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Can I Get a Witness?

Revelation 11:1-19

Series: The Return of the King – The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Central Passages

Revelation 10:11–11:3 (ESV) — **11** And I was told, “You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.” **1** Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, “Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, **2** but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months. **3** And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”

Revelation 11:15 (ESV) — **15** Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “**The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.**”

Central Thought: As the Church – the living temple of God – and in the Spirit of Moses and Elijah – representing the Law and the Prophets – we are called to fearlessly testify that Jesus is Lord and King over all.

As Witnesses for Jesus...

- ❖ We are ultimately secure, but not immediately safe. (11:1-2; 7-10)

Matthew 5:10–11 (ESV) — **10** “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

- ❖ We are to speak and act by the direction and authority of Jesus. (10:11 & 11:3-6)

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV) — **18** And Jesus came and said to them, “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**”

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT) — **20** So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” (See also all of 2 Cor. 5)

- ❖ Our willingness to suffer adds weight to our witness. (11:11-13)

1 Peter 3:13–16 (ESV) — **13** Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? **14** But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, **15** but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, **16** having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

- ❖ Our confidence is in God’s ultimate victory through Christ! (11:15-19)

Hebrews 11:36–40 (ESV) — **36** Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. **37** They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— **38** of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. **39** And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, **40** since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. (See also all of Heb. 11)