



The

Revelation of **Jesus Christ**

An overview

13. The Seventh Trumpet...

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The third section...

8:2 – 11:19

Seven trumpets, seven thunders, the little book,
measuring the temple and the two witnesses

The 3rd section - Revelation 8 to 11...

Chapter 8

The prayers of the saints	The 1 st trumpet	The 2 nd trumpet	The 3 rd trumpet	The 4 th trumpet
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Chapter 9

"Woe, woe, woe..."	The 5 th trumpet	The 6 th trumpet
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Chapter 10

The seven thunders	Eating the little scroll
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Chapter 11

Measuring the Temple	The two witnesses	The 7 th trumpet
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The third section – what have we seen so far?

Prelude

- The prayers of saints are offered with incense

The first six trumpets

- 1st trumpet – One third of plant life burned
- 2nd trumpet – One third of the seas turn to blood
- 3rd trumpet – One third of the waters poisoned
- 4th trumpet – One third of the heavens darkened
- 5th trumpet – creatures like locusts torment people
- 6th trumpet – a vast army kills one third of mankind
- 7th trumpet...



*Woe,
woe, woe*

**Against
nature**

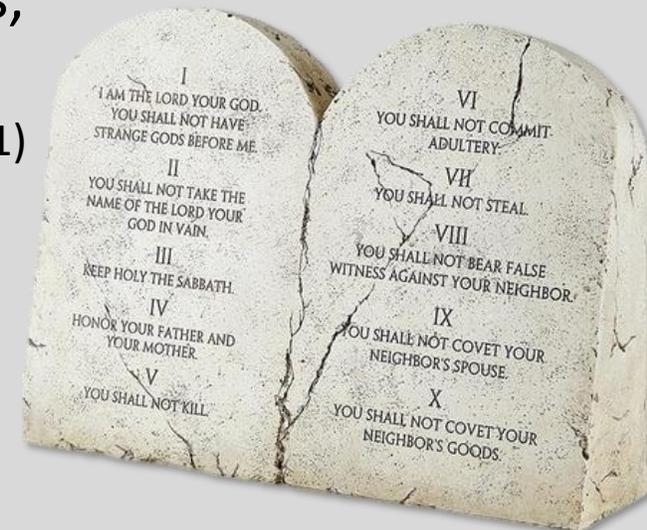
**Against
humanity**

But after the sixth angel blew his trumpet...

The rest of mankind...

- **did not repent** of the works of their hands that they should not **worship demons** and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood...
- **nor did they repent** of their murders, or their sorceries, or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

(Revelation 9:20-21)



I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven...

And the angel...
swore by Him who lives forever and ever...
that there would be **no more delay**...
but that in the days of the trumpet call
to be sounded by **the seventh angel**,
the mystery of God would be finished...

(See Revelation 10:5-7)

The mystery of God...

When I came to you, I did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you **the testimony of God.**

(1 Corinthians 2:1)



This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of **the mysteries of God.**

(1 Corinthians 4:1)



For I decided to know nothing among you except **Jesus Christ and Him crucified.**

(1 Corinthians 2:2)



- The mystery hidden in God from the beginning of the ages
- The unsearchable riches of Christ



