



UNDERSTANDING
REVELATION

PART TWENTY
**THE DEATH AND
RESURRECTION OF
THE TWO WITNESSES**

[Revelation 11:1-11]

Introduction

- The book of Revelation is a '*road map*' showing the journey of the true church between the 1st and 2nd comings of Christ and beyond.
- Much of it has now been fulfilled and become history.
- This 11th chapter highlights one of the greatest events Europe ever witnessed.

Verse 1

- This temple symbolises the '*true church*.' [1Corinthians 3:16].
- The measuring rod is the '*little open book*' from chapter 10.

Verse 2

- Inner court of temple represented true church and outer court the apostate church.
- '*Don't try to reform it-leave it.*'
- Millions headed for the exit.
- This papal church was to have dominion for 42 prophetic months.
- $42 \times 30 = 1260$ prophetic days.
- 1260 prophetic days = 1260 literal years.
- $606\text{AD} + 1260 = 1866\text{AD}$

Verse 3 and 4

- Who are the 2 witnesses in sackcloth?
- First Witness: The true church [Revelation 1:20] and [Acts 1:8].
- Second Witness: The Word of God [John 5:39]

Verse 7

- The beast is the papal church.
- Consider the Huguenots, the '**Lollards**,' the '**Hussites**,' the **Waldensians**.
- There would be a time when it would seem the 2 witnesses had died.

Verses 8 and 9

- The '**great city**' represents where this papal system ruled.
- The 2 witnesses would be '**silenced**' for three and a half prophetic days.
- That is three and a half literal years.
- 5th May 1514 to 31st October 1517

Verses 11

- 31st October 1517 Martin Luther nails his 95 thesis to the cathedral door in Wittenberg, Germany.
- The breath of God comes into His 2 witnesses again.
- '**The just shall live by faith.**'
- '**Popes can err, church councils can err, but not Holy Scripture.**'
- The 2 witnesses revived. [Matthew 16:18/24:35].

Verse 13

- The '**great earthquake**' was the Reformation.
- The 10th of the city that fell was that part of Europe that broke away from the rule of the papacy, ie. Holland, England, Norway, Sweden, Denmark etc.
- If there had been no Reformation there would not have been the '**Pilgrim Fathers.**'
- No Pilgrim Fathers, no America.

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