

**REVELATION: Lesson 106**  
**Chapter 11:3-8, God's Two Witnesses**

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**God's Servants Serve Till Their Work is Done**

- They have a predetermined period of service: 42 months (1260 days).
    - Even in Earth's darkest days, God still has His witnesses.
  - They are given supernatural powers (vss 5-6).
  - They are protected by God. If God said they'll serve Him 42 months, no one can hurt them until that time is finished.
  - Men will try to kill them, but they will not be allowed until God allows it (vs 7).
    - We are told not to fear them that can kill the body (Mt 10:28). Our life is hid with Christ in God (Col 3:3, Jn 10:29). Our greatest enemy is our own flesh making us afraid to serve.
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**What Will They Preach?**

1. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Lord of all the Earth.
2. There will be no rain on Earth for 3 ½ years.
3. You're wicked!
4. More judgment is coming from God; here's why.
5. The Beast is a liar.
6. Jerusalem, though God's Holy City, is spiritually Sodom and Egypt. Judgment is coming.
7. You killed the Lord Jesus Christ and your own prophets (1 Thess 2:14-15, Acts 7:51).

When you preach the truth, you make many enemies. These witnesses will breath fire for protection.

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**Their Dead Bodies lie in the Street** (vs 8)

**Deut 21:22-23** Even a murderer's body was to be buried on the day of his execution.

**Psalms 79:1-10** The prophecy of the murder of God's servants reveals that their death will cause some to repent.

- Another proof that your ministry can still bear fruit after you are dead.
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A Practical Lesson for Christians

**Spiritual Sodom and Egypt** (vs 8)

- Jerusalem is still God's Holy City. It was necessary for Jesus and all the prophets to die in that physical city (Luke 13:33).
  - Spiritually, Jerusalem has become what Sodom and Egypt had become.
- Christians have eternal life because God has saved us.
  - Most Christians are not easily identified as such because they live the same kinds of lives as unsaved people do. They are genuinely saved, but spiritually Sodom and Egypt.

- **Isaiah 1:9-16** God's chosen people continued to offer their sacrifices and hold their feasts and practice their religion as God had prescribed.
    - The Lord's complaint was that they were living just like the heathen nations.
  - God's people today: go to church, sing hymns, give a tithe, pray together, etc.
    - Then the Lord watches us go home after church. What does He see?
      - We watch TV, read filthy books, cuss, lust, listen to worldly music, wear revealing clothing, party with unsaved people, talk like them, divorce like them, think like them ("I'll do what I want!"), etc.
        - But we think we're better because we went to church.
    - What should the Lord see? He should see a clear difference between His people and the Devil's people (Sodom/Egypt). He should see that we care about what He wants and that we desire to do what pleases Him.
      - We pick and choose to obey some things, but we draw the line somewhere.
  - **Isaiah 3:8-9** When God says, "**They declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not,**" it means that there is an attitude of obstinacy and stubbornness in our approach to life.
    - We do wrong openly and dare anybody to rebuke us.
    - We have our own theories and excuses and plenty of answers as we proclaim that our wrongdoing isn't really wrong or that God won't hold us to it.
    - We pick and choose to do only the things that we feel like doing (selective obedience is the same as disobedience).
  - **Deut 32:30-33** The reason the people of Sodom behave the way they do is the result of what they are eating and drinking (what they are exposed to).
    - Most Christians spend much more time exposed to worldly activities than they do church activities (Bible preaching, teaching, reading, singing hymns, prayer).
      - We are allowing the world to indoctrinate us and teach us what is right and what is wrong.
  - **Jeremiah 23:14** We can't tell other people how to live right according to the word of God unless we also are living right. People will only go as far as they see you going in the right direction.
    - If you're living right, you won't fit in with the world.
    - If you're living right, nobody will invite you to do wrong. Your reputation will disqualify you from participation in worldly activities.
    - Our church ought to be known as a holy place; one that doesn't compromise when it comes to sin. We will not turn a blind eye or a liberal eye to any sin among the congregation.
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