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Revelation 11:1-14

Continuing the trumpet judgments, right at the middle point of the tribulation period, and they are affecting the earth and the people, but the worst is yet to happen. Don't spiritualize these judgments – they are real and literal just like it says.

The UN is a precursor or foundation to Satan taking over the world. If the UN agrees to something, that agreement will override our Constitution.

The Two Witnesses

Vs1-2: Measure the temple of God and the altar, but not the court outside. In other words, measure what is God's, and the rest is going to the gentiles to be dominated by the gentiles for 42 months, or 3 ½ years. It's like a surveyor measuring your land, but not your neighbors.

Look at Daniel 9:27: "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. " (poured out on the desolator – the antichrist.

Look at Matthew 24:15: When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand :)

- 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:
 - 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:
 - 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.
 - 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!
 - 20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:
 - 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
 - 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. **Abomination of desolation is something that is horrible that causes massive destruction. Matthew says the very minute this happens, run and hide. Don't go get anything from your house...just run to the hills and hide.**
 - 23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.
 - 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.
 - 25 Behold, I have told you before.
 - 26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.
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27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Look at Luke 21:20 -

- 20 ¶ And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.
- 21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.
- 22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.
- 23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.
- 24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.
- 25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;
- 26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.
- 27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Back to Rev 11:3 and on...

The Lord has 2 witnesses, because He always has someone witness His Word. The witnesses counteract what the antichrist has been doing for the last 3 ½ years. These 2 witnesses are mentioned in the Old Testament. Carl will try to get to these 2 witnesses next week. The beast has been unstoppable for 3 ½ years. God does not suppress people. He wants them to show what is really in their hearts. He wants the good to shine and the evil to be exposed. In the tribulation, people will be in a tight situation that will show their true hearts.

Vs8-11: The dead bodies will lie in the streets. Now, not scripture, but the Egyptians believe that a spirit stays with the body after the body has died for 3 days, then the spirit leaves the body and they are truly dead. That's why Jesus stayed dead for 3 days, so the Jews would believe he was dead, really dead. Back to scripture, after 3 ½ days of lying dead in the street, God brings these 3 bodies back to life and takes them up to heaven. The cameras will be running, all the world will see this happen. The revelers will be terrified. Vs 14 ends the 2nd woe of the 3 woes to come.

