

The book of Revelation

Chapter 11-Part 1

“This section corresponds to the visions of the 144,000 and the international multitude of Revelation 7 in its _____ (between the sixth and seventh of a series), _____ (protection of the church amid suffering), and twofold structure.” (Johnson, 165)

1. *The measuring of the temple (11:1-2)*

-In this vision John is “told to measure the sanctuary, that is, that part of the temple that comprised the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies. The outside court, namely, the court of the Gentiles, is to be _____...the sanctuary is accepted while the court is rejected.” (141)

-The measuring of the temple again shows a strong tie to the prophetic ministry and visions of _____.

-How one defines the temple that is measured will determine much-what is this temple? The historicist reformed position sees the temple here as being a reference to the _____-this is consistent with New Testament theology (1 Peter 2:4-10, 1 Cor. 3:16-17, Eph 2:20-22) and with what has already been mentioned in Revelation (3:12).

-The temple that John measures is a symbol for the true church of God. The place in which the Lord resides is in the hearts of His people. “This ‘sanctuary of God’ symbolizes the true Church, that is, all those in whose _____ Christ dwells in the Spirit. All true children of God, who worship Him in spirit and truth, are measured, that is, protected.” (142)

- As we read that He _____ His people in chapter 7 now we read that He has _____ them off. Both of these symbols convey the same truth “The Lord knows those who are His” (2 Timothy 2:19). “Both numbering and measuring refer to their protection.” (143)

-The court area outside of the temple is not to be measured but is said to be “given to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months.” According to Hendriksen the outer court refers to those who associate with the true church but are _____ truly part of it.

-“This divine protection does not extend to ‘the court,’ that is, to those who although outwardly belonging to the Church are not true believers. Just as in the vision the heathen trample upon Jerusalem and even upon the outside court of the temple, so the world tramples upon the outside court of nominal Christendom. The world invades this false church and takes possession of it. _____ church members welcome the ideas of the world; they feel themselves perfectly at home in the world...” (142-143)

-The forty-two months refer to this _____ era. "This condition lasts throughout the forty-two months, that is, throughout the gospel age." (143)

2. *The two witnesses (11:3-14)*

-The two witnesses are a picture of the _____ throughout the current age. "The true Church is now represented under the symbolism of two witnesses." (144) Johnson also concludes, "that these two witnesses symbolize the whole church in its role as witnesses to God's truth and against the world's lies and wickedness." (Johnson, 171)

-These two witnesses are clothed in sackcloth representing that their message is one of _____. The world is being told by these two witnesses to turn from their sin and follow the Lord. These witnesses preach for 1260 days (42 months) or for the duration of the present age (the last days-between the advents of Christ).

-These two witnesses are also described as two olive trees and two lampstands. The significance of two shows that they constitute _____ witnesses against the sin of another (you must have 2 witnesses to condemn a guilty party-Deut. 19:15) and because the witnesses of Christ were sent out in two-by-two (showing the necessity of helping each other and working together for the advance of the kingdom).

-These two witnesses have power to destroy their adversaries. This is a reference to their _____ (Jer. 5:14) and the judgement it brings.

-The Lord pronounces a sentence of _____ on those who oppose these witnesses. The world that opposes the church of the Living God will be destroyed.

-These two witnesses also are said to have power to bring down the judgments of God upon the _____. "This power is not imaginary but very real. Not only does the Lord constantly rain woes upon the wicked world in answers to the prayers of the persecuted saints (8:3-5), but He also assures His Church that, whenever it is engaged in the official ministry of the Word and is true to the Word, its judgments are His judgments (Matthew 16:19; 18:18-19, John 20:21-23)." (145)

-These witnesses complete their task before they are killed. They are not killed prematurely but only after they have "finished their testimony." The Church will endure on earth until its _____ is accomplished. The Church cannot be destroyed by the world until it has finished its testimony.