

Revelation 11:1-14

“The Temple & the Two Witnesses”

Intro: The perspicuity of Scripture

- One of the attributes of Scripture: The clarity of Scripture on those doctrines that must be believed for salvation.
- A key reminder: The difficult portions of Scripture must always be interpreted in light of what is clearly taught elsewhere.
- The witnessing church: Follows in the footsteps of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We must rejoice in God’s decree to _____ His church,
 _____ the witness of His church, and _____ His church
 in heaven.

- The measuring of the temple in Revelation 11: Borrows heavily from Ezekiel 40-48.
- The significance of measuring in light of the OT background: Measuring is meant to symbolize God’s decree to protect His people.
- The temple in Revelation 11: Symbolic of the universal and invisible church.

- Those who have a mere profession of faith: Symbolized as being in the outer court and having no free access to God.
- 42 months, 1,260 days, and 3 1/2 years: All symbolic of periods of great testing and trial.
- One of the requirements of the Law: Every matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.
- The sackcloth worn by the two witnesses: Shows us that church should mourn over this fallen, sinful world as she bears witness to it.
- The imagery of verse 4: Comes from the 4th chapter of Zechariah’s prophecy.
- The imagery of verse 6: Comes from the ministries of Elijah & Moses.
- What is said of the two witnesses in Chapter 11: Is said of all of the saints in chapter 13.
- The wicked world that crucified Jesus: Looks to crucify His church.

Personal Application:

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