

Guide & Record of your thoughts

5/23/2010 Week 21 - Revelation 11:1-14

Following the Message:

1. (11:1, 2) Measuring the temple symbolizes marking out the Jewish remnant that turn to God.
2. (11:1, 2) Despite the efforts of Antichrist to destroy Israel, God will measure off and preserve, protect and save the nation.
3. (11:3, 4) These two witnesses will appear during the final stages of the Gentile trampling on Jerusalem. They will preach for 3 1/2 years so the Jewish remnant can believe.
4. (11:3, 4) Prophesying doesn't necessarily refer to predicting the future. These two witness explain that the world disasters taking place are the judgments of God, and they preach the Gospel calling people to repentance and faith.
5. (11:5, 6) The plagues in the past and in the future are always for the purpose of stimulating repentance.
6. (11:5, 6) God will not allow interruption of the message of the two witnesses until their ministry is complete. (God strongly defends those who strongly defend His Word)
7. (11:5, 6) The two witnesses will have the power and authority to defend themselves against harm, to shut up the sky and prevent rainfall, to turn the waters into blood, and to smite the earth with any plagues they so desire. They will be indestructible until God's purpose for them is complete.

8. (11:7) The beast that comes up from the abyss is not Satan, but someone else of demonic origin, and he will kill the two witnesses.

9. (11:8, 9, 10) After the execution of the two witnesses, the world's response will be one of having achieved a great victory and it will touch off celebrations and the sending of gifts to one another. This response is an indication of the world's great hatred for God and the message He sends via the two witnesses.

10. (11:11, 12) After 3 ½ days the two witnesses were resurrected indicating again that death has no power.

Greek words used today:

Revelation 11:3- prophesy (Greek); **propheteuo**, prof-ate-yoo'-o; to speak under inspiration.

Reflecting on the Text

We see in Revelation a reinstatement of temple worship, the preaching of the two witnesses and worldwide witness by the 144,000 Jewish evangelists. Reflect on God's patience and love that even at the end of time, He wants people to repent and turn to Him.

Reflect on the statement, "God strongly defends those who strongly defend His Word".

Cherish the hope that God restores that which was once dead. Those in Christ will be resurrected with new, incorruptible, immortal bodies.

Even after the resurrection of the two witnesses, which the entire world saw, hearts are hardened rather than softened to repentance. How long does it take us to respond to God's calling?

At this point in Revelation the second woe is past and the third woe is coming quickly. Rejoice in the fact that Jesus' Second Coming will be a reality.