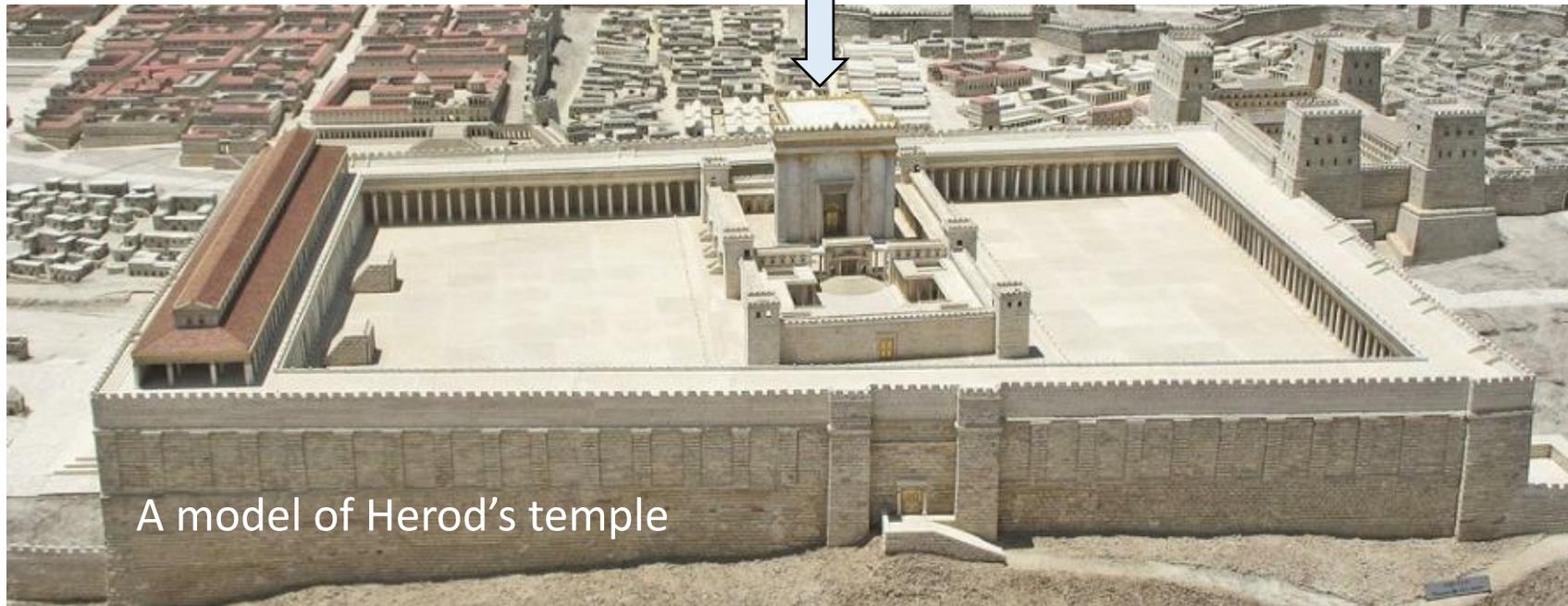
Measuring the temple...

Revelation 11:1-2

*Rise and **measure**
the temple of God
and the altar and
those who worship there*

