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1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. 2 But 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. 3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. 4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. 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. 6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. 7 And 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. 8 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. 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. 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. 11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. 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. 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 seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. 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. 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 fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. 19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

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Revelation of Jesus Christ – The Temple of God

V1 John is given a reed, and said to “... *Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.*” Where else do you find similar instructions in Scripture?

What was the intended purpose for the request in those related passages (Why did God command it done)?

When you relate the above to Revelation, what is the significance of John being told to measure the Temple?

How does this relate to God's sovereignty and man's life?

The Body of Christ – the Church – is called elsewhere “the temple of the Spirit of God.” (1Cor.3:16-17) What does it mean to see ourselves as the temple of the Spirit of God?

How does John's summon to measure the temple impact this identity of the church?

How should the above influence our actions?

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V2 In John's instructions, a portion of the temple is set "off limit." ("*... the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not.*") How does this ban fit in the previous analysis, and what is its significance in Revelation for the church?

A statement is made here concerning the gentiles and their desecration of the temple and the holy city, "*... it is given to the Gentiles; and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.*" How does this fit into the unfolding of the "wrath of the Lamb"?

V3-4 What does the image of the "two witnesses" symbolize in a time of tribulation, and how does their power to prophesy relate to God's word?

When you compare this vision to the one in Zechariah 4, what additional insight can you provide?

V5-10 What lessons can we learn from the way the witnesses are protected for a time, and how does this relate to God's provision for us?

What does the world's reaction to the death and resurrection of the two witnesses (vs 9-10) say about society's attitude towards righteousness and God's power?

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V14 In what way can you summarize the second woe? What do you learn from this second woe?

V16-19 What lessons can we learn from the reaction of the twenty-four elders when the seventh trumpet sounded?

What additional inspiration can the vision of the heavenly temple and the ark (in verse 19) provide in the time of trials?
