

REVELATION: Lesson 105

Chapter 11:1-7, The Ministry of God's Two Witnesses, The Remnant and the Rejecters

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1-2 John is told to measure the temple, the altar, and them that worship therein. Measurements are usually given (Ezek 40, Rev 21:16), but not this time. A rod is used here to measure, symbolizing that God is marking them out for judgment.

- John is sent as a surveyor, marking out a remnant of Jewish believers as God's heritage during the time of judgment.
 - Romans 9:6 tells us they are “**not all Israel**” just because they have Abraham as their Father (John 8:39-45) and are “**of Israel.**”
 - Only a remnant belong to God: those who trust Jesus as their Messiah (John 14:6).
 - Today, you're not a Heaven-bound Christian just because you go to church or get baptized. You must put your faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ.
 - Most all Jews are looking for the establishment of the kingdom. They ought to be looking for the Messiah who will establish it.
 - Nobody (including the Jew) gets to Heaven through lineage or human relationships (Jn 1:13), but only by receiving Jesus Christ (Jn 1:12).
 - A remnant will receive Him during the Tribulation.
 - The majority are being regathered into the land for God's judgment.
 - The Gentiles will trample Jerusalem underfoot for 42 months.
 - The first 42 months of Tribulation is to convince the Churchgoing Gentiles they couldn't bring in the kingdom (of God) without trusting Jesus Christ.
 - The Second 42 months of *Great* Tribulation should teach the Jew that they can't have their kingdom (of Heaven) without the King, Jesus Christ.

Lamentations 4:11-12 says the world will have a difficult time believing that God allowed the destruction of Jerusalem and the slaughter of His people.

- We see the Jews regathering into their nation and rebuilding the cities. It appears that God's blessing is upon them. But they are being regathered to repent or be judged.
 - Bible believers know this today. After the rapture, the only ones who will know it are the 144,000 witnesses and the 2 anointed witnesses and their converts.
 - The witnesses will sound the warning to “*get out of Jerusalem (Mat 24:15-22, Rev 12) because the Antichrist whom you trusted to rebuild your temple is going to kill you.*”
 - Those who don't believe the scriptures will ignore the warnings and die.

The Significance of 42

- 1 Samuel 5-7, The Jews made an idol out of the Ark of the Covenant. The Philistines captured the Ark and held it 7 months. 7 is the number signifying completion.
 - 42 months is the remainder of the Tribulation time after an idol is erected in the temple and the Jews worship the Beast (Rev 13:5).
 - During this time, the holy things of God will be held captive by the enemy.
- Numbers: The Israelites wandered in the wilderness to pay for rejecting the Law, stopping at 42 stations along the way.

