
The image depicts two figures, possibly saints or angels, ascending into a bright, glowing cloud. They are shown from the waist up, with their arms outstretched as if being lifted or reaching towards the light. The background is a dark, deep blue or black sky, which makes the bright, golden-yellow and white light of the cloud stand out prominently. The overall mood is one of divine ascent and glory.

**And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.**

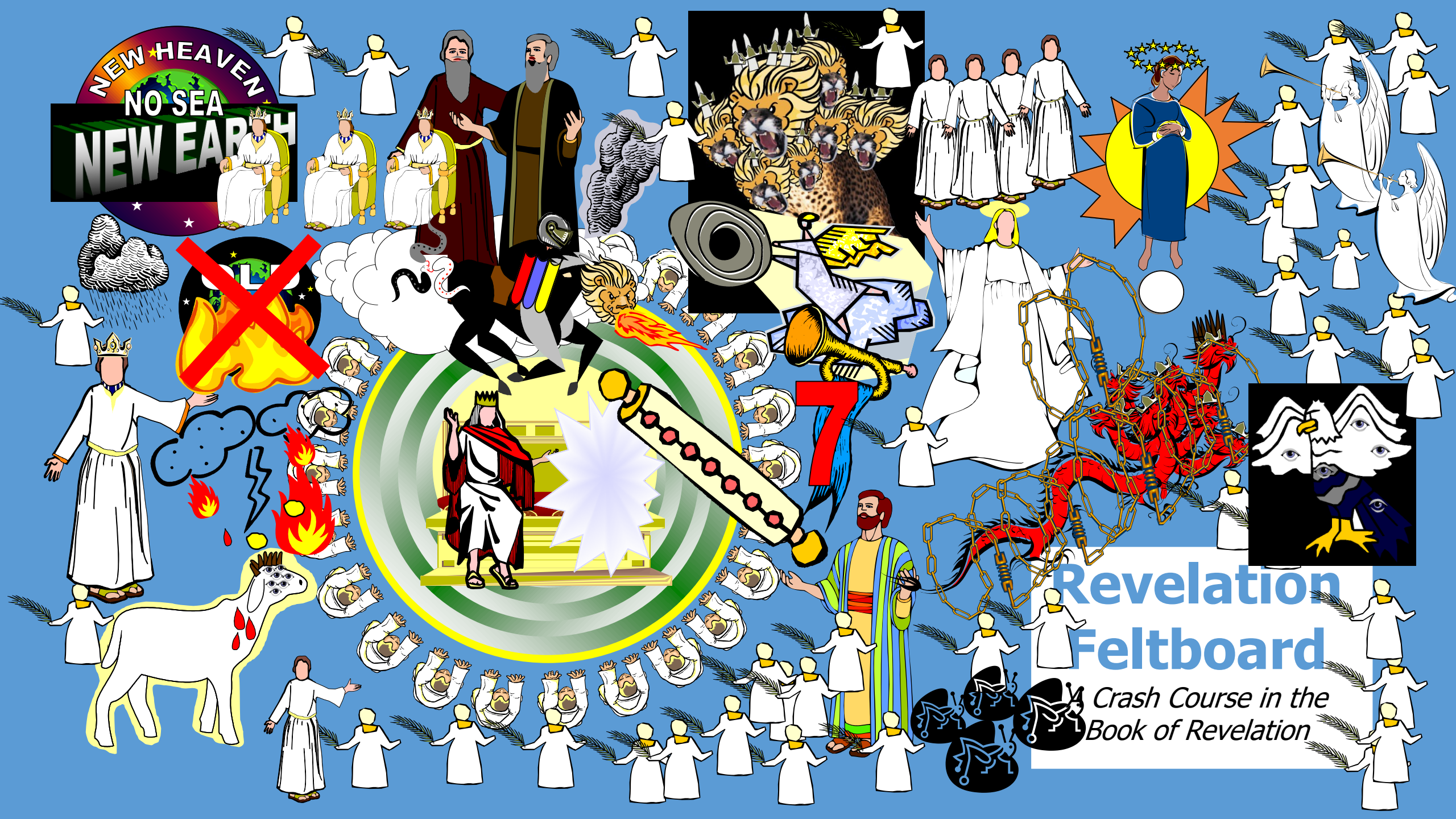
**Revelation 11:12**



**Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu  
Adonai Echad  
Baruch Shem k'vod malchutto,  
l'olam va'ed**

**Hear, O Israel: the LORD is our God.  
The LORD is One.  
Blessed be the name of His glorious kingdom  
for ever and ever.**

NEW HEAVEN  
NO SEA  
NEW EARTH



# Revelation Feltboard

*Crash Course in the  
Book of Revelation*

The image depicts two figures, likely representing the two witnesses from the Book of Revelation, standing in a dramatic, apocalyptic setting. They are dressed in long, black, hooded robes. The figure on the left has a long, white beard and is gesturing with his right hand. The figure on the right also has a long, white beard and is holding a dark, patterned garment aloft in his right hand. They are positioned between two ornate, golden candelabras, each with multiple lit candles. The background features a dark, stormy sky with a bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, and a landscape with trees and a large tree trunk on the right. The overall atmosphere is one of mystery and divine revelation.

# Revelation 11

## Part 1: The Two Witnesses...

*(Part 2 follows...)*

## Revelation 11:1-14 (Part 1)

*<sup>1</sup> Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. <sup>2</sup> But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. <sup>3</sup> And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."*

*<sup>4</sup> These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. <sup>5</sup> And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. <sup>6</sup> These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.*

*<sup>7</sup> When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. <sup>8</sup> And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. <sup>9</sup> Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. <sup>10</sup> And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.*

*<sup>11</sup> Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. <sup>12</sup> And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. <sup>13</sup> In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven. <sup>14</sup> The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.*



*<sup>15</sup> Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” <sup>16</sup> And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, <sup>17</sup> saying:*

*“We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty,  
The One who is and who was and who is to come,  
Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.*

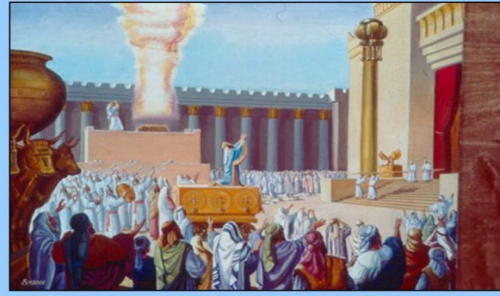
*18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come,  
And the time of the dead, that they should be judged,  
And that You should reward Your servants the prophets  
and the saints,  
And those who fear Your name, small and great,  
And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”*

*19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and  
the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And  
there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an  
earthquake, and great hail.*



"Rise and measure the Temple of God..."

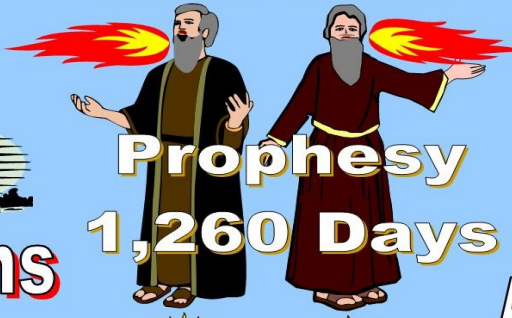
"Do not measure the court of Gentiles"



42 Months



~~NO RAIN!~~



Prophecy  
1,260 Days

Water  
2  
BLOOD

All Plagues



The Great City  
Sodom  
Egypt  
Jerusalem



Rejoice and  
make merry!



# Revelation 11:v1-14 (Part 1)

3 1/2 Days

Breath of Life

"Come up here!"



Earthquake!  
1/10 Fell  
7,000 Killed  
REST: Afraid  
Gave glory to God!

2nd Woe: PAST

3rd Woe:

Coming Quickly!

- Still in **interlude** between blowing of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpets.
- Still experiencing “**2<sup>nd</sup> woe.**”
- **Timing unclear.** Includes specified 3½ year period (*may be beginning, middle, or end*).
- Prophetically **one year always = 360 days**, not our standard 365
- John given errand at **Temple** (*vision only, or actually rebuilt?*)

- **Chapter 11 = 3 scenes:** Temple on earth, Two Witnesses, and Temple opened in heaven (*when 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet blows*)
- This part 1, first two only (v. 1-14)
- Focus solidly on Israel
- **Helpful to refresh understanding of Temple before beginning.**
- Tabernacle/Temple reveals God's desire for fellowship with us.

- Always God's desire to fellowship, dwell among His people. ***GREAT lengths to enable this.***
- Began Garden of Eden, Adam walked with God.
- Sin separated us. God is holy. We are not.
- He *still* desired to be with His created beings.
- Throughout HIS-story, Elohim has made a way to dwell among us, even into eternity.
- Tabernacle and Temple **symbols, lessons, of God's presence with us**, now and forever.

- Physical representation of God's Presence with His people **(God's heart!!)**
- Expresses character, nature and PLAN of God
- **Countless lessons** in construction, dimensions, materials/furnishings (symbols of spiritual truths)
- **Points to ultimate sacrifice of Yeshua**, so we may have eternal fellowship with Him.
- Symbol of history of Hebrew people. Condition of the Tabernacle/Temple always indicator of condition of people's hearts. **Their history is Temple's history.**

**Greatest  
lesson: We  
were created  
for fellowship  
with Elohim.**

He created us for  
His pleasure and  
fellowship  
*(Revelation 4:11)*





Always  
been  
God's  
desire to  
dwell  
with us.  
*(still is!)*





But man broke this communion with God through disobedience.

- Mankind banned, ***not abandoned***
- Cannot dwell together (*with God*) any longer
- Sin separates us



God still has a plan to dwell with His people. He...

- knew in advance of man's rebellion
- always had a plan
- made provision for us to dwell with Him
- **That plan is still in motion.**

## REMINDER TO MANKIND—EVERYONE ON THE PLANET....

*“...scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, <sup>4</sup> and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”*

*<sup>5</sup> For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, <sup>6</sup> by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. <sup>7</sup> But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.” 2 Peter 3:3b-7*

Elohim made one people an example to world about His desire for fellowship with us.

- Abrahamic Covenant
- Israel to be light to Gentiles, revealing God
- Deliverance TO Egypt
- Deliverance FROM Egypt



God delivered His people into wilderness to teach them.

- Presence (“tabernacling”) pillar of cloud by day, pillar of fire by night ***(fellowship!)***
- Forgotten Covenants, forgotten God





## YHVH enters into a covenant relationship with them.

- **Mosaic Covenant/Law**
- Promise of fellowship
- Expectation of holiness
- Expectation they would reveal Elohim to entire world



He still wants to dwell with His people. Tells them to build Him a “tent home” among them.

- YHVH cannot be confined!
- Would meet them there (Mercy Seat)
- Visual aid, **reminder of His Presence**, desire for fellowship



“If you build it, I will come.”

God’s glory filled tabernacle.

- Visible sign of His Presence
- Elohim’s dwelling place on earth
- Fellowship!



**God moved  
Israel into  
Promised Land  
and the  
tabernacle  
went also.**



As people built permanent houses, they wanted God's House to be permanent.

- After Judges, Monarchy
- Brought Tabernacle to Jerusalem, remained 'til Temple built



# Solomon builds first Temple.

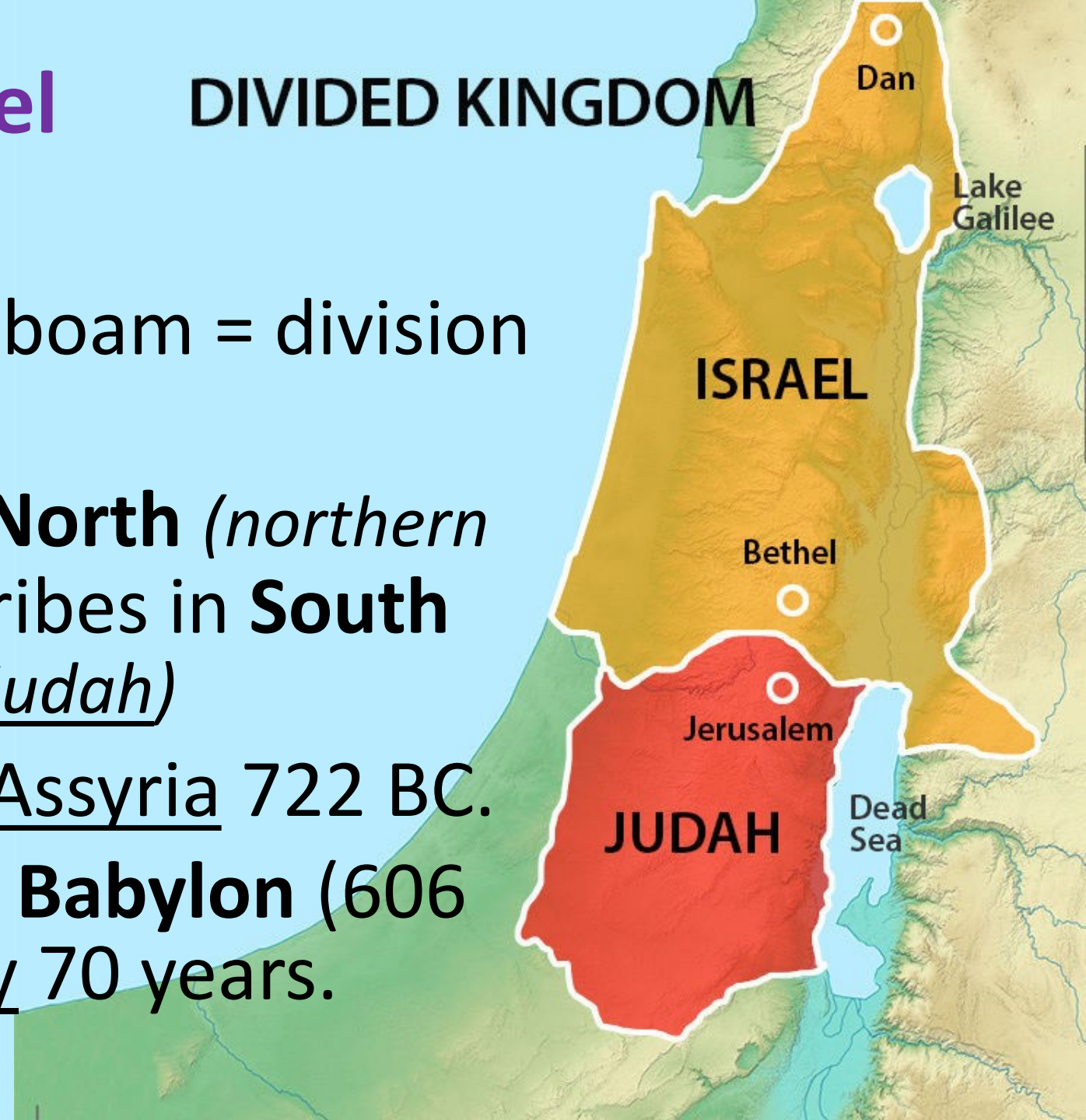
- same as Tabernacle, but “**permanent**”
- **Same materials used, but dimensions doubled.**



# “Glory Days” of Israel didn’t last long.

- Solomon’s son, Rehoboam = division of Kingdom
- Divided 10 tribes of **North** (*northern Kingdom of Israel*), 2 tribes in **South** (*southern Kingdom of Judah*)
- Israel conquered by Assyria 722 BC.
- **Judah conquered by Babylon** (606 BC), led into captivity 70 years.

