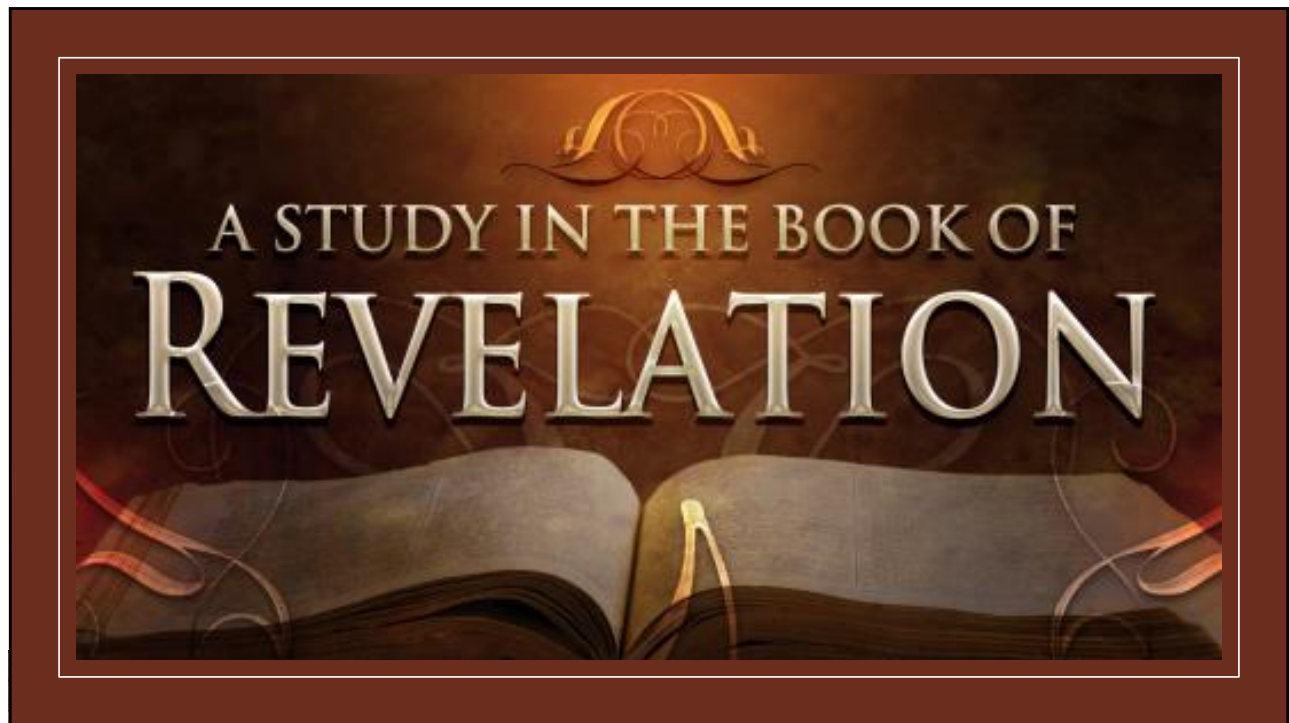




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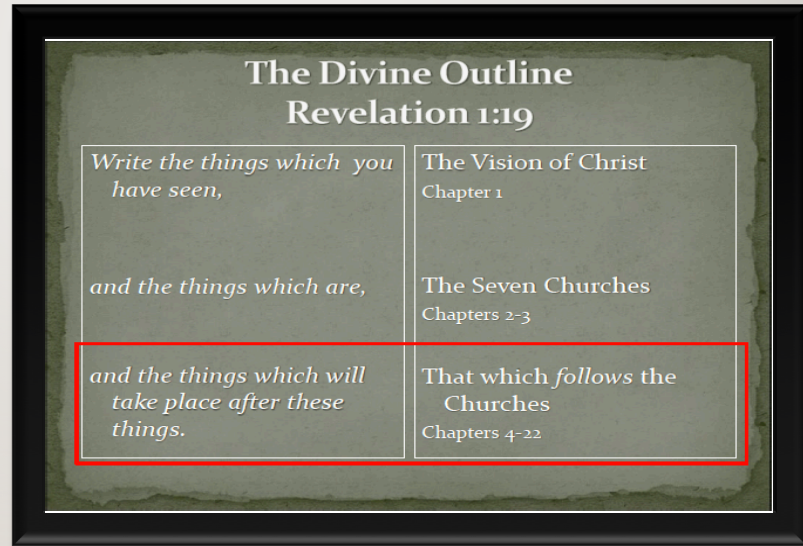
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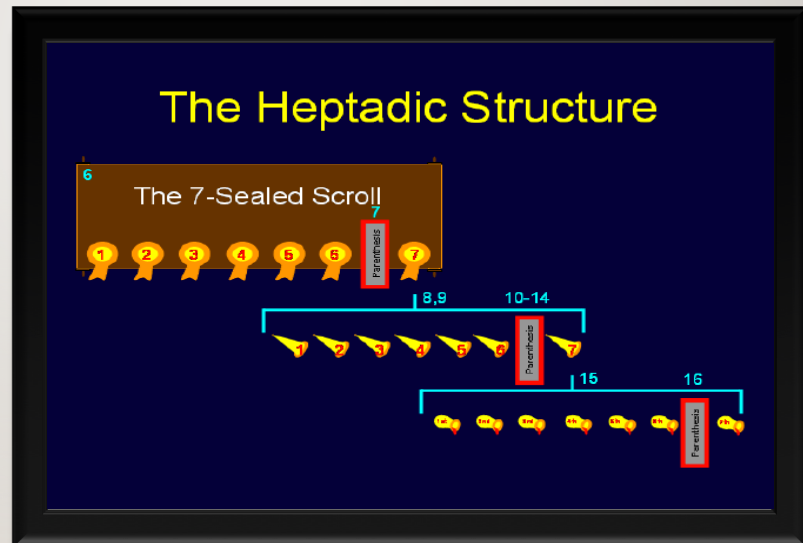
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## CHAPTER 11 OUTLINE

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*Chapter 11*



The Temple  
(v1-2)



Two Witnesses  
(v3-14)



The 7th Trumpet  
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## CHAPTERS 11-16 OUTLINE (GREATER CONTEXT)

