

Study Guide: The Two Witnesses-Lesson 3

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This study guide explores the prophetic events surrounding the Tribulation, focusing on the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem, the role of the Antichrist, and the spiritual restoration of the Jewish people. Based on the teachings of Revelation 11 and related scriptures, this document outlines the timeline of the 70th week of Daniel and the significance of the Two Witnesses.

Review Quiz: Short Answer

Instructions: Answer each question in 2-3 complete sentences based on the information provided in the lesson.

1. What does the act of John measuring the temple in Revelation 11 represent regarding God's relationship with the building?
 2. According to the lesson, how many temples have existed or will exist in total, and who is responsible for building the first three?
 3. What specific New Testament verse is cited as the most important evidence that the Antichrist will sit in a physical temple during the Tribulation?
 4. Describe the peace treaty or "pact" the Antichrist makes with Israel and how it changes at the midpoint of the seven-year period.
 5. Why does the teacher believe that the reinstatement of the Jewish sacrificial system is a tool used by God to prepare the hearts of the Jewish people?
 6. What are the two holy sites currently located in Jerusalem and Mecca that are significant to Islam, and how do they relate to the temple Mount?
 7. Why was John told specifically not to measure the "outer court" or the Court of the Gentiles?
 8. What is "Replacement Theology," and why does the lesson argue against its validity?
 9. According to Zechariah 13:8-9, what percentage of the Jewish population will perish during the Tribulation, and what happens to those who remain?
 10. Who are the different messengers mentioned in the lesson who will be preaching the Gospel during the Tribulation period?
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Answer Key

1. Measuring the temple represents God's ownership. By having John mark out the dimensions, the Lord is showing that the temple and those who worship there belong to Him and are part of His divine plan.
2. There are five temples mentioned in the sequence. Solomon built the first, Zerubbabel built the second, and Herod built the third; the fourth is built by Tribulation Jews, and the fifth will be established by the Lord in the Millennial Kingdom.
3. The lesson identifies 2 Thessalonians 2:4 as the most important verse. This scripture describes the "man of sin" or the Antichrist sitting in the temple of God and showing himself to the world as if He were God.
4. The Antichrist makes a pact that allows the Jewish people to worship and feel protected in their temple for the first three and a half years. At the midpoint of the seven years, he breaks this treaty, destroys their worship, and demands that the whole world worship him instead.
5. The sacrifices remind the Jewish people of their sinfulness and the need for a redeemer, as animal blood cannot truly take away sin. This process refocuses their hearts toward the Messiah, Jesus Christ, whom they will eventually recognize as the one they pierced.
6. The Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem is considered the second most holy site in Islam, while Mecca contains the Kaaba, which is the most sacred. The Antichrist will somehow enable the Jews to regain the site of the Dome of the Rock to build their fourth temple.
7. God does not have a specific covenant promise to redeem all Gentiles as a massive group during this specific prophetic time, unlike His promise to Israel. Therefore, the outer court is left unmeasured because it is given over to the Gentiles to tread underfoot for 42 months.
8. Replacement Theology is the belief that the church has replaced Israel in God's plan and promises. The lesson states this is incorrect because God made a permanent covenant with His chosen people, and the distinction between the church and Israel is a core part of dispensationalism.
9. Two-thirds of the people in the land will be "cut off and die" during this time of judgment. The remaining one-third will be brought through the fire to be refined like silver and gold, eventually calling on the name of the Lord as His people.
10. The Gospel will be preached by 144,000 invincible Jewish evangelists and a flying angel in the sky. Additionally, many converted Gentiles and the Two Witnesses will preach repentance and the Good News during the Great Tribulation.

Essay Questions

Instructions: Use the details from the lesson to provide in-depth responses to the following prompts.

1. Explain the chronological relationship between the Rapture, the seven-year Tribulation, and the "time of the Gentiles." How do these events shape the history of Jerusalem?
2. Discuss the significance of Mount Moriah in the context of past, present, and future temples. Why is this specific location so central to the conflict and the prophecy described?
3. Analyze the teacher's perspective on "secular" versus "Orthodox" Jews in modern Israel. How does the lesson suggest the Tribulation events will change the religious focus of the nation?
4. Compare the 42 months of the Antichrist's reign with the 1,260 days of the Two Witnesses' ministry. What is the central message of their preaching during this specific timeframe?
5. Describe the "woman" mentioned in Revelation 12 and her flight into the wilderness. What does this symbolize, and what role does the city of Petra potentially play in her protection?

Glossary of Key Terms

- **Abomination of Desolation:** An event spoken of by Daniel the prophet and affirmed by Jesus Christ where the Antichrist desecrates the temple and sets himself up to be worshipped.
- **Antichrist:** The "man of sin" or "son of destruction" who rises to world power during the Tribulation, makes a peace treaty with Israel, and eventually demands global worship.
- **Covenant:** A solemn, binding promise made by God; specifically refers here to the promises made to the nation of Israel regarding their future and their land.
- **Dispensationalism:** A theological system that recognizes different ways God has related to human beings throughout history, emphasizing a clear distinction between the church and Israel.
- **Gentiles:** People who are not of Jewish descent; in the context of the temple, they are associated with the outer court.
- **Great Tribulation:** The second half of the seven-year Tribulation period, lasting 42 months (1,260 days), characterized by intense judgment and the reign of the Antichrist.

- **Millennial Kingdom:** The future 1,000-year reign of Jesus Christ on earth, during which the fifth and final temple will be established.
- **Mount Moriah:** The historical and prophetic site in Jerusalem where the Jewish temples are built; currently occupied by the Dome of the Rock.
- **Petra:** A city built into cliffs and rock formations that some believe will serve as the place of protection for the Jewish remnant during the Great Tribulation.
- **Replacement Theology:** The teaching that the Christian church has replaced the nation of Israel in God's plan, a view the lesson explicitly rejects.
- **Sacrificial System:** The Old Testament practice of offering animals and grain to God; the lesson teaches this will be reinstated by the Jews at the start of the Tribulation.
- **Tribulation:** A seven-year period of divine judgment and preparation for Israel that immediately follows the Rapture of the church.
- **Two Witnesses:** Two individuals empowered by God to preach repentance and judgment for 1,260 days during the Great Tribulation.