Revelation 11

King James Version (KJV)

(This chapter is inserted – as the thunder follows the lightning in the previous chapter – the 7Th trump follows the death of the two witnesses by 3 1/2 days)

- **11** And there was given me a reed, <u>like unto a rod</u>: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. (Usually, a measuring reed is not a rod. This is a rod, used for correction)
- ²But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. (The rod is for measuring people) (Satan's prophesies are given in months or moons)

(Today, the temple mount is covered by a mosque – a temple of the heathen with the crescent moon as its standard. When antichrist enters, he sets up his church on this mount for 42 months – shortened to 5 months by Jesus)

- ³ And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. Zechariah-4:11-14 (Prophesies of God's people are given in days, not moons)
- ⁴These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. (God's two witnesses Elijah and Moses? Some say Moses, some say Enoch. They were taken while still living probably to return to testify before the antichrist in the last days)
- ⁵ And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. 2Kings-1:10-14, Zechariah-4:11-14
- These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over <u>waters</u> to turn them to <u>blood</u>, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. (The power of God that Moses used in Egypt; On a spiritual level the rain and waters are doctrine for teaching, nourishment and life; blood the atoning blood of Jesus. The two witnesses expose antichrist's false doctrine and deceptions. They convince many previously deceived

people to turn back to Jesus; they chastise those who refuse their testimony)

- ⁷And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. (They had not died when they were here in the flesh, so they die now, when their task is completed. This event begins the 3.5 day countdown to the 7th trump. This is Satan's last mistake as antichrist)
- *And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. (great city This is in Jerusalem; spiritually corrupted like Sodom and Egypt)
- ⁹ And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. (They don't bury them to prove to people that antichrist is stronger than them and has killed them. This will backfire on antichrist when they resurrect in front of people)
- ¹⁰ And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. (This is a good clue as to how corrupt people are under the antichrist; they celebrate murder)
- ¹¹ And after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and <u>great fear</u> fell upon them which saw them. (great fear- this is a blood curdling, deadly, paralyzing fear) (People wake up and realize what they took part in. They realize that they have been fooled by antichrist)
- ¹² And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. (The two witnesses ascend, and everyone witnessed it)
- ¹³ And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men <u>seven</u> thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. (seven thousand- these are the fallen angels. They die right on the spot. They sentenced themselves to death a long time ago, and now, God is through with them)

- ¹⁴ The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.
- ¹⁵ And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. (This is the 7th trump, and Christ returns to begin the Millennium)
- ¹⁶ And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,
- ¹⁷ Saying, We give thee thanks, O LORD God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.
- ¹⁸ And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that <u>fear</u> thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. (fear= revere -> Same word in Hebrew)
- ¹⁹ And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the <u>ark of his testament</u>: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail. (ark of his testament- the Ark of the Covenant It is in Heaven and will be there at judgment)