

## Revelation 11:1-2

### Seeing the Plan of God from God's Perspective

(Everyday) Before you begin your study time - spend time in prayer, preparing your heart and surrendering your will to the Spirit of God! Allow Him to have full access by not withholding anything He wants to do in and then do through you!!

(Everyday) Remember, the enemy is going to try to keep you from being in the Word, he hates when we worship our God- Worship breaks his bondages over believers so resist him and he will flee!!

(Everyday) Spend time in adoration and worship daily after you have cleansed your heart and before you dive into the scriptures!! Proclaiming who God is and adoring Him lifts our eyes up and keeps our focus on what really matters...putting God in His rightful place and putting us in ours!

BONUS- (If you have not done this already) if you were at the "Digging Deeper" conference and you would like to structure these scriptures, Copy and paste Revelation 10 into a word/pages document or write it out verse by verse, following the structuring handouts you received! (again, if you don't have yours please let me know and I will send it to you- We will be doing another DD conference in March so stay tuned!! 😊)

Review chapter 10 and refresh your memory on where we are in scripture and where we are on the timeline of events! Jot down anything you want to take note of that was significant to you during this study!

Read the whole of chapter 11 to get an overview and to observe the scripture in context! Then go back and look up any words in your blue letter Bible app in verses 1 and 2 (and the rest of the chapter if you want even though we did not cover it this week) that you want further explanation and definition on! Just select the verse, select interlinear concordance and select the word!

So much insight is given looking up these words! Let me know if you have any questions!

Mark any repeated words or key words you notice! This gives you an idea of what the text is going to be about and what you need to pay attention to! You can mark them with symbols, boxes or highlight them. Whatever works for you and makes it easy to refer back to and “see” the flow and significance of the text you are reading!

Read chapter 11 again, record any new details you did not see before!

Look at verse 1, who is speaking? What is he speaking about? When is this on our timeline? And where is he?

Look up in your Blue Letter Bible app “there was given” - what insight do you see? What does this tell you about the character of God? How does this bring you comfort in the midst of anything you are going through?

What was given to him? What is the significance of this? Spend some time researching what this means and look up the following verses in context and record what you find and what are the circumstances surrounding this! Exodus 40-42, Zechariah 2:1-5. Keep in mind in these verses they are talking about the Millennial temple but you can get a lot of information about this in these verses.

What was John told to do? (Break up each command and look up any words you have not already looked up for further insight)

What three things is he told to measure and why?

What did you learn by looking up “temple”?

Spend some time researching the third temple (the one that is yet to be built and the one John is writing about here in Rev. 11) you can just search about rebuilding the 3rd temple and you will find a wealth of information. Pay attention to the Temple

Institute, Jewish Voice, and Jerusalem Post specifically! We are so close and it is incredible to see it unfolding before our eyes!! I read in class from the Jewish Voice in class concerning the temple services and it was eye opening! Check it out:

<https://www.jewishvoice.org/read/article/update-building-third-temple>

Concerning the second command to measure the alter, look up the word “alter” and as we discussed in class, there is a debate on what alter this is. Record what you remember about the two either the brazen alter or the incense alter. Do some digging to see what each one represented and why this would be like a slap in the face of God even though this is what is needed to happen for the antichrist to set up his rule. Why would each be directly disregarding what Jesus is and what He has already done?

The third thing John was told to measure was the people worshipping. Why do you think this is? What does the word “worship” mean? Why is this significant? What would he be measuring? How do they measure up without Jesus?

Read Rev. 11:2, what was John told not to measure and why?

Who are the “nations”? Look it up for more insight! Look at a picture of the attached Temple Mount - where would the outer courts be?

Notice how it says, “it has been given” There is a theme here- God is constantly reminding us of His Sovereign control- surrounded by His grace- so that we as believers can take heart that we will not need to fear- we will be in heaven during this time and even after He removes the church He will still, by His grace give chance after chance, and remind all He is still in control!!