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*Chapter 11-16*

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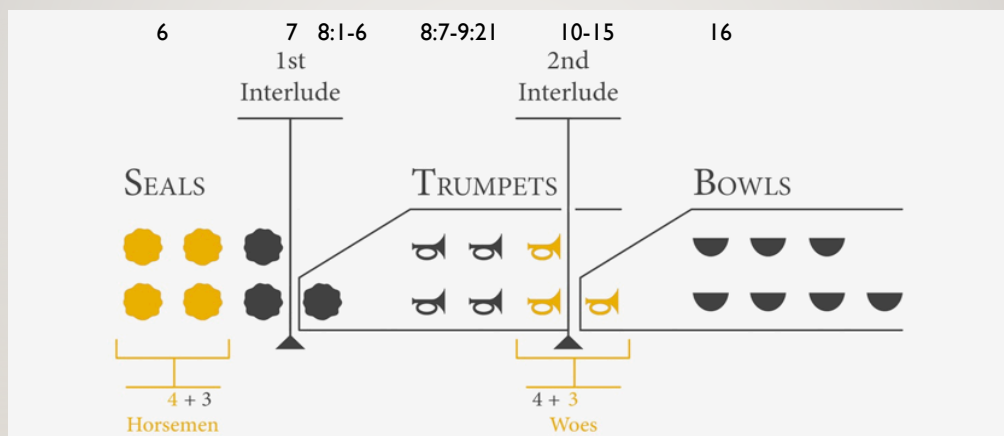
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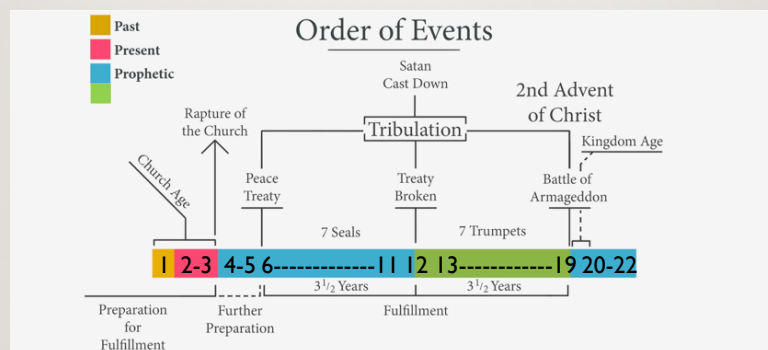
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7<sup>TH</sup> SEAL → TRUMPET JUDGMENTS  
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CHAPTERS 11-22  
 ORDER OF EVENTS



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## CHAPTER 11

### 3 VIEWS OF THE TEMPLE

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#### 3 Views of the Temple

- ~~Symbolic Temple~~
- ~~Herodian Temple~~
- Literal Future Temple ✓

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CHAPTER 11  
V. 3

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Revelation 11:3

“And I will grant *authority* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”

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V. 4

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Revelation 11:4

These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

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## THE TEMPLE & THE TWO WITNESSES

### The Two Witnesses

Revelation 11

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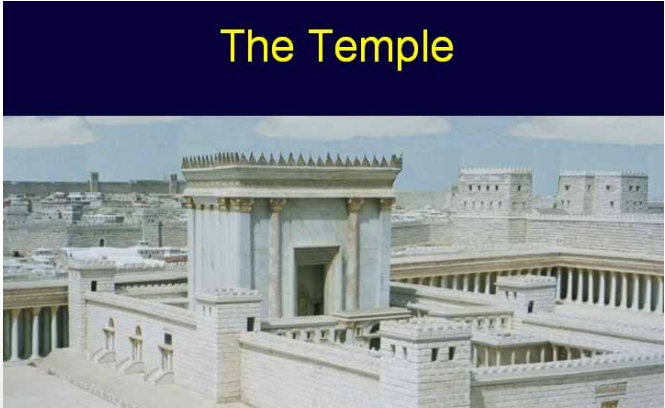
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### Half-week Designations

- Half of the (70<sup>th</sup>) week of years
  - Dan 9:27
  - Rev 12:14
- 1260 days [1<sup>st</sup> half?] Rev 11:3; 12:6
- 42 months [2<sup>nd</sup> half?] Rev 11:2; 13:5
- Time, times, the dividing of time
  - [2<sup>nd</sup> half?] Dan 7:25; 12:7
  - Rev 12:14
  - “Times” = dual; used of years
  - Dan 4:16, 23, 25

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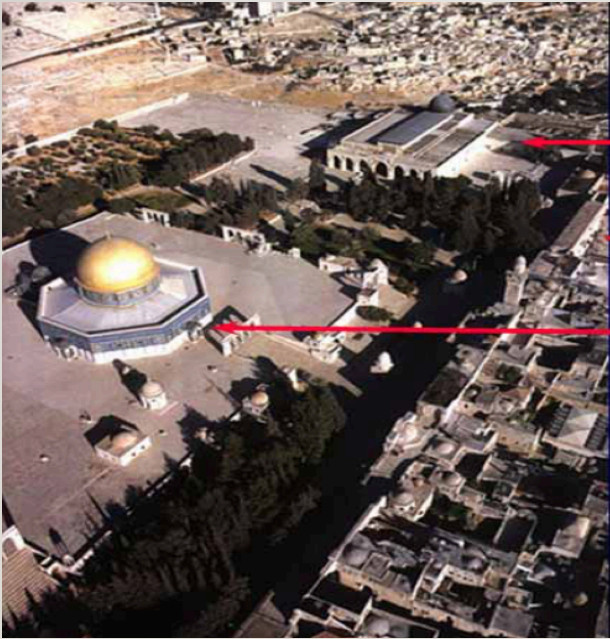
## The Temple



Prophesied by...