Greek: *naos*
= the Holy Place and
the Holy of Holies

Measuring
confirms both
acceptance and
safety / security

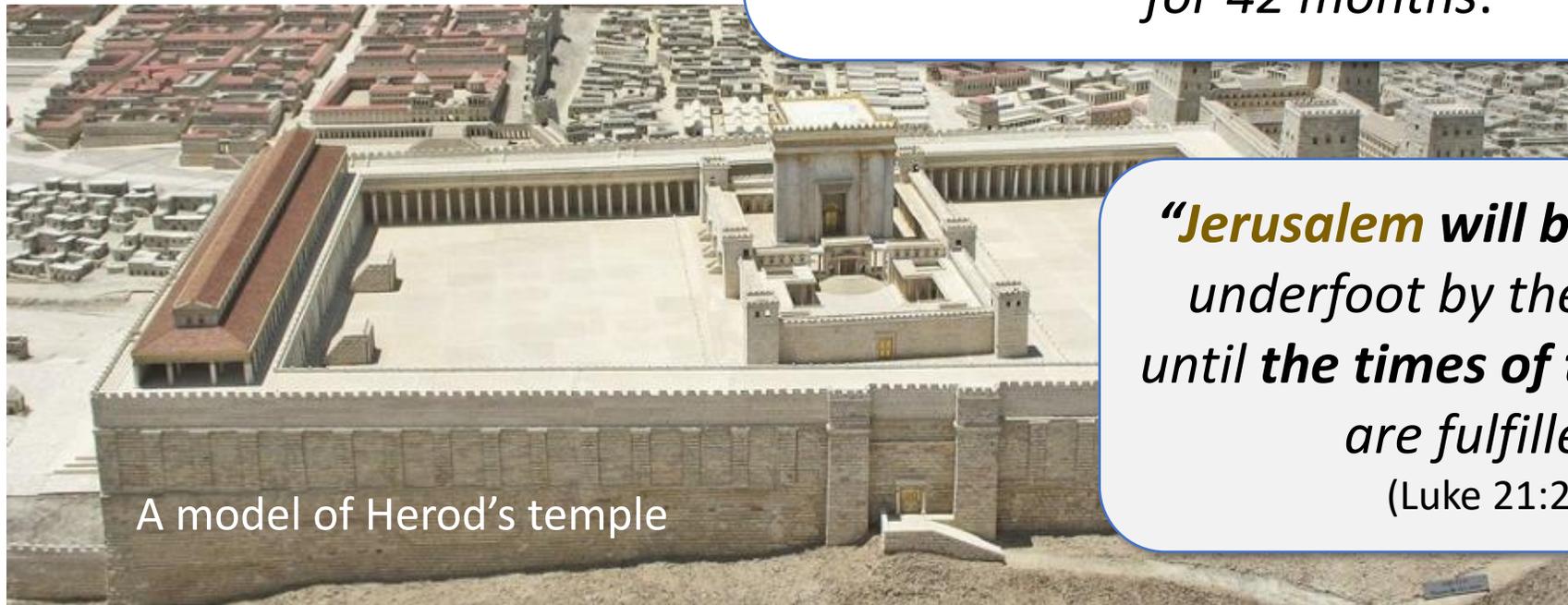


A model of Herod's temple

Measuring the temple...

*Rise and **measure** the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there*

*...but **do not measure** the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and **they will trample the holy city** for 42 months.*



A model of Herod's temple

***“Jerusalem will be trampled** underfoot by the Gentiles, until **the times of the Gentiles** are fulfilled.”*

(Luke 21:24)

Measuring the temple...



How are we to understand this part of the vision?

- The temple John sees is in *Jerusalem*, Israel's capital.
- The whole city is being *trampled* by the Gentiles/nations.
- John is also to *measure the people* worshipping there.
- ***The faithful are safe*** – they are in the presence of God.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

(Psalm 91:1-2)

My two witnesses...

Revelation 11:3-14

...and they will trample the holy city for **42 months**.

And I will give power to **my two witnesses**,
and they will prophesy **1260 days**,
clothed in sackcloth.

42 months = 3½ years
1260 days (42 x 30) = 3½ years

(Revelation 11:2-3)

Mourning, repentance
(Psalm 30:11)

*“Not by might, nor by power,
but by my Spirit...”*

(Zechariah 4:6)

These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands
that stand before the Lord of the earth.

(Revelation 11:4)

My two witnesses...

Behold, I will make My words in your mouth fire,
And this people wood, and it shall devour them.

(Jeremiah 5:14)

And if anyone would harm them,
fire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes.

If anyone would harm them,
this is how he is doomed to be killed.

Elijah:
1 Kings 17:1

They have the power to shut the sky,
that **no rain** may fall during the days of their prophesying,
and they have power over the waters to turn them **into blood**
and to strike the earth with **every kind of plague**,
as often as they desire.

Moses: Exodus 7:17

(Revelation 11:5-6)

My two witnesses...

“the man of
lawlessness”
(2 Thessalonians 2:3)

And **when they have finished** their testimony,
the beast that rises from the bottomless pit
will **make war** on them and **conquer** them **and kill them**,
and their dead bodies will lie in the street of **the great city**
that **spiritually** is called **Sodom** and **Egypt**,
where their Lord was crucified.

(Revelation 11:7-8)

Sodom = moral evil
Egypt = worldly strength

My two witnesses...

