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REVELATION 11 God Keeps His Word

I. GOD KEEPS HIS WORD

* God has staked His name on one nation - Israel Jer. 31:2 -

- * God has also chosen a city to associate with: Jerusalem
- City of Melchisadek, type of Christ and Abraham's offering Issac
- City of David
- City of Solomon and temple
- God calls it "My city"
- Place of Christ's crucifixion
- sacred to: Jews, Christians, Moslems
- A.D. 70 3rd (Herod) temple destroyed [586 B.C. first
- (Solomon), second Zerubbubel]
- A.D. 685-91 Dome of the Rock
- A.D. 1520-66 Sulleman the Magnificent
- Now, look at Rev. 11:1-2 God says there will be another temple.
 - Daniel said so: 9:27, 12:11
 - Christ said so: Mt. 24:15-16
 - Paul said so: 2 Th. 2:4

British statesman Disraeli asked to defend Bible one word: <u>Israel</u>

Lesson: God keeps His word! Are you trusting Him?

II. GOD PROTECTS HIS OWN - v. 3-7

A. God always has witness - Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Job, Moses, Samuel....

B. God provides power:

Elijah - drought and fire

Moses - death and disease

C. God has perfect plan "finished", "tetelestai" Jesus Christ, "finished course" - Paul, "to wit God in Christ"

Lesson: God protects His own; Are you resting in Him?

III. GOD GIVES ENDLESS LIFE - V. 8-14

Rom. 4:17 Abraham's faith Rom. 8:11 Lesson: God gives endless life! Are you hoping?

- IV. GOD EXPECTS WORSHIP
- A. Heaven is a place of worship where God rules and reigns -
- v. 15-16
 - Are you experiencing heaven as you worship Him?
- B. Worship flows out of the wonders of God's revealing Himself:
 - Are you overflowing with God?
 - 1. He is eternal in character v. 17a
 - 2. He is awesome in power v. 17b
 - 3. He is righteous in judgment v. 18
 - 4. He is indeflectible in loyalty v. 19

Here's the ark (but don't look for Indiana Jones and the distortions and errors of this swashbuckling explorer)... It's in heaven.

* <u>Ark</u> = portrait of God's abiding presence and promises.

* <u>Contents</u> =

A. 2 stone tablets of the Law = God is unleashingly holy...

- B. Aaron's rod that budded = God gives life
- C. Pot of Manna = Christ is bread of life
- Well, (1) God keeps word

= trusting?

resting?

- (2) God protects His own =
- (3) God gives endless life = hoping?
- (4) God expects worship = adoring?

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