- Daniel (Dan. 9:27)
- Jesus (Matt. 24:15)
- Paul (2 Thess. 2:4)
- John (Rev. 11:1-2)

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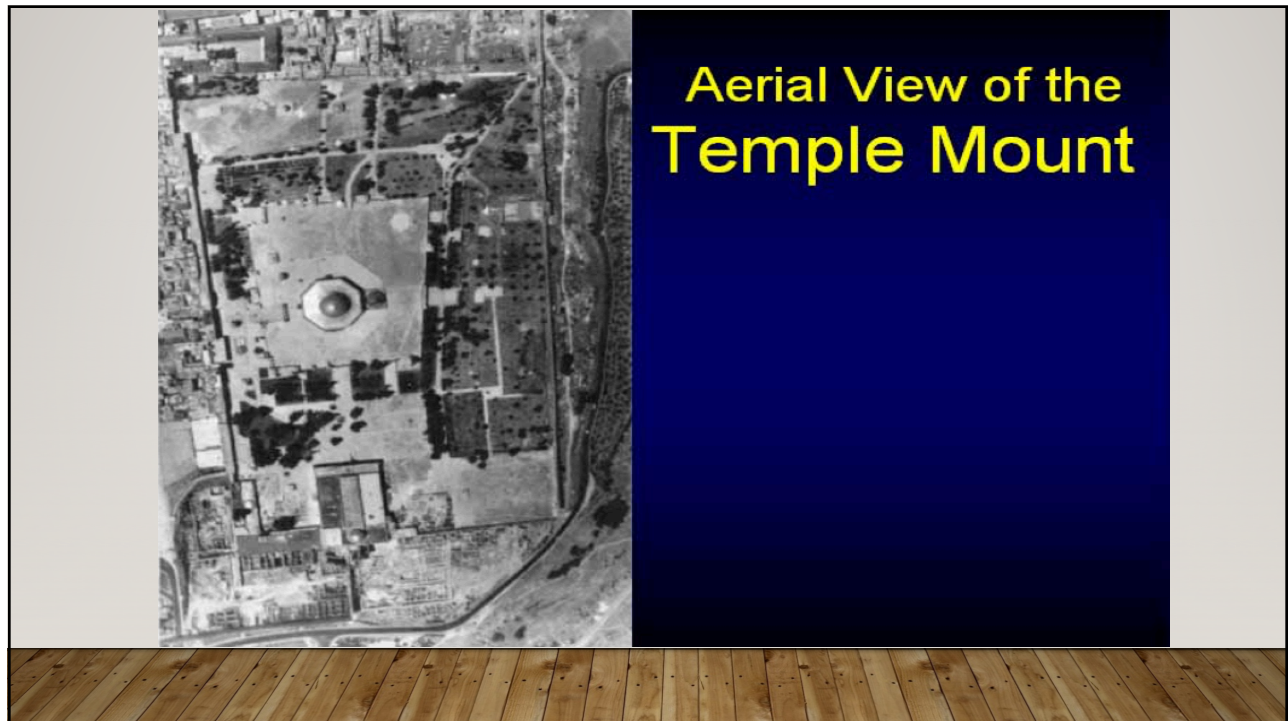
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Western Wall

Dome of the Rock

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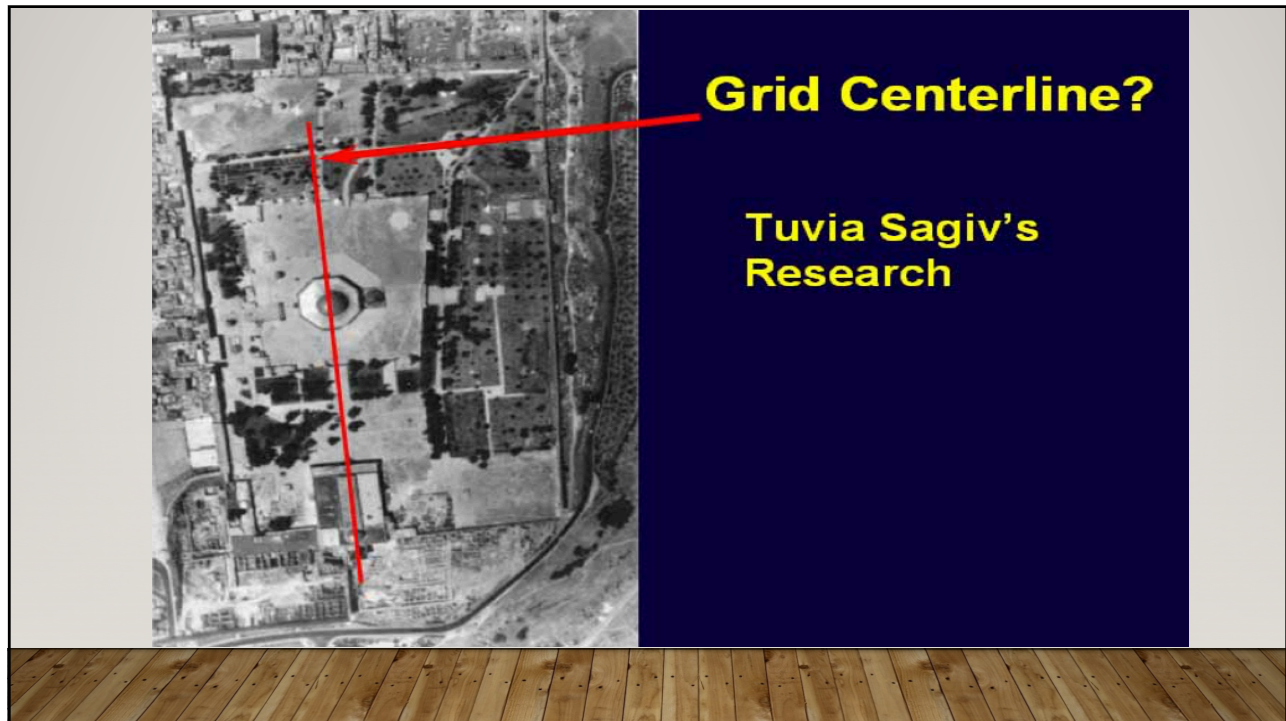