## DIVIDED KINGDOM





**Southern  
kingdom of  
Judah falls  
(606 BC),  
Temple  
destroyed 19  
years later  
(587 BC).**

Prior to temple's destruction, Ezekiel saw  
**God's glory leave the Temple and return to  
heaven** (Ezekiel 10-12)

It did not return until over 600 years later  
when the **Shekinah walked in  
the flesh.**

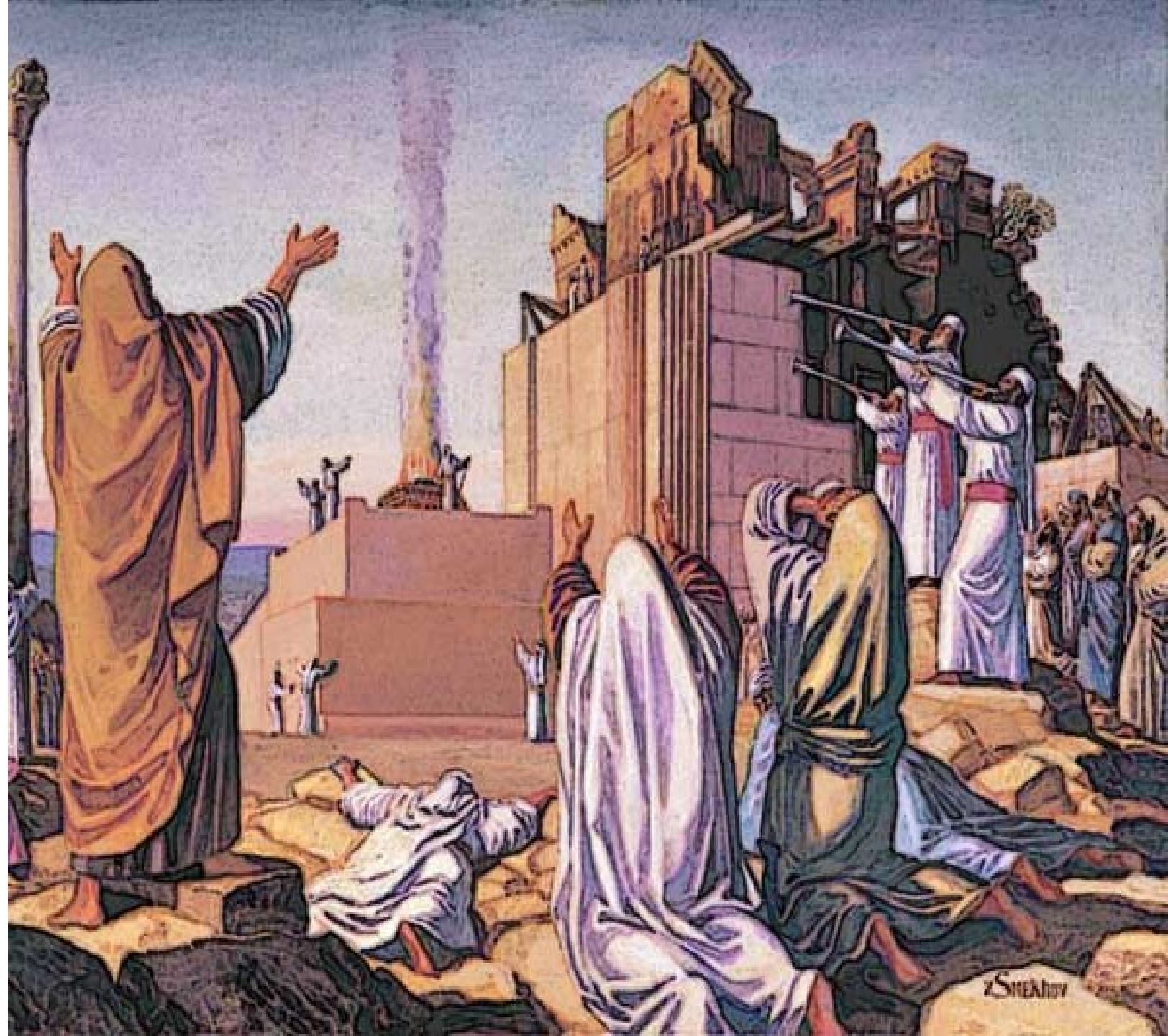


The Temple is gone, the people are gone.

- People removed, captive in Babylon for 70 years
- No Temple = **no worship, no sacrifices**
- Synagogues began in Babylon



People  
(remnant)  
return from  
captivity, the  
Temple is  
rebuilt (2<sup>nd</sup>  
Temple,  
“Ezra’s  
Temple”)



**BUT, we do not hear of God's  
glory filling this Temple.**

He will not reside in a stone  
Temple any longer.



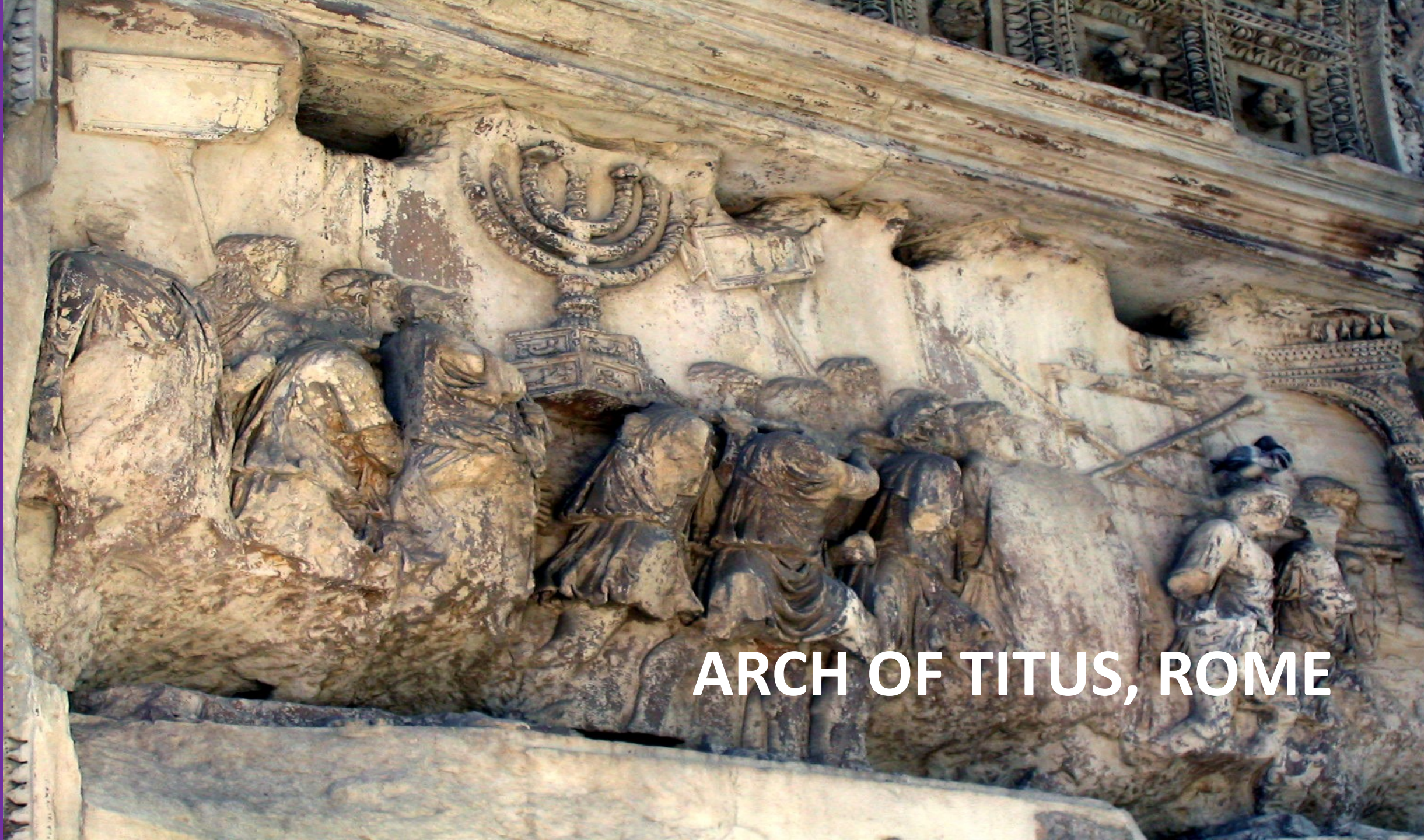
## Herod enhances 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple (Ezra's Temple)

- Massive renovation
- **Messiah here, dwelling of God in their midst, not Temple made of stone**
- **IMMANUEL here but rejected**

## Second Temple Destroyed

- Yeshua dies, rises, returns to heaven
- **Jews not "quiet"** under Roman rule
- Continued uprising
- **70 AD,** Titus/Roman army
- **"Diaspora"**





ARCH OF TITUS, ROME

## New Temple, not made of stone.

- ~ 40 years before 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple destroyed, **new Temple created.**  
Not built with hands of men.
- SHAVUOT, Holy Spirit came to not just dwell WITH men, but to dwell IN believers.
- **WE are Temple of the Holy Spirit**  
(1 Corinthians 6:19)



God still dwells among His people. He loves our fellowship.

Physical Temple not needed.

WE are the spiritual  
Temple of God today.

## The people return...another Temple?

- God restoring “dispersed” of Israel. Homeland 1948, Jerusalem in Jewish control 1967.
- Another temple built? Daniel/2 Thessalonians: final world ruler to abolish sacrifices, set himself up as God in Temple, cause ultimate *“abomination that causes desolation.”*
- **Seems Temple must exist.** Current prep for coming "Third Temple" (“Tribulation Temple?”)
- Dome of the Rock, Al Aqsa Mosque



You think this is a  
problem for  
Elohim???



Temple Mount  
Mount Moriah  
(Genesis 22)

## Current Temple Plans

- Plans well underway
- Problem: Jews today using Ezekiel 40-48 Temple *as a model*
- **Unlikely** a “Tribulation” Temple. Description fits Millennial Temple.



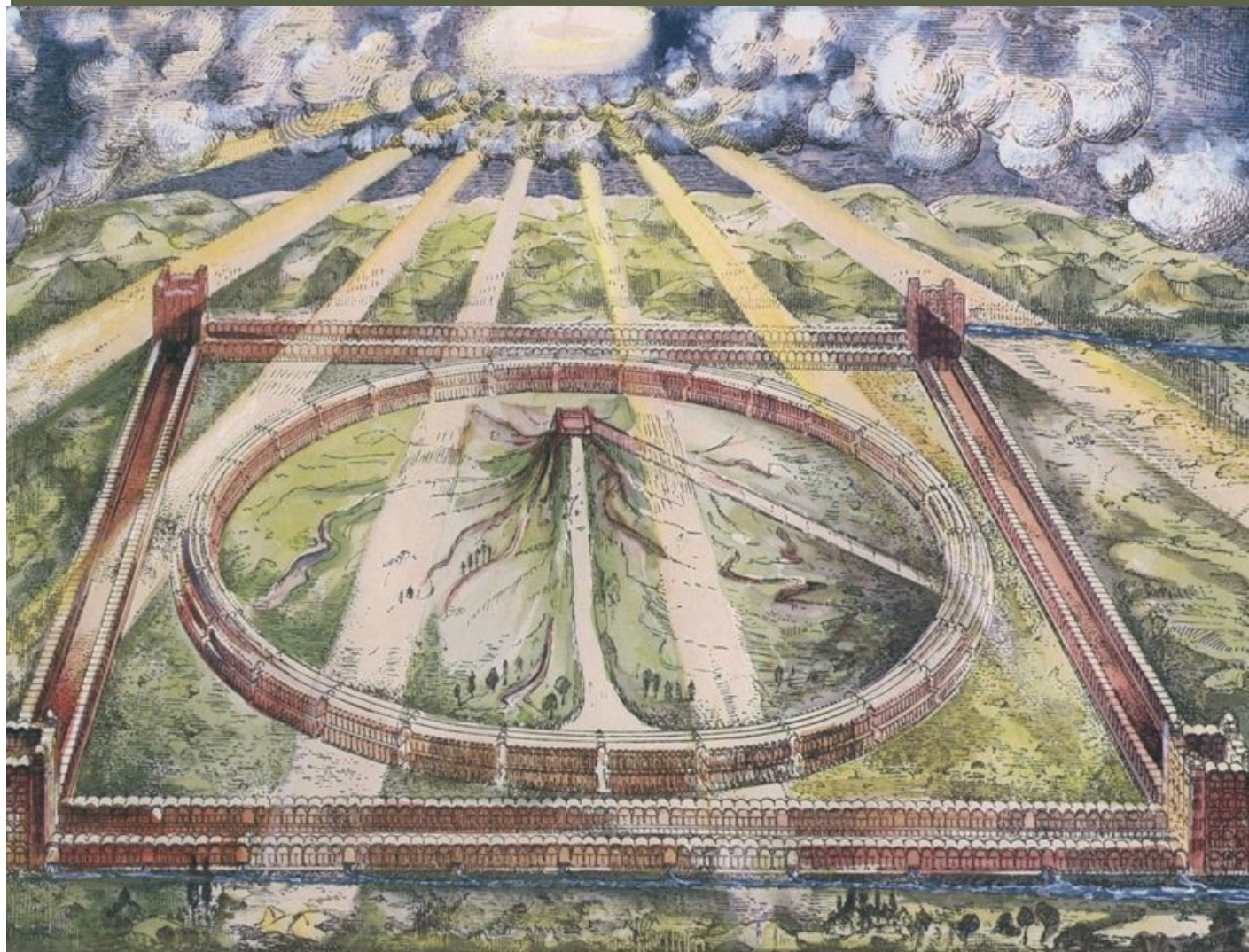
Nothing is impossible to God. If Temple to be rebuilt, it will be, regardless of debate.

**Any Tribulation Temple will likely also be destroyed.**



## Fourth (Ezekiel's) Temple

- Chapters 40-48  
*(never built).*
- To Jews = 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple, others 4<sup>th</sup>  
*(after Tribulation Temple, destroyed)*
- Most think **built during Millennium**



## The Real Temple

- Tabernacle/temples only pattern/visual aids/object lessons to **illustrate one true Temple**.
- Hebrews/Revelation = Temple in heaven, **God's dwelling place**. Even this Temple will disappear.

## No more Temple. It is not needed any longer.

- After Millennium one more human rebellion, quickly ended.
- After this "eternal state" (eternity). No temple.

## Revelation 21:22

*"But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The new city, the New Jerusalem is the dwelling place of God and Lamb, among His people."*

# Immanuel!

## TABERNACLE/TEMPLE HISTORY RECAP

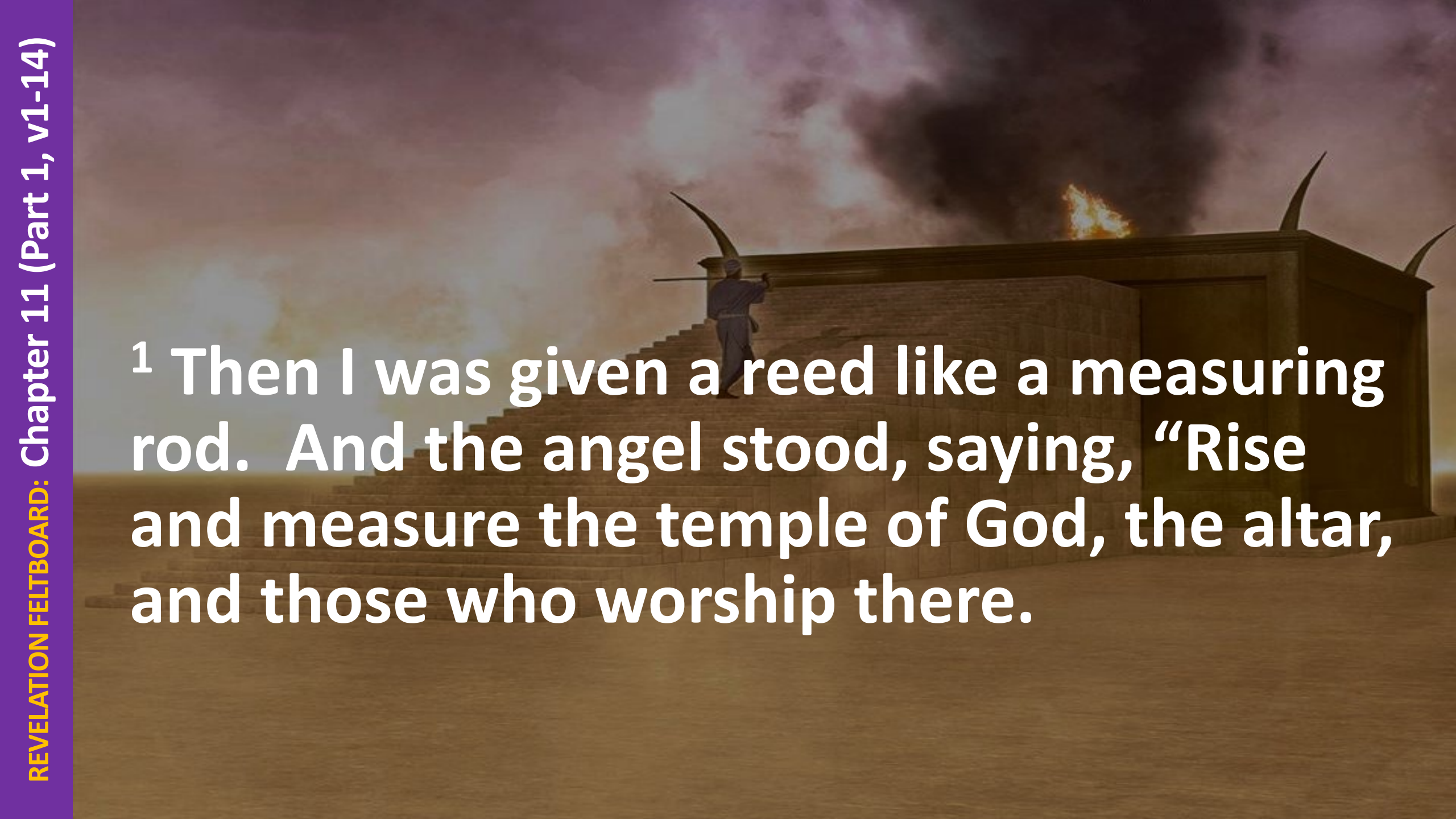
- History of tabernacle/temple = **history of God's plan of redemption**, and His ultimate plan of dwelling with the people He loves.
- Key to spiritual condition of Hebrews/Jews, key to **spiritual condition of believers** today. *(Referenced in Revelation 11 for this purpose.)*
- Began in the Garden, as Adam **fellowshipped with God** *(will also end in the garden!)*
- Illustrated in wilderness = large **tent that moved with the people** *(and pillar of fire that stayed with them)*

- Given permanent home in Jerusalem (1<sup>st</sup> Temple, Solomon)
- **Destroyed by Babylon** due to disobedience 586/587 BC (*Tisha b'Av*, “Glory” departed prior)
- Rebuilt, much smaller (*Ezra's or Nehemiah's Temple*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple)
- **Enhanced/renovated by Herod** over 60 years
- **Destroyed by Rome** in 70 AD (*Tisha b'Av!*)
- Exists now in hearts of believers (*indwelt by Holy Spirit*)
- **Possibly rebuilt for end time prophecies** (3<sup>rd</sup> Temple)



- Likely newly constructed in Millennium per Ezekiel's vision (4<sup>th</sup> Temple)
- Will **end in garden**. Not needed in eternity. God will dwell permanently with His people made holy by blood of His Son.
- Until then, **reminds us of His incredible plan and desire to fellowship** with us.

