**The Book of Revelation 11:3-14**

**Basic Facts**

* The two witnesses will prophesy for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* If anyone harms the two olive trees and two lampstands standing before God, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the great city mentioned in Revelation 11:8.
* The nations will see dead bodies for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prophets tormented those who would dwell on the earth.
* In Revelation 11:13, when a great earthquake rocked the city, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of it fell.

**Key Phrases**

* *Sackcloth:* This was a coarse, rough cloth made from goat or camel hair. Wearing garments made from it expressed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The witnesses are mourning because of the wretched wickedness of the world, God’s judgement on it, and the desecration of the temple and the holy city by the Antichrist.
* *Two olive trees and the two lampstands:* Olive oil was commonly used in lamps; together the olive trees and the lampstands symbolize the light of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The two witnesses’ preaching will spark a revival, just as Joshua’s and Zerubbabel’s did in Israel after the Babylonian captivity.
* *Fire proceeds…and devours:* This probably refers to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Power to shut heaven:* Miracles have often authenticated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The three-and-one-half-year drought they will bring will add immeasurable torment to those experiencing the worldwide disasters of the Tribulation and it will increase their hatred of the two witnesses.
* *Waters to turn them to blood:* The earth’s water, already devastated by the effects of the second and third trumpets, will become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, adding immensely to the suffering caused by the drought.
* *The beast:*The first of 36 references to this person in Revelation, who is none other than the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. That he will ascend out of the bottomless pit indicates that his power is satanic.
* *Kill them:*Their ministry completed, God will withdraw the two witnesses’ supernatural \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The beast will then be able to accomplish what many had died trying to do.
* *Bodies will lie in the street:*Refusing to bury one’s enemies was a way to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and show contempt for them. The Old Testament expressly forbids this practice.
* *The great city:*Identifying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a city like Sodom and Egypt stresses the city’s wickedness. Its Jewish population will apparently be the focus of the witnesses’ ministry, leading to the conversion of verse 13.
* *Three-and-a-half days:* The entire world will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and glorify the Antichrist as the bodies of the dead prophets who have been killed begin to decay.
* *Rejoice…make merry…send gifts:* Wild with joy over the death of their tormentors, those who dwell on the earth (a phrase used 11 times in Revelation to speak of unbelievers) will celebrate the two witnesses’ deaths as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Breath of life from God entered them:* The festivities, however, are short-lived as God vindicates His faithful witnesses by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Ascended to heaven in a cloud:*Some may wonder why God will not allow them to preach, assuming their message would have more force following their resurrection. But that ignores Christ’s clear statement to the contrary (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).
* *Earthquake:*God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the ascension of His prophets with a shattering earthquake. The destruction and loss of life may be primarily among the leaders of the Antichrist’s forces.
* *The rest:*This refers to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_still living, who will not yet have come to faith in Christ.
* *Gave glory to the God of heaven:*A genuine experience of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jews, in contrast to those who blaspheme and refuse to glorify God; this makes a key fulfilment of Zechariah’s and Paul’s prophecies (Zech. 12:10; 13:1; Rom. 11:25-27).
* *Second woe:*This refers to the sixth trumpet. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between the sixth and seventh trumpets ends.

**Discussion Questions**

1. Summarize the work of the two witnesses. What will result from their ministry?
2. In Revelation 11, we’ve seen how the two witnesses play a major role in the unfolding of events. Read Mark 9:1-10. Why do many commentators and Bible scholars believe that the two witnesses will be Moses and Elijah?
3. What is the danger in trying to identify who the witnesses are? What does that danger teach us about biblical interpretation and application?
4. Is it possible to preach the Gospel in such a way that nobody is offended? How does this answer apply to attempts to do so today?
5. How do the developments in our technology and the recent cultural shifts intensify the effect of both the death and resurrection of the witnesses?
6. What does the immediate rapture of the witnesses suggest about the people’s response to their message?
7. How do the events of Revelation 13:9 impact our understanding of the timeline of the Tribulation period?