

Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series
Study #50: The Stone Billboard & 7th Trumpet
Revelation 11:11 - 19
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4th Vision Review – Measuring the temple “living stones” and the two witnesses (Old and New Testament)
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4th vision starts in heavenly scene:

- **Revelation 11:1** And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.
- The measuring stick: Ten Commandments & Jesus, the Word (Perfect Reflection of each other)
- Ten Commandments define sin and the standard of judgment
- Measure three area of our lives: Temple, Altar, and Worship

In addition to the temple: As a whole, who makes up the spiritual temple of God?

1 Peter 2:5, 6

5 Ye also, as **lively stones**, are built up a **spiritual house**, an **holy priesthood**, to offer up **spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ**.

6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a **chief corner stone**, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

The righteous people of God measured as perfect “lively stones” shaped by Jesus and keeping ALL His commandments. Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone.

Etched in each stone are the Ten Commandments of God written in their hearts. The commandments of God reflect the character of God.

The Ten Commandments are permanent within their character. They allowed God to write them on their heart with His own finger.

“Lively stones” are 1 - Spiritual (non-carnal) 2 - Holy 3 - Sacrificing

Who was John instructed NOT to measure?

Revelation 11:2

2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles...

Those in courtyard don't measure up to the standards of God's law because they did not want to enter into the holy temple experience, where you learn to live a holy life.

What are the events in the last days that will complete the sacrifice of God's people living in the last days?

Revelation 11:2, 3

2 (last part)...and the holy city shall they tread under foot **forty and two months**.

3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall **prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth**.

Those in the holy city represents the people of God who are living holy lives that will be persecuted, tread under foot for forty and two months. (**42 months = 3 ½ years or 1260 days**)

Revelation 11:4 – 6 are clues that identifies the two witnesses as the Old and New Testament (Testimony of the everlasting covenant)

Dual Prophetic Time Application of Revelation 11:2 – 11

Historic (1260 years) and End time (1260 literal days)

Historic timeline – 1260 years. This refers to 1260 years of Papal Empire from 538 AD to 1798 AD.

God's Word, Old and New Testament, had to witness in "sackcloth" during that time. **God's faithful were also persecuted by Papal Rome during 1260 timeline.** Bibles were not allowed under Papal rule.

Revelation 11:7 – 10 (review)

So after the two witnesses, the Old and New Testament of the Holy Bible, finished its testimony wearing sackcloth. It appears that as soon as the Holy Bible is about to come out of darkness and mourning, and spread the light of truth so the whole world can see, a beast comes out and kills the Bible – trying to stop it from spreading its truth to the world.

Historic prophetic fulfillment

- The French Revolution near the end of Papal Rome's reign as the fifth empire since Babylon
- 1793 New French government rejects God and His Word, outlaws the Bible for 3 ½ years
- Historically, France fits the prophecy of the beast that killed the two witnesses, the Holy Bible, and symbolically left them for dead on the streets of Sodom and Egypt.
- 1798 the pope was taken prisoner by France. France broke the reign of Papal Rome. France laid the foundation of atheism and outlawed the Bible for 3 ½ years.

In verse 10 – The people of this nation were excited to see these two witnesses (aka two prophets) dead on the street for "three and half years". They were celebrating! Partying! **Do what thy wilt!**

Revelation 11:10

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.

According to this passage of Scriptures the two witnesses [OT and NT] laid in the streets of France, outlawed publicly, for three and one half years. During that time many in France celebrated on the streets claiming that they were free from the laws of the Bible. They stepped on and ridiculed the Bible for three and a half years.

Remember, all that happened in the past 1260 will happen again at the literal 1260 days at the end of time!

What happened next as France was celebrating over the death of the two witnesses for three and a half years?

In the historical application the resurrection of the two witnesses was prophesied in the following verses in Revelation 11:11 – 12

Revelation 11:11, 12

11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

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.

It appeared that the Word was dead gone forever! Just like when Jesus (the Word) was tortured, crucified and killed He rose on the third day!

Not only does Jesus reveal in this prophecy that they are alive, but they are thriving! To the point that their enemies behold them!

Historically since the passage of the laws that outlawed God and His Word, France got worst. The nation was very unstable. It was in danger of totally falling apart so around 3 ½ years later they rescinded their laws that outlawed the Bible and allowed the citizens to have Bibles. They accepted the Protestant reformation and the Bible was freely open to all people. This happened in **June of 1797**. It is also interesting to note that after they allowed Protestantism and the Bible in 1798 France was able to capture the Pope of Rome. France in 1798 broke the power of the Papal Roman Empire.