**IT IS THE PLACE HE MEETS WITH US!**



<sup>1</sup> Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, “Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.

- **Which Temple?** A vision, or rebuilt? Some think Temple restored in Israel to fulfill scriptures.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 - *Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.*
- Many scriptures seem to call for **literal, physical Temple in Jerusalem** in these times.

- Restoration of Temple **underway for years**. Have finances, plans, temple furnishings, priest vestments, training priests....red heifer?
- Not sure **which altar referenced**, brazen altar in courtyard, or altar of incense inside.
- Word is *thusiasterion*, literally means place of sacrifice –probably **altar of sacrifice** in courtyard.



- “Temple” = *naos*, always inner sanctuary, Holy of Holies (*where God met with His people, priest as representative*) [note: perfect cube]. Word for entire Temple complex is heiron.
- ∴ Speculation this does **not** imply actual physical Temple, but vision/symbolic meaning:
  - 1) Condition of Temple related to spiritual condition of Israel. If Temple in disrepair, hearts of people far from God. Temple in good condition, people right with God.

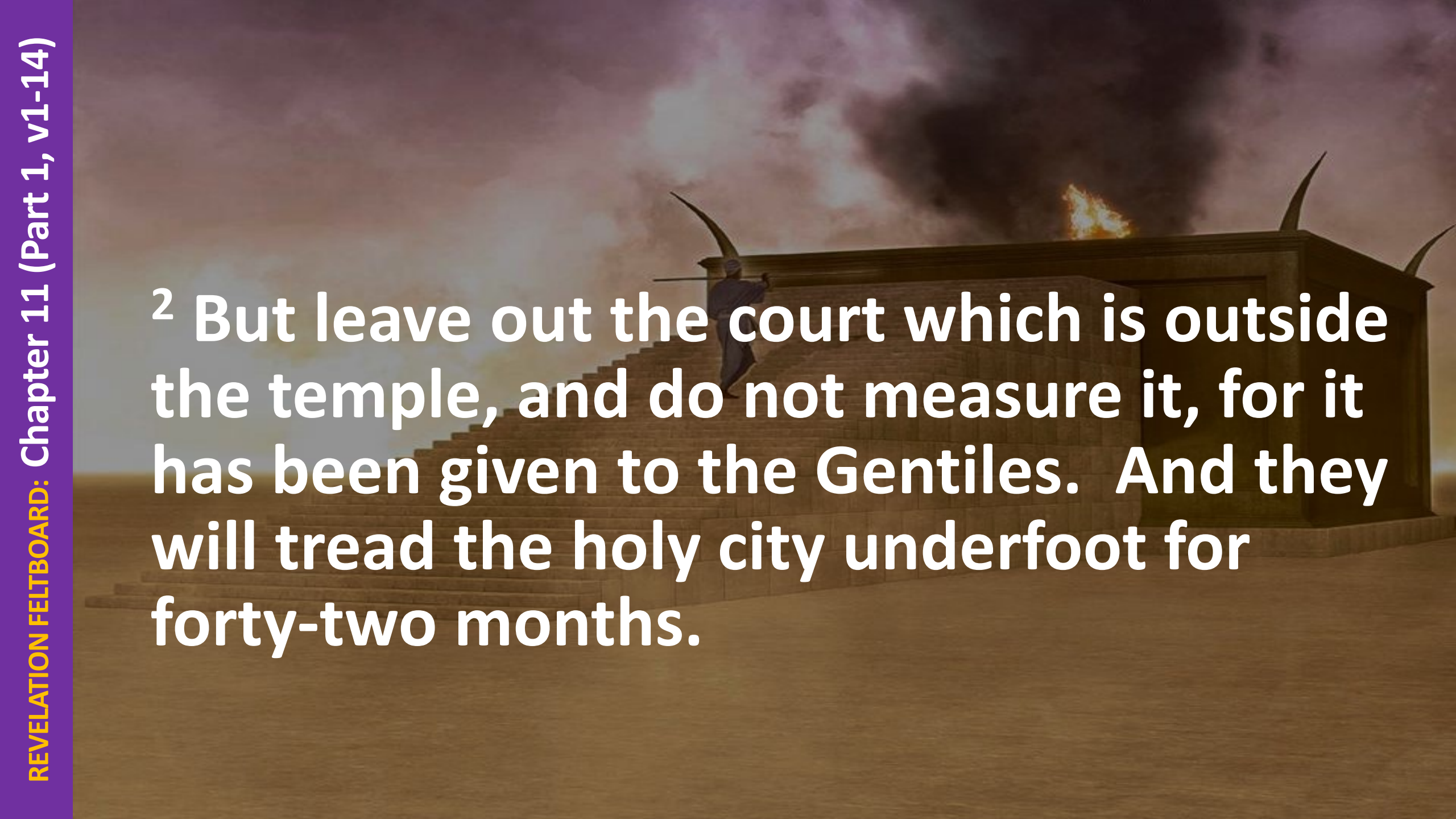
**This temple may = Israel’s current relationship/God.**

2) May also = “temple of Holy Spirit” = believers.  
About measuring hearts of believers, Jew or Gentile.  
*(but in this time, HS will not reside within believers!  
Removed with removal of church)*

Speculation this Temple, therefore, not literal, but symbol of God’s presence and relationship with His people. John was to “measure” this relationship.

- However, other things make it difficult to take passage completely symbolic/spiritual.
- Always best to take things literally unless impossible to do that. *(often both!)*

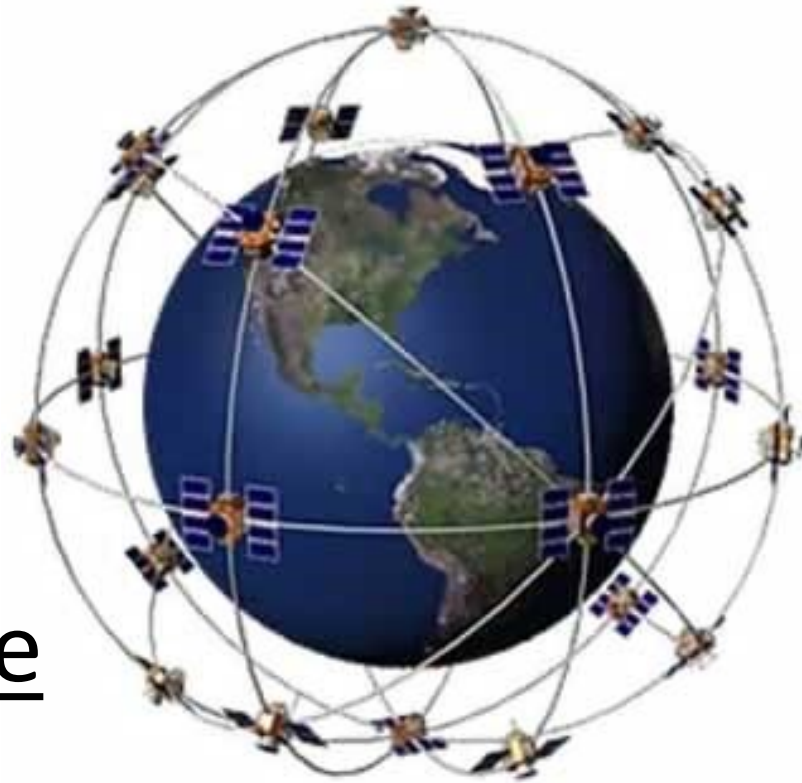
- **Notice WHAT is being measured:** 1) Temple, 2) altar, and 3) those who worship there.
- Physical dimensions of “worshippers” not the point. **Measuring spiritual “worth” – hearts before God.**
- If literal Temple in Jerusalem, those worshipping there **Jews - would *not* be worshipping Messiah.**
- Rebuilding physical Temple visual demonstration of rejection of Jesus as Messiah.
- “Measuring” worshippers, likely those who rejected Yeshua, is **precursor to judgment/discipline.** Found “wanting.” (*Daniel 5*)

A 3D digital illustration of a temple. The temple is a large, dark, rectangular structure with a flat roof. On the roof, there is a small fire or flame. A figure in a blue robe is walking up a wide set of stone stairs that lead to the temple. The sky is dark and cloudy, with a bright light source on the horizon. The overall scene is dramatic and atmospheric.

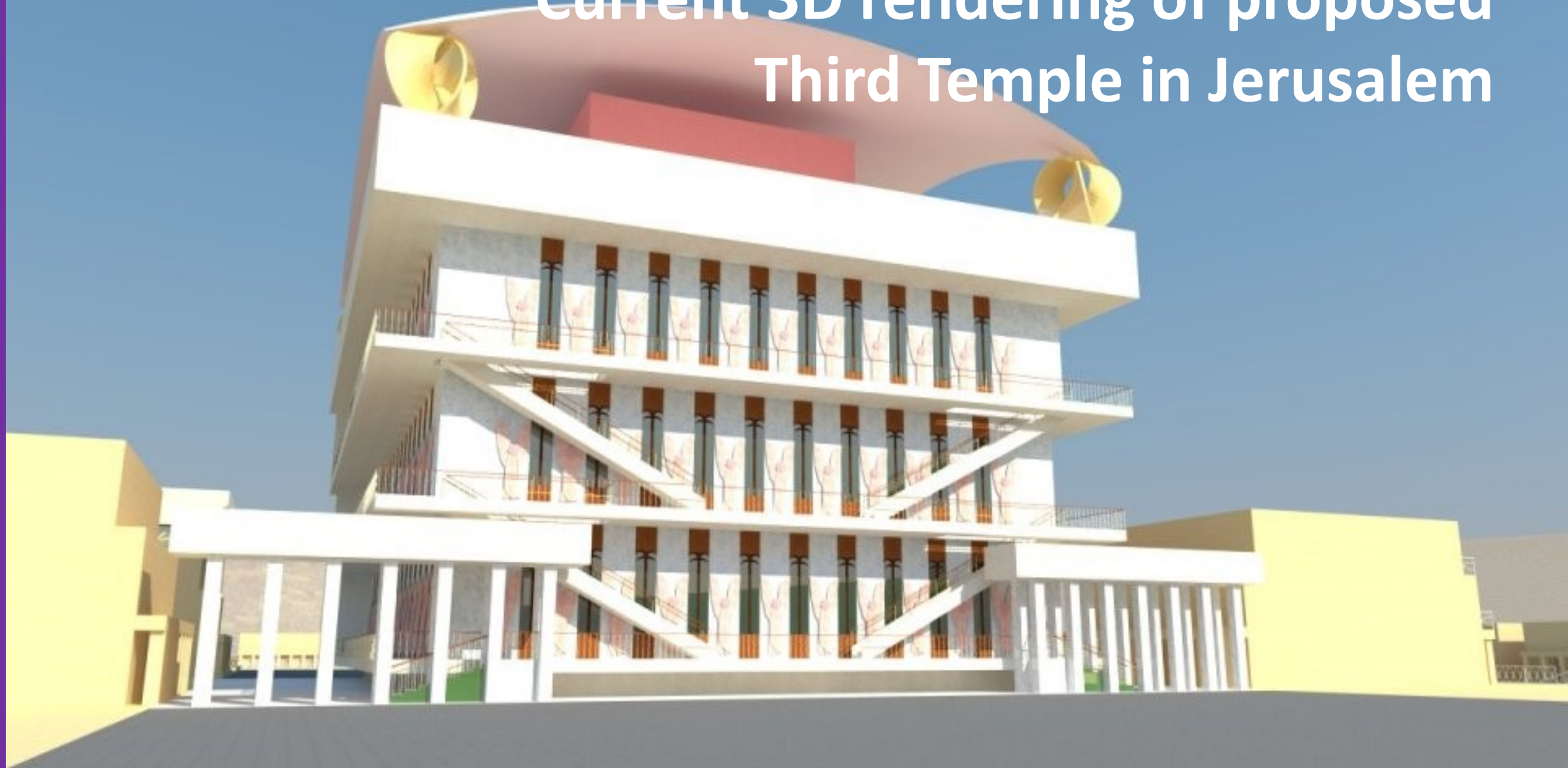
<sup>2</sup> But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.



- **“Court which is outside the Temple”** = court of Gentiles.
- **Interesting note:** New GPS technology (+ *archeological finds*) may reveal DOR (and Al Aksa Mosque) do not sit on actual place where original Temple stood, but rather occupy what would have been court of the Gentiles.
- **Here it gets interesting!** Much speculation over precise placement of Temple today...*(literally!)*



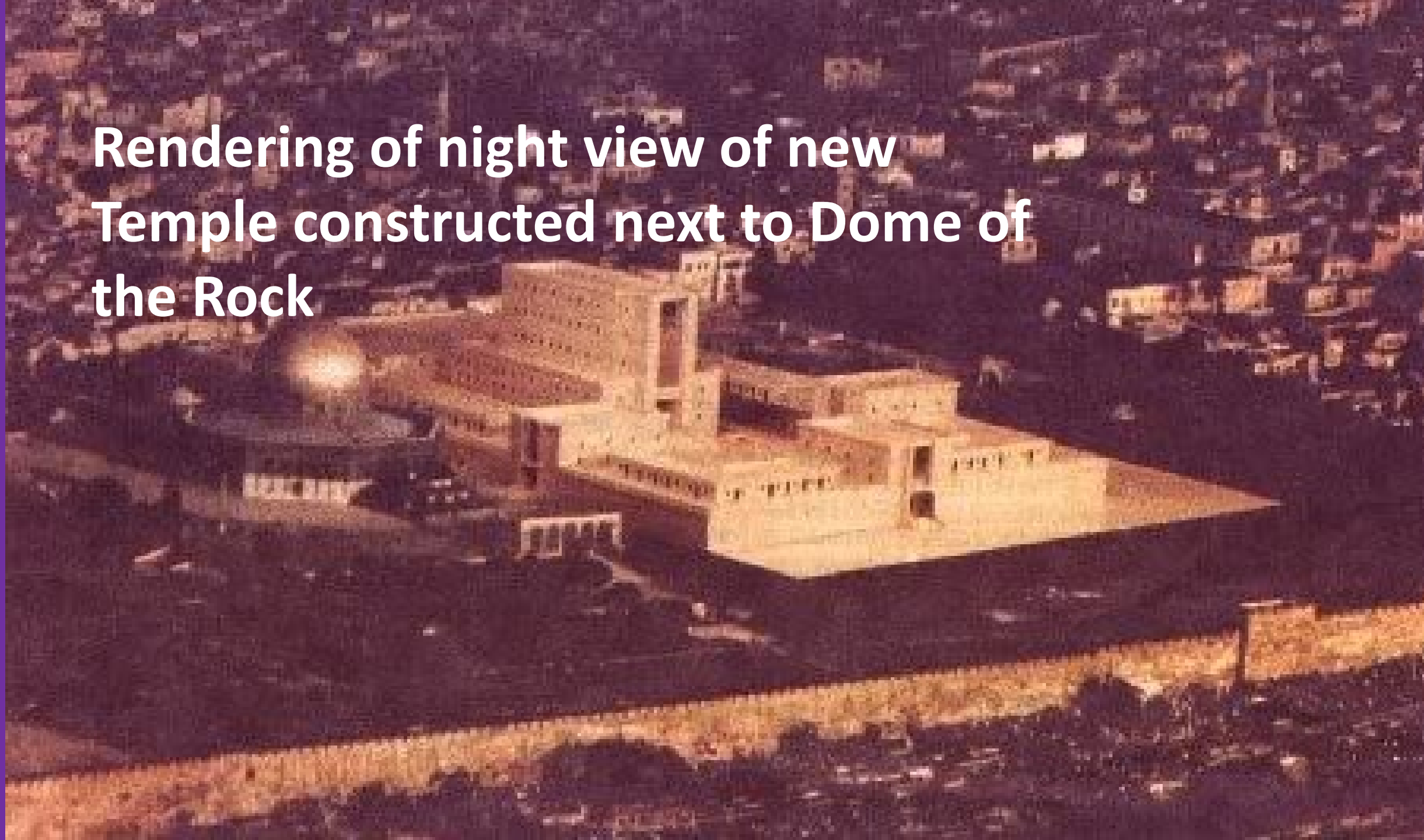
# Current 3D rendering of proposed Third Temple in Jerusalem





Proposed Third Temple -  
Bronze Altar in foreground

# Rendering of night view of new Temple constructed next to Dome of the Rock





Court of Gentiles

A 3D architectural rendering of a temple complex. In the upper left, a large golden dome sits atop a blue and gold tiled octagonal platform. To the right, a large, multi-story temple structure with white columns and a golden door is shown. The foreground features a series of stone walls and courtyards with crenellated tops. The scene is set against a dark, flat ground with some greenery in the background.

