

THE BOOK OF

REVELATION

...the great power
...the people
...will be needed to pluck
...roots.
7. Following Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate, Masorah

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

(Revelation 11:15)

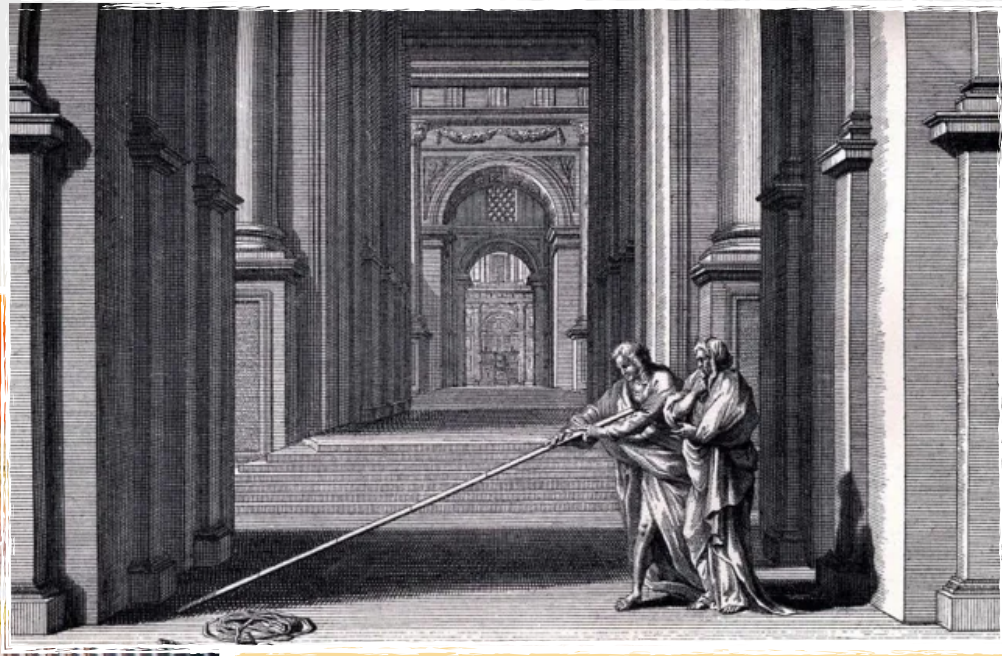
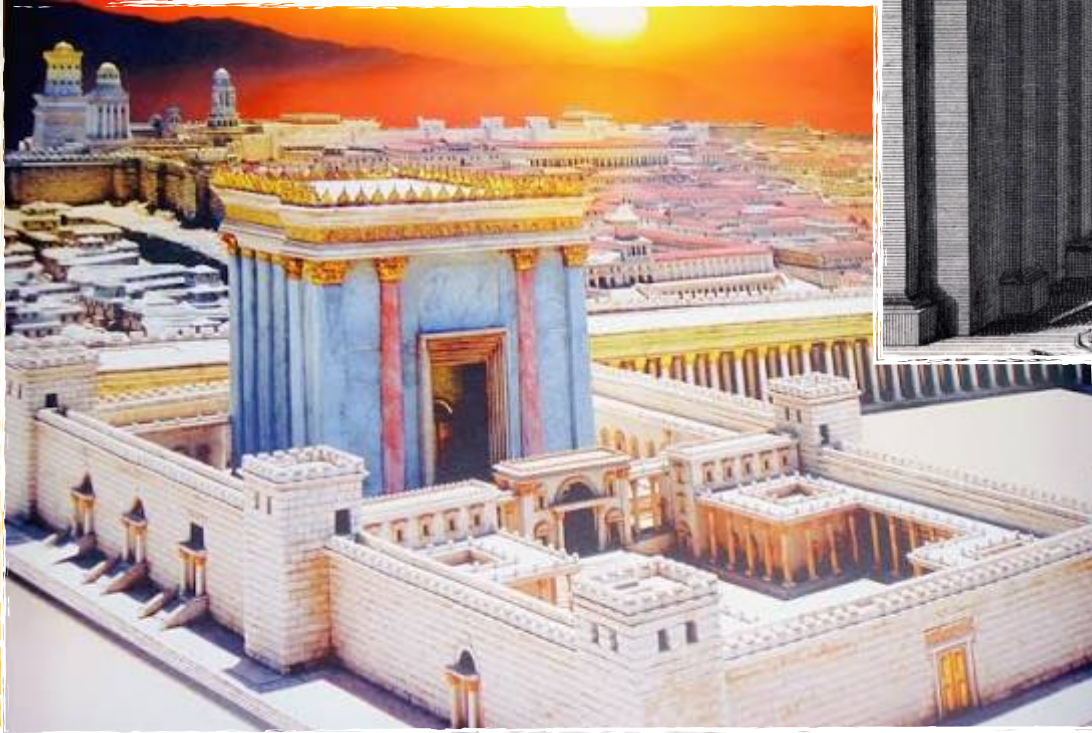
“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” (**Matthew 24:18**)