Take a minute and look at the very things that are causing you the most heartache, the most worry, the most pain..these things your God has complete, Sovereign, control over! Take a minute(it may take longer depending on your list 😊 ) here and write out what those things are, give each one individually to

the Lord, release them and allow the Lord to have His way in each situation..Al the while trust Him, submit to Him, and REST in Him! He is in control and HE is GOOD therefore IT is GOOD! No matter how bad it may seem right now! Trust HIM!! Write out a prayer of surrender and sit in the presence of your God and praise Him for He is Sovereign over all things!

The 3rd temple here will be constructed so that orthodox Jews can offer sacrifices according to the Mosaic Law in the period in the first half of the seven-year period known as Daniel's 70th week. At the beginning of the 42-month Great Tribulation(2nd half) , however, the sacrifices will stop and the temple will be desecrated and become a shrine for the world ruler (antichrist) of the Great Tribulation who will put an idol in it and proclaim himself to be God. Look up the following verses to get more insight and feel free to write on your timelines and see how these pieces come together! It is soo incredible!!

Daniel 9:27

Daniel 12:11

2 Thess. 2:1-4

Rev. 13:13-15

How is this temple is an insult to God - to the Godhead- even though this is being built in all earnestness- earnestness is not adequate for the remission of sins! Read and write in your own words Hebrews 10: 28-29, what do you see?

In class we discussed why this temple is so important for the Jews to rebuild...I quoted the director of the temple institute in saying this: "The 3rd temple will bring "light back into the world- he believes the Temple will "reconnect all of creation with one another. It is the Holy Temple that enables all of humanity to engage in direct dynamic relationship with God and provides the opportunity for every individual to rise to our greatest potential." Chaim Richman- director of Temple institute- (Messianic prophecy Bible project) Write your thoughts on this! How crazy is this?

The other reason that the Jews so badly want the temple to be rebuilt is that 200 of the 613 commandments can not be kept without the 3rd temple! Can you imagine? Think about this for a minute- in their eyes they can not be obedient to the Lord fully until they finish this temple...the heartache and the battle that must be there!! We can so easily, in an instant be "right with God" (righteous) by simply repenting of our sin, and being obedient to His Word! Write out your thoughts on this...how does this challenge you? Praise God for His convictions and write out your response to Him!

Why is the temple important to God? (Not this temple but the temple that God commanded to be built in Exodus) Read Exodus 25:8!

The temple was originated by God not man- Before there was a temple there was a tabernacle- a tent of meeting! We need to understand the origin and intention of the temple in order to understand these two witnesses and really the rest of Revelation! Read Exodus 25-31! It is so incredible to really read through and see the plan of God to dwell among man! As you read, record every obvious way that Jesus fulfilled the articles and fulfilled the purpose of the tabernacle! HAVE FUN here- this is our Savior, this is why we are here! HE IS THE I AM!! PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM!!

Then read Exodus 35-40 of the work done and blessed! What was the blessing? Write it out! These are so beautiful when you take the time to dig a little deeper and then you will be able to see more of Christ revealed throughout scripture! Look up the word "tabernacle" write out what you find and then read John 1:14 - and look up the word "dwelt"!! 🙌

**What** two main things did God give Moses on Mt. Sinai? What were they? What does Sinai mean? Why is that significant! We talked about what kind of wood the tabernacle was made out of, what was it and why is that significant? What does The Tabernacle

In class we talked about what the tabernacle was and what was its purpose? (9 things) go through each one and record your thoughts and insights!

