

Revelation Study
Vision 2
Trumpet 6, Woe 2, Part 2
Revelation 11:1-13

- I. The Two Kingdoms At Odds With One Another (1-2)
 - A. Measuring the temple and the altar (cf. Ezekiel 40-48)
 - B. Treading under foot for 42 months (cf. Daniel 7:25; 9:27; 12:7, 11-12; Elijah's ministry, Israel's wilderness wandering was 42 encampments (Numbers 33:5-49)
 - C. The picture here is the whole people of God, spiritually preserved by God's grace, yet susceptible to pain and suffering from the unbelieving world
- II. The Two Witnesses (3-6)
 - A. These two witnesses prophesy the same amount of time as the "treading" in verse 2 (about the same length of time as Jesus' ministry)
 - B. The kingdom of the world stands against the gospel, while the church promotes the gospel in perseverance
 - C. Who are these witnesses?
 - 1. Not a reincarnation of Moses and Elijah
 - 2. Not two unique, new witnesses
 - 3. These two metaphorically represent the whole body of believers
 - a. Olive trees (cf. Zachariah 4:2-14)
 - b. Lampstands (cf. Zachariah 4:2-14)
 - D. Judgement through the gospel
- III. When The Testimony is Ended (7-12)
 - A. There is a point at the end, when the testimony of God's people has come to an end, and the enemy of the truth seems to be victorious
 - 1. Beast from the abyss
 - 2. Overcome and kill (cf. Revelation 20:7)
 - B. The world will observe and marvel at the overthrow of the church, celebrating it for a short period
 - C. Three and a half days – an intentional counter to the long-standing three and a half years that the conflict of truth existed (indirect reference to time of Christ's death)
 - D. A picture of resurrection – The church continues its testimony, even when it seems to have been defeated and destroyed
 - E. Notice the change – a fear of God comes on the world at this point (contrast the end of the fifth trumpet)
- IV. The End of the Second Woe
 - A. A third woe is coming
 - B. It is coming "quickly"
 - C. Remember, this series of events is from the viewpoint of the unrepentant, unbelieving inhabitants of earth