

REVELATION - CHAPTER ELEVEN

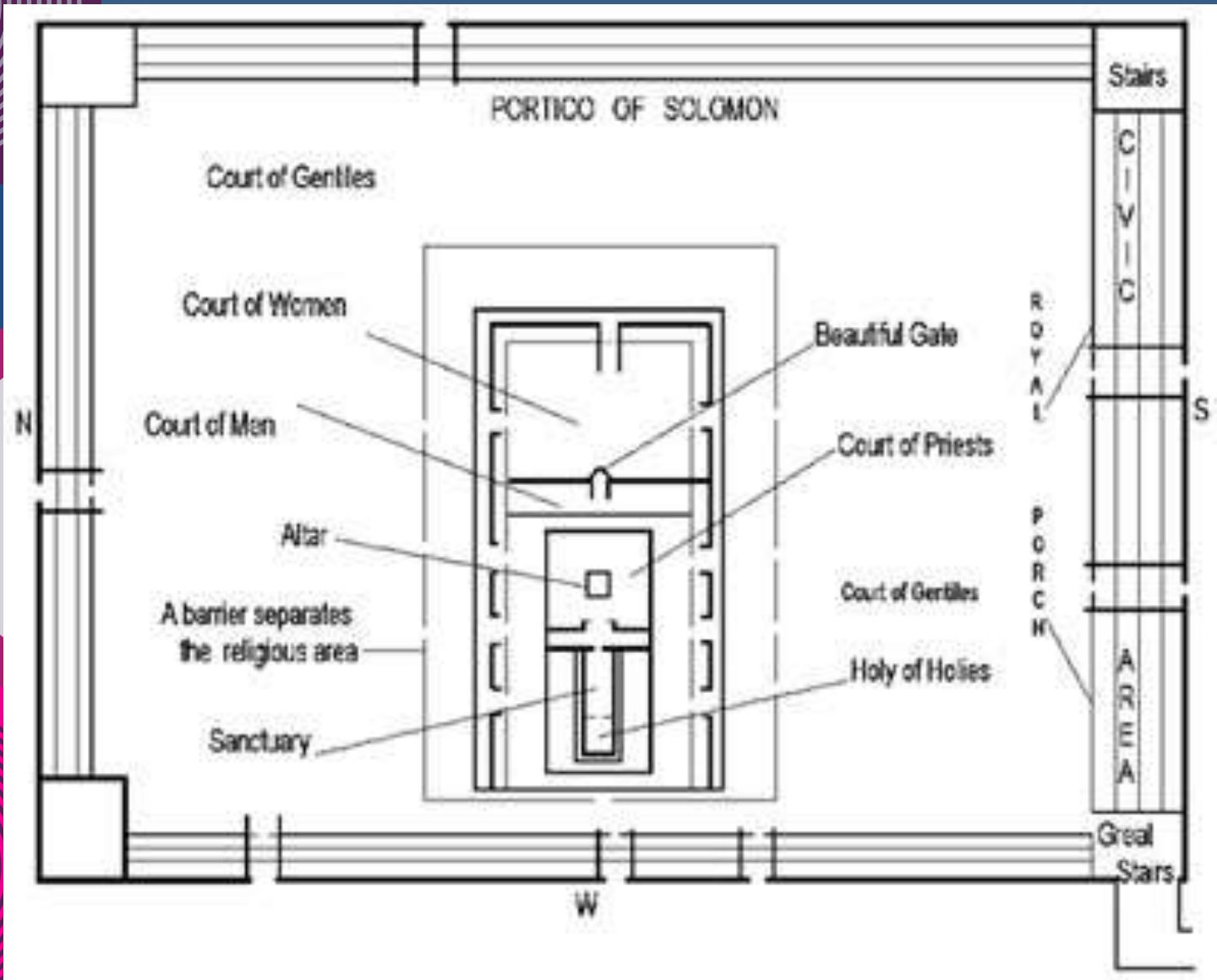


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MEASURE THE TEMPLE (11:1-2)



