

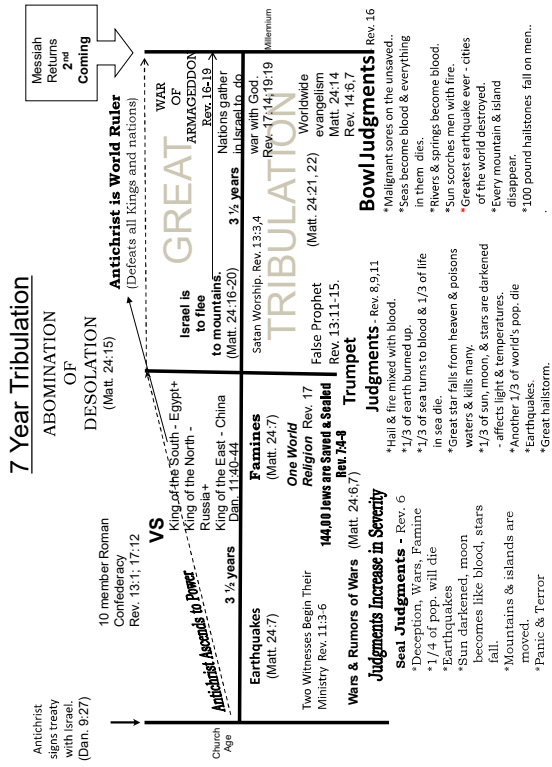
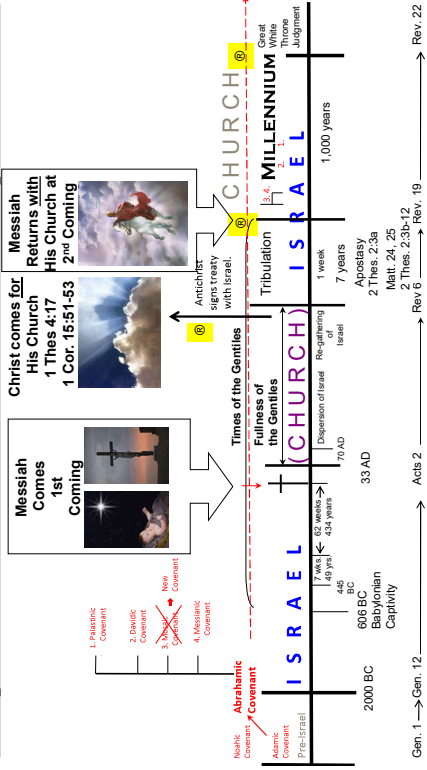


**“Witnessing to the Wicked”**

**Rev. 11:4-10**

Feb. 25, 2018

**Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events**



**Rev 11:1-3**

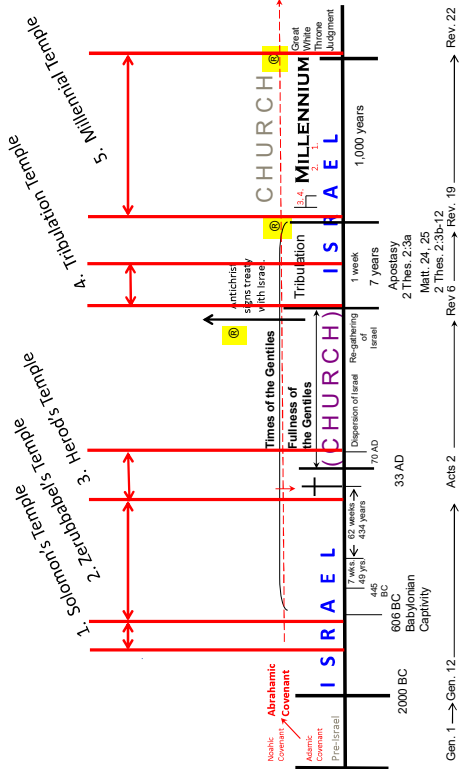
- 1 Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it.
- 2 "Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.
- 3 "And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