Rebuilt Temple

## Current Temple Mount

- If 3<sup>rd</sup> ( “Tribulation”) Temple rebuilt, and IF positioned next to Dome of the Rock *as some suggest*, puts this **GENTILE structure (DOR) smack in the COURT OF THE GENTILES**, referenced in Revelation 11.
- Makes this passage VERY interesting!
- As always, *beware of speculation!*



- **“*given to the Gentiles*”** May = Gentile domination of area, or actual Mosque in Court of Gentiles.
- God’s Word always precise. Another reason to think this is literal, *not allegorical only*.
- **Current move to divide Jerusalem** possible reference here, or merely *Gentile structures* here.
- Time span = **forty-two (42) months**, exactly 3 ½ years, half 7-year tribulation period.
- **“Time of the Gentiles”** did not end in 1967 when Israel reclaimed Jerusalem. Continues today, and through tribulation. (*Nebuchadnezzar forward, 606BC >*)

- Jerusalem already trodden underfoot by Gentiles –will get worse. Growing anti-Semitism.
- Passage helps show strictly allegorical approach to Revelation doesn't work. **Specific time references – not symbolic, but literal.**
- In next verse, two witnesses will ***“prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days.”***
- **“Time, times and half a time”** (Dan 7:25, 12:7, Rev 12:14) = 3 ½ years = 1,260 days = **42 mos.**
- Daniel 9, “70 weeks” refers to “middle of the week” (the 70<sup>th</sup> week, or 3 ½ year mark)



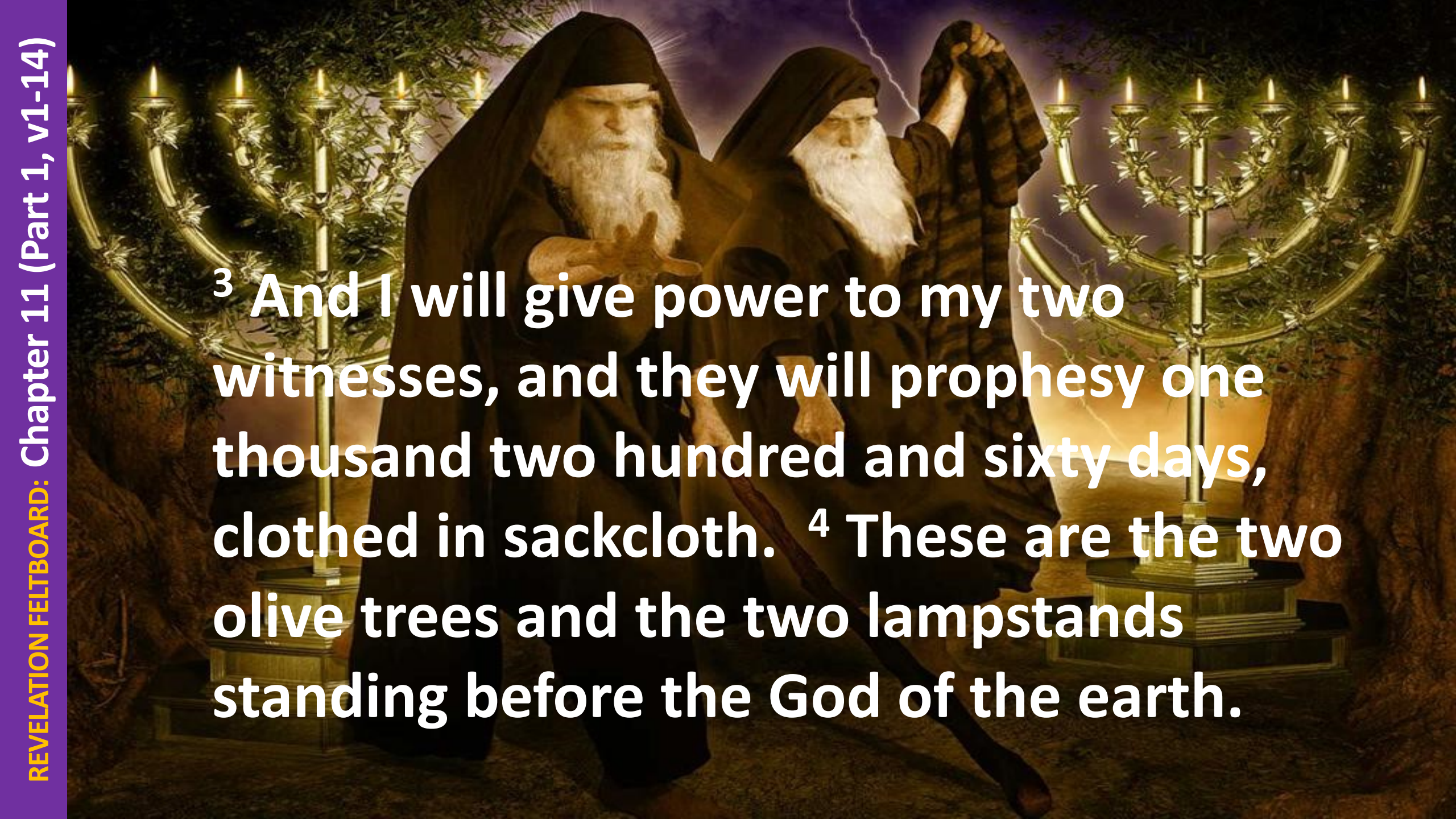
- God anticipating erroneous allegorical interpretation by using specific time references.
- How many ways can you say **three and one half years???** Purposeful effort to make sure we understand this = literal period of time.
- ***Remember a “scriptural” year or prophetic year is 360 days.*** People keeping track of time here will likely count days, not months and years.



- ***A little exhortation (!)***...throughout scripture God provides truths to combat and deflate every worldly argument against Him and His Truth.
- Must know them well. **No believer should be caught off-guard by erroneous human arguments.**

*Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. (2 Timothy 4:2)*

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; (1 Peter 3:15)*

The image depicts two figures with long white beards and dark hoods, representing prophets, standing in a dramatic, dark setting. They are dressed in dark, heavy robes, consistent with the biblical description of being clothed in sackcloth. The figure on the left has his hands held out in a gesture of witness or testimony. The figure on the right is holding a dark, striped cloth aloft. In the background, a large, ornate golden lampstand with multiple lit candles stands on the right, and a large, leafy olive tree is visible on the left. The overall atmosphere is solemn and prophetic, with a purple and blue sky in the background.

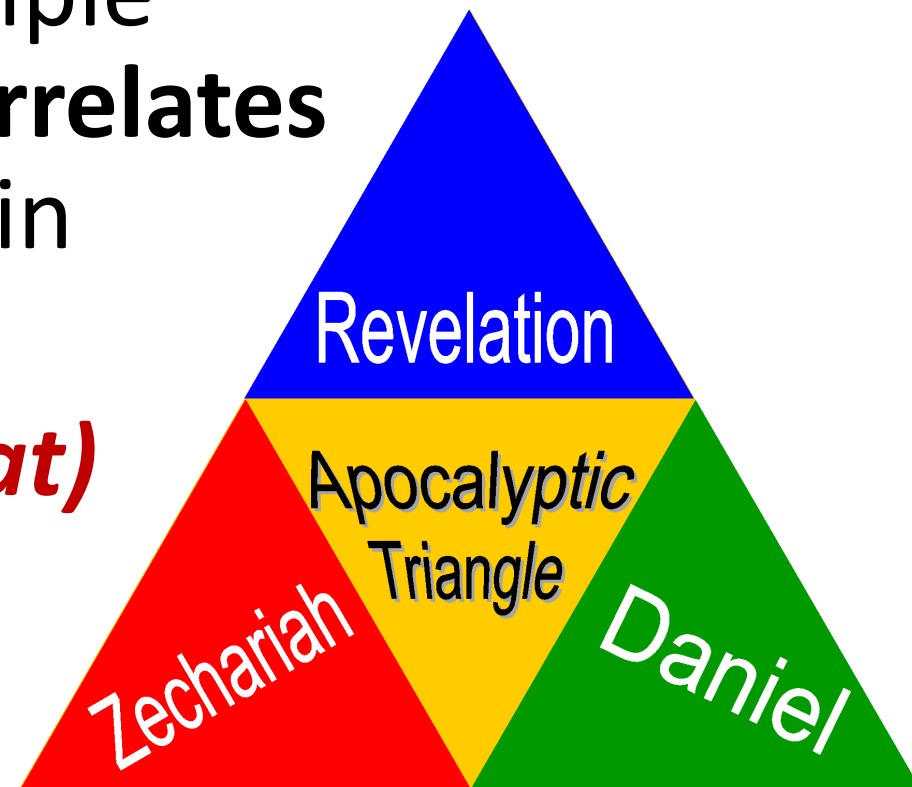
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- ***“I will give power...”*** God grants power to the two witnesses. **God firmly in control.** Nothing outside His knowledge or will.
- **Two = required # of witnesses in the Law.** (Deut 17:6, Matt 18:16) **to make a conviction.** (*world soon convicted of sin*) *God follows His Law!*
- **1,260 days...again, how many ways can you say 3 ½ years??** (42 months X 30 days = 1,260)
- **Sackcloth** related to Hebrew custom during mourning. Familiar OT concepts here. (*Mourning over lost condition of mankind*)

*“These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.” (v.4) obvious reference to OT Zechariah 4:*

*<sup>2</sup> And he said to me, “What do you see?” So I said, “I am looking, and there is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. <sup>3</sup> Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left.”... <sup>11</sup> Then I answered and said to him, “What are these two olive trees—at the right of the lampstand and at its left?” <sup>12</sup> ...“What are these two olive branches that drip into the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden oil drains?” <sup>13</sup> Then he answered me and said, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.” <sup>14</sup> So he said, “These are the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth.” (selected verses)*

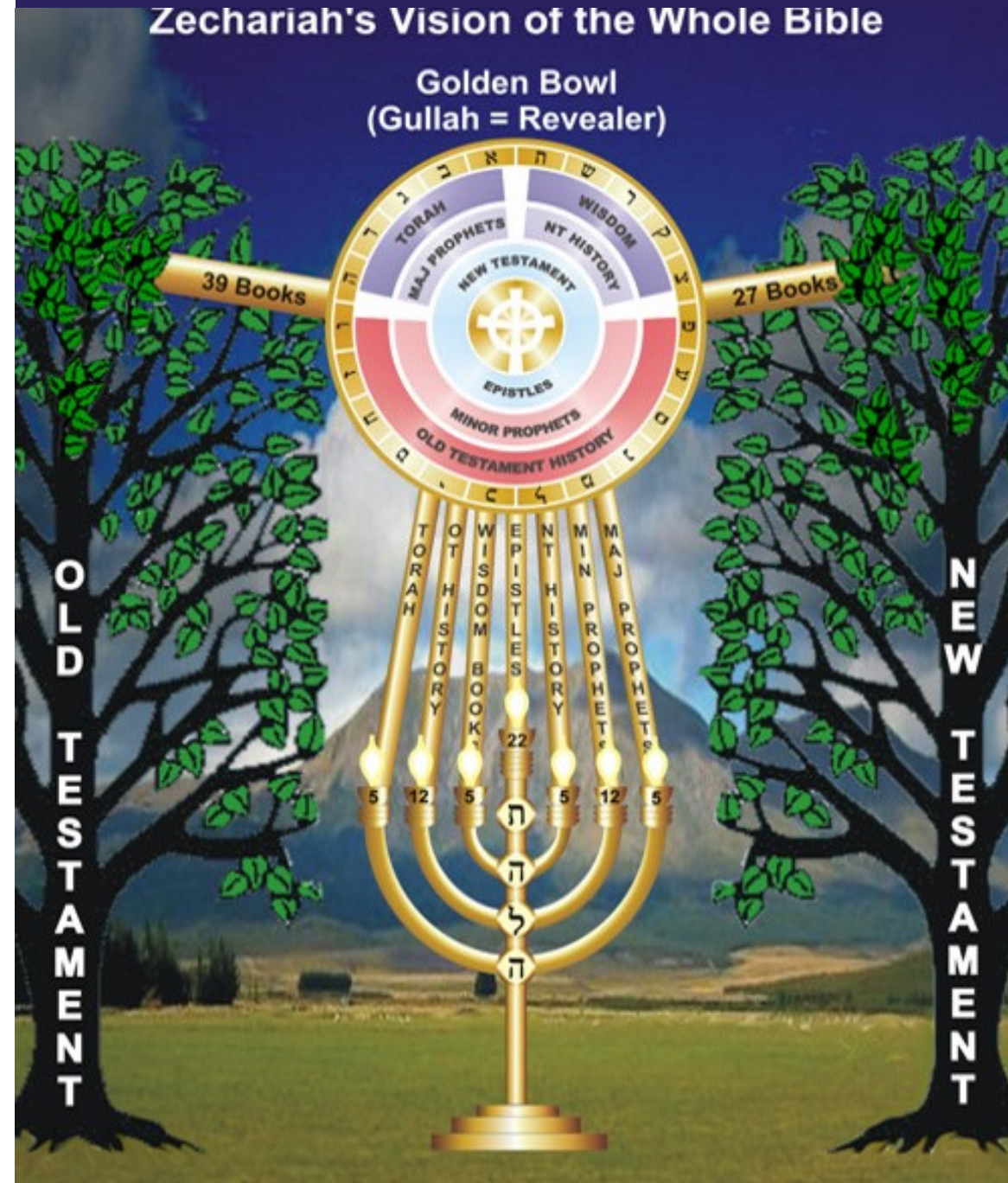
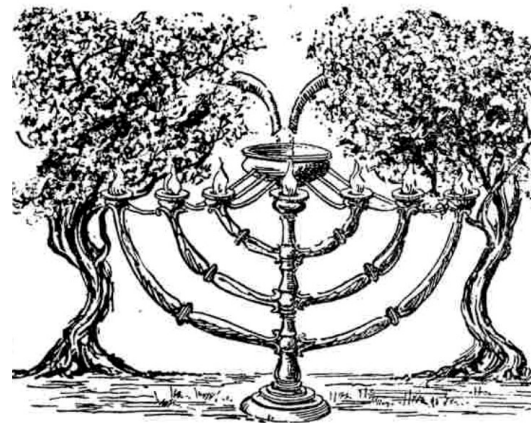
- Zechariah part of “Apocalyptic Triangle”
- Like John, Zechariah had multiple visions. Zechariah chapter **correlates with the two witnesses** here in Revelation 11.
- **BIG QUESTION – who (or what) are the two witnesses?**  
*(lampstand and oil in a moment)*
- *As always, speculation and human opinion abound.*



## Some ideas for Zechariah passage:

- Two individuals, **Joshua (High Priest), and Zerubbabel (Governor)**, representing dual roles of Messiah (Priest + King)
- *At time Zechariah written, these individuals responsible for rebuilding Temple.*
- Some Jews speculate two Messiahs, Messiah ben Joseph, Messiah ben David
- Some speculate not two persons, **but two things, or two groups.**
- *Remember two is required number of witnesses for conviction*
- ***These two witnesses in chapter 11 represent witnesses who will convict prior to judgment.***

- Some say two witnesses **OT** + **NT** witness of Yeshua, together Light to entire world.
- Others, Jews and Gentiles, **Jewish and Gentile** believers.
- no lack of creative artwork







**This artist portrays the two witnesses as two literal human beings**

# An interesting thought...

- Consider this:

*<sup>15</sup> Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>16</sup> “As for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: ‘For Judah and for the children of Israel, his companions.’ Then take another stick and write on it, ‘For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his companions.’ <sup>17</sup> Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand.  
(Ezekiel 37:15-17)*



Judah: Jews  
Ephraim: “fullness of Gentiles”  
*(Genesis 48, Romans 11)*  
Combined, “one new man”  
*(Ephesians 2-3)*

# The Two Witnesses

Olive Tree = Israel

“Two Sticks” of Ezekiel 37

Two Houses of Israel Restored - Judah and Ephraim (Jew and Gentile)  
reunited into one united Israel of God

The Holy Spirit

Branch of  
Judah  
(Jews)

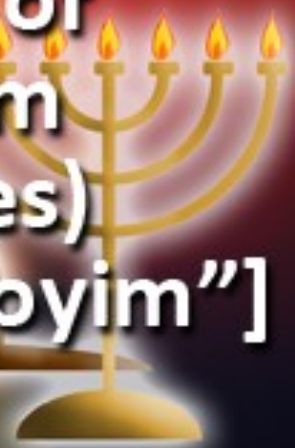
Branch of  
Ephraim  
(Gentiles)

[“melo haGoyim”]

Witnesses

Light of the World

Vine and the Branches



## An interesting thought...

- If Two Branches (Judah + Ephraim) of Ezekiel 37 are indeed the Two Witnesses in Revelation 11, **opens door for some thought provoking** (*admittedly unconventional*) options.
- Perhaps, as commonly thought, Two Witnesses are **not two individuals** (*more on their speculated identity later*), but instead **two “branches” of one Truth, Judah and Ephraim – essentially believing Jews and believing Gentiles, restored previously divided houses of Israel into one Israel of God.**

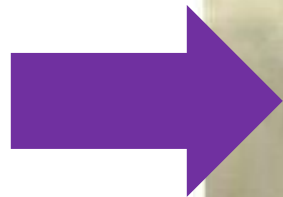
## An interesting thought...

