Revelation 11

King James Version (KJV)

(This chapter is inserted – as the thunder follows the lightning in the previous chapter – the 7Th trump follows the death of the two witnesses by 3 1/2 days)

11 And there was given me a reed, <u>like unto a rod</u>: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. (Usually, a measuring reed is not a rod. This is a rod, used for correction. This rod will measure the number of people who still worship God; and it will correct those that have fallen away to antichrist in the great apostasy)

² But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot <u>forty and two months</u>. (The rod is for measuring people) (Satan's prophesies are given in months or moons)

NOTE: (Today, the temple mount is covered by a mosque – a temple of the heathen Muslims with the crescent moon as its standard. When antichrist enters, he will set up his church on this mount for 42 months – shortened to 5 months by Jesus) Matthew- 24:22-24

³ And I will give power unto <u>my two witnesses</u>, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, <u>clothed in sackcloth</u>. Zechariah-4:11-14 (Prophesies of God's people are given in days, not moons. The two witnesses are believed to be Moses and Elijah, but it's not written anywhere. It is only an educated guess at this time)

(clothed in sackcloth = they are in mourning for all of the people who have been deceived into worshipping antichrist. They will preach against antichrist, and use God's power to put woes upon the people of the earth. They will be an inspiration to the Elect, who will also stand against antichrist)

⁴These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. (The two olive trees are God's two witnesses – Elijah and Moses? Some say Moses, some say Enoch. The three were taken while still living – probably to return to testify before the antichrist in the last days)

See Matthew-11 (They appeared with Jesus on the mount of transfiguration)

(The olive oil is symbolic for God's Word. The candlesticks use the oil to light the world with truth. They testify against Satan before the whole world)

⁵ And if any man will hurt them, <u>fire proceedeth out of their mouth</u>, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. (God defends His own. Satan has no power to fight against God)

2Kings-1:10-16 (This fire is the power of God that Elijah used)

Zechariah-4:11-14 (The two olive trees were foretold of. They will show up just before antichrist arrives on earth)

⁶These have <u>power to shut heaven</u>, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over <u>waters</u> to turn them to <u>blood</u>, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. (This is the power of God that Moses used in Egypt)

(On a spiritual level – the rain and waters are doctrine for teaching. Rain is the nourishment for life; blood is the atoning blood of Jesus)

(The two witnesses will expose antichrist's false doctrine and deceptions. They will convince many previously deceived people to turn back to Jesus. But, they will chastise those people who refuse the testimony for God's Word)

⁷And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. (They had not die when they were here in the flesh, so they will die now, when their task is completed)

(This event begins the 3.5 day countdown to the 7th Trump. This will be Satan's last mistake as antichrist. He will violate God's command to not harm His anointed)

*And their dead bodies shall lie <u>in the street</u> of <u>the great city</u>, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, <u>where also our Lord was crucified</u>. (In the street = in an arena - on public display - better translation)

(The great city - This is in Jerusalem; spiritually corrupted like Sodom

 ty sexual perversion>; and Egypt
 ty Islam>. Jerusalem has become as corrupt and perverted as Sodom and Egypt)

- And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. (They won't bury them to prove to people that antichrist is stronger than them; and that he has killed them. This will backfire on antichrist when they resurrect in front of the people)
- ¹⁰ And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. (This is a good clue as to how many people will be deceived by the antichrist. They will celebrate the murder of the two witnesses of God)
- ¹¹ And after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and <u>great fear</u> fell upon them which saw them. (great fear- this is a blood curdling, deadly, paralyzing fear)
- (People will wake up and realize what they took part in. They will realize that they have been fooled by antichrist. They will realize that the two witnesses were sent by God. These people are going to sober up real quick)
- ¹² And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. (The two witnesses will ascend up to Heaven; and everyone will witness it)
- ¹³ And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men <u>seven</u> thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. (seven thousand these are the fallen angels. They will die right on the spot. They sentenced themselves to death a long time ago, and now, God is through with them)
- ¹⁴ The second woe is past; and, behold, <u>the third woe</u> cometh quickly. (The third woe is against the people who have been worshipping antichrist. Now they will have to face God with what they have done)
- ¹⁵ And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. (This is the 7th Trump. Jesus Christ returns to begin the Millennium)

NOTE: (In an instant, all flesh dies. We are all back into our spiritual bodies)

- ¹⁶ And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, (They are grateful that evil is defeated)
- ¹⁷ Saying, We give thee thanks, O LORD God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. (God's kingdom is established for ever)
- ¹⁸ And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. (fear = revere They are the same word in Hebrew. Fear God if you are against Him. Revere God if you love and serve Him)

(The nations are angry because God will end their money and power world system. That is where they put their trust. Christians put their trust in God, not in gold)

¹⁹ And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the <u>ark of his testament</u>: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail. (ark of his testament- the Ark of the Covenant. It is in Heaven and will be there at judgment)

(The Second Age is over. The Millennium begins. After Judgment Day, the Third Age will begin. It is also called the eternity)