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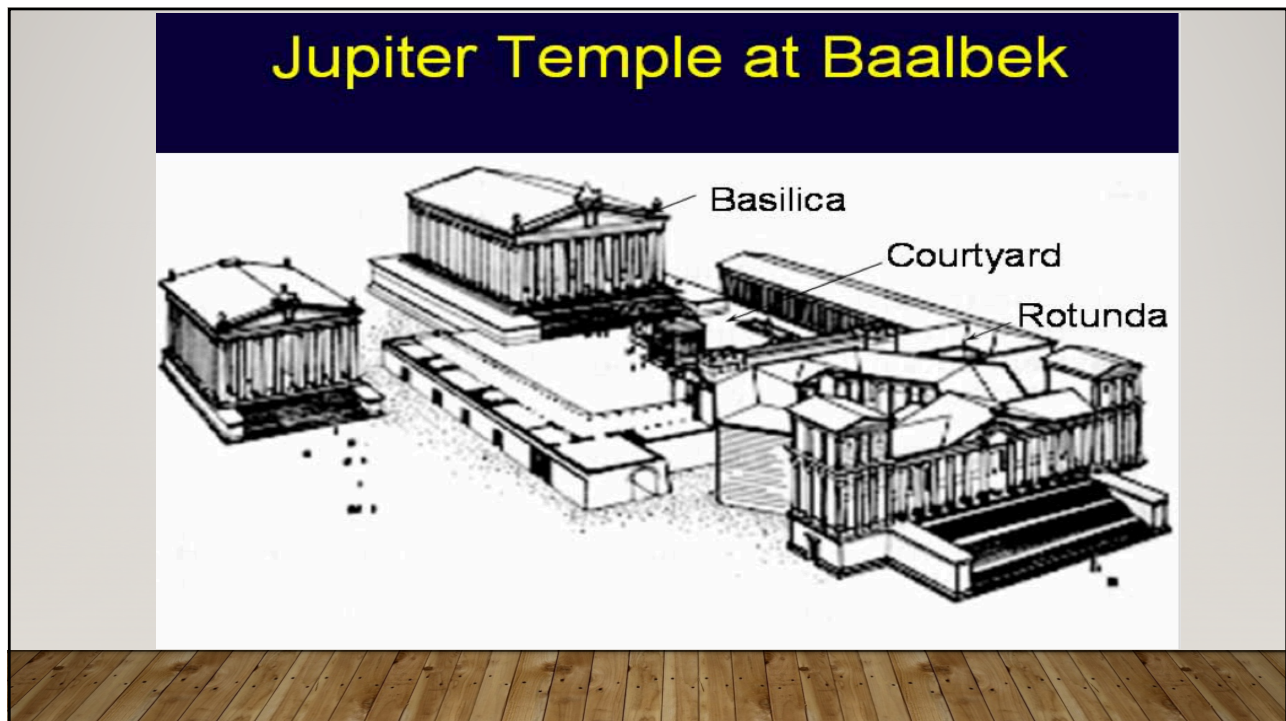
## Background History

- 70 AD** Fall of Jerusalem
- 132 AD** Bar Kochba Revolt
- 135 AD** Romans regain Jerusalem
  - Aelia Capitolina built over city ruins
  - Temple to Jupiter built over the site of the Jewish Temple
  - An Equestrian Statue of Hadrian was installed over the Holy of Holies

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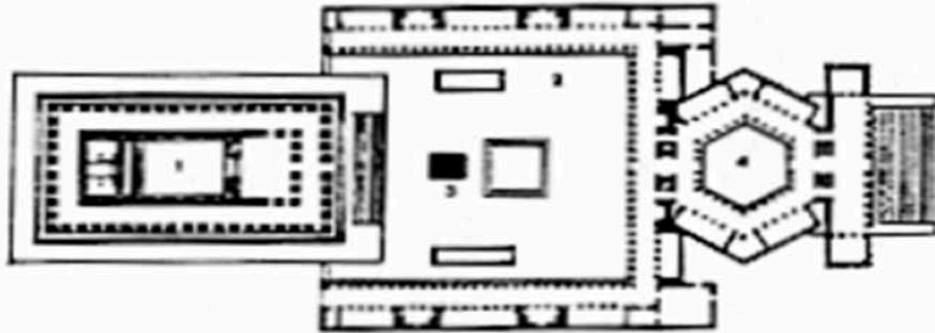
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## Jupiter Temple at Baalbek



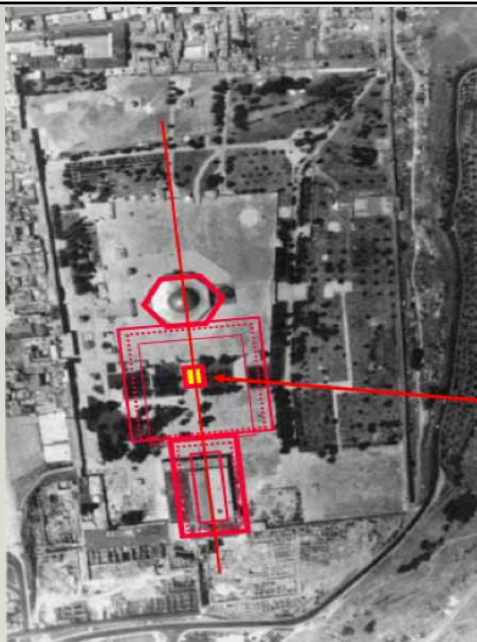
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## Aeila Capitolina