- Then **groups of people**, rather than two individuals.
- *Considering remaining text in Revelation*, would mean whole groups **spared initially from death at hands of the antichrist**, but killed later, eventually to rise together 3½ days later!
- Also means groups empowered to do remarkable things in witnessing ministry, similar to what Moses and Elijah did (*more on this in a moment*).
- Hmm...interesting, **but also speculation!**

- Whether individuals, or whole groups, **olive oil** in Zechariah 4 (*and other places*) consistently reference to Holy Spirit.
- Holy Spirit *enables* human believers, always. **None of God's work is done without the Holy Spirit.**



- Ultimately, in Zechariah, not so much identity of two witnesses that matters, as much as **the “bottom line” message itself:**

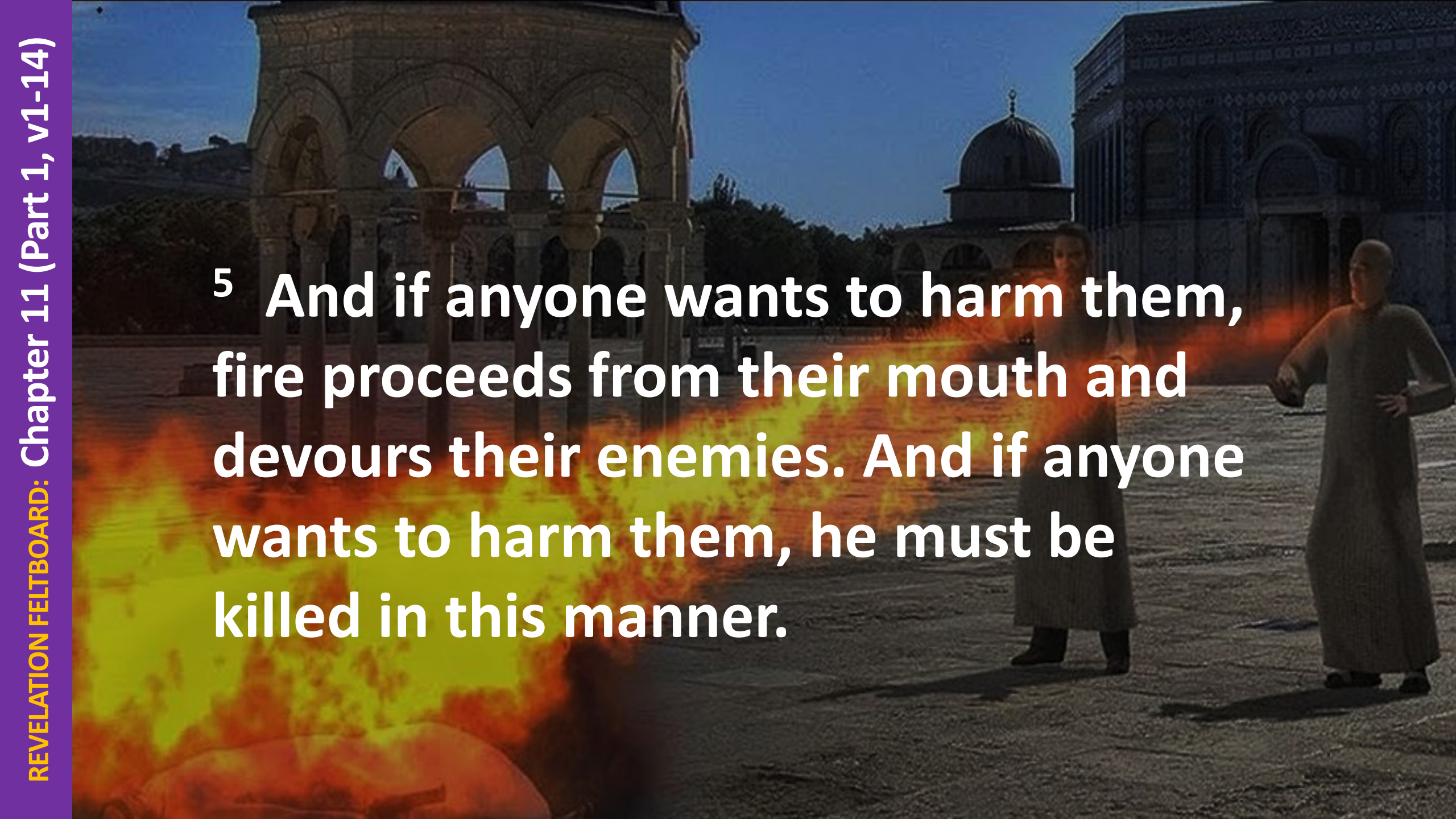


NOT BY  
**MIGHT**  
NOR BY  
**POWER**  
BUT BY MY  
**SPIRIT**  
SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY  
ZECHARIAH 4:6

- Since Zechariah 4 obviously tied to Revelation 11, **debate continues** regarding identity of witnesses (*in both passages*).
- Nothing happens by man's power or authority, but only by God's Spirit. **Critical lesson for all believers**, critical understanding in Revelation.
- In Revelation 11, given “**clues**” used to *speculate about these identities*.
- *Will look at next several verses before doing more of that....*



**5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.**

A woman in a dark, long-sleeved dress stands in a courtyard, breathing a stream of fire from her mouth. The fire is bright orange and yellow, extending across the ground. A man in a white, long-sleeved robe stands to her right, looking towards her. In the background, there is a large, ornate building with a prominent dome and arched windows. The scene is set in a courtyard with a paved ground.

- **Human flame throwers!**
- Fire symbol for judgment. Earth will be consumed by fire, **destroyed then re-created in perfection.**
- Those who want to harm witnesses will die by fire. Whether literal or spiritual (*or both*) difficult to discern.
- Seems unlikely, but nothing out of range of possibility how God will fulfill this (*ultimate destination of unbelievers is **Lake of Fire***).

- Prophet **Elijah** able to bring fire from heaven by power of God's Spirit (1 Kings 18:38) *[keep Elijah in mind for a moment!]*
- The **False Prophet** apparently also has this ability (Revelation 13:13) *so may not be so far-fetched.*



<sup>6</sup> These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

- **More interesting powers.** May serve as clues for “identity speculation.”
- Witnesses able to “**shut heaven,**” stop rainfall, adding to horrid environmental conditions.
- Who able to do this? **ELIJAH.** (*God’s power, not human ability. Zechariah 4: “Not by might, not by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD!”*)



- Don't know if **strictly on Israel**, or entire world.
- Witnesses seem to be in Israel, specifically Jerusalem (*verse 8*). If groups, not just individuals, **could be everywhere**.
- Food shortages, famines, disease, etc.
- Many will die, and **all will want to rid world** of these witnesses. (*For their message, and for the result of their powers.*)
- Passage seems to indicate **NO RAIN for entire time** of their prophesying (3½ years)

- Also **power to turn water into blood.**
- **MOSES** did this (*God's power*) Plagues of Egypt
- **Clues given:**
  - 1) Two, seem to be human, with supernatural powers
  - 2) Able to kill enemies (*those who would harm them*)
  - 3) Can “**shut the heavens**” (*no rain*)
  - 4) Can turn water into blood



- Elijah and Moses come to mind immediately as potential identifies of two witness (*if individuals*).
- These two appeared with Yeshua at His “transfiguration” - *Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. (Matthew 17:1-3)*
- For these reasons, commentators lean toward speculating identities of two witnesses as **Elijah and Moses**.



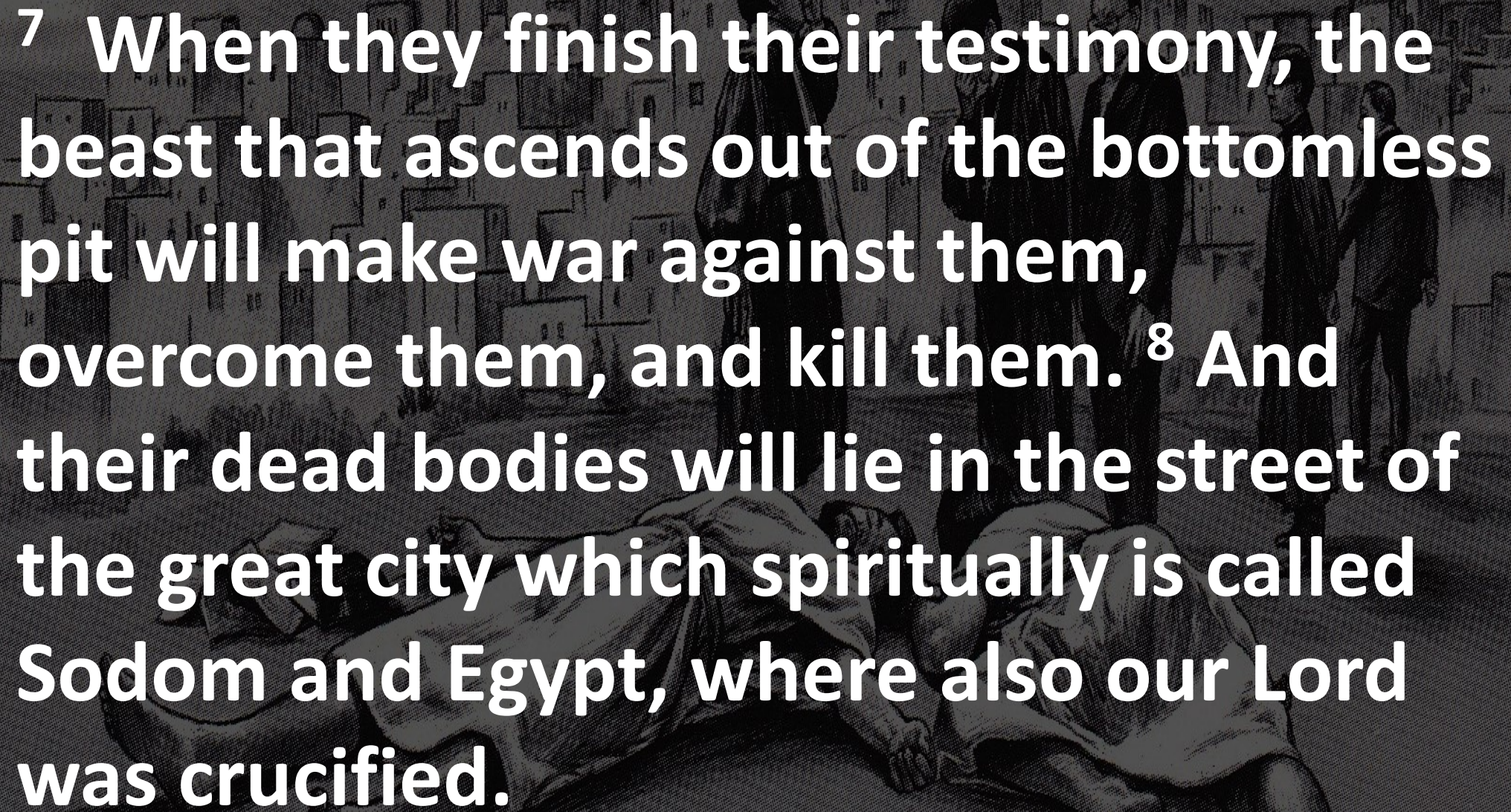
- **However**, verse in Hebrews complicates this: *And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment...*" (Hebrews 9:27).
- **Elijah did not die**. Taken to heaven in whirlwind. But Moses did die (Deut 34:5).
- Moses cannot die 2<sup>nd</sup> time (*happens to two witnesses*). Would seem to remove Moses from speculation, but many still think this.
- God's word cannot lie, but **He can override** His own Word if He chooses.

- Some speculate **Elijah** and **Enoch**, only two who did not die.
- “snatched away” – *or*, “**raptured!**”
- Others think **Zerubbabel** and **Joshua** from Zechariah, or others, including **John the Baptist**, *or other wild guesses*.
- And some think two witnesses not individuals, but groups of individuals, or even something entirely spiritual.  
*(Difficult to justify, since passage so detail-specific!)*



- **Bottom line:** does not matter who they are.
- What they do, what they say, and what happens to them is **what matters** (*just like in Zechariah*)
- **We know what they will do:** will witness and prophesy, boldly proclaiming truth of God to lost. (*Convict of sin prior to judgment*)
- Given divine powers/protection 3 ½ years, during which will be no rain, may bring plagues on earth or turn water into blood whenever they choose.  
**No wonder world wants them gone!**

**COMMENTARY:** *There is a great deal of difference of opinion as to the identity of the two witnesses. They are introduced to us without any suggestion as to who they are. ...If the identity of these two was essential for the understanding of this book, I think there would have been some indication given about their persons. It is always in these areas that the sensational preachers concentrate. They can tell you what the seven thunders said (John was told not to write it down, and he didn't), and they can tell you the names of these two witnesses. Those who have espoused the historical view of Revelation have named such men as John Huss, Pope Sylvester, Waldenson, and the two Testaments. You can see that you could come up with almost anything from that viewpoint. Men who hold the futurist view—which is the view I hold—are not in complete agreement as to who they are. Seiss and Govett say that they are Enoch and Elijah. ... ..Dean Alford, Walter Scott, and Donald Grey Barnhouse state that they are Moses and Elijah. William Newell does a very smart thing—he does not even attempt to identify them. There is also the possibility that they are two unknown witnesses—that is, they have had no previous existence, and they have not yet appeared on the scene. (McGee)*



<sup>7</sup> When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. <sup>8</sup> And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

