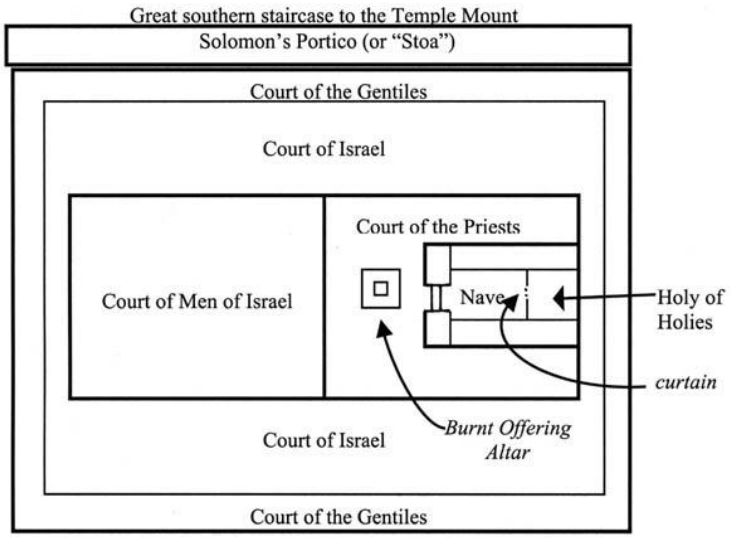
Revelation Study ~ Chapter 11 part 1

Revelation 11:1-6 ~ The Two Witnesses (part one)

As the wrath of God continues upon the world, we get a glimpse of two individuals who function across the globe during the second half of the Great Tribulation.

The opening of chapter eleven gives a view to the temple and a command given to John to measure it. The temple being referred to is the inner court of worshipers consisting of the altar, the holy place and the holy of holies (or most holy place).



The court "outside the temple" as referenced in verse 2 is the court of the Gentiles.

What is the significance of John measuring the temple?

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Why is the outer court of the gentiles left unmeasured?

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What does it mean when it describes the nations trampling the holy city?

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God grants authority (see key words) to the two witnesses for the exact duration of the trampling of the holy city – three and a half years. During that time, they are given the task to prophesy.

Speculate: What might the two witnesses say during this period of time?

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Why might the two witnesses be clothed in sackcloth?

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Consider the description of these two witnesses (see also Zechariah 4:11-14).

How does each convey God's assignment given to them?

- **Two Olive Trees –**
- **Two Lampstands –**

Considering the ministry of these two witnesses, they will stand against the rule of the antichrist and the worship of the enemy of God. Undoubtedly, severe opposition will arise against these two individuals.

What might it mean that "fire pours from their mouth?" Is this literal or figurative?

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Speculate: how might the world respond to these two witnesses?

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Three powerful signs accompany these two witnesses. Consider their impact:

- Shut the sky –
- Turn water to blood –
- Every kind of plague –

Key Words:

Authority – (Greek: "doso") meaning: "offer, give, grant, put in place, bestow"
Witnesses – (Greek: "martusin") meaning: "witness (eye or ear), martyr, record"
Prophesy – (Greek: "propheteusousin") meaning: "set forth a matter, foretell"
Harm – (Greek: "adikesai") meaning: "act unjustly, injure, harm, do wrong"