### Temple to Jupiter

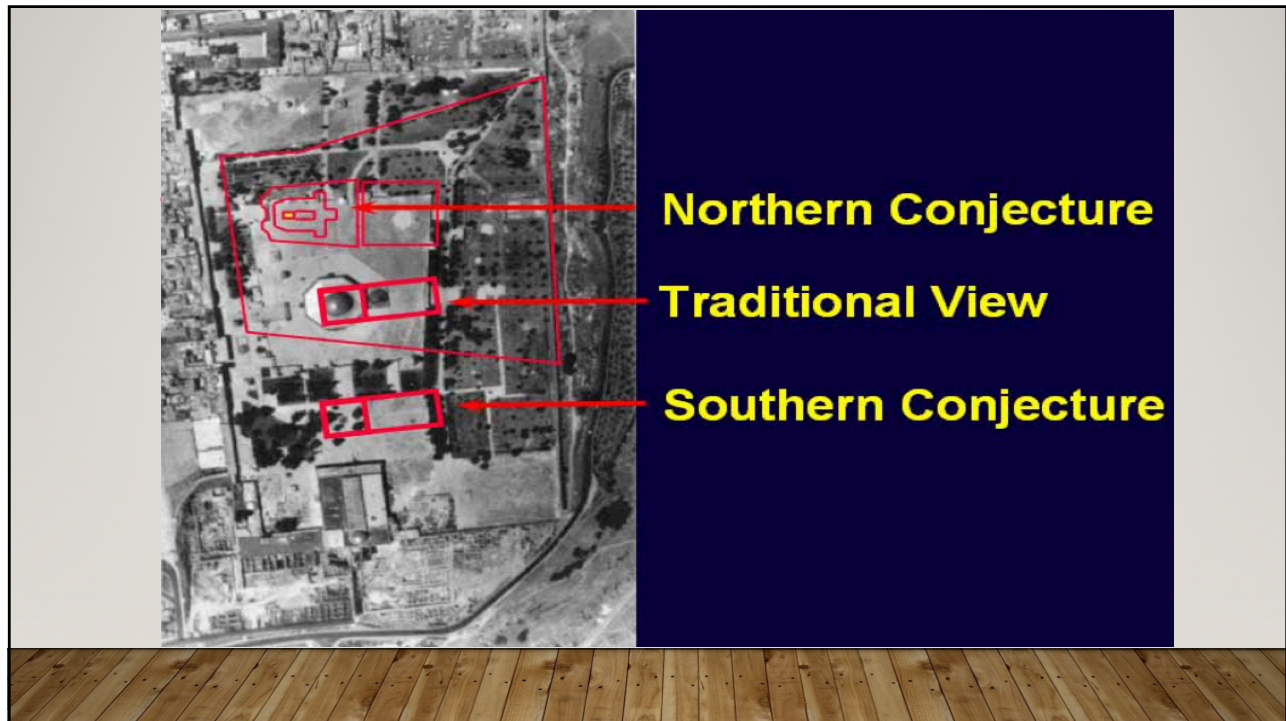
Architecture by  
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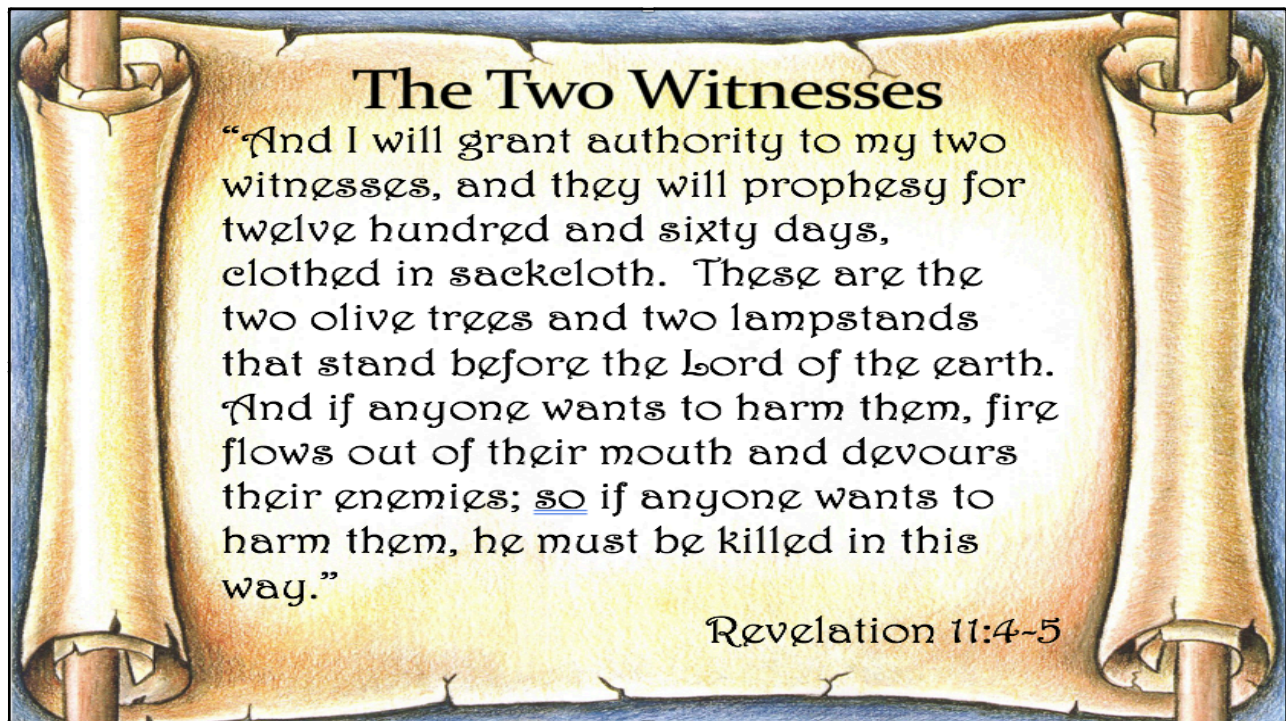
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11:1 – The Jewish Temple will be rebuilt at some point and will be up and running by the midpoint of the Tribulation (2 Thess. 2:4).

11:2 – 42 months = 3 ½ years. Likely refers to last ½ of the Tribulation. The “Times of the Gentiles” (Luke 21:24) will not conclude until the end of the Tribulation.

