

What will the world think when the devil defeats the church? What do they do?

Revelation 11:11-14

How long does the world celebrate? What happens to make their celebrating stop?

Where did the witnesses (the church) go? Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-14 (1450) to see how Paul describes our witness and resurrection.

As soon as the church was in heaven with God, what happened? The 2nd catastrophe is now over. The 3rd terrible happening is quickly coming.

The Kingdom of God

Revelation 11:15-19

What happens to the kingdom of the world?

What time is it now? What do the 24 leaders say?

God has begun ruling as _____.

Time has come to judge the _____.

To reward God's _____.

God's temple was opened. What was there? Why the lightning, noise, thunder, earthquake, hail?

The Book of Revelation God's Picture of History and Heaven

Lesson 9, Revelation 11:1-19

To Begin...

Think of your favorite sports team. Have you ever watched them play an important game, losing the whole time, then at the very end come back and win? How does that make you feel?

Christ's Church Suffers, but Wins in the End

The church is like that sports team that seems to be losing. The world hates the church, abuses it, and tries to stop the good news about Jesus. In the end, the church will even seem to die. But give thanks to God! In the end, He will show that we have victory with Jesus.

The Two Witnesses

Revelation 11:1-6

God gave John a measuring stick and told him to do what two things? (This is a sign that God will build up His people and protect them.)

Look at a picture of the temple. Who could enter into the temple area? Who had to stay outside in the temple courtyard?

God told John NOT to measure the temple courtyard. Why not?

What will the nations do for 42 months? Where will they not trample (run over)?

What might that say about God's people, the church? On the outside, from the world's perspective, what do they say about the church? What does God say about His church on the inside?

God will allow His two witnesses to do something for 1,260 days. What will they do?

What About...	<p><i>42 Months, 1,260 Days, 3 ½ Days?</i> 42 months and 1,260 days are the same length of time, both 3 ½ years. (People often had 30 days in each month, so 360 days in a year, so $360 \times 3 \frac{1}{2} = 1260$ days.) In some Bible verses, this is called “a time (1) and times (2) and half a time (½)” which is 3 ½, usually 3 ½ years. This is the time when the world will persecute God's people. This time started with Jesus' death, resurrection, and going up into heaven. This time of persecution will continue until Jesus comes back. See also Daniel 7:25-27 (1115), Daniel 12:6-11 (1121).</p>
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How did John describe the two witnesses? They are two _____ trees and two _____ stands.

Look up these verses to see what an olive tree means.
Psalm 52:8 (689)
Jeremiah 11:16 (969)
Romans 11:17-24 (1422)
Zechariah 4:1-14 (1191)

Read Revelation 1:20 (1544) to remember what the lamp stand means.

Who are the two witnesses (Deuteronomy 19:15)? There are different ideas about this. Some people think there will be two people who will come and speak, like Moses and Elijah, or Enoch and Elijah, or two new people. Some people think of the witness of the Old and New Testaments. These verses show that the two witnesses are the church. The church is one church, but the church's witness can be believed like two witnesses. Read John 8:17-18 (1344).

What kind of authority does the church have in witnessing about Jesus? Can anyone stop God's good news?

Revelation 11:7-10

This is a picture of the last days – one of the first detailed pictures of the end in Revelation. What happens when the church is finished witnessing? Can anyone stop us before we are finished?