For 3½ days some from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and refuse to let them be placed in a tomb, and **those who dwell on the earth** will rejoice over them and make merry and exchange presents, because **these two prophets had been a torment** to **those who dwell on the earth**.

(Revelation 11:9-10)



Where are you?

My two witnesses...

But after the 3½ days
a breath of life from God entered them,
and they stood up on their feet,
and great fear fell on those who saw them....



**Come up
here!**

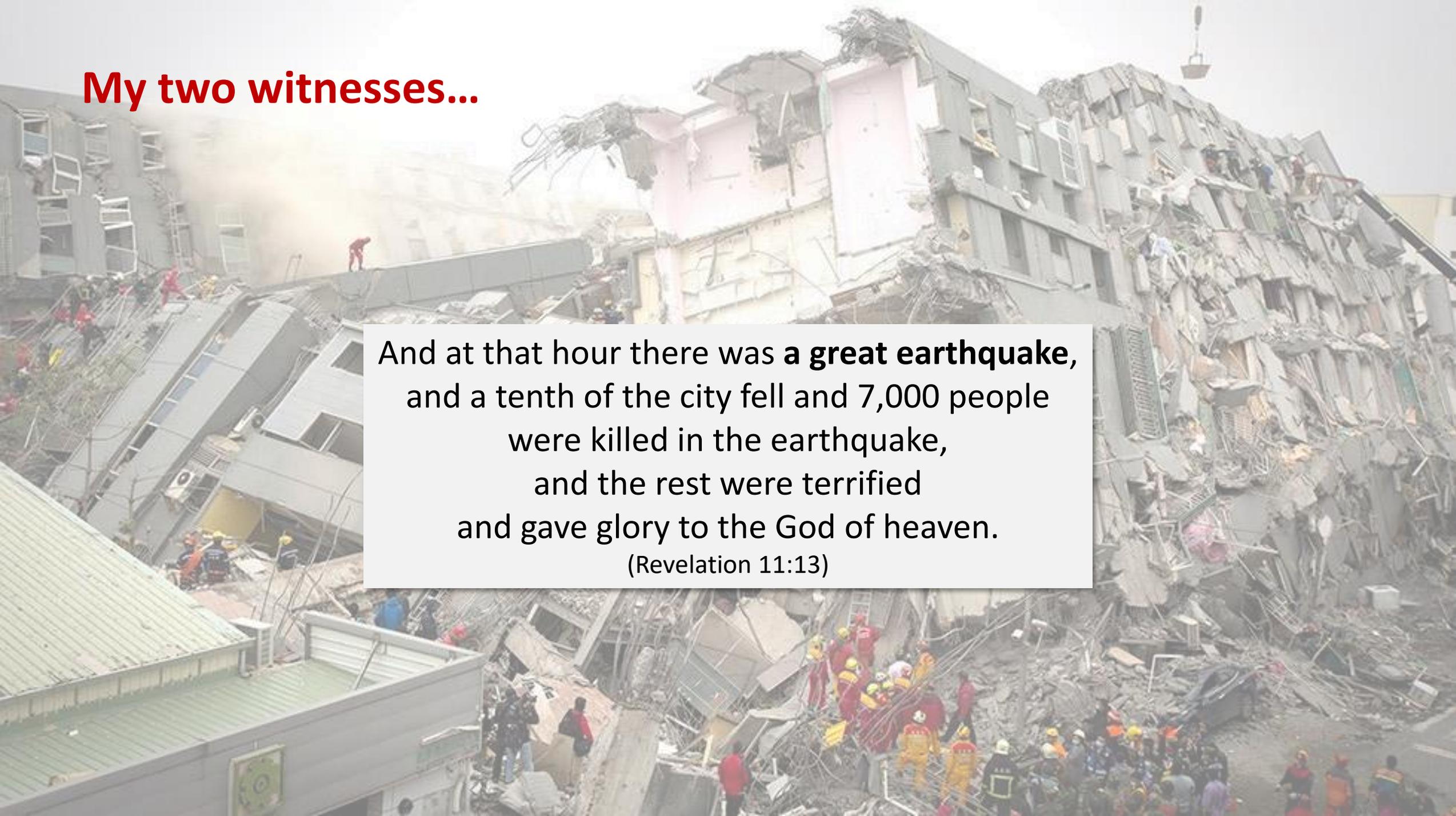
...And they went up to heaven in a cloud,
and their enemies watched them.

