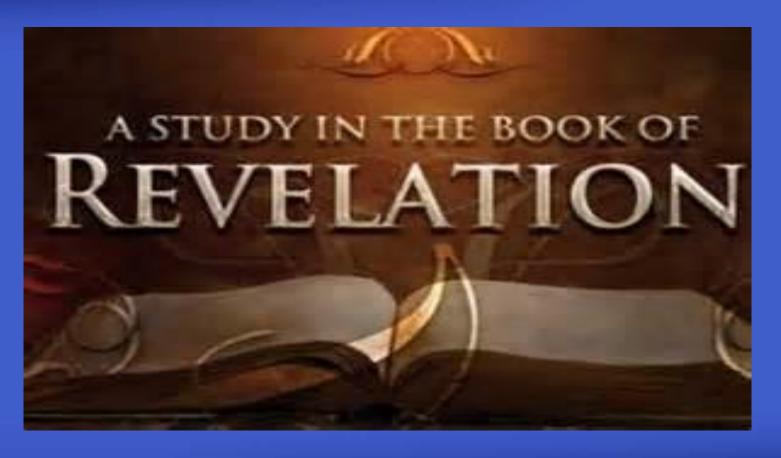
## A Study of the End Times!

A Look at the Beginning of the End of the World!



#### **MATTHEW 24:32-33!**

"Now learn the parable from the fig tree:

when its branch has already become tender

and puts forth its leaves, you know that

you too,
summer is near; even so you too, when you
see all these things, recognize that He is

near, right at the door."



### Our Journey Continues!

The Text:

Revelation 11:1-19!

The Title:

Two Witnesses Sent From God!

The Theme:

Revealing The Things
Which Must Shortly Come To Pass!

#### The Warning of Jeremiah!

#### **Jeremiah 25: 1-6**

The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

"From the thirteenth year of Josiah, even to this day, these twenty-three years the word of the Lord has come to you again and again, but you have not listened. And the Lord has sent to you all His servants the prophets again and again, but you have not listened nor inclined your ear to hear, saying, 'Turn now everyone from his evil way and from the evil of your deeds and dwell on the land which the Lord has given to you and your forefathers forever and ever; and do not go after other gods to serve them and to worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands, and I will do you no harm."

#### The Warning of Jeremiah!

#### **Jeremiah 44: 4-6**

The word that came to Jeremiah for all the Jews living in the land of Egypt ... Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel ...

"Yet I sent you all My servants the prophets, again and again, saying, 'Oh do not do this abominable thing which I hate. But they did not listen or incline their ears to turn from their wickedness, so as not to burn sacrifices to other gods. Therefore My wrath and My anger were poured out and burned in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, so they have become a ruin and a desolation as it is this day."

Yet in spite of Israel's continual rejection the future is not entirely bleak, for God has always preserved a believing remnant to be saved!

#### **Romans 9:27**

Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved.

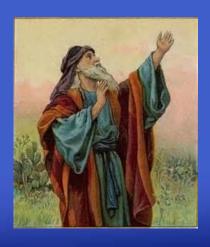
#### **Romans 11:26**

And thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written,

"The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob. And thus is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins."

# This morning, in Revelation 11, we will focus our attention on the fulfillment of God's promise to King Solomon in Il Chronicles 7:14!

And if My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sins, and will heal their land.



I. (11:1-2) The TEMPLE WORSHIP!II. (11:3-14) The TWO WITNESSES!III. (11:15-19) The THIRD WOE!



- I. (11:1-2) The TEMPLE WORSHIP!
  - A. (v.1a) The receiving of a measuring **rod**.
  - B. (v.1b) The command to **rise** and measure.
  - C. (v.2) The command to **resist** measuring.



- I. (11:1-2) The **TEMPLE WORSHIP!**
- II. (11:3-14) The TWO WITNESSES!
  - A. (v.3a) They are **persons**.
  - B. (v.3b) They are **prophets**.
  - C. (vs.4-6) They are powerful.
  - D. (vs.7-10) They are **persecuted**.
  - E. (vs.11-14) They are **preserved**.



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- A. (vs.15-16) The **anticipation** of the Kingdom.
  - B. (v.17) The acclaim of the King.
  - C. (v.18) The **anger** of the Creation.
  - D. (v.19) The ark of His Testament.

#### The Three Interludes in Revelation 10-14!

**Revelation 7:** 



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Revelation 10



#### Three Lessons from Today's Sermon!

# The purpose of the tribulation period is twofold!

The time of the tribulation is the time when God fulfills His promise to Israel to avenge the evil that has been brought upon them by the Gentiles throughout the ages. It is during this time that the Gentiles will receive God's wrath for hating His chosen people Israel.

The time of the tribulation is also referred to as the time of Jacob's trouble. (Jer. 30:7) It is during this time of tribulation that God will use the world's hate for Israel to cause them to repent and return to Him as Savior and Lord.

#### Three Lessons from Today's Sermon!

# As a result of the tribulation many Jews and Gentiles turn to Christ. Tribulation has always been God's formula for separation!

The news reporter John Burger, on September 4, 2015, visited an Evangelical church in Berlin, Germany's capital, to find a congregation that included "hundreds of mostly Iranian and Afghanistan asylum seekers." Most say their intentions (for visiting church) are sincere, while others are raising doubts. There's no overlooking the fact that the decisions (to attend) will also greatly boost their chances of winning asylum. But one pastor reported that many are so taken by the Christian message that it changes their lives. He went on to estimate that only about 10 percent of the converts do not return to church after conversion. He continued by pointing out that he had at least another 80 people – mostly from Iran and a few from Afghanistan – waiting to be baptized.

#### Three Lessons from Today's Sermon!

The conclusion of the tribulation period is glimpsed in chapter 11 by the praise and worship taking place in heaven and the chaos and confusion taking place on earth.

This chapter ends with contrast. While the Ark of the Covenant is revealed in heaven to those who have placed their faith in Christ, the flashes of lightning and peals of thunder continue to shake the very foundations of the earth bringing judgment upon all who reject God's grace and mercy. This judgment continues to reveal their unwillingness to repent from their sinful ways and seek the Savior.

## Next Week We Continue Our Journey Through The Third Interlude!

#### **Chapter 11:**



**Chapters 12-13:** 



**Chapter 14:** 