**Seals** 1-6 ( ) 7  
Rev 7:1-17

**Trumpets** 1-6 ( ) 7  
Rev 10-11:15

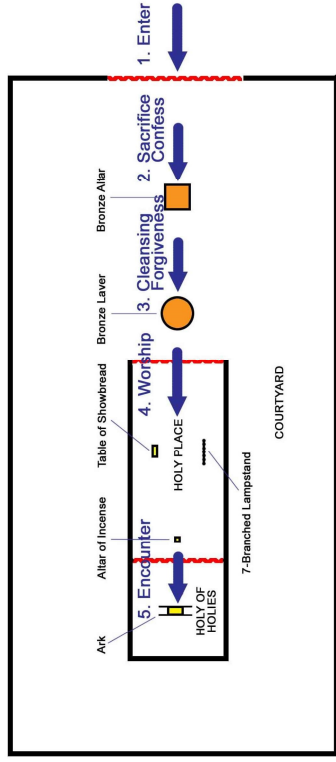
**Bowls** 1-6 ( ) 7  
Rev 16:13-16

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### Flow of Worship



### 7 Year Tribulation

Antichrist signs treaty with Israel. (Dan. 9:27)	10 member Roman Confederacy Rev. 13:1, 17:12	Antichrist Ascends to Power 3 1/2 years (Matt. 24:15)	King of the South - Egypt+ King of the North - Russia+ (Dan. 11:40-44)	Antichrist is World Ruler (Defeats all Kings and nations)	Messiah Returns 2nd Coming
Earthquakes (Matt. 24:7)	Famines One World Religion Rev. 17	War of Armageddon Rev. 16-19	War with God Rev. 17:14, 18:19	WAR OF ARMAGEDDON Rev. 16-19	Millennium
Two Witnesses Begin Their Ministry Rev. 11:3-6	144,000 Jews are saved & sealed (Rev. 7:4-8)	Israel is to flee to mountains (Matt. 24:15-20)	Nations gather in Israel to do war with God Rev. 17:14, 18:19	Nations gather in Israel to do war with God Rev. 17:14, 18:19	
Wars & Rumors of Wars (Matt. 24:6, 7)	Judgments Increase in Severity (Matt. 24:7)	False Prophet (Matt. 24:21, 22)	Worldwide evangelism (Matt. 24:14)	Bowl Judgments (Rev. 14:6-7)	
Seal Judgments - Rev. 6	Deception, Wars, Famine	1/3 of pop. will die	Earthquakes	Sun darkened, moon becomes like blood, stars fall.	
Mountains & islands are moved.	Panic & Terror				

\*\*The 2 witnesses and the 144,000 will be able to use this "Temple Tract" in a powerful way.

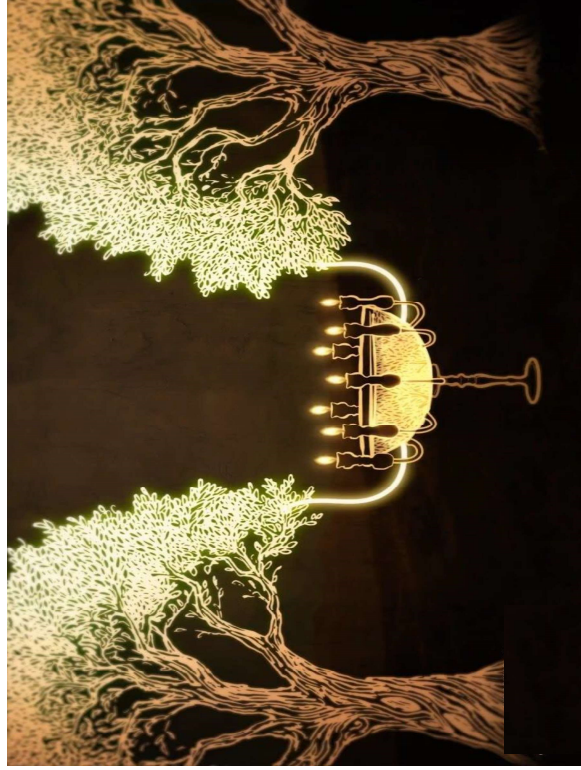


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3. Therefore it is the Holy Spirit which provides the power for the 2 witnesses to be bold and courageous and a shining light in a time of extreme darkness.