(Revelation 11:11-12)

My two witnesses...

And at that hour there was a **great earthquake**,
and a tenth of the city fell and 7,000 people
were killed in the earthquake,
and the rest were terrified
and gave glory to the God of heaven.

(Revelation 11:13)



My two witnesses...

Who are they?

- **Prophets who come in the last days?**
 - Elijah and Enoch?
 - Moses and Elijah?
 - Just two prophets?
- **Symbolic - the church?**
 - Old and New Testament?
 - Jew and Gentile?
- **Symbolic - the Jewish nation?**
 - The Law and the Prophets?

My two witnesses...



Two scenes - one vision

- **Spiritual principles that are always true**
 - ✓ The saints are safe even when evil is triumphant
 - ✓ There will be a (costly) witness until the Lord comes
 - ✓ The Lord reigns, even in the darkest hour
- **The word of God will torment some who refuse it**
- **The spirit of antichrist is already in the world** (1 John 4:3)

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet...

Revelation 11:15-19

...and there were loud voices in heaven saying...

Hallelujah



*The kingdom of the world has become
the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ,
and He shall reign forever and ever.*

He shall reign forever and ever...

Nebuchadnezzar's dream

(Daniel 2:1-45)

The God of heaven will set up a kingdom
that shall never be destroyed...

It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms
and bring them to an end,
and it shall stand forever.

(Daniel 2:44)



He shall reign forever and ever...

Daniel's dream
(Daniel 7:1-14)

...and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came **one like a son of man**, and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him.

And to Him was given **dominion** and **glory** and a **kingdom**, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him;

} The whole earth

His dominion is **an everlasting dominion**, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

(Daniel 7:13-14)

He shall reign forever and ever...

And they led Jesus away
to the high priest...

Are you the Christ,
the Son of the Blessed?

Psalm 110:1

*I am, and you will see **the Son of Man**
seated at the right hand of Power,
and **coming** with the clouds of heaven.*

Daniel 7:13

(See Mark 14:61-62, Matthew 24:30)

He shall reign forever and ever...

And the twenty-four elders... worshipped God saying...

We give thanks to You,
Lord God Almighty, who is and who was,
for You have taken Your great power
and begun to reign.

(Revelation 11:17)

On earth!

