

FACT:

Biblical foundations are missing in the church, which is why end times teaching is not important to the church. The focus in most teaching has been on what they can gain or receive from God.

RECALL:

Chapters 4 & 5 are foundational to understanding the rest of the book

Rev. 5 gives foundation to hang the rest of the book on as the prayers of the saints are what effects judgements to come. **We need to understand the relationship between prayers and the book of Revelation.**

Rev. 5 paints picture of what the death of Messiah actually did. We think the purpose of the cross was to make us forgivable, but the main reason was to redeem and make new creations from every tribe, tongue, and nation AND **we will reign with him on the earth.** One day, in resurrected bodies, we will rule and reign with Messiah. **The theology of prayer and worship is crucial to understanding the book of Revelation.** Prayer and worship is essential in the book.

Chapter 11 Intro Notes:

- It seems like John is in constant conversation with “the angel”
- The Mighty Angel seems to be still speaking as we haven’t seen Him cut out of the narrative.
- It may have been Jesus Himself in the form of an angel (Angelos=Messenger)

**THE TWO WITNESSES & THE SEVENTH TRUMPET
REVELATION 11
(Some Notes taken from Dr. Jay Zinn, PHD)**

Revelation 11:1-2

1. The **rod** is symbolic of the church which is now being measured by God’s standards- Jesus.
- Note:** Much controversy surrounds this in the belief that this temple of God is literal (Ezekiel Temple restored) verses spiritual (the Church).
2. There are three elements measured: the (golden) **altar**, the **worshippers**, and the **outer court** (left out and told not to measure)
Outer Court = NON-OVERCOMER SAINTS
3. The outer court saints are now given over to **GENTILE** domination.
4. The holy city is considered “literal” here and refers to **JERUSALEM**
GOD is finished with the holy city and gives it over to the **UNGODLY** for 42 months.
This city becomes the **RELIGIOUS** capital of the Antichrist (vs. 8: Dan. 11:41:45)
5. It is at this time the Holy Spirit’s **RESTRAINING** power is lifted (2 Thess. 2:5-8)

2 Thess 2 6-8 And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but **the one who now holds it back** will continue to do so until he is taken out of the way.

Revelation 11:3-19

1. Two **WITNESSES** and their **TESTIMONY**

The description of the two witnesses provides clues as to who they are and what they do:

- They prophesy for 3 1/2 years
- Fire devours enemies
- They shut up the sky so it will not rain for 3 1/2 years
- They turn the waters to blood
- They strike the earth with plagues

Who they could be and why:

Possibly

MOSES	ELIJAH
Received divine revelation on Mt. Horeb (Ex.24:16-18)	Received divine revelation on Mt. Horeb (1 Kings 19:8-18)
Saw divine fire on Mt. Horeb	Saw divine fire and other manifestations on Mt. Horeb
Erected an altar on Mr. Sinai	Erected an altar on Mt. Carmel
Saw God's fire consume the sacrifice (Lev. 9:23-24)	Saw God's fire consume the sacrifice (1 Kings 18)
Sent to and persecuted by Pharaoh (a Gentile King)	Sent to and persecuted by Ahab (an Israelite King)
Turned water to blood	Stopped the rain for 3 1/2 years
Used a sword against the worshipers of the golden calf (Ex. 35:25-28)	Used the sword against the 400 prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:40)
Divided the waters of the Red Sea by his rod	Divided the waters of the Jordan River by his cloak
Was resurrected and translated east of the Jordan River	Was translated by a whirlwind east of the Jordan River
Had a spirit-filled successor named Joshua	Had a spirit-filled successor named Elisha
Joshua divided the waters at the Jordan	Elisha divided the waters at the Jordan
Appeared at the Mt. of Transfiguration	Appeared at the Mt. of Transfiguration
Last of 2 prophets mentioned in OT (Mal. 4:4-6)	Last of 2 prophets mentioned in OT (Mal. 4:4-6)

THEY ARE EYEWITNESSES OF:

The **TRANSFIGURATION** of Jesus (Mat.17:1-3; Luke 9:28-36; 2 Peter 1:16-18; Mark 9:4).

The **RESURRECTION** of Jesus (“two men” — Luke 22:43).

The **ASCENSION** of Jesus (“two men” — Acts 1:9-10).

THEIR TWO-FOLD MINISTRY:

To bring testimony to the Jews and confirm the **NEW COVENANT** with signs & wonders (Micah 5:3)

To judge the inhabitants of the earth through **TESTIMONY** and **PLAGUES**.

They are the remaining LIGHT-BEARERS (sons of oil) to the world during great darkness.

They’re killed and resurrected at the end of the 3 1/2 years of great tribulation upon the ungodly.

The 7th trumpet begins to sound (Rev. 10:7) over the period of the 3 1/2 years until the angel **FINISHES** the sounding (Rev. 11:15-19) a the **second coming**.

Matt. 24:31 “And he will send his angels with **a loud trumpet call...**”

1 Cor. 15:51-52 “...in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For **the trumpet will sound**, the dead will be raised imperishable...”

1 Thess. 4:16-17 “For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and **the trumpet call of God**, and the dead in Christ will rise first.”