What did God prophesy about these two great lights, OT and NT, coming out of darkness at the end of the Papal Roman Empire during the 5th Empire and also at the end of time?

Isaiah 60:1 - 3

- 1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.
- 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.
- 3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

God reveals that His Word would be full restored. Remember, in the deep spiritual darkness, God's law and testimonies were lost. The seventh-day Sabbath and the second advent of Christ was not known.

Near the end of Papal Rome, the reformation was still moving forward to greater light that was lost for so many years. Jesus did not reveal all the light at one time He gradually, during the time of the reformation and protestant movement, gave light of His truth so He would not blind and overwhelm the reformers.

After 1798 the two witnesses were NO longer in sack cloth, no longer witnesses undercover, no longer witnessing as a mourner, but a herald of TRUTH shining brightly to the world.

Historically, it was around the turn of the 19th century [early 1800's] in which the British Bible Society and American Bible Society was created. For the first time in history the Bible (Old and New Testament) totally emerged out of darkness. Other Bible printing and distribution ministries emerged since then. No longer was God's word suppressed!

In the 19th century, men and women around the world were able to read the Word of God without restriction for the first time. As a result, a great revival and reformation of God's truth began to emerge world wide! God was opening the eyes of the blind and taking them out of gross darkness.

End time (1260 literal days) application of the two witnesses:

During the historical application of 1260 years Papal Rome Empire reigned from 538 to 1798 as the fifth empire since Babylon. According to Revelation 13:3, 5 Papal Rome will emerge again as the seventh and final earthly empire for 1260 literal days.

Revelation 13:3, 5

- 3 And I saw one of his heads **as it were wounded to death**; and **his deadly wound was healed**: and **all** the world wondered after the beast.
- 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months (1260 days).

Going back to Revelation 11:3

Verse 3 reveals - that within the 1260 days timeline the two witnesses, identified as the Old and New Testament, will be crying aloud and living the truth of God's word. In other words, God's people in the last days will be giving the unaltered truth of the OLD and NEW Testament of God's word, revealing God's law as the standard of judgment.

During the 1260 days (3 ½ years) some will be martyred and other persecuted (mistreated) because they stay true to God's word and ALL of His commandments. It is during the 1260 days that the LOUD CRY message of the three angels message of Revelation 14 will be given. The main message: worship God the creator and get OUT of Babylon. As probation days get closer to the end, the message gets louder and louder. After seven last plagues begin to fall, within the 1260 days, God's people who are living, the 144,000 will be sealed in their forehead and are able to stand through the seven last plagues.

1260 end time literal timeline – 1260 literal days connect to the three future end day timelines (1260, 1290, 1335) revealed in Daniel chapter 12. [Fourth vision's Prophetic OUTLINE – Revelation 11:2-11]

Daniel 12:7

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to **scatter the power of the holy people**, all these *things* shall be finished.

Time 1 = 1 year. Times = 2 years. ½ time = ½ year. Add together = 3 ½ years. 3 ½ years x 360 days = 1260 days

Within the 1260 literal days timeline, God's people will be scattered (persecuted). This matches up perfectly with the last part of Revelation 11:2.

1260 days – God's people God through intense persecution

<p>Daniel 12:7 - <i>it shall be</i> for a time, times, and an half; (1260 days) and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these <i>things</i> shall be finished.</p>	<p>Revelation 11:2 (last part)...and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months (1260 days).</p>
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Remember, why are they being persecuted? 1260 Days Two Witnesses

Revelation 11:3

3 And I will give *power* unto my **two witnesses**, and they shall **prophecy** a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

God's people are giving the entire word focusing on the 3 Angels Messages. Giving the LOUD Cry!

Revelation 11:5 – 6 reveals that the two witness (OT and NT) had power to execute judgment on the wicked by fire and also had power over the plagues of the earth.

At the end of the 1260 days, what will Satan and his people do against God's Word (Old and New testament)?

Revelation 11:7, 8

7 And 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.

8 And their dead bodies *shall lie* in the street of the great city (Babylon), which spiritually is called Sodom (immoral) and Egypt (reject the true God of heaven), where also our Lord was crucified.

We already learned from our previous study that Satan will use the beast power Papal Rome to put together a universal death decree against God's people to kill all people who will not worship on Sunday, false Sabbath. This decree is passed at the end of the 1260 days. It appears to be a great victory of Papal Rome!

