

Revelation

42 Months

5-13-18



Revelation 11:1-2 (ESV)

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**We cannot look at the Book of Revelation as a continuation of life as we know it with some variations. The Book of Revelation reveals an upheaval of all we know with catastrophic changes. The church is the fulfillment of the OT and God's promises, but now with the church in heaven the Book of Revelation falls back into OT imagery; Not only OT imagery, but also re-establishing OT foundations. With OT foundations, the Messiah is presented not only as the ONE who redeemed man, but also as the ONE now eradicating evil and restoring the earth. Therefore, as in the OT, the nation of Israel has come back into play complete with Satan's relentless attack.*

C.11 is considered the most difficult chapter in Revelation to interpret. Many interpret this chapter only as representative of spiritual truths. This is possible, but leads to almost infinite interpretations. On the other hand, some see these events as already taken place. But since C.11 is part of the 6th Trumpet where judgments have been thrown down from heaven and millions of devastating killer demons have been released on the earth, this view doesn't seem plausible.

However, if you interpret the information literally, it is far less difficult to understand. For me the key to press the literal view was the revealing of the 42 months. The 42 months serves to unlock the code of C.11. In my estimation, the 42 months is the Rosetta Stone for giving insight to much of the Book of Revelation. In verse 2, we see that the Holy City will be trampled 42 months. Later on in Rev.13:5, we see that the Anti-Christ, the Beast, will exercise his authority 42 months.

Revelation 13:5 (ESV) O/H

And the beast (Anti-Christ) was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for **forty-two months.**

The 42 months is a period of 3 1/2 years that ties directly to the End Times prophecies of Daniel and the rule of the Anti-Christ. This is specifically stated in Dan.7:25, 9:27, 12:7.

This 31/2 years is expressed in Daniel as “time, times, and half a time”.

Now look at the mirror verse of Rev.13:5 in Daniel:

Daniel 7:25 (NIV) O/H

He will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people and try to change the set times and the laws. **The holy people will be delivered into his (Anti-Christ) hands for a time, times and half a time.**

42 months and time, times, and half a time means the same thing: 31/2 years.

The reign of the Anti-Christ during the End Times is again expressed as 31/2 years in Daniel:

Daniel 12:7 (NIV) O/H

I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, “It will be for a **time, times and half a time**. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed.”

All these verses identify the brutal rule of the Anti-Christ during the last 31/2 years of the world as we know it. However, End Time prophecy speaks of 7 years of Tribulation, not just 31/2 years. Again Daniel gives us revelation.

Daniel 9:27 (NIV) O/H

He (Anti-Christ) will confirm a covenant with many for **one ‘seven.’** In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering.

We see the Anti-Christ, the Beast making a covenant for 7 years and breaking the covenant after 31/2 years. **With this revelation of the 42 months and the rule of the Anti-Christ, we will examine Chapter 11.**

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We have the physical temple and the represented people. Literally interpreted, in this catastrophic time of the 6th Trumpet, it seems that the Anti-Christ allows the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem as part of this 7 year covenant. But after 31/2 years the Anti-Christ will break that covenant and brutally trample down the Holy City, Jerusalem, for the remaining 31/2 years.

However, before this city is trampled for the last 31/2 years, God sends "two witness" during the first 31/2 years or 1,260 days.

Revelation 11:3 (ESV) O/H

(Wallace: But before the Beast rules) I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.

Clothed in Sackcloth is very significant. Such clothing ties them to the dress of OT prophets like Elijah. Referring to the OT identifies them.

Revelation 11:4 (ESV)

These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

The OT identifies these “two witnesses” as servants of the Lord who fulfill HIS purposes.

Zech.4:11&14

¹¹Then I asked the angel, “What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?”

¹⁴So he said, “These are the two who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth.”

Now we see these two witnesses carry out the work of OT prophets in the time of the Great Tribulation!

Revelation 11:5-6 (ESV)

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. ⁶ 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.**

Many believe this is Moses and Elijah. They were two OT prophets involved with stopping rain, turning water to blood, and bringing plagues. Plus they were also the ones who talked with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. Some have said the two are Enoch, Gen.5:24, and Elijah, 2Kings 2:11, because they never died, but were taken to heaven alive. Whoever they are, at the end of the 1,260 day ministry or the first 3 1/2 years, **the Beast commonly known as the Anti-Christ kills them both.**

Revelation 11:7 (ESV) O/H

And when they have finished their testimony, the beast (Anti-Christ) that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them,

The details of the “two witnesses” death and the location are very informative.

Revelation 11:8 (ESV)

and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that is called *spiritually* Sodom and Egypt, **where their Lord was crucified.**

They were killed the same place where the Lord Jesus was crucified: Jerusalem!

The worldwide hatred of these two witnesses is revealed plus something else takes place that would only be possible in the 21st century!

Rev.11:9-10 (NASB)

⁹Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations *will* look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.

¹⁰And those who dwell on the earth *will* rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

Worldwide news coverage and everyone has their cell phones out taking selfies!

This is a different time/circumstance/order/move of God. *What is happening in the Book of Revelation is not in our normal historical way of life.* God is uniquely and visibly moving for the world to see.

Revelation 11:11-13 (ESV) O/H verse 11

¹¹ 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.** ¹² 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. 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 and **gave glory to the God of heaven.**

This is the only place in the Book of revelation where the people give glory to God after a judgment.

Listen to the verse closing this vision! Context!

Revelation 11:14 (ESV)

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

All the above was part of the 6th Trumpet and the 2nd Woe!

Now the 7th Trumpet; the 3rd Woe; The eradication of evil and the restoring of the earth is nearing completion.

The 7th Trumpet sets into motion the final events leading up to the return of Christ. But before the judgments, there is great rejoicing in heaven. (Note: There is not any mourning in heaven because of all the judgments coming to the earth.)

The Seventh Trumpet (3rd Woe)

Revelation 11:15-19 (ESV) O/H verse 15

¹⁵ Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.” ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying,

“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
who is and who was,

for you have taken your great power
and begun to reign.

18 The nations raged,
but your wrath came,
and the time for the dead to be judged,
and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and
saints,
and those who fear your name,
both small and great,
and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.”

19 **Then God’s temple in heaven was opened**, and
the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple.
There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of
thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

**In verse 1, we were looking at the imperfect temple
on earth. Now in the last verse we see the
fulfillment of the Glorious Temple in Heaven!!**

**This earth is not our home and it will all be burned
up. We have a message of eternal hope and glory!**

Revelation 22:17 (ESV) **O/H**

The Spirit and the Bride **say, “Come.”** And let the one
who hears **say, “Come.”**

Prophetic Team

***Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current
situation or impact the future***