- Given a reed (vs. 1)
- Measure the Temple of God, the Altar and those who worship there (vs. 1; Ezekiel 40-43; 1 Cor 3:17; 6:16)
- Leave out the court which is outside the Temple (vs. 2; cf. 7:1-8)
- It has been given to the Gentiles (vs. 2)
- **They will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. (vs. 2)**

THE TWO WITNESSES (11:1-6)



1. Characteristics
 - a. They will prophesy (vs. 3)
 - b. Clothed in sackcloth (2 Kings 1:8; John 3:6)
 - c. two olive trees and two lampstands (Zech 4:1-5)
 - d. If anyone wants to harm them
 - e. Fire proceeds from their mouths (Num 16:35; 2 Kings 1:9-12)
 - f. Power to cause drought (1 Kings 17)
 - g. Power to turn water to blood (Exodus 7:14-25)

THE TWO WITNESSES (11:1-6)



2. The Two Witnesses
 - a. Are they literal?
 - b. Two unnamed prophets?
3. Is this symbolic?
 - a. Moses and Elijah?

THE THREE BEASTS IN REVELATION

1. The Beast from the Bottomless Pit (11:7; 17:8)
2. The Beast from the Sea (13:1)
3. The Beast from the Earth (13:11)



ENTER THE BEAST (11:7-10)

(Rev 9:1 NKJV) Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to **the bottomless pit**.

(Rev 9:2 NKJV) And he opened **the bottomless pit**, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.

(Rev 9:11 NKJV) And they had as king over them the angel of **the bottomless pit**, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

(Rev 11:7 NKJV) When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of **the bottomless pit** will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

(Rev 17:8 NKJV) The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of **the bottomless pit** and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

(Rev 20:1 NKJV) Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to **the bottomless pit** and a great chain in his hand.

(Rev 20:3 NKJV) and he cast him into **the bottomless pit**, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

ENTER THE BEAST (11:7-10)



1. The beast that ascends **out of the bottomless pit... (vs. 7)**
 - a. Will make war with the witnesses
 - b. Will overcome them
 - c. And will kill them

THE TWO WITNESSES (11:8-10)



4. Their bodies will lie in the street **of the great city** (vs. 7)

THE GREAT CITY (11:8)



- ✓ Where the witnesses are martyred
- ✓ Spiritually called Sodom and Egypt (Deut 29:22-28; Jer. 23:14; Ezek. 16:46)
- ✓ Where also our Lord was crucified
- ✓ Can only be **Jerusalem!**

THE TWO WITNESSES (11:8-10)



4. Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city (vs. 8)
5. Then the peoples... (vs. 9)
6. Not allow their bodies to be put in graves (vs. 9)
7. Will give gifts and celebrate (vs. 10)

THE TWO WITNESSES (11:11-12)



8. After three and a half days (vs. 11)
9. The breath of life from God entered them (vs. 11)
10. Great fear fell on all who saw them (vs. 11)
11. A loud voice from heaven (vs. 12)
12. Come up here (vs. 12)
13. They ascended (vs. 12)
14. Their enemies saw them (vs. 12)

THE SECOND WOE IS PAST (11:14)



In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

(Rev 11:13-14 NKJV; cf. Rev. 8:13; 9:12)

THE SEVENTH TRUMPET (11:15)



Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, **"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"**
(NKJV)

THE HEAVENLY RESPONSE (11:16-18)



- The 24 elders fell on their faces (vs. 16)
- Saying, We give you thanks, O Lord God Almighty (vs. 17)
- Your wrath has come (vs. 18)
 - You should reward your servants the prophets and the saints (vs. 18)
 - And those who fear your name small and great
 - And should destroy those who destroy the earth
- **This response confirms these actions are not a defeat of God's saints, but an answer to prayer!**

GOD'S TEMPLE IS OPENED (11:19)



Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple.

And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

(Rev 11:19 NKJV)

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