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Revelation 11:1-14

Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, "Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months. And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."

These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. And if anyone would harm them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes. If anyone would harm them, this is how he is doomed to be killed. They have the power to shut the sky, that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague, as often as they desire. And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them, and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified. For three and a half days some from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and refuse to let them be placed in a tomb, and those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry and exchange presents, because these two prophets had been a torment to those who dwell on the earth. But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" And they went up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them. And at that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

The second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is soon to come.

Sermon Outline:

- I. Protection and Persecution at the Temple (1-2)
- II. The Proclamation (or ministry) of the Two Witnesses (3-13)
- III. Completion of the Second Woe, and Announcement of the Third (14)

Life Group Leader Notes:





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- At the beginning of chapter 11, John is instructed to measure “the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there.” How do you interpret this instruction? What passages help support your interpretation?

 - We’ve seen throughout the events of Revelation that believers are spiritually protected but not physically protected. Think about a time in your life when you were spiritually strong but your physical circumstances were unstable, unassured, or in jeopardy?

 - The two unnamed witnesses are described as having several powers and some even remind us of Old Testament stories. Can you think of the Old Testament connections with this passage? What other Scriptures help you understand this chapter?

 - The Greek word translated to “witness” is the word “martus” which is the origin of “martyr.” Read Acts 1:8. How are ‘witness’ and ‘martyr’ connected in Scripture? Why is it important to understand this connection as believers?

