

SECOND VERSE, SAME AS THE FIRST Studies in the Revelation

PROPHETIC PREACHING FROM OLD:

The Warning:

Yet the LORD warned Israel and Judah (how) through all His prophets and every seer, saying, “Turn from your evil ways and keep My commandments, My statutes according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you (how) through My servants the prophets.”

The Response:

However, they did not listen, but stiffened their neck like their fathers, who did not believe in the LORD their God. They rejected His statutes and His covenant which He made with their fathers and His warnings with which He warned them. And they followed vanity and became vain, and went after the nations which surrounded them, concerning which the LORD had commanded them not to do like them.

2 Kings 17:13-15

The Warning:

The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again (how) by His messengers, (why) because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place...

The Response:

But they continually (1) mocked the messengers of God, (2) despised His words and (3) scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, until there was no remedy.

2 Chronicles 36:15-16

The Warning:

“Yet I sent you all My (what) servants the prophets, (how often) again and again, saying, ‘Oh, do not do this abominable thing which I hate.’”

The Response:

But they did not listen or incline their ears to turn from their wickedness, so as not to burn sacrifices to other gods.

The Results:

Therefore My wrath and My anger were poured out and burned in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, so they have become a ruin and a desolation as it is this day.”

Jeremiah 44:4-6

THE FINAL TWO PROPHETIC WITNESSES:

The Fourth Temple: Rebuilt and Measured

What to Measure:

Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, “Get up and measure (1) the temple of God and (2) the altar, and (3) those who worship in it.”

Revelation 11:1

First Temple: Solomon

Second Temple: Zerubbable (after the exile)

Third Temple: Herod (during the time of Christ)

Fourth Temple: John’s vision (to be built during the Tribulation)

Fifth Temple: Millennium (built by the Lord Himself)

What not to Measure:

“Leave out (what) the court which is (where) 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 (how long) for forty-two months.”

Revelation 11:2

The Prophetic Timetable: Forty-two months

Forty-two months:

They worshiped the dragon (why) because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?” There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act (how long) for forty-two months was given to him.”

Revelation 13:4-5

1,260 days:

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

Revelation 11:3

Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Revelation 12:6

Three and one-half years:

“And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

Daniel 9:27

Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

James 5:17

Time, times and half-time:

“He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.”

Daniel 7:25

Then I, Daniel, looked and behold, two others were standing, one on this bank of the river and the other on that bank of the river. And one said to the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long will it be until the end of these wonders?” I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed.

Daniel 12:5-7

The Final Two Witnesses of God:

Their Purpose and Duration of Ministry:

“And I will grant authority to my two witnesses (gr: *martus*), and they will (what) prophesy (lit: to speak forth, to proclaim, to preach) for (how long) twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”

Revelation 11:3

Their Descriptions:

“And I will grant authority to my two witnesses and they will (what) prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, (how) clothed in sackcloth. These are the (1) two olive trees and the (2) two lampstands that stand (where) before the Lord of the earth.”

Revelation 11:3-4

Their Attitude: Humility and Great Sorrow

Then he examined it and said, “It is my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him; Joseph has surely been torn to pieces!” So Jacob (1) tore his clothes, and (2) put sackcloth on his loins and (3) mourned for his son many days.

Genesis 37:33-34

Their Identity: Moses and Elijah

Then the angel who was speaking with me returned and roused me, as a man who is awakened from his sleep. He said to me, “What do you see?” And I said, “I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold with its bowl on the top of it, and its seven lamps on it with seven spouts belonging to each of the lamps which are on the top of it; also two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left side.”

Then I said to him, “What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left?” And I answered the second time and said to him, “What are the two olive branches which are beside the two golden pipes, which empty the golden oil from themselves?” So he answered me, saying, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.” Then he said, “These are the two anointed ones who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth.”

Zechariah 4:1-3; 11-14