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We now move to chapter eleven of this Revelation of Jesus Christ by John. It's interesting to note that John is being included in the scenes that have played out not only in chapter 11, but also in the previous chapter where he was told to eat the scroll. Now he is given what would be equivalent to a yardstick to measure the temple of God, the altar with those who were worshipping there. This is interesting, because the temple although a real one, was not the one that was in the current historical context of what was happening in Jerusalem. This is not the temple that most people of the day would have been acquainted, this is a future construction. The command was to measure the temple (the church...how goes it), the altar (are the things that are to be kept sacred still happening?); and then measure the people. (What kind of people are constituting the church. He could measure everything, but those who were not in the inner court were to not be measured not counted. This shows that during the time of tribulation, the Lord has a consistent theme of the "remnant", the chosen (the marked), etc. Those within the veil are in good standing, but those without are not! After this dialogue, we see the transition to verse three. We now see two prophets who are called witnesses who will prophesy for 1,260 days and they will be wearing sackcloth (a garment associated with mourning and repentance). Remember when we opened the series and talked about the different between the seasons or signs of the times (we said that signs point to something.) What we see in our world today are in line with the Bible's foretelling about what would happen to the world and the hearts of men. But we also mentioned that there would be particulars occurrences which we could point to which would let us know that the fulfillment of the scriptures are within our grasp. When Jesus came, there were specific things which marked his coming, he would be born in Bethlehem, a virgin would conceive, etc. Well, here we notice that there will be two prophets that God will raise up following the six blasts from the angels' trumpets. And they will speak for exactly 1,260 days. The reference in verse four is from Zechariah 4:2. God made these prophets full of courage and boldness. They were also given divine protection. Verse five lets us know that no man has the ability to hurt them, if someone tries to fire will come out of their mouth to devour the attacker. They also have unlimited power to release plagues on the earth at will. He then tells their fate. After the 1,260 days are complete, the beast who will now make his way out of the bottomless pit will kill them. The antichrist is this beast...he will be allowed to kill them. The wickedness of the world is of such, that they leave the prophets dead bodies in the streets for three days. But after three days, they were resurrected.

After their resurrection, verse eleven lets us know that great fear fell upon all who saw this.