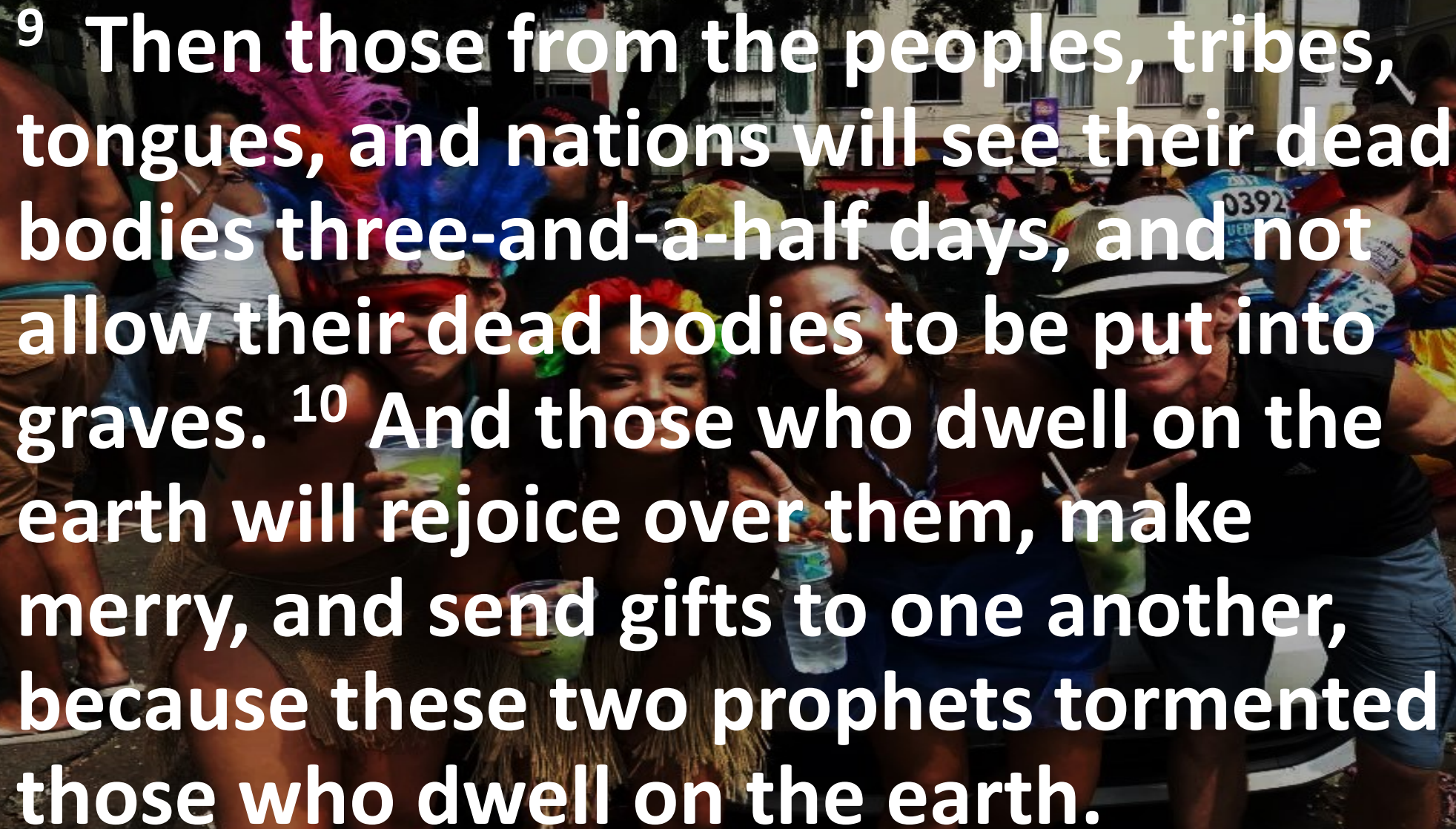
- **NOTE!!** witnesses protected until **FINISHED** with God-ordained service. Good reminder! *Immortal until work for God is finished. SO ARE WE!*
- Who/what is ***“beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit?”*** Chapter 13 references beast from sea, and beast from land. ID as antichrist, False Prophet. *Are either beast from abyss?*
- Don't know. Some see Satan (*dragon*), others a “demon beast”
- *And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon. (Rev 9:11)*

- Jewish law requires bodies buried within 24 hours. Jews generally don't embalm, *quick burial critical*.
- Not burying witnesses huge **sign of disrespect**.
- John makes sure we know what city this is.  
“Spiritually” = **Sodom** and **Egypt**. Both judged evil.
- Sodom = immorality, sexual perversion. Egypt = worldly, pagan. = world without God. World LOST.
- Final ID = “**city where our Lord was crucified.**” No question = Jerusalem.
- May indicate witnesses confined to Jerusalem only.

- “Sodom” and “Egypt” defines spiritual condition; Jerusalem references its physical location.
- At this time, Jerusalem will not be acting much like a “holy city.” *Even today it is a wicked city, like every other city on the planet.*
- Speculation death of witnesses signifies **end of preaching the Word of God** in the world.







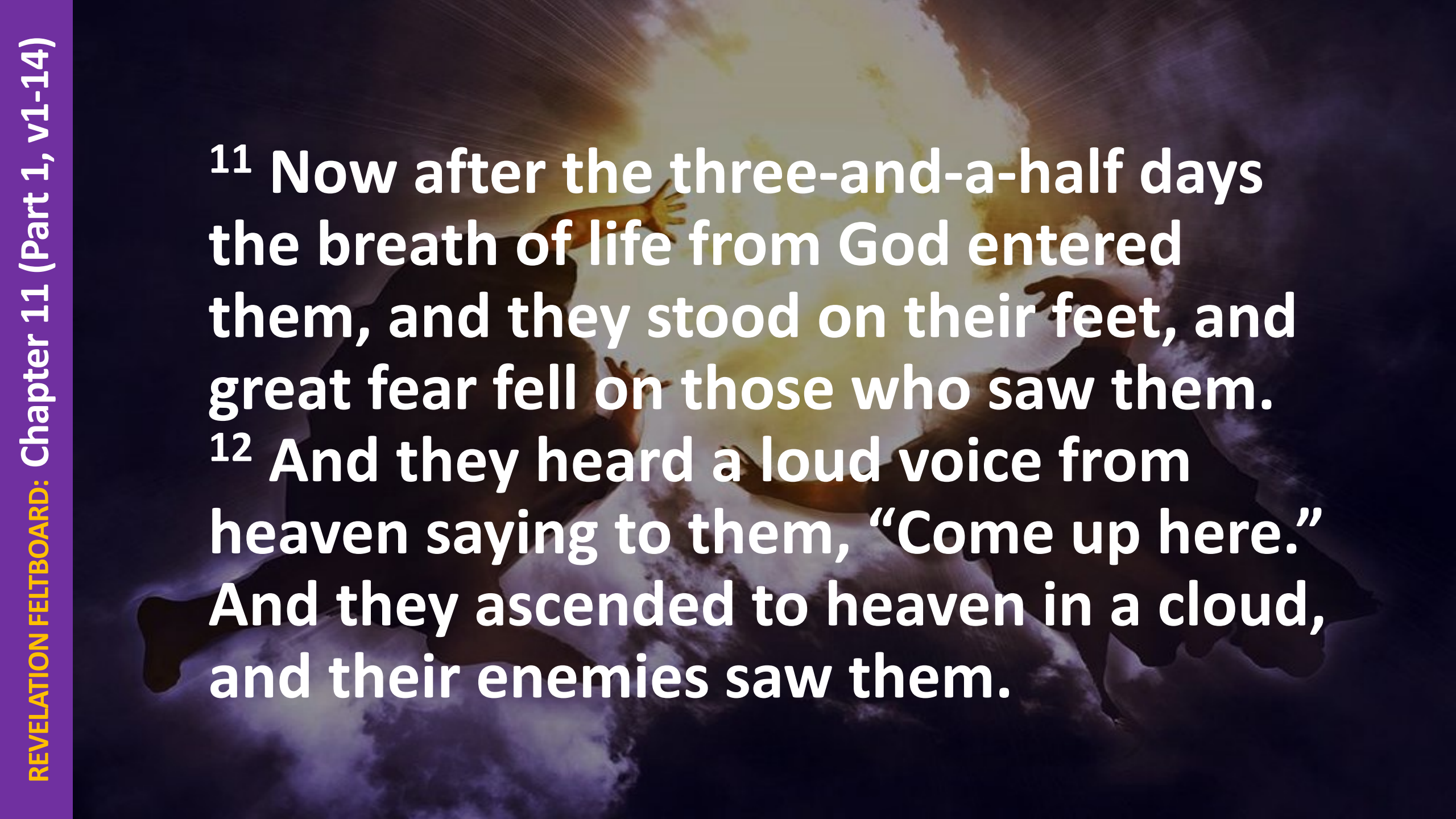
<sup>9</sup> Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. <sup>10</sup> And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

- ***“peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations”*** = EVERYONE
- People *everywhere* will **SEE bodies**. How? *Not possible 50 yrs ago. Satellite television, 24/7 instant news coverage. Could not be fulfilled any other time, until now. Whole world sees same image same time.*
- Not allowing burial of bodies, leaving to rot in streets, testimony to man’s completely evil state.
- COMMENTATOR: ***“Now comes the real revelation of the heart of man: glee – horrid, insane, inhuman, hellish, ghoulisg glee!”*** (Newell)
- **“Those who dwell on the earth”** – 2X here = **lost**

- **Only mention in NT of any kind of celebration** or sending gifts. Witnesses kept lost (*“inhabitants of the earth”*) from enjoying their sins.
- Lost world celebrates, good riddance to “party poopers,” don’t have to fear them any longer.
- Historically, possible to silence messengers of God’s Word. **NOT possible to silence God’s Word!**
- Very interesting **OT passage may predict** this event. When first written, prophetic of destruction of Jerusalem and slaughter by Nebuchadnezzar. May have double fulfillment... (*common in prophecy*)

## Psalm 79:1-3 – Double Fulfillment?

*“O God, the nations have come into Your inheritance;  
Your holy temple they have defiled;  
They have laid Jerusalem in heaps.  
The dead bodies of Your servants  
They have given as food for the birds of the heavens,  
The flesh of Your saints to the beasts of the earth.  
Their blood they have shed like water all around  
Jerusalem,  
**And there was no one to bury them.”***



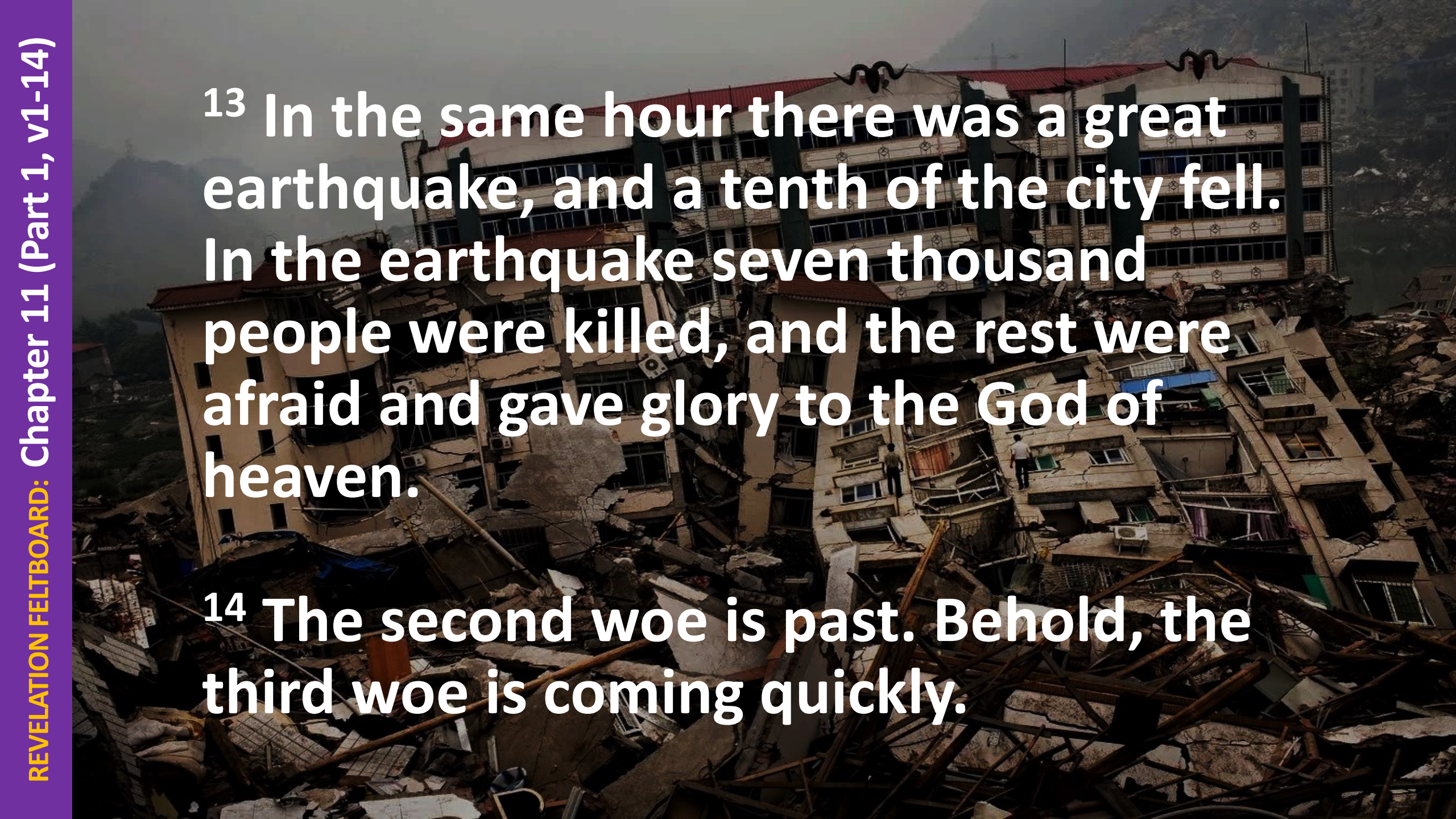
**11** Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

**12** And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

- Two witnesses **resurrected**. No question they were dead.
- “great fear fell on those who saw them” = huge understatement. Seen globally, cannot be denied.
- World-wide **celebration is over**.



- Notice what witnesses hear: **“come up here!”**  
Exactly what John hears at beginning of ch 4.  
Witnesses “raptured,” “caught up” from earth.
- *If Elijah and Enoch, their second such trip!*
- Not just disappearance. God enables people to **physically see this**, watch it happen real time.  
*Cannot be denied. Whole world will see.*
- Some speculate if two witnesses = groups instead of individuals, entire passage actually about believers and their **“catching away”** at the **MID POINT of Tribulation.** *Timing of rapture debated hotly. Interesting thought.*



**13 In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.**

**14 The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.**



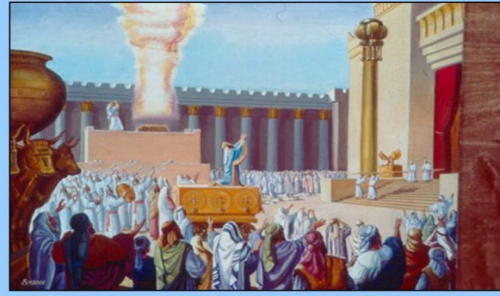
- Seems to be a literal, real earthquake
- May be limited to **Jerusalem**, as specific details given
- one tenth of city fell, 7,000 killed.
- **One of earth's largest earthquake fault line runs just east of Jerusalem**, into Jordan, called "**Great Rift**" valley. Seismically active. Coincidence? *We know better than that!*
- Everyone not killed terrified, "**give glory to God of heaven.**" Doesn't mean they were saved. *Maybe momentary (temporary) reaction. Acknowledging God's doing.*

- Could also signal **Israel's moment of national salvation** (Zechariah 13)
- **“God of heaven”** distinguishes Yahweh from pagan gods. He is the One True God.
- **“Second woe” now, finally, past** –*long and terrible!*  
Lasted from herd of demonic horsemen through this earthquake, which ends the 6<sup>th</sup> trumpet judgment.
- Third woe coming soon, will usher in last set of judgments, Bowl Judgments, or Bowl Plagues.
- No wonder angel said **“woe, woe, woe....”**



"Rise and measure the Temple of God..."

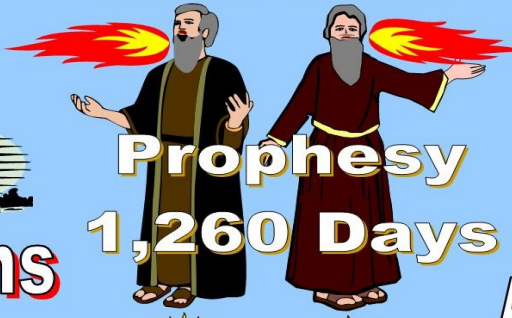
"Do not measure the court of Gentiles"



42 Months



~~NO RAIN!~~



Prophecy  
1,260 Days

Water  
2  
BLOOD

All Plagues



The Great City  
Sodom  
Egypt  
Jerusalem



Rejoice and  
make merry!



3 1/2 Days

Breath  
of Life

"Come up here!"



# Revelation 11:v1-14 (Part 1)

2nd Woe: PAST

3rd Woe:

Coming Quickly!

Earthquake!  
1/10 Fell  
7,000 Killed  
REST: Afraid  
Gave glory to God!

