

**Problem:**

deut 7:6-8

Israel is a picture of God's sovereign grace

Jer 31:31-40

or is it?

how could we be certain of His promises to us if all Israel is not saved?

**Main Idea:**

The Law will be reemphasized

The prophets will be reintroduced

The hour of darkness will be repeated

The resurrection will be remembered

And Israel will be revealed

**Implication:**

zech 12:1-13:1

in one moment for an entire nation it will all be apparent - everything will click into place

the OT and the ancient promises of God

the temple that reemphasized the Law that showed them their need

the ministry of the prophets with their warnings preparing the way

the hour of darkness that crucified the Son

the resurrection that proved His claims

in the moment the glorious wisdom and power and sovereignty of God will hit them all at once

and they will give Him glory

Rom 11:25-36

in that day all Israel will be saved - exactly and more gloriously than we could ever imagine

**Application:**

Phil 1:6

knowing this how could we ever doubt any of the unblushing promises of God for us

Text

**The Law will be reemphasized**

Rev. 11:1 ¶ Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, "**Rise and measure the (naos -inner) temple** of God and the altar and those who worship there,

Rev. 11:2 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 (last half)**.

*given over*

- Lk 21:20-24 (time of gentiles)

**42 months**

- Matt 24:15-22 (abomination of des)

- Dan 9:24-27 (new temple)

- Dan 12:7, 11; 7:25 (given over)

- Rev 12:6, 14; 13:5

**The altar (after exodus)**

- Exodus 20 (law reemphasized)

### **The prophets will be reintroduced**

Rev. 11:3 And I will grant authority to my **two witnesses**, and they will prophesy for **1,260 days (first half)**, clothed in sackcloth."

Rev. 11:4 ¶ These are the **two olive trees** and the **two lampstands** that stand before the Lord of the earth.

Rev. 11:5 And if anyone would harm them, **fire pours from their mouth** and consumes their foes. If anyone would harm them, this is how he is doomed to be killed.

Rev. 11:6 They have the **power to shut the sky**, that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague, as often as they desire.

*Fire pours forth*

- 2 Kings 1:10 (like Elijah)

*shut the sky*

- 1 Kings 17:1 (like Elijah)

*blood/plagues*

- Exodus 7:17 (like Moses)

*two lamp stands (zech 4 - H. S. empowered)*

Mal 3:1; 4:1-6 (remember Moses/see Elijah)

Matt 17:1-13 (prophets reintroduced)

### **The hour of darkness will be repeated**

Rev. 11:7 And when they have **finished their testimony**, the beast that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them and **conquer them and kill them**,

Rev. 11:8 and their **dead bodies will lie in the street** of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, **where their (Israel) Lord was crucified**.

Rev. 11:9 For **three and a half days** some from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and **refuse to let them be placed in a tomb**,

Rev. 11:10 and those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and **make merry and exchange presents**, because these two prophets had been a torment to those who dwell on the earth.

*conquer*

- 2 Thess 2:3-4 (abomination of des)

*refuse the tomb*

- Psalm 79 (God will answer)

*make merry*

- Lk 22:53 (hour of darkness repeated)

### **The resurrection will be remembered**

Rev. 11:11 But **after the three and a half days** a breath of **life from God entered them**, and they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

Rev. 11:12 Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" And they went up to heaven in a cloud, and **their enemies watched them**.

*enemies watched them*

- Col 2:13-15 (false victory)(humiliated again)

### **And Israel will be revealed**

Rev. 11:13 And at that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. **Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven**.

Rev. 11:14 ¶ The second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is soon to come.

*The rest gave glory*

- Zech 12:7-13:1 (israel will believe)

- Rom 11:25-36 (All Israel revealed)

<http://www.pre-trib.org/articles/view/two-witnesses-first-or-second-half-of-tribulation>