Revelation 11:1-2 (ESV)

1 Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, “Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, 2 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 forty-two months.”

“Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.” **(Psalm 48:12-14)**

“Rise, and...



**measure the
temple of God.”**



“There will not
be left here one
stone upon
another that
will not be
thrown down.”
(Mark 13:2)

“Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews then said, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking about the temple of his body.” **(John 2:19-21)**

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt
among us, and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

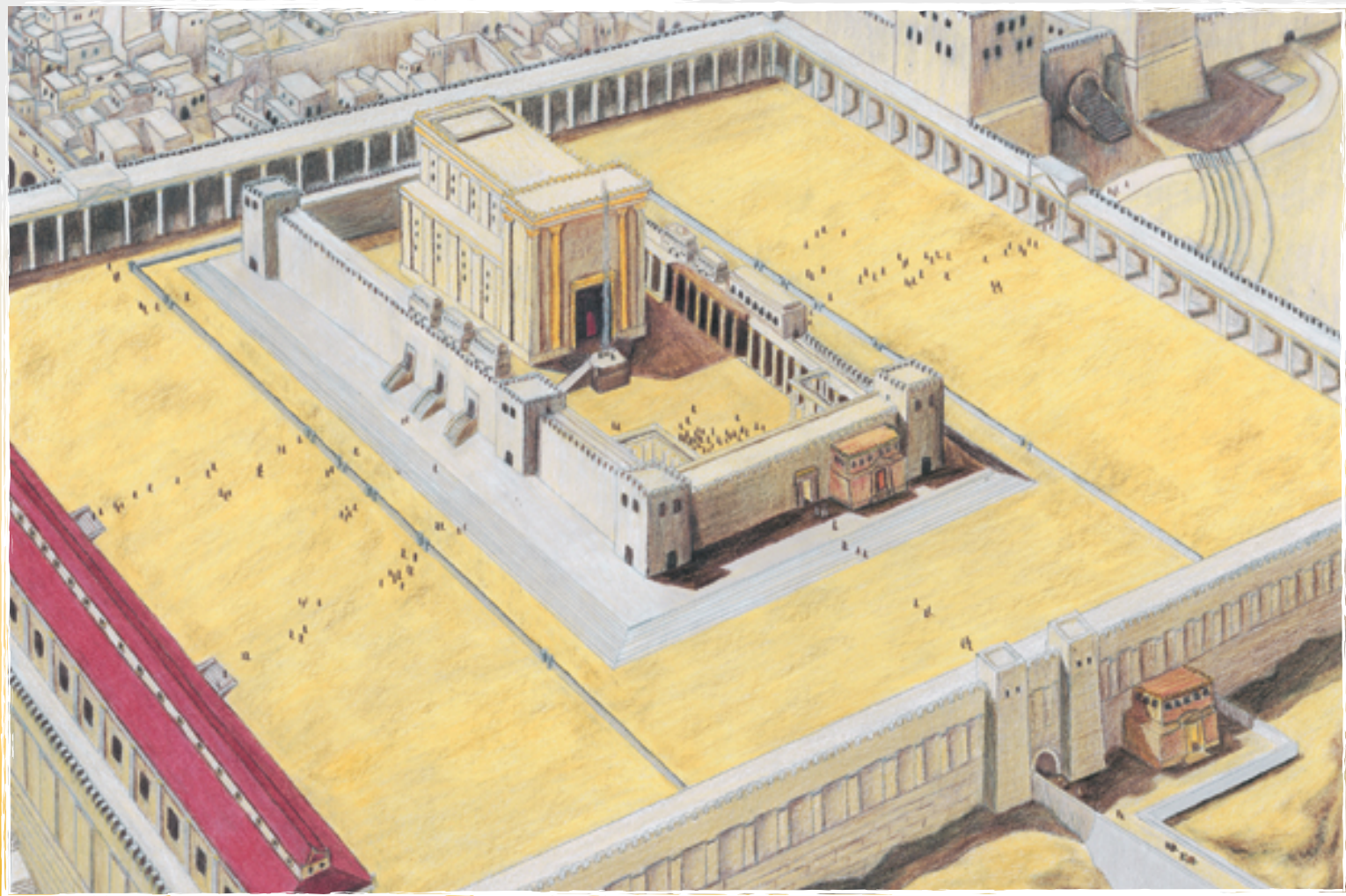
“And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until His enemies should be made a footstool for His feet. For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.” **(Hebrews 10:11-14)**

