God's Judgment: Two Witnesses Revelation 11:1-13 (part one)

I. PREPARATION: "measure the temple" (vv.1-2)

A. Tool: "a measuring rod" (v.1a)

[A long, rigid, reed, like a staff/stick, used for measuring]

- **B. Tasks:** "someone said..." (vv.1b-2)
 - 1. Get Up! "rise" (get up and get to work)
 - 2. Mark Off! "measure" (claim in order to preserve)
 - 3. Skip Over! "leave out" (omit and refuse to preserve)

II. PROPHECY: "two witnesses...will prophesy" (vv.3-6)

- **A. Ministry:** "they will prophesy" (v.3)
 - 1. Duration: "for twelve hundred and sixty days"
 - 2. Dress: "clothed in sackcloth"
- **B. Identity:** "the two olive trees...lampstands" (v.4)
 - 1. Position: "that stand"
 - 2. Privilege: "before the Lord of the earth"
- **C. Security:** "fire...devours their enemies" (v.5)
 - 1. Resistance: "if anyone desires to harm them"
 - 2. Requirement: "he must be killed"
- **D. Authority:** "they have power" (v.6)
 - 1. Drought: "to shut the sky"
 - 2. Disruption: "over the waters"
 - 3. Disaster: "to smite the earth"
- III. <u>PERSECUTION</u>: "finished their testimony" (vv.7-13)
 - A. Execution: "the beast...out of the abyss" (vv.7-10)
 - B. Exoneration: "the breathe of life from God" (vv.11-13)

Next week: Read Revelation 11:1-13 (part two)