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### Revelation 11:1–14 (NASB95)

**1** Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it.

**2** "Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.

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

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

**5** And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.

**6** These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

**7** When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.

**8** And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

**9** Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.

**10** And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

**11** But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.

**12** And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them.

**13** And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

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

## Two Who Rocked the World

Throughout the centuries, God has graciously warned the inhabitants of the world of the coming of the Great Day of the Lord. It will be the time when God will unleash His final expression of His wrath upon this world. But even as God's wrath is being experienced universally, He will graciously send two powerful prophets who will affirm that the disastrous calamities experienced during the time of the tribulation, come directly from the righteous hand of God.

To assist us in getting a clear understanding of their ministry and its importance, I've divided Revelation 11:1-14 into three scenes.

### I. The Measuring of the Temple

(Revelation 11:1-2)

- A. The means (v.1a)
- B. The mandates (vs.1b-2).

### II. The Ministry of the Two Witnesses

(Revelation 11:3-12)

- A. The duration of their ministry (v.3)
- B. The description of the witnesses (v.4)
- C. The dynamic of their ministry (vs. 5-6)
- D. The death of the witnesses (vs. 7-10)
- E. Their resurrection and ascension (vs.11-12)

### III. The Great Earthquake in Jerusalem

(Revelation 11:13-14)

- A. The catastrophe (v.13a)
- B. The casualties (v.13b)
- C. The confession (v.13c)
- D. The conclusion (v.14)