

16. Revelation's Two Witnesses

The battle between the witness of God's Word and the powers of evil is vividly portrayed in the eleventh chapter of Revelation. While suffering horrific attack throughout the Dark Ages, the Bible emerged with remarkable power and wide-spread influence.

1. What command about measuring does John hear after the bitter disappointment of Revelation 10? "Rise and measure the _____ of _____, the altar and those who _____ there." Rev 11:1 (1181)
2. What is not to be measured? "The _____ which is without the temple _____ and measure it _____" Rev 11:2 (1181)
3. Why is this part of the temple to be left out of consideration? "For it is given unto _____." Rev 11:2 (1181) part a
4. What will take place then? "And the holy city shall they _____ _____ forty and two months." Rev 11:2 (1181) part b
5. What is the holy city? How does Jesus refer to His followers? "Ye are the light of the world. A _____ that is set on an hill..." Matt 5:14 (938)
6. Who else had experienced the oppressive power of persecution at the hands of the Gentiles? "The _____ of _____ will be betrayed...and they shall condemn Him to _____, And shall deliver Him to _____ to mock, and to scourge, and to _____." Matt 20:18-19 (955)
7. What did Jesus say to those who arrested Him in the Garden of Gethsemane? "This is _____ and the power of _____." Lk 22:53 (1021)
8. How did Jesus compare the power of Pilate to the power of God? "You could have _____ at all against Me, unless it had been _____ you from _____." Jn 19:11 (1048)
9. Who is given power at this particular time of oppression called the "forty and two months"? "And I will give power unto my _____, and they shall prophesy..." Rev 11:3a (1181)

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10. What other 'titles' are given to the two witnesses? "These are the _____ and the two _____ standing before the God of the earth"; "And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them...because these _____ tormented them that dwell on the earth." Rev 11:4, 10 (1181)

11. What witnesses of Christ? "You search the _____...and these are they which _____ of Me." Jn 5:39 (1030)

12. How does the Psalmist describe the Bible? "Thy word is a _____ unto my feet and a _____ unto my path." Ps 119:105 (589)

13. What power is behind the testimony of Jesus? "The testimony of Jesus is the _____ of _____." Rev 19:10 (1187)

14. How will that word prophecy for the 1,260 days? "Clothed in _____" Rev 11:3 (1181) Note: Sackcloth 'most frequently worn during times of sorrow or mourning'; Rispah 2 S. 21:10; Syrian captives 1 K 20:31; Hezekiah 2 K 19.1; Mordecai, Esther 4:1f; Ninevites at time of Jonah, 3.5f; Daniel in prayer 9:3.

15. The "thousand two hundred and threescore days" or "forty and two months" are equal to the same time of persecution allotted to the church. See Rev 12:6 & 12:14. This same period coincides with the war on the saints perpetrated by the beast from the sea or the Roman Church (Rev 13:7, 5). In symbolic Bible prophecy a day stands for a literal _____. "I have laid on you a _____ for each _____" (See Ezk 4:6 and Num 14:34).

16. "When they finish their testimony" toward the end of the prophetic time period, what happens to the two witnesses? "The beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit shall _____ against them, and shall _____ them and _____ them." Rev 11:7 (1181)

17. How long will this horrific treatment and their "death" last? "And after the _____ and a _____, the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet..." Rev 11:11 (1181)

18. What was to be their treatment after this war was made upon them? "And they _____ to heaven _____; and their enemies beheld them." Rev 11:12 (1181)

Note: In the circumstances of the aftermath of the French Revolution can be traced the fulfillment of this prophecy. Reason was enthroned (Nov. 1793) and Christianity was banned. But as ferocious as it was it passed and the Bible and its message of hope in the gospel, especially through various Bible and missionary societies, became more prominent than ever before.

My Decision: _____ I want the life-giving power of the Word of God to guide and keep me in His will.

Scriptures

Rev 11:1-2
Matt 14
Matt 20:18-19
Lk 22:53

Rev 11:3-4; 10
Jn 5:39; 6:63
Ps 119:105

Dan 7:25, Rev 12:7,
12:14

1 Pet 1:24-25

Jn 19:11

Rev 19:10
Rev 11:3; 12:6

Rev 11:2, 13:5
Prov 14:34; 16:16
Rev 11:7-12