A golden trumpet is positioned in the upper right corner, angled towards the center. The background is a dramatic sky with dark, swirling clouds and bright, radiating light rays that create a sense of divine illumination. The overall mood is majestic and awe-inspiring.

# Revelation 11

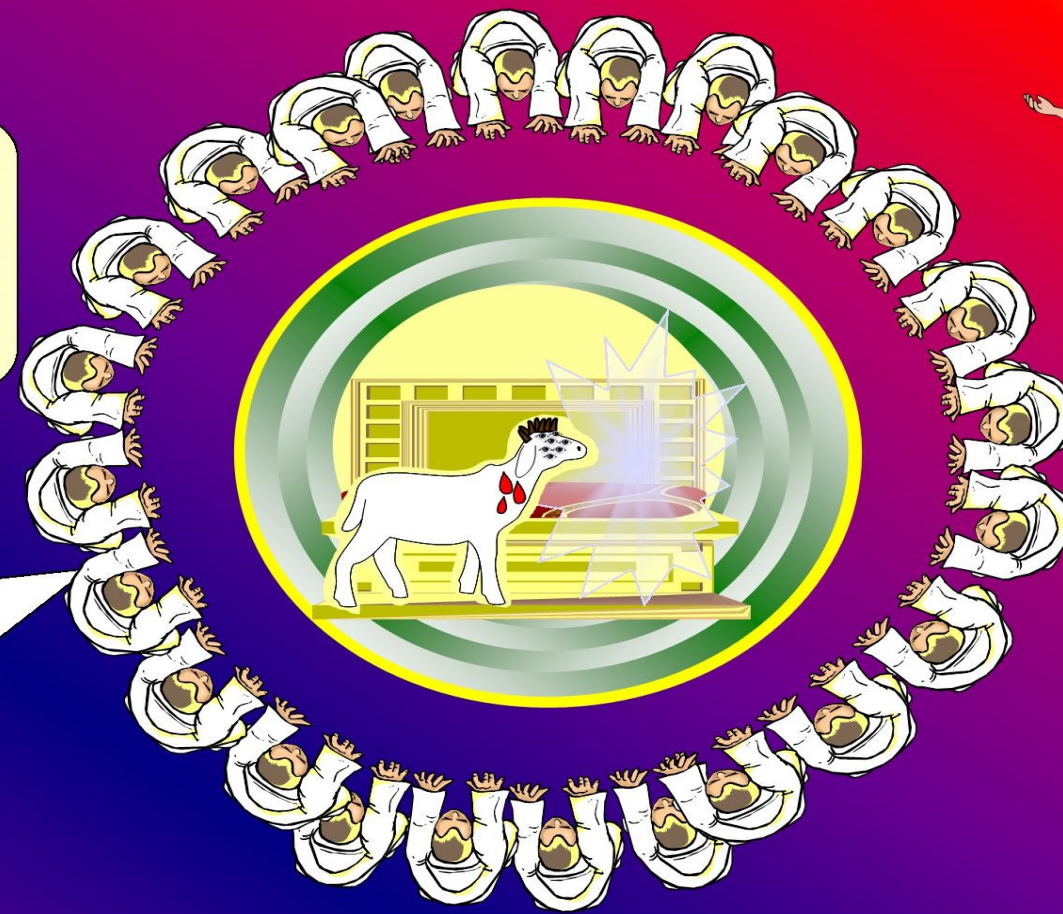
**Part 2: The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet sounds...**

*<sup>15</sup> Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” <sup>16</sup> And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, <sup>17</sup> saying:*

*“We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty,  
The One who is and who was and who is to come,  
Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.*

*18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come,  
And the time of the dead, that they should be judged,  
And that You should reward Your servants the prophets  
and the saints,  
And those who fear Your name, small and great,  
And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”*

*19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and  
the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And  
there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an  
earthquake, and great hail.*



"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

"We give you thanks...the One WHO IS AND WHO WAS AND WHO IS TO COME. Because You have taken Your great power and reigned, The nations were angry and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your Name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."



### Revelation 11:v15-19 (Part 2)



**Thunderings**

**Earthquake**



Revelation 11:15

***15 Then the seventh angel sounded:  
And there were loud voices in heaven,  
saying, "The kingdoms of this world  
have become the kingdoms of our Lord  
and of His Christ, and He shall reign  
forever and ever!"***

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- Long wait for 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet. Terrible conditions. “**3<sup>rd</sup> woe**” (*final judgments/plagues [Bowls]*) coming.
- “**Loud voices in heaven...**” After 7<sup>th</sup> seal, silence. After 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet, **loud voices**. Great contrast.
- As last trumpet sounds, **God’s plan completely revealed**. (*seems “voices” looking forward to this moment*)
- “kingdoms” better translated singular. **The kingdom of the world, formerly given to Enemy, now the kingdom of God.**



- Announcement about **kingdom of world becoming kingdom of Yeshua** - sounds as if already happened. To God, already has. He is eternal, inhabits eternity, no timeline.
- Reminds of **Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream** – Daniel 2, statue representing Gentile kingdoms, but entire statue eventually pulverized by “stone...” (Daniel 2:31-35)

# Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2:31-45



Head of Gold  
**BABYLON**  
605 BC - 539 BC

Breast and Arms of Silver  
**MEDO-PERSIA**  
539 BC - 331 BC

Belly and Thighs of Brass  
**GREECE**  
331 BC - 168 BC

Legs of Iron  
**ROME**  
168 BC - 476 AD

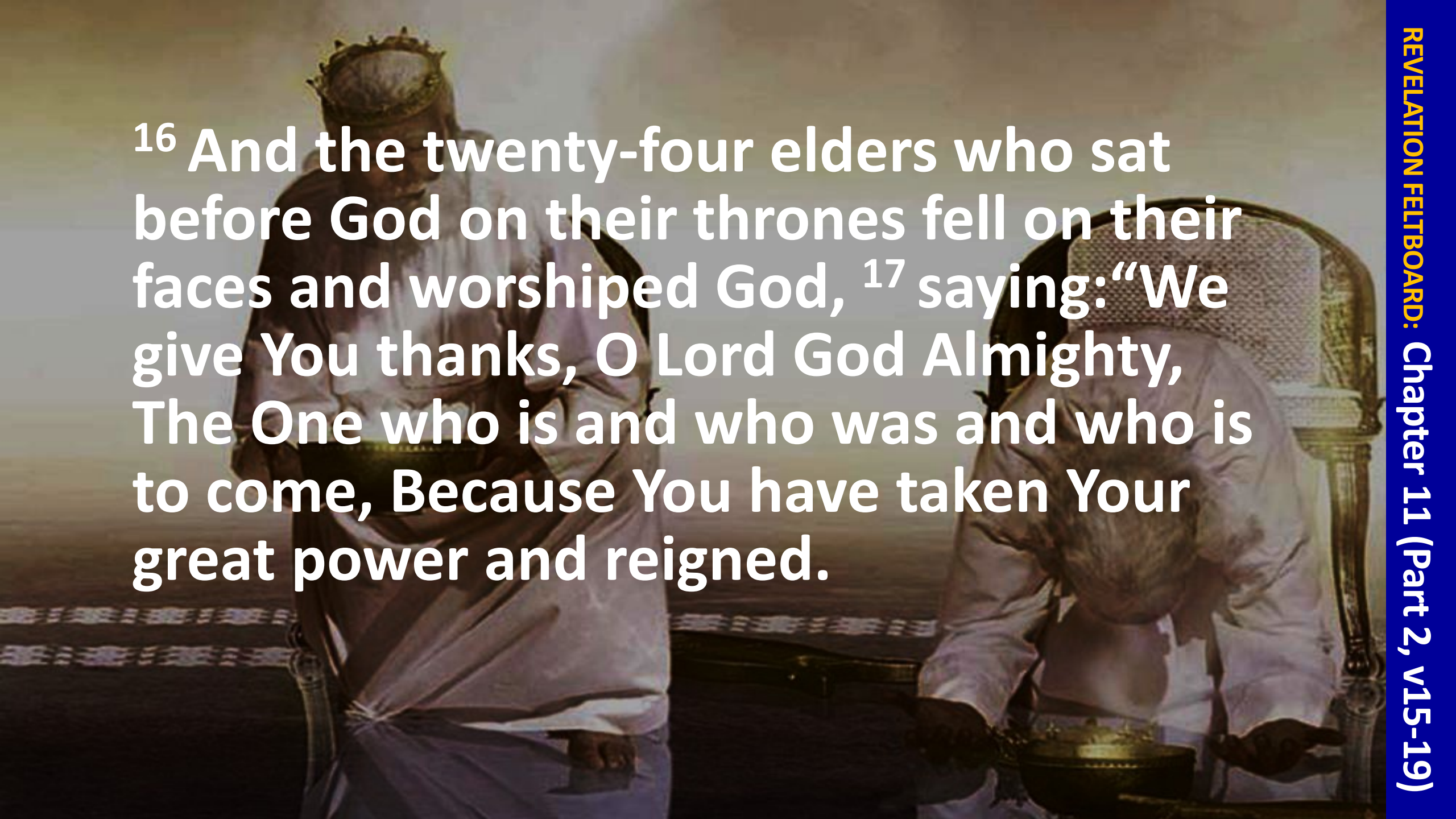
Feet of Iron and Clay  
**PAPAL ROME &  
MODERN NATIONS OF EUROPE**  
476 AD - Second Advent

**Daniel's Interpretation:** *And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this....* (Daniel 2:44-45)

- Soon see Neb's dream completely fulfilled as God removes kingdoms of earth from man's control and takes His throne here.

- Much speculation about “**Rapture**” and **7<sup>th</sup> trumpet**.
- **Seventh angel, 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet**. Not referenced as “trumpet of God.”
- However, some believe this is point of removal of believers because of this verse: *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.* (1 Thessalonians 4:16, classic passage regarding the “Great Snatch”)

- Also, because it is “final trumpet” some conclude Church will be removed at this time, based on 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 *“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”* [the “last trumpet” is this the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet??].
- More debate *here* in Revelation timeline than elsewhere. Considered “mid-trib” position.



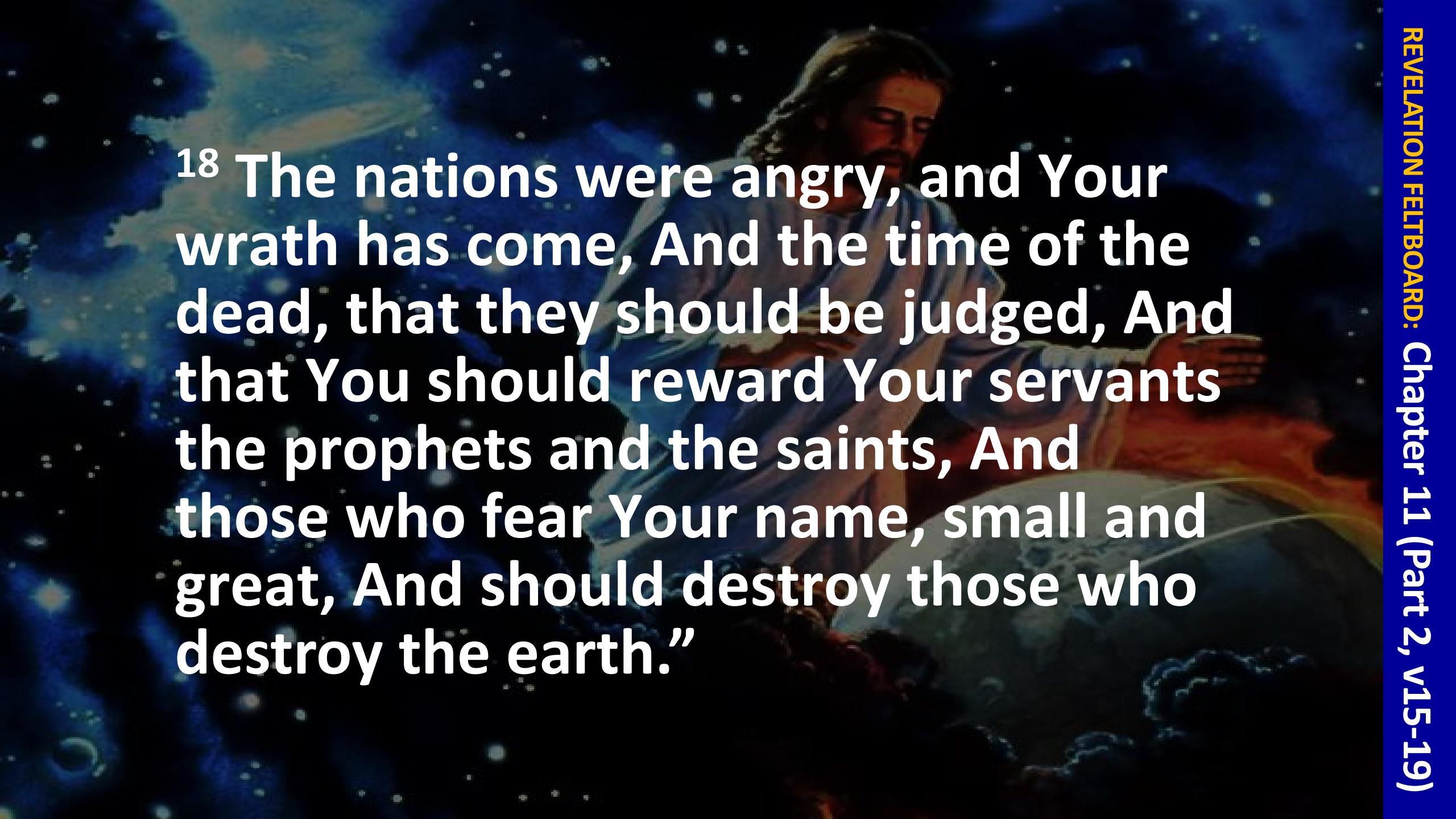
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- Constant praise of Eternal God continues in heaven....
- **24 elders same as chapters 4/5**, combined redeemed (Jew/Gentile) in heaven, **rejoicing over completion of God's plan.**
- ***"The One who is and who was and who is to come"*** reference to eternal God. Used 3X in Revelation:  
*John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne... (1:4)*  
*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (1:8)*



And here...saying: *“We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.* (11:17)

- Notice **phrase used interchangeably** between Father (God Almighty) and Son, Messiah. Another obvious reference to deity of Messiah.
- *“**You have taken Your great power and reigned.**”* As if already happened... it has, as God inhabits eternity! *(How sure His promises are!)*



**18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”**

- Passage = overview of things still remaining to fulfill God's plan.
- ***“The nations were angry...”*** Stubborn, willful rebellion continues. Reminds of Psalm 2, speaks of rebellion against God in general, but also climactic battle of Armageddon (ch. 16): *“Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, “Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.” (2:1-3)*

- “*Your wrath has come...*” could be reference to:
  - Entire tribulation
  - Coming last Bowl judgments
  - Coming Armageddon, final battle
  - Final judgment

**OR ALL OF  
THE ABOVE!**

- *“But the Lord is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation. (Jeremiah 10:10)*

*That day is a day of wrath, A day of trouble and distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, (Zephaniah 1:5, speaking of the “Day of the Lord”)*

- Note: some say this is “**wrath**” believers are spared from, as referenced in:

*...even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. (1 Thessalonians 1:10)*

*For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, (1 Thess 5:9)*

- And further, that this implies **removal of believers** at this point, or before this time. Would be mid-point of Tribulation.
- Also evidence to support removal prior to this time (“pre-trib” position). *Active and sometimes nasty debate about timing of our departure!*

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violent  
passion (ire,  
or  
[justifiable]  
abhorrence)  
punishment:  
indignation,  
vengeance,  
wrath.