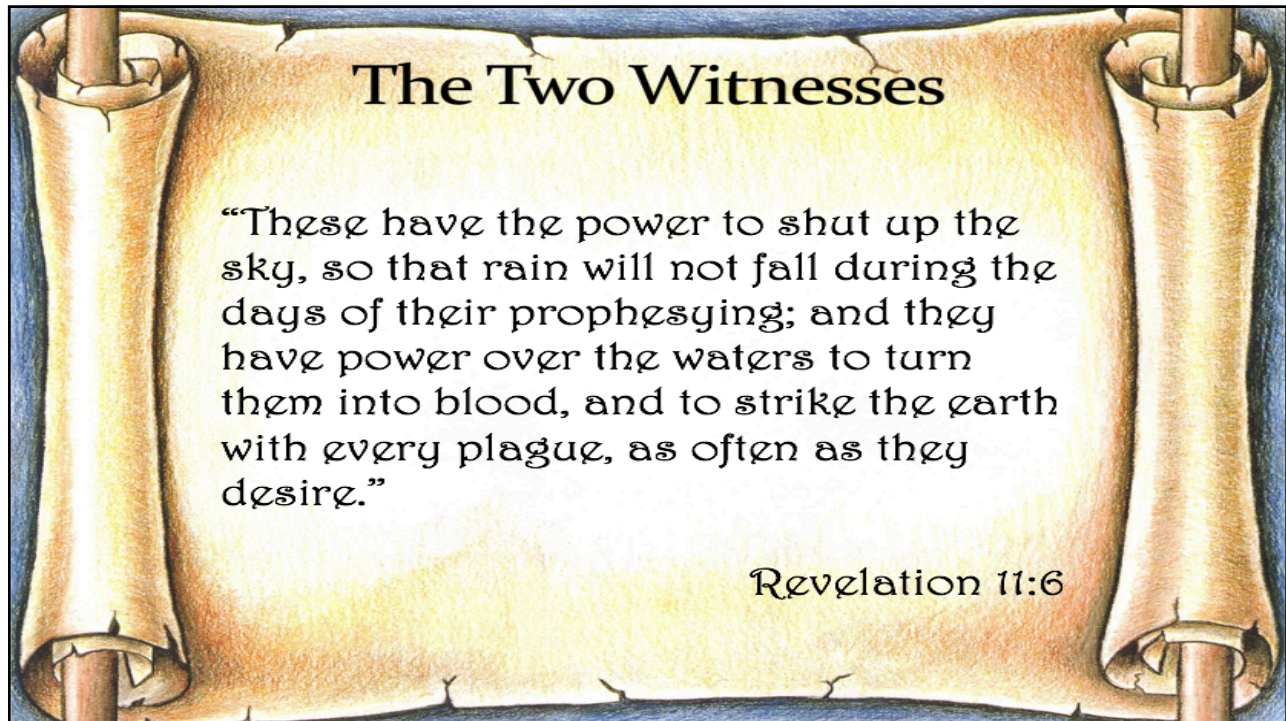
11:3 – 1260 days = 3 ½ years. Refers to period of ministry of the 2 witnesses (1<sup>st</sup> ½ of Tribulation).

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## Identities

- 3 were expected:
  - Messiah                      John 1:20,21
  - Elijah                        Mal 3:1-3, 5,6
  - Moses                        Mal 4:5,6
  - Deut 18:15-19
- John the Baptist: “I am not.”
  - John 1:19,20; Mt 11:14; 17:10-11
  - He did not “turn the hearts of the children” as Malachi predicted, nor usher in the “great and dreadful day,” etc.

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## Identities

- Two ministries were *unfinished*:
  - Moses                        Num 20:12
  - Deut 3:26-28
  - Elijah                        1 Kgs 17:1; 19:13-16
  - 2 Kgs 2:11
- Staff Meeting?              Matt 17
  - connected with Second Coming
  - Luke 9:31; (24:4-7?)
  - 1 Pet 1:10-12
  - 2 Pet 1:6-18

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## Unique Powers

- **Elijah**

- Fire from heaven 1 Kgs 18:37;  
2 Kgs 1:10,12; Jer 5:14
- Shut heaven 3 1/2 years! 1 Kgs 17:1;  
Luk 4:25; Jas 5:17,18