### **Acts 1:8**

8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

4. Our power to witness comes from the same source as the 2 witnesses - the Holy Spirit.

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### **Zech 4:1-6, 11-14**

- 1 Then the angel who was speaking with me returned and roused me, as a man who is awakened from his sleep.
  - 2 He said to me, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold with its bowl on the top of it, and its seven lamps on it with seven spouts belonging to each of the lamps which are on the top of it;
  - 3 also two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left side."
  - 4 Then I said to the angel who was speaking with me saying, "What are these, my lord?"
  - 5 So the angel who was speaking with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord."
  - 6 Then he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts.
  - 11 Then I said to him, "What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left?"
  - 12 And I answered the second time and said to him, "What are the two olive branches which are beside the two golden pipes, which empty the golden oil from themselves?"
  - 13 So he answered me, saying, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord."
  - 14 Then he said, "These are the two anointed ones who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth."
- \*\*When the nation of Israel sees the Two Witnesses in the Tribulation, they will understand that they are the anointed ones Zechariah foretold would be coming.**

### **The posture of the 2 witnesses. (4)**

1. They stand before God and minister to Him by faithfully prophesying (preaching) and witnessing His word.
2. Although their ministry appears directed toward those on earth they are in fact focused upon being pure and faithful witnesses for God to speak to the nations at the time of the end.
3. Therefore when we witness, that is to be our posture as well – **towards God, among men.**

"If you please God, it does not matter whom you displease. And if you displease God, it does not matter whom you please."

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2. They can withhold rain for three-and-a-half years.
3. They can turn water into blood.
4. They can bring plagues upon the earth.

“When they are under attack, they’ll strike the earth with every plague whenever and wherever they desire. A plague here, a plague there, a plague here, a plague there, no rain here, no rain there, there’s no water to quench the thirst, there’s no water to water the animals, no water to water the plants, no water period, for forty-two months, for three and a half years while they’re preaching and it doesn’t rain, and they’re the ones doing this to the world. This is going to escalate the hatred that is already there from those who can’t stand their preaching. The hatred will escalate as the crops die, whatever crops remain, as the people starve to death, as the world is in a three and a half year drought. There will be disease here, a disease there, darkness, biting insects, locusts, boils, hail, flies, lice, frogs, death of all of the firstborn – there will be no end to the attacks and there will be no end to the defense of themselves and their message. Wreaking absolute and utter havoc all over everywhere. Their power is awesome. They make Samson look like a weakling. They preach repentance, they preach salvation, they preach grace, they preach forgiveness, they preach judgment to come and they are absolutely unstoppable. The two witnesses will proclaim that the disasters occurring are from God. They will warn that God’s final outpouring of judgment and eternal hell will follow.

And everybody in the world knows about them. Every night on the news it will be there constantly...they’re at it again. They spoke and there’s a plague in this city. They spoke and there’s a plague in this city. They spoke and all of the fresh water in this area of a certain country is turned into blood and can’t be consumed and there’s no water for the people. The drought is severe and people are dying of thirst. They’re at it again. They spoke and police, military, and mobs of people try in vain to kill them. And the result is always the same – the attackers are incinerated on the spot. These men are Spirit-powered and they will not be denied. They have a mission to accomplish and are invincible until that mission is accomplished.”

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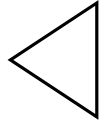
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## Holy Trinity

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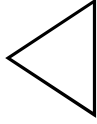


Jesus Christ (Son)

Holy Spirit

## Satanic Trinity

Satan (Dragon)



Antichrist (Beast)

False Prophet

## *The termination of their ministry. (7)*

1. God determines the length of their ministry.
  2. It is not their age, or their health, or their surrounding circumstances, or that they ran out of power.
  3. It is because their purpose was finished.
- John Wesley once said, “I am immortal until my work is done.”**
4. You are immortal as well until your work is done, your purpose is finished. As long as we are alive, God has a **purpose** for us to fulfill.

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- he comes up out of the Abyss – the holding place of the most vile demons.
- Why is he in the Abyss?
- At the midpoint of the Tribulation he suffers a fatal wound (perhaps an assassination attempt). He goes to the Abyss.
- The Dragon (Satan) brings him back to life out of the Abyss.

- Satan’s original desire was to be like the Most High God.
- Satan has put all of the pieces in place.
- Therefore in the Tribulation he thinks that is what he has achieved.

## Rev 13:2-5

2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.

3 I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast;

4 they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

5 There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him.