The temple is a place of **RELATIONSHIP**,
BELONGING, and **PROTECTION**.

“You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: ‘Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.’” (1 Peter 2:5-6)

Despite the absence of a building, God's
temple stands in the world, for
YOU ARE THAT TEMPLE.

Though you may feel under threat, I am
with you and have **SURELY**
ESTABLISHED you. You will not be
shaken. You will never again be thrown
down.



God's presence and protection does **NOT**
mean we will be fully shielded from
SUFFERING. For forty-two months, the
pagan nations will **TRAMPLE** the outer
courts.

“For a time, times, and half a time...”
(Daniel 7:25)

Revelation 11:3-4 (ESV)

3 “And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

Revelation 11:5-6 (ESV)

5 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. 6 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.



“A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established.”

(Deuteronomy 19:15)

“For the church is nothing less than the multinational fulfillment of the hope of Israel, that all nations will be blessed through the people of Abraham. The *expansion* of Israel to include the Gentiles (note carefully: not the *abandonment* of Israel in favor of the Gentiles), in and through Christ, fulfilled the promise to Abraham and the accomplished God’s purpose...” (Wright)

“...to solve not only the problem of Genesis 3 (human fallenness and sin), but also of Genesis 11 (racial dividedness and confusion). This is why it is so important to recognize that the church by its very nature is *part* of the gospel... for as a community of reconciled sinners from all races it demonstrates the gospel's transforming power.” (Wright)

“By your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God.”

(Revelation 5:9-10)

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

(Matthew 28:18-20)

“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” **(Matthew 16:18-19)**

“Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.” (Luke 10:19)

“Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: ‘Because you have spoken this word, behold, I am making my words in your mouth a fire, and this people wood, and the fire shall consume them.’”

(Jeremiah 5:14)

“If I say, ‘I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,’ there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.’” (**Jeremiah 20:9**)

Revelation 11:7-8 (ESV)

7 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, 8 and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified.

Revelation 11:9-10 (ESV)

9 For three and a half 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, 10 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 11:11-12 (ESV)

11 But after the three and a half 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. 12 Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here!” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them.

Revelation 11:13-14 (ESV)

13 And at that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. 14 The second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is soon to come.

“The blood of the martyrs [lit. “the witnesses”] is the seed of the church of the church... The oftener we are mown down by you, the more in number we grow; **the blood of Christians is seed.**”

(Tertullian)

The **SACRIFICIAL WITNESS** and **SELF-GIVING LOVE** of the Church is effective to soften that the heart of the nations, bringing them to repentance and prompting them to give glory to God.

“Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.” (2 Timothy 2:8-10)