- **Moses**

- Water into blood: Ex 7:19,20
- Plagues Ex 8 – 12

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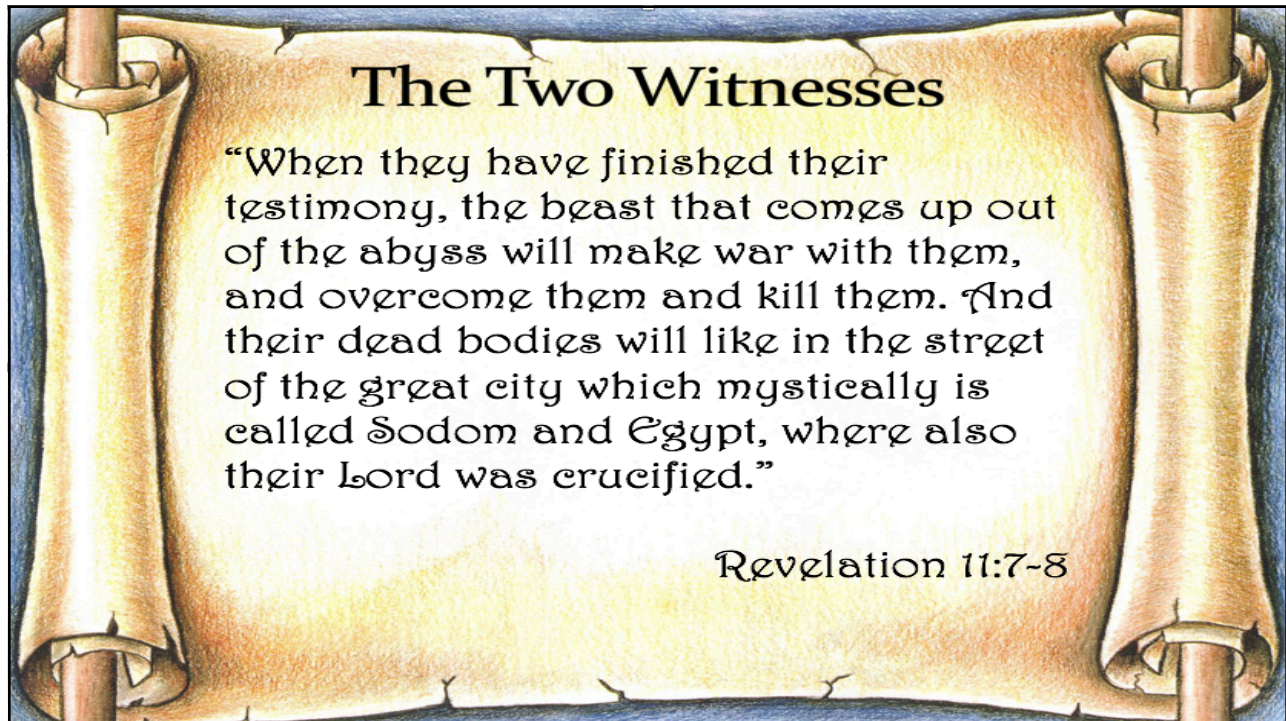
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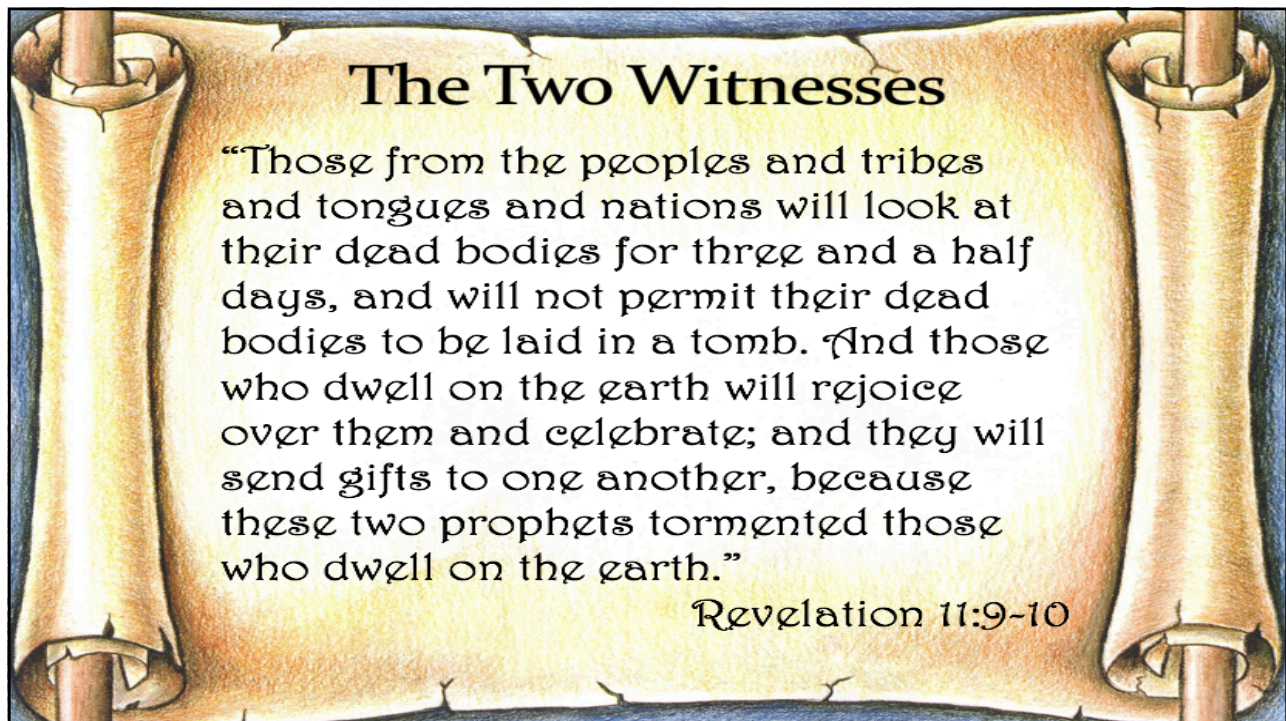
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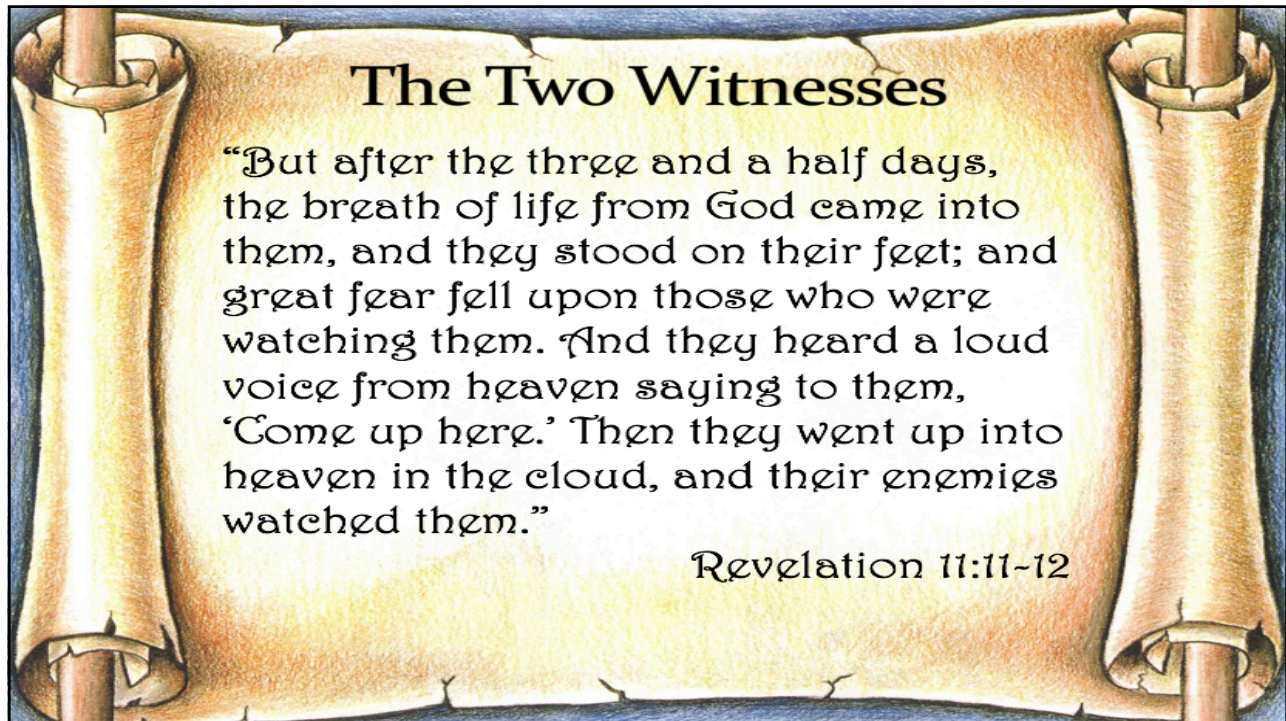


