

# SERMON OUTLINE

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Text : Revelation 11: 1 - 19

Title : The Temple And Two Witnesses: Images Of The Church

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## Introduction

Revelation 11: a temple, fire-breathing witnesses (later resurrected), an earthquake: really?

A text rich in OT allusions

A text whose theme is the church's calling to preach the gospel

### 1. The Temple, its Outer Court and the Holy City (vv. 1-2)

- Measuring the temple (cf. Ezek. 40–42)
- Trampled for 42 months (cf. Daniel 7:25 etc.)
- This is a picture of the church (cf. the churches in Revelation 2–3)

### 2. The Two Witnesses (vv. 3-10)

- The powerful witness (vv. 3-6): 1260 days; lampstands; drought; plagues
- Their death, and the rejoicing that follows (vv. 7-10)
- A further picture of the church

### 3. Resurrection followed by Earthquake (vv. 11-13)

- The resurrection of the witnesses (vv. 11-12)
- The earthquake (v. 13)
- *Only* 1/10 perish; *only* 7000 deaths (cf. 1 Kings 19)
- The rest fear God and give him glory

4. The Seventh Trumpet: Celebration, Praise (vv. 14-19)

- The coming of God's kingdom (v. 15)
- The raging of the nations ended (vv. 17-18)
- Destruction for those who destroyed the earth (v. 18)
- The revelation of God's covenant faithfulness (v. 19)

Conclusion:

- The point of the seals and the trumpets
- Not simply judgment, but the preaching of the gospel
- And the result will be...?