**Used 36X in  
NT.**

- **“Mid-Trib” reasoning for removal of Church** includes:
  - Trumpet blast (*trumpet of God?*)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet (*last trumpet in this series*)
  - Believers spared from “wrath” and this trumpet announcing “wrath” of God
- All valid reasons for Mid-Trib position. Other valid reasons for **Pre-Trib position as well**, but does not support post-Trib position.
- **So what do we do? Watch, wait and be ready!**

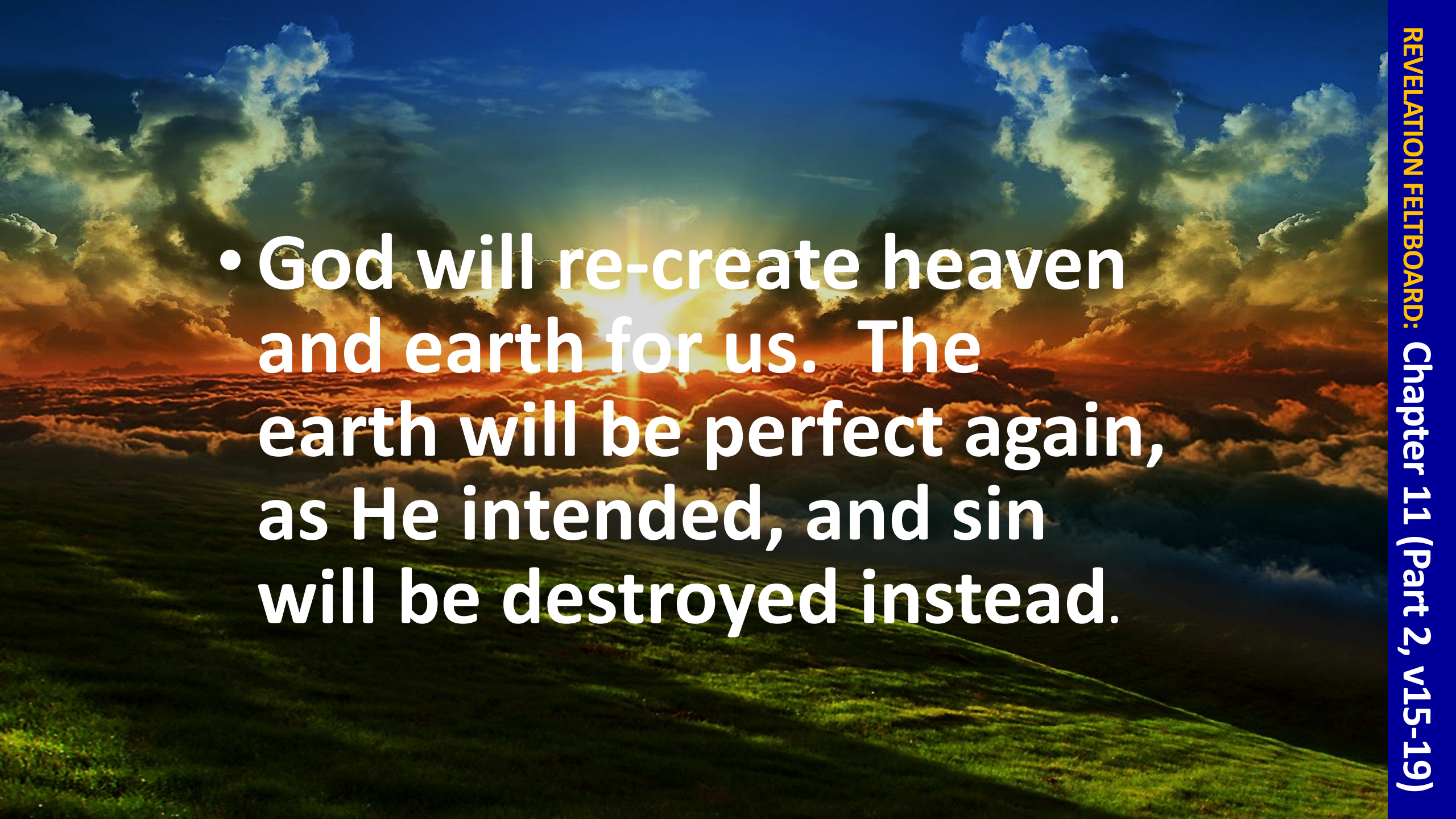
- Know WHAT He will do, just don't know exactly when.
- Recall **beautiful words in Isaiah 26:19-21:**

*“Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew is like the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead. Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past. For behold, the LORD comes out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; The earth will also disclose her blood, And will no more cover her slain.”*

- ***“And the time of the dead, that they should be judged...”*** Most likely Great White Throne Judgment of lost (ch 20), well after current judgments (*After Millennium*).
- Same for ***“you should reward your servants...”*** and ***“destroy those who destroy the earth.”*** Events come much later, spoken of as already done.
- ***“destroy those who destroy the earth.”*** Not about environment, but Enemy, fallen angels, sinful man who destroyed paradise God created: fellowship of God and man.

*The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.” (v. 18)*



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- A dramatic landscape featuring a bright sunburst breaking through a thick layer of clouds, casting a golden glow over a green hillside. The sky is a mix of deep blue and vibrant orange, with the sunburst creating a lens flare effect. The foreground shows a lush green hillside sloping upwards towards the right.
- God will re-create heaven and earth for us. The earth will be perfect again, as He intended, and sin will be destroyed instead.

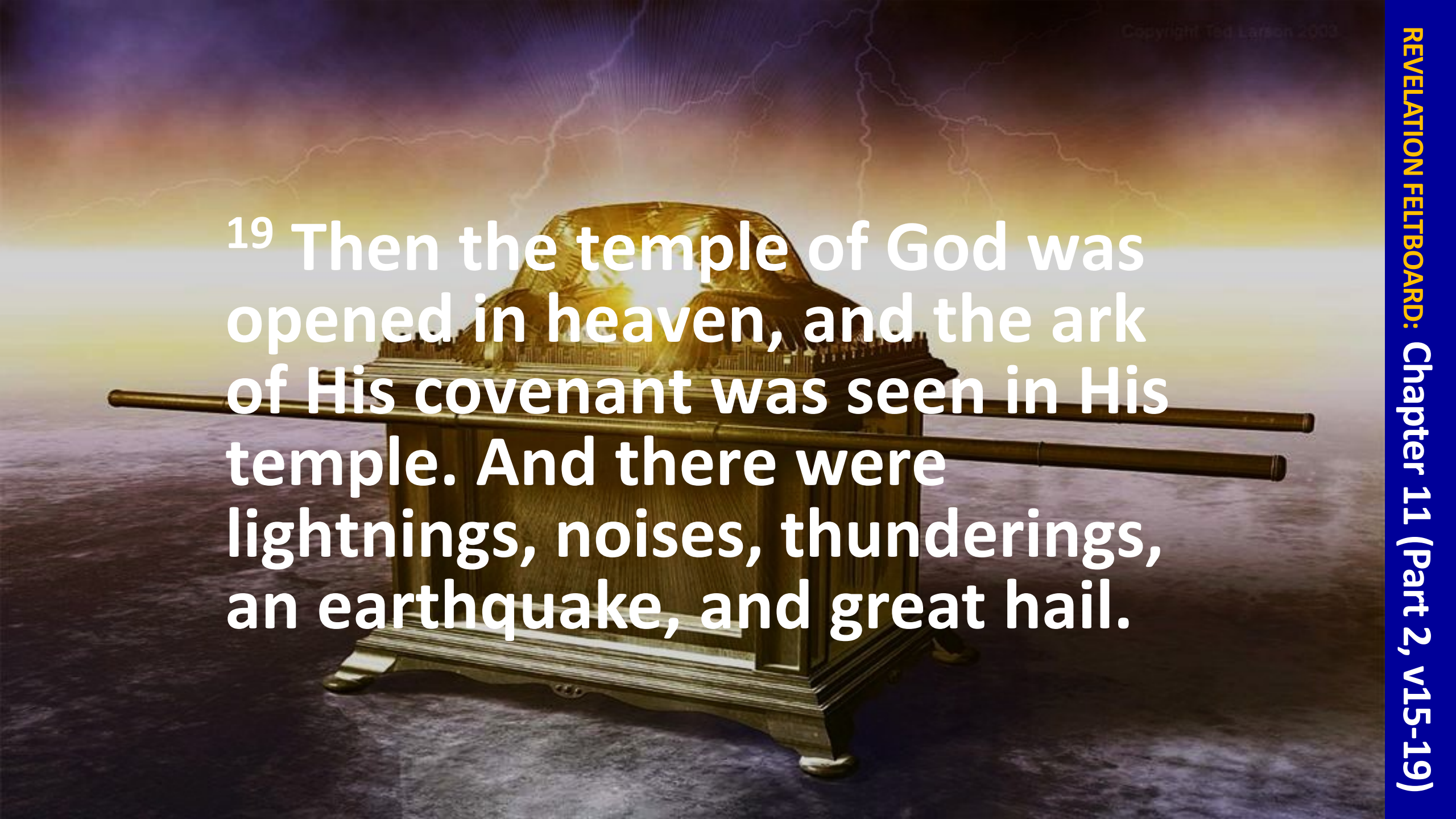


It is finished.

- Ch 11 An overview... unraveling of mystery of God. Plan complete when all accomplished.
- Remember 10:7 “*..but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, ...*”
- Chapter 11 reiterates this, provides overview (*highlights*) of that accomplishment.

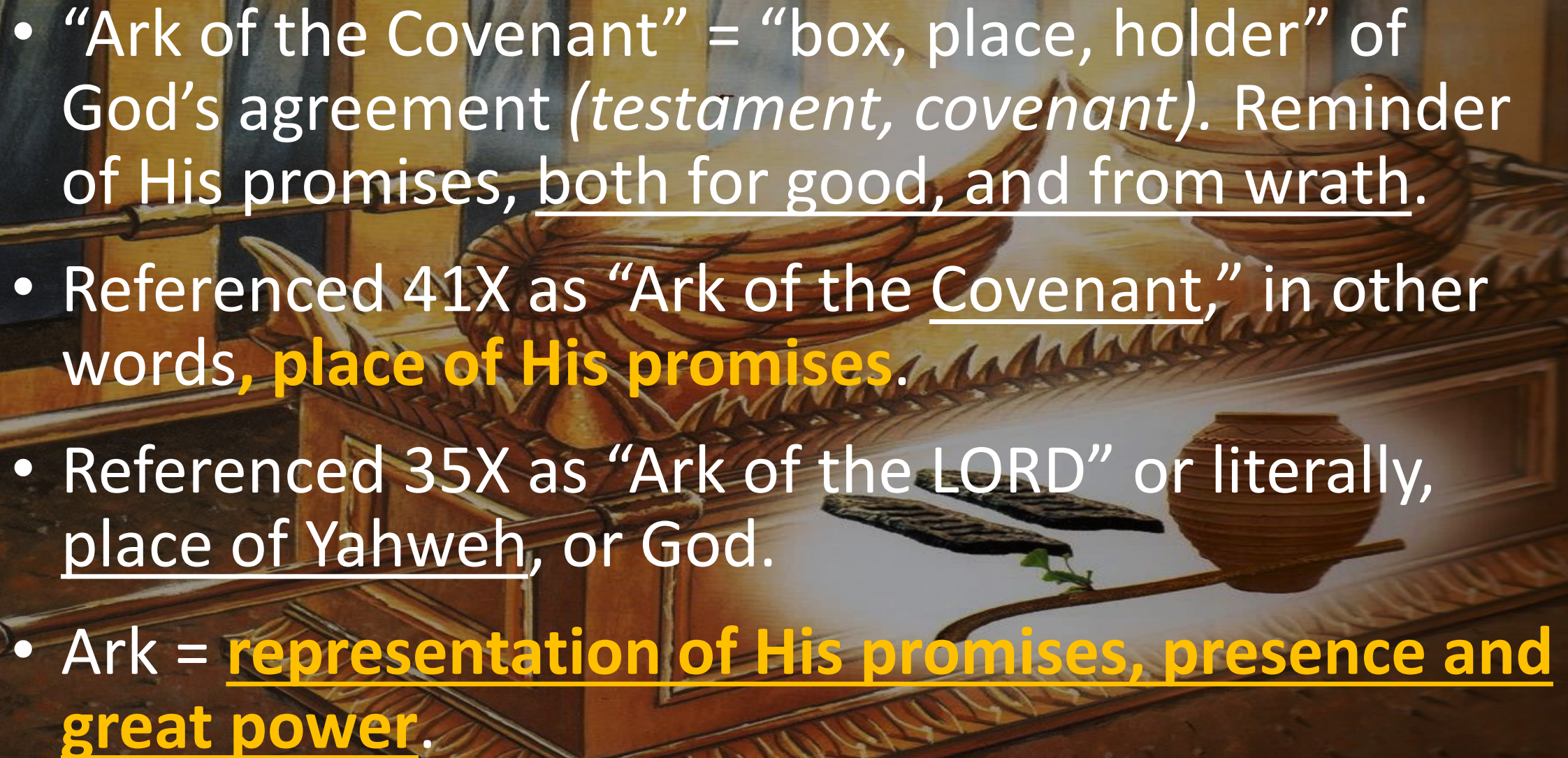
Events alluded to (overviewed) here include:

- ✓ **Kingdoms of world now belong to Messiah** (*Will take His throne on earth soon*) **God takes back His throne (power) on earth.** No longer in enemy hands, or man's hand. **“Day of the Lord,”** no longer **“Day of Man.”**
- ✓ **He will reign forever** (*“taken your power and reigned”*)
- ✓ **Angry nations, battle of Armageddon** (*Ps 2, ch 16*)
- ✓ **Judgment of dead** (*Great White Throne, ch 20*)
- ✓ **Reward for servants, prophets, saints** (*ch 20, 21, 22*)
- ✓ **He will destroy those who destroy the earth** (*GWTJ, chapter 20*)



**19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.**

- **Temple in heaven, contrast to temple on earth mentioned** in v 1-2. Earthly temple woefully inadequate to approach God, desecrated by the beast.
- **Heavenly temple reflects true worship, heavenly glory and God's righteousness.** (*earth temple = rejection of Messiah*)
- Chapter 11 **opens with non-commissioned** (*God did not ordain it*) **temple on earth.** **Closes with real temple in heaven,** pattern for God's plan to dwell with His people.
- **Ark symbol of God's presence and power,** contained tablets of Law – Mosaic Covenant (Marriage Covenant). Where God met/"people."

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- “Ark of the Covenant” = “box, place, holder” of God’s agreement (*testament, covenant*). Reminder of His promises, both for good, and from wrath.
  - Referenced 41X as “Ark of the Covenant,” in other words, **place of His promises.**
  - Referenced 35X as “Ark of the LORD” or literally, place of Yahweh, or God.
  - Ark = **representation of His promises, presence and great power.**

- May be **reference to nation of Israel**, that many Jews will be saved by His grace, free gift of His Son, not by tablets of Law (*contained in Ark of Covenant*).
- Here is “command central” for the entire universe.
- ***“lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail...”*** from heaven, results seen and felt on earth. Indicators of God’s great power, and His continuing wrath (*another earthquake, and now hail*) on unbelieving humankind.

- Again, entire section (v15-19) seen as **overview of end**. All to be set right eventually, fullness of God's plan will be known and complete.
- The blowing of the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet unleashes the last set of judgments, **VIAL or BOWL judgments**.
- Third/final "woe" to come on the world.
- With these judgments, wrath of God upon "inhabitants of the earth" will be complete.



- Although **7<sup>th</sup> trumpet blown here**, Bowl judgments do not begin until **chapter 16**.
- Coming in Bowl Judgments:
  1. **Loathsome sores** (*those/mark of beast*)
  2. **Sea turns to blood** (*all* *creatures die*)
  3. **Rivers/springs to blood** (*“just due”*)
  4. **Sun scorches/great heat** (*did not repent*)
  5. **Darkness on “throne of beast”** (*did not repent*)
  6. **Euphrates dried up** (make way for kings of east) – 3 unclean spirits, stir up kings of earth, gather for Armageddon (*Har Meggido*)

- After 6<sup>th</sup> Bowl Judgment, comes “**Armageddon**” - final world battle.
- **7<sup>th</sup> Bowl Judgment**, last of all the judgments: Poured out on air, noises, thunderings and lightnings, great earthquake, cities fall, Babylon destroyed, islands flee away, mountains gone (earth leveled), **huge hail** (*about 75-100# per stone!*)



**READ JOB 38:22-23!!**



- **WHAT'S STILL TO COME? Before Bowl Judgments** (also called “7 plagues”), we will:
- Be introduced to a pregnant woman who gives birth to a son, and dragon who tries to kill him (12)
- Watch the woman flee to the desert (12)
- Witness a heavenly battle (12)

- Glimpse “unholy” trinity  
–dragon, beast from the sea, and beast from the land (13)
- Hear of the mark of the beast (13)
- Know what happens to those who take mark (14)





- See Lamb and 144,000 again (14)
- Hear 3 angels make 3 more proclamations (14)
- Hear of two harvests (14)
- See a general overview of rest of the plan again (14)
- Get a peek at the winepress of wrath (14)



- See and hear some Tribulation saints in heaven (15)

- Hear of God's righteousness in judgment (15)

- Watch tabernacle in heaven open and 7 angels with 7 bowls directed to pour out "plagues"... (15)

**So much still to come...**



***Yevarekh-kha Adonai veyishmerekha***

May the LORD bless you and keep you

***Ya'er Adonai panav elekha  
vihunneka***

May the LORD make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you

***Yissa Adonai panav elekha viyasem  
lekha shalom.***

May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you  
and give you peace.