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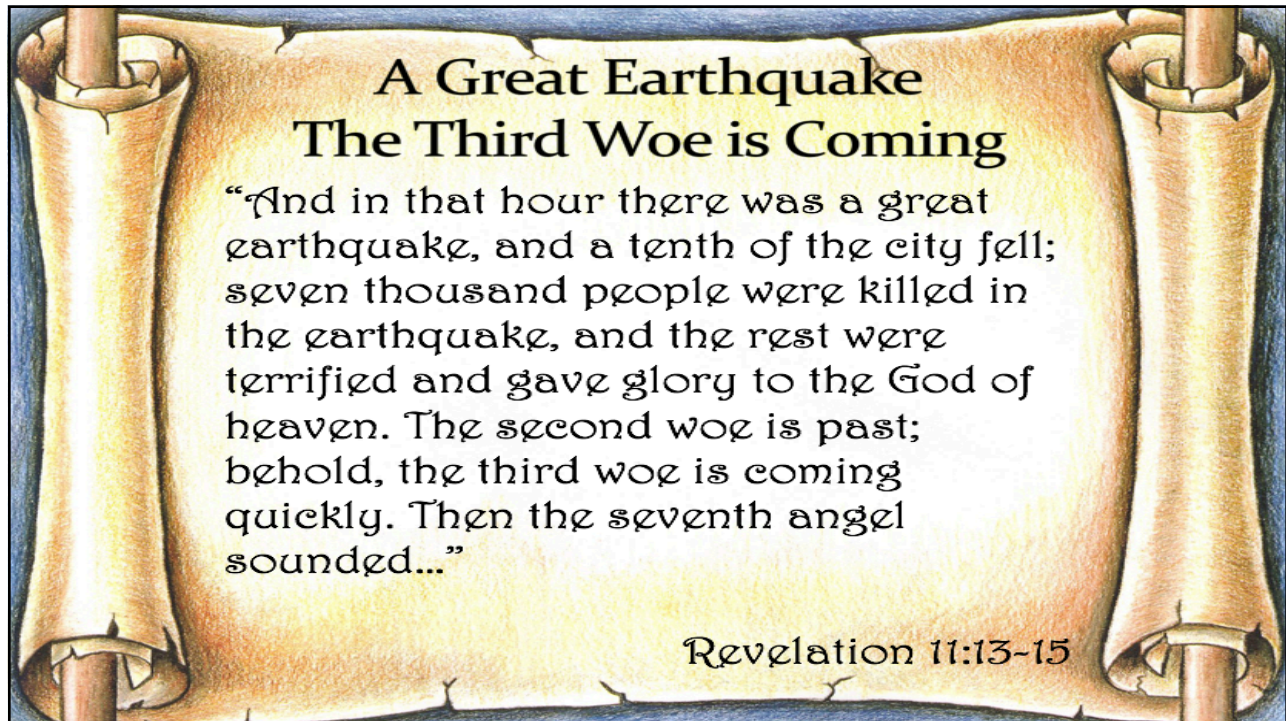


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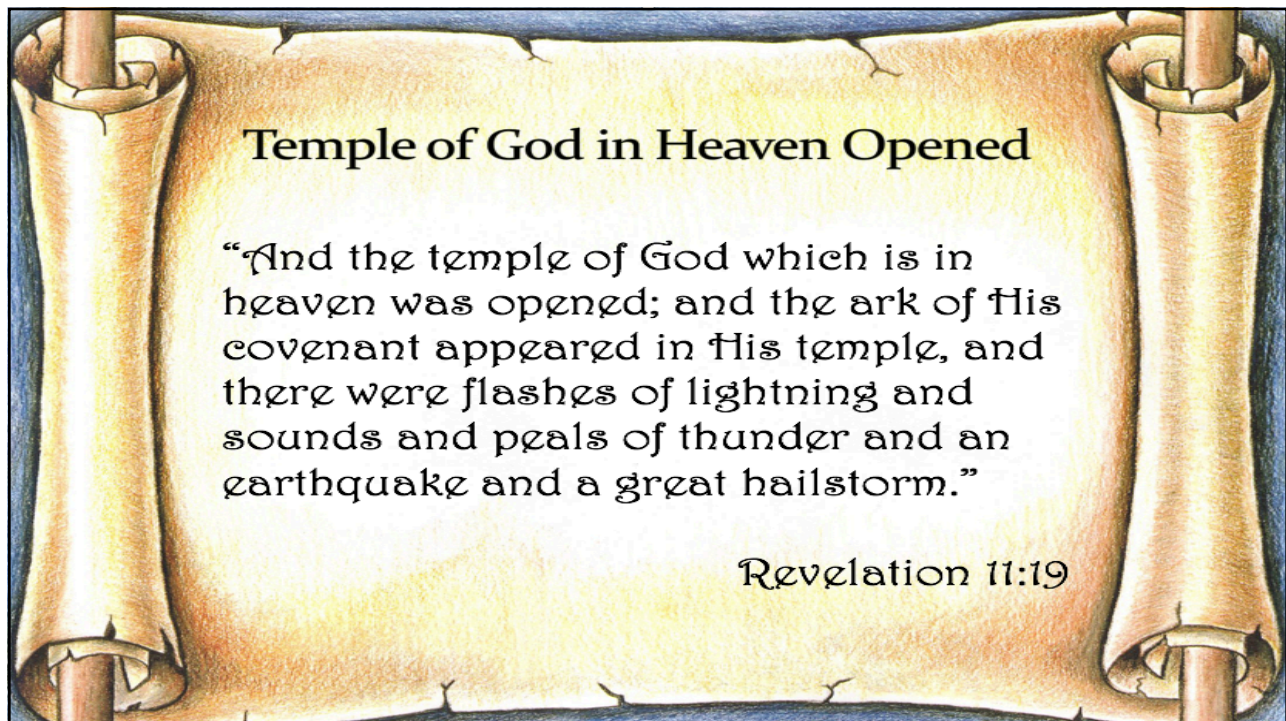


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## Seven Great Openings

- A door opened in heaven 4:1
- The seals are opened 6:1-8:1
- The Abyss opened 9:2
- Temple of God opened 11:19
- Tabernacle of testimony opened 15:5
- Heaven is opened 19:11
- Books of Judgment opened. 20:12

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IN CONCLUSION

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*“Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.”*

~ Acts 17:11



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## Next Session

- Read Revelation chapter 12, one of the most important strategic summaries in the Bible.
  - Who is the “Woman” of chapter 12?
  - How does this chapter affect our perspectives of *today*?

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