- 1.) This was a tent - portable and moved with the people 40yrs in the wilderness- cloud by day and fire by night
- 2.) It was a forerunner and precursor to the temple to be build by Solomon(990-931BC) - destroyed by the Babylonians and then later rebuilt by Zerubbabel, (515BC) the governor of Judah. He built the Second Temple on the ruins of the First, and that of Ezra and Nehemiah contributed to reestablishing the Jewish commands and customs! Then it was beautified by Herod to gain favor of Jews- 37AD -then Destroyed by the Roman Empire in 70AD- not one stone was left- fulfilled prophecy of Jesus in Matt 24:1-2!
- 3.) It contained presence of God -Exodus 25:8 Have them construct a sanctuary for Me, so that I may dwell among them.
- 4.) It was a typology of Christ -every element and detail is pointing to Christ and how HE is and FULFILLS every need we have for sinful men to be in the presence of a Holy God!
- 5.) It was a way for forgiveness of sin to be given - the high priest would enter the Holy of Holies once a year to atone for the sins of the people! Read Lev.16: 29
- 6.) It was an example of a heavenly temple - [read](#) Heb 8:4-7, and Heb 9:19- 28 READ - SOO COOLLL!!
- 7.) It Represented Christ and the foreshadow of the final sacrifice - if even the high priest could not enter the model of heaven without a sacrifice - you can be sure you can not enter heaven without a perfect sacrifice- the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!
- 8.) It was to teach and reveal the plan of God and Christ Jesus who fulfills it!

9.) It is a revelation to believers of what we contain- what we are built on - both a privilege and a responsibility!!

So why has God not required the Jews to rebuild the temple?  
What has it been replaced with?

Read 1 Cor. 3:16-17, and 1 Cor. 6:19-20 and record your answer and thoughts!

If you are a born again believer, you have been redeemed to be a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit of God- your role on this earth is vital because of what you **contain not** because of what you can **produce!** Without the Holy Spirit- the tabernacle is just a structure - and that is the same with you and me! Without the Holy Spirit, we are just a shell of a vessel- a tent and when we are born again- we are sealed with the Holy Spirit and in that sealing we now have been commissioned and sent out to be vessels used by God for the purpose of His glory and furthering His kingdom!

Think on this: We are His living temple - not located in one place - we do not have to travel to the tent of meeting to meet with God - He has chosen to indwell us - all of that is in the life of a believer!! Wow!! To live our lives knowing this- knowing what we represent!! What a sobering thought and perspective we need to have! The very things that people travel around the world to encounter- the very Shekhinah glory of God dwells in you and me- So many Jews go to the wailing wall to just be close- to pray close to where the presence of God once was- yet to not be close enough! How incredible is this perspective and thought!! How does this challenge you? How does this encourage you? Grow you? And shift your focus?

Let me ask you, can the people around you, the people you interact with daily..can they encounter the presence of God in your life? Not by what you do, but by WHOM you contain?

How does this change our lives, knowing that this is what we represent?

So, how does this work? How can this be? How do we allow the Spirit of God be seen or known? As we talked about in class, we first need to make sure Jesus is the cornerstone of our lives! First through salvation and every day after that! Read the following verses and record what you learn:

Isaiah 28:16

1 Peter 2:4-8

Ephesians 2:18-23

The second thing we need to make sure of is, we need to make sure we do not hinder the Holy Spirit- allowing Him to flow through and out of our lives so people can see Him and not us! What are the ways we can hinder the Holy Spirit? Read 1 Peter 2:1-5 and record what you learn!!!

Jesus is the chief cornerstone - the chief cornerstone is the first stone laid for any building in construction during this time- it is the biggest stone and it determines the foundation for the whole structure of the building! Then smaller stones(living stones) are built on that foundation.

Every other stone is measured off of that stone

Every other stone was aligned to that stone- by chiseling and breaking off the rough edges that are not adequate or beneficial for the structure!

Every other stone had to be perfectly dependent on the cornerstone - for safety and security

This is such a profound truth for us! We are the living stones built on Christ- rightly representing God!! Every word, action, thought, is measured by the cornerstone! Just as the worshipers in the temple were measured, we are measured by THE cornerstone- our sure foundation! We are sealed with the Holy Spirit, wanting and willing to work through us as we allow Him! If unhindered, He will move and work through us, using our "tent" as vessels to bring others to Him! What an AWESOME PRIVILEGE AND BLESSING!! Write out your prayers and thoughts to the Lord!



Then after reviewing this whole week, what does this say about who our God is? What does this tell you about what He has done for you, and then how does this define who you are? And then how does this determine what you do?