Revelation 13:15

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both **speak (law)**, and **cause (enforce)** that as **many (universal)** as would not worship the image of the beast should be **killed (death decree)**.

Truth cast to the ground = killed. (Little Horn / Beast)

Daniel 8:11, 12

11 Yea, he magnified *himself* (Papal Rome) even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily (Power) *sacrifice* was taken away, and the place of his **sanctuary was cast down**.

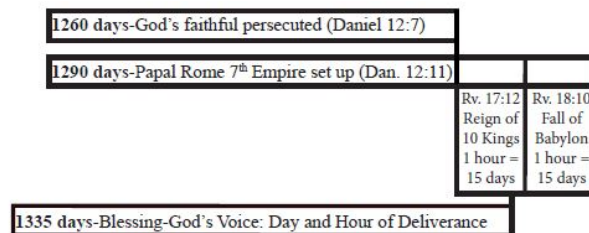
12 And an host (mass of people) was given *him* against the daily *sacrifice* by reason of transgression, and it **cast down the truth to the ground**; and it practised, and prospered.

1260, 1290, 1335 Daniel 12:5 - 13 review

1260 timeline reveals that the faithful people will be persecuted (Daniel 12:7)

1290 timeline reveals when Papal Rome is "setup" as the seventh empire (Daniel 12:11)

1335 – Blessing-God's voice: Day and Hour of Deliverance (Daniel 12:12)



Refer to **Timelines For the Faithful** study book for detailed study at PathwaytoPeace.net

After the Universal death decree is given, God's people will be hunted to be killed because they teach and live by the law and the testimonies! They remain faithful to Jesus and ALL ten of His commandments, including the seventh day Sabbath.

After legislation to cast God's truth (Old and New Testament) to the ground by setting a date to (enforce) begin to kill God's people who will not obey the USL, what is the reaction of the wicked? Go back to ...

Revelation 11:9, 10

9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies [**Old and New Testament**] three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

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.

VERY IMPORTANT (Read – party and rejection pic)

After the Universal death decree is passed and a date to enforce the decree, it appears that God's Word is dead. It appears that it has lost its power and authority because ALL of the people who were living by it and refuse to worship man's false Sunday sabbath were about to be killed. After the 1260 timeline Satan wars against the two witnesses and appears to overcome them and kill them. For three and a half days the people have a great celebration. The wicked who refused the message of the LOUD CRY that was given during the 1260 days, but before the plagues began to fall were pricked to the heart. The Holy Spirit worked on them hard to get them to turn from their wicked ways. The resistance of truth tormented them. They loved worldliness and followed the commandments of man instead of the commandments of God. The Ten Commandments were their greatest torment. Many did not have any problem with nine of the commandments, but the fourth one was unpopular. It did not fit with the mainstream Christian world. Many struggled with this for

a time. They saw for themselves what the Bible revealed about God's seventh day Sabbath. They saw that it came straight from the word of God, but they refused to accept it. They were comfortable and continue to believe a lie. So they continued to go to work on God's holy, seventh day Sabbath. They continued their amusements on God's holy day. When the plagues begin to fall, their fate is sealed. They are suffering from the plagues, especially the fifth trumpet when Satan is given permission to torment them for five months! When the Universal Death Decree goes forth they think they are doing service for God! They celebrate with a party of feasting and giving gifts. It appears that they were right in refusing God's seventh day Sabbath. They believe if they would get rid of those few "law" breakers they would be ushered into 1000 years of peace.

After 3 ½ days of partying what happens next at the end of the 1335 timeline?

Revelation 11:11

11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

It appears that God's Word, the two witnesses, Old and New Testament are dead! Just like when Jesus was tortured, crucified and killed; He rose up the third day!

What happened right after the 3 ½ day party?

3 1/2 days later God's word rises again!

Revelation 11:12

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.**

God's Word stands forever!

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Luke 21:33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

1 Peter 1:25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

After three and a half days, God's truth (Old and New Testament) stand up with power and might. The people who rejected the truth are afraid.

What did God do right before the literal kingdom of Babylon fell as prophesied?

Daniel 5 – King Belshazzar & the handwriting on the wall.

Key: **Handwriting on the Wall - God displays that Babylon rejected God's standard of judgment as a result they are found wanting, lost.**

Daniel 5:24 - 28

24 Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.

