



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,



² 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 fortytwo months.



³ And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." ⁴ These are the two olive trees & the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.



⁵ 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.



⁶They 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.

III. The Antichrist Will Rise and Kill the Two Witnesses vv. 7–10.

⁷ 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, ⁸ 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.

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⁹ For three & a half days some from the peoples & tribes & languages & nations will gaze at their dead bodies & refuse to let them be placed in a tomb, ¹⁰ and those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them & make merry & exchange presents, because these two prophets had been a torment to those who dwell on the earth.

1 John 4:1-3

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming & now is in the world already.

IV. God Will Raise His Witnesses in More Ways Than One vv. 11–14.

¹¹ But after the three & 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. ¹² Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" And they went up to heaven in a cloud, & their enemies watched them.

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¹³ 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 & gave glory to the God of heaven.

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¹⁴The second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is soon to come.