

## GOD'S MEASURED TEMPLE - Rev 11:1-2

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#### INTRODUCTION

1. Rv11 - progressive parallelism & parentheses - eternal perspective: chpt 7 now chpt 10-11. Review.
2. Jn enacts his message: measure temple - 11:1-2.

#### 1st: The Significance of What is Measured: God's Temple & True Worshipers

1. *There was given... someone said* - divine act & command: 10:11,4,8,9.
2. cf. Ezek 40-48. Ezek sees idealized temple: not the temple rebuilt by returning exiles [Haggai]; not Herod's [Lk 21].
3. Jesus' resurrected body [Jn2:19]. Eph 2:19-22
4. Jn measures *temple* = church on earth, not heavenly temple Rv 11:19. What does *temple* symbolize? 2 Grk words
  - i. "hi'eros" = entire temple complex [gospels, Acts]. Not used in Rv.
  - ii. "naos" = inner sanctuary - God's presence/throne, only priests. Used in Eph 2:21; cf. Rv 1:6. True church on earth & heavenly sanctuary: naos
5. When Jn measures *the altar*, he is measuring the prayers/worship of church. Rv 8:3 [Rv 5:8; 6:9-10] *Altar* plays significant role in Rev.
6. *those who worship*: prostrate - heavenly [Rv 4:10; 5:14; 7:11; 9:20; 11:16]; & beastly. Dt 20:5 - II<sup>nd</sup> commandment: do not *worship* idols.
  - i. Our lives are a form of prostration.
  - ii. External prostration w/o heart worship is vain.
7. Jn sees church at worship & measures it.

#### 2nd: The Significance of Measuring: United to Christ

1. Cf. *sealing* of 144K in Rv 7. Quantity & quality: an act of judging.
2. OT: measure property, captives - distinguish apostates from remnant
3. NT: judge - 2C 10:12; Mt 7:2
4. Jn given measuring rod - to differentiate among worshipers.

#### 3rd: The Significance of Not Being Measured: Not United to Christ

1. Rv 11:2 *leave out* [NIV: *exclude*]: cast out w/ force => reject, repudiate: *the court wh/ is outside the temple - do not measure it*.
  - i. The *court* in Herod's temple was outer "court of the Gentiles"
  - ii. This *court* is *outside the temple* - the naos - but identified w/ temple
2. If measuring the inner court is identifying & receiving true worshipers, then *not measuring* the outer court is rejecting those worshipping there.
  - i. Area assoc'd w/ God's name - but breaking III<sup>rd</sup> c: Exo 20:7.
  - ii. Not measured, not identified; not given access to Jesus in the naos.
3. Outer court *given to nations*: by whom? God. *Nations* - Gentiles - Eph 4:17f.
4. Outer court is identified w/ *the holy city* [later in Rv 21 & 22, *the holy city* = *New Jeru*]. Here *the holy city* = Rv11:8 crucifiers of Christ.
5. What is being symbolized? Nominal; apostate; Rocky & Thorny: Mt 7:22f

#### 4th: The Significance of Being Tread Under Foot: Military Defeat

1. metaphor - military defeat; persecution - [Zech 10:5]
  - i. Lk 10:19 - promise victory
  - ii. Lk 21:24 destruction of Jerusalem [AD70] due to apostasy - pertains to church: *THE apostasy* [2Th 2:3].
2. Jesus' name is attacked & apostates fall away.
3. *42 months*. Lk 21:24; Mrk 13:10; Rm 11:25] 2 witnesses finish testimony.
  - i. *42 months* = Church-Age [1,260 days Rv11:3; *time, times & 1/2 time* 3.5 yrs Dan 7:25 - #s are symbols.
4. Throughout Ch-Age, true worshipers worship in midst of spiritual war: measured & securely belong to Lord. False worshipers apostatize: succumb to seduction, compromise, persecution: not measured & defeated, trampled

#### Applic #1: The Metaphor of Military Defeat Signifies Apostasy

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1. Imagine reading Rv 20+yr after Jeru was destroyed 70AD. We're 20yrs since 9/11/01. Remember feeling of being attacked?
  - i. Suffering can/will be context for apostasy - 1Pt 4:12-19, v17
  - ii. Pleasure can/will be context for apostasy
2. Tension: sealed, measured, yet we must overcome.

### Applic #2: Are You Measured?

1. Who is measured? *those who worship*. Where are the measured ones? *in it* - in what? *temple*: the church - Hb 12:28-29
2. What is measured remains - loving, believing, hoping worshipers of Jesus overcome.