25 And this *is* the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

26 This *is* the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting (deficient). (God's commandments are the weight)

28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

God's standard of judgment is His Ten Commandments.

Based on Revelation 11:12 – the Great Voice resurrects God's standard of judgment before all the earth.

Those who rejected the truth see that God's Word is true and it still stands. Like the kingdom of ancient Babylon, symbolic Babylon will also see God's standard of judgment physically displayed in the heavens so ALL can see. (Interlude) – 144,000 and God's truth vindicated. This is what those who were martyred and the 144,000 were preaching.

What will they specifically see displayed in the sky?

Two witnesses = Old and New Testament. Ten Commandments is the official document of the everlasting covenant. Testament means covenant (contract). OT/NT = Everlasting covenant

Exodus 34:28

28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he (God) wrote upon the tables the **words of the covenant, the ten commandments.**

Exodus 31:18

18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, **two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.**

Deuteronomy 4:13

13 And he declared unto you **his covenant**, which he commanded you to perform, *even ten commandments*; and he wrote them upon **two tables of stone.**

Deuteronomy 7:9

9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keepeth **covenant** and mercy with them that love him and **keep his commandments** to a thousand generations;

The covenant, God Holy Ten Commandments. This is a contract of promise, but also the standard of judgment.

After the 3 ½ days of partying and right before Babylon is totally destroyed God's Holy Ten Commandments is displayed across the sky so all can see. They can see that they are found wanting (deficient) like ancient Babylon. (End of the 1335 timeline) –

“Then there appears against the sky a hand holding two tables of stone folded together. Says the prophet: “The heavens shall declare His righteousness: for God is judge Himself.” Psalm 50:6. That holy law, God's righteousness, that amid thunder and flame was proclaimed from Sinai as the guide of life, is now revealed to men as the rule of judgment. The hand opens the tables, and there are seen the precepts of the Decalogue, traced as with a pen of fire. The words are so plain that all can read them. Memory is aroused, the darkness of superstition and heresy is swept from every mind, and God's ten words, brief, comprehensive, and authoritative, are presented to the view of all the inhabitants of the earth.” {GC 639.1}

Interlude 144,000 God's Law Vindicated: This is the stone billboard in the sky! In Old testament (covenant) it is God's standard of righteousness and judgment revealed in writing. The New testament (covenant) is is God's standard of righteousness and judgment manifested in the life of Jesus Christ.

“The enemies of God's law, from the ministers down to the least among them, have a new conception of truth and duty. Too late they see that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is the seal of the living God. Too late they see the true nature of their spurious sabbath and the sandy foundation upon which they have been building. They find that they have been fighting against God. Religious teachers have led souls to perdition while professing to guide them to the gates of Paradise.” GC p. 640

What are the commandments to those who obey or disobey?

Deuteronomy 11:26 - 28

26 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;

27 A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day:

28 And **a curse**, if ye will **not obey the commandments of the LORD** your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

The righteousness see that they are vindicated, but the wicked see that they are cursed when the Ten Commandments are displayed in the sky.

What did John see next in the vision while the commandments of God are being displayed across the sky?**Revelation 11:13**

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 seven thousand: and the remnant (God's people) were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Like ancient Babylon after the handwriting display the destruction of symbolic Babylon begins with 1/10 (10%) of it destroyed by a great earthquake, but its full destruction will quickly come after that.

What is the end time event that ends the fourth vision and the first half of Revelation?**Revelation 11:14, 15**

14 The second woe is past; *and*, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

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.

The seventh trumpet finally sounds and the events of Jesus second coming take place. Jesus rules forever. He is coming to get ALL his faithful children who had a complete sacrifice.

Who is excited to hear this announcement and what did they say?**Revelation 11:16 – 18**

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

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.

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**.

What did John see and the very end of vision 4?**Revelation 11:19**

19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

John sees the temple of God (Most Holy Place) wide open and sees the ark of the testament or covenant.

What's inside the ark of the covenant in the earthly tabernacle?

1. God's Ten Commandments 2. Aaron Rod Budded and 3. Pot of manna

On the top of the ark of the covenant is God's mercy throne (seat).

Where does God want to put his law?

Proverbs 3:3

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

Proverbs 7:1-3

- 1 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.
- 2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.
- 3 Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

Hebrews 10:16

16 This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

Is the love and law of God in your heart? Does your life measure up? Let us not be found wanting.... Accept all of God's truth....

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