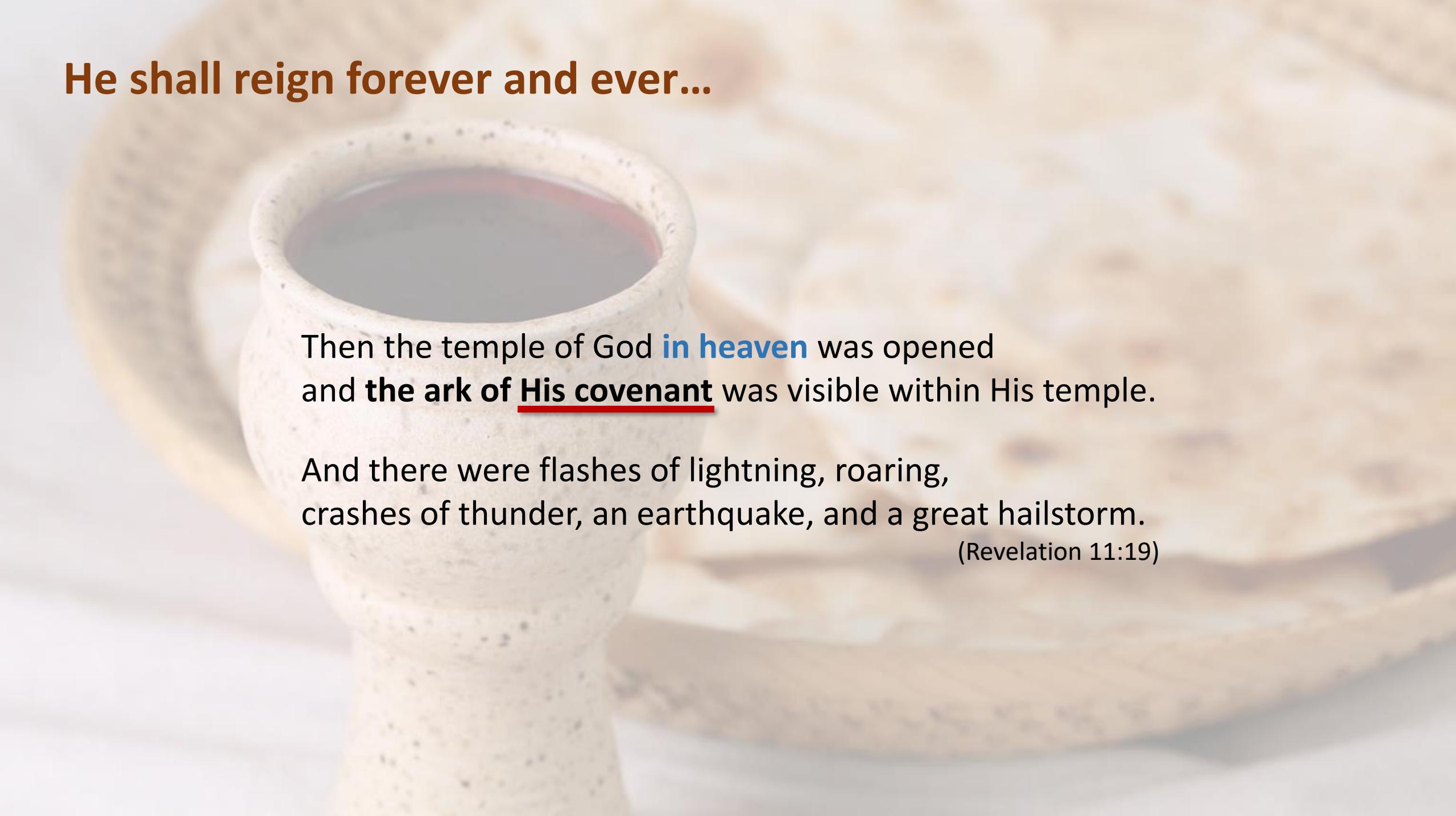
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Psalm 2

The nations raged,
but Your wrath has come,
and the time for the dead to be judged,
and for **rewarding** Your servants,
the prophets and saints,
and those who fear Your Name, both small and great,
and for destroying those who destroy the earth.

(Revelation 11:18)

Ruin, corrupt

A ceramic chalice filled with red wine, resting on a wooden plate. The background is a blurred wooden surface.

He shall reign forever and ever...

Then the temple of God **in heaven** was opened
and **the ark of His covenant** was visible within His temple.

And there were flashes of lightning, roaring,
crashes of thunder, an earthquake, and a great hailstorm.

(Revelation 11:19)

He is coming to reign on the earth

For **the grace of God** has appeared,
bringing salvation for all people,

training us

**to renounce
ungodliness
and worldly passions**

and

**to live
self-controlled,
upright, and godly lives**

in the present age,
waiting for our blessed hope,
**the glorious appearing of
our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

(Titus 2:11-13)

He is coming to reign on the earth

What will matter then?

- My friends or my **faithfulness**?
- My career or my **character**?
- My reputation or my **peace**?

A sunset over the ocean with a scroll overlay. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, reflecting on the water. A scroll with a black border and white background is positioned in the center, containing text.

“Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus!

(Revelation 22:20)