

Sometimes life looks like Good Friday when God is already moving toward Sunday morning. The witnesses lie dead in the street, and the world thinks it is over

But God breathes life back into them. That is how it often feels in our lives, too

For me, this passage encourages me to trust that even in dark moments, God is still working, still reigning, and still able to turn mourning into victory

To understand **verses 11–14**, we must feel the weight of what comes immediately before them

Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves Revelation 11:9 NKJV

And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth Revelation 11:10 NKJV

In **Revelation 11:7–10**, the two witnesses finish their testimony, and the beast from the Abyss kills them

Their bodies lie unburied in the streets of the great city, the city that is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, the city where their Lord was crucified

For three and a half days, the world stares at their corpses and rejoices

The earth-dwellers gloat. They exchange gifts. They throw a party. It looks like the witness of God has been silenced for good

That is the context into which **verse 11** crashes in like a thunder bolt

Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. Revelation 11:11 NKJV

That single word "now" καί, is one of the most powerful conjunctions in Scripture

It marks the pivot point during the tribulation, dead witnesses are coming to life

The world had its day, three and a half days of gloating. Then God acts

"the breath of life from God entered them"

The connection to **Ezekiel 37**

Ezekiel 37 is that passage, in which the prophet stands in a valley of dry bones, and God asks, **"Can these bones live?"**

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! Ezekiel 37:4 NIV

This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life Ezekiel 37:5 NIV

I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'" Ezekiel 37:6 NIV

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet, a vast army Ezekiel 37:10 NIV

In **Ezekiel 37**, the valley is full of dry bones. Humanly speaking, there is no hope, no strength, no movement, no future

But when God speaks and breathes, the bones come together, flesh returns, breath enters, and an army stands

In **Revelation 11:11**, the two witnesses appear defeated. Their enemies think the story is over. But then God breathes life into them, and they stand on their feet

Grace: There are seasons in life when something in us feels dry, defeated, or spiritually lifeless: faith, hope, courage, prayer, obedience, joy

But God specializes in breathing life where people only see death. What looks finished to man may simply be waiting for the breath of God

Ask God to breathe life into the dry place:

Lord, **breathe life into my faith**. Lord, breathe life into my **prayer life**. Lord, breathe life into my **obedience**. Lord, breathe life into what **fear, sin, grief, or discouragement** has tried to kill

The Greek phrase pneuma "zōēs" "**breath of life**" or "**Spirit of life**" wind appears here

The witnesses **are not merely resuscitated**; they are **resurrected**. They **stand on their feet**, the posture of victory, "**and they stood on their feet**"

"and great fear fell on those who saw them"

The text says "phobos megas", "**great fear**", fell upon those who saw them

"phobos" can mean reverential awe or sheer terror. The gloating stops and the parties over

When "**the breath of life from God entered them**", now the world trembles

And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, Come up here. And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. Revelation 11:12 NKJV

“they heard a loud voice from heaven”

The final word over the witnesses does not come from earth, but from above

“Come up here”

This is a call of vindication, welcome, and triumph. The world had cast them down, but a voice from heaven now calls them up

The voice from heaven speaks in the aorist imperative, a command that is both authoritative and immediate: “Come up here!” This is the same command that John hears in [Revelation 4:1](#)

“they ascended to heaven in a cloud”

The cloud often points to divine glory and heavenly presence

Their **ascension is public proof** that **God honors** those who **faithfully serve** Him

They ascend in a cloud, the cloud of divine glory (the shekinah), a similar or the same cloud that received Jesus at His ascension

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight [Acts 1:9 NKJV](#)

These are the same people who gloated over their dead bodies, and are now forced to watch them ascend into heaven

“their enemies saw them” - This is **not hidden**, the same enemies who watched their humiliation now watch their exaltation

Grace - Jesus sees it all! This is a powerful reminder for us today: **faithfulness is never wasted**. There may be seasons when obedience feels unseen, when witness feels opposed, and when standing for Christ feels costly. But Jesus sees. Jesus remembers. Jesus raises

So we are the church that keeps witnessing, keeps worshiping, keeps standing, and keeps trusting when God says, Come up here! [1 Corinthians 15:52](#)

In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven. [Revelation 11:13 NKJV](#)

“In the same hour”

God’s response is immediate and unmistakable. This is not a coincidence, it’s is divine judgment connected to divine vindication

“there was a great earthquake”

In Revelation, earthquakes often signal God's intervention, judgment, and majesty

"a tenth of the city fell"

The judgment is severe, but measured. Even in wrath, God is precise and purposeful

"seven thousand people were killed"

The exact number underscores the seriousness and reality of what happens. This is not vague symbolism, it is a divine decisive judgment

"the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven"

Some see genuine repentance. Others see forced acknowledgment, either way, God is publicly recognized

Jesus Christ will **not be ignored forever**- People will reject and mock truth for a while

You can bow to Jesus now **by grace**, or bow to **Him later in judgment**, but one day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord **Philippians 2:10–11 NKJV**

A believer or non-believer may spend years **brushing off conviction**, but there comes a point when God confronts them with the seriousness of having a relationship with Him and eternity

Grace- When the world feels unstable, believers can rest in this truth: God never acts without purpose, and history is not spiraling outside His control

The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly Revelation 11: 14 NKJV

Verse 14 is a transitional verse, but it carries a ton of weight

It reminds us that future history is moving forward steadily under God's plan

The 1st Woe is the fifth Trumpet- **Revelation 9:1–12**: This is the judgment of the demonic locusts from the bottomless pit

The 2nd Woe is the sixth Trumpet- **Revelation 9:13–21** and **Revelation 11:14**: This woe begins with the release of four bound angels at the Euphrates River, leading to a massive demonic cavalry that kills one-third of mankind

The 3rd Woe is the seventh Trumpet- **Revelation 11:15–19**

The third woe arrives with the seventh trumpet. This trumpet announces that the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of Christ

However, it also opens the way for the final judgments, including the seven bowl judgments

“the third woe is coming quickly” - God’s plan is moving forward. Judgment is not stalled. The end is advancing exactly as God has determined

Grace, **the end is not uncertain**

God’s plan is moving forward, Christ’s kingdom is coming, and the King on the throne is holy forever

So let us not leave this study merely informed. Let us leave in worship

Let us join the song of heaven and sing, Holy forever