you believe about the key doctrines of the Bible. What you believe about the key doctrines of the Bible will determine how you conduct yourself in everyday life. That makes Revelation 11 one of the most important chapters in the Bible.

1. God's instructions concerning the temple – Revelation 11:1-2

a. What John is told to measure – verse 1

- The temple of God
- The altar
- Them that worship therein

b. What John is told _____ to measure – verse 2

- The outer court...

2. The significance of God's instructions

a. The temple(s) in Israel's past

- The tabernacle – Ex. 25:8-9; 2 Cor. 5:1; 2 Peter 1:13-14
- The _____ temple was Solomon's temple – 1 Kings 6:1, 38; 7:51; 8:1-11; 12-53; 9:3; 10-11
- The second temple (it was rebuilt in _____ phases)
 - 1) Zerubbabel's temple – Ezra 3:10-13
 - 2) Maccabee's temple – as recorded in history
 - 3) Herod's temple – John 2:20

b. Herod's temple in John's time (90 AD, when he was physically located on the island of Patmos) had been destroyed in 70 AD

c. The reconstructed temple at the time of John's writing in Revelation 11 (future tribulation period)

- If John is to measure the temple during the tribulation period, then that temple must be _____ – Daniel 9:27; Mt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:4

3. The substance of God's instructions

a. When God takes measurements, he is not only interested in dimensions. He is interested in _____ and their _____ attitude—therefore, this is a spiritual evaluation...

b. When the temple will be rebuilt during the tribulation, it will _____ be due to Israel's great faith in the word of God. They will rebuild it because of their great faith in themselves!

Although Israel is populated with nominal and orthodox Jews today, most Israelis are agnostic...

c. The temple will be reconstructed not because of Israel's spirituality, but because of their _____ pride...

4. The record of past historic events – God moving to fulfill _____ prophecy

a. The past general belief that Israel would never be restored as a nation...

- The Zionist Movement...
- World War I

England's problem during the war...

- World War II
- May 14, 1948
- June 1967
- Dome of the Rock

b. Israel will make a covenant with the devil – it will be a peace agreement from hell – Is. 28:9-18; Daniel 9:27

5. Measuring another “temple”

- a. As individual born again, blood-washed saints of God, we are referred to as a “_____” – 1 Co. 3:16; 6:19; 2 Co. 6:16; Eph. 2:20-21; 1 Peter 2:5
- b. If God were to measure you today, how would you measure up?