



**Reasons to
Believe in
Jesus Christ**

Reason 23: Revelation 11, Jesus' Two Witnesses and the description of Satellite and Internet



For thousands of years the fastest way to take a message from one location to another was using birds. Even birds were no guarantee the message would arrive. One of the surest ways to send a message, describing an event would have been on horseback and on foot, sending multiple messengers in case one was killed or stopped by the enemy, but even this was not a sure thing. This is the way it has been for thousands of years.

God however is not limited to our perspective, He describes events and times thousands of years before they happen. The **book of Revelation** is a book about the future, describing the events on the earth before the return of Jesus Christ. One of the themes of Bible prophecy is in the End Times the nations of the World will come against the nation of Israel. Here in Revelation, we are given a description of technology that would not even be invented until the 20th century. This technology is known as broadcast television via satellite. How is it possible today that a person in Russia, the United States, China, Kenya and Brazil can watch the world cup soccer events on real time on their flat screen television at the same



time? Satellites!

If you talked to someone 100-years ago and told them this would possible they would have thought you were crazy, its impossible. Yet the Bible describes just such a technology in the last days before the return of Jesus.



Background to Revelation 11



In Revelation Chapter 11, two individuals are described as “Witnesses” of Jesus who in the last days from the city of Jerusalem will bring down God’s judgments on the world. These judgments are described as the “Seal” Judgments in Revelation Chapter 6 and the “Trumpet” judgments of Revelation Chapters 8 and 9. These judgments cause war and destruction on the earth, these two men will be seen as the source of the wrath. They proclaim the reason for the judgments. This will cause the world to hate and despise them, this will go on for 1260-days, 3.5 years, at the end of this time these two men are killed by the “World leader” the Beast as described in Revelations 13 will kill them.

After they are killed we are told the world celebrates their death, watching their dead bodies in the streets of Jerusalem for 3 ½ days. We are told this will go on for days as the nation’s gaze on their dead bodies, people celebrate all over the world, exchanging gifts with one another.

Only today is this even possible, it was not even possible 100-years ago, let alone 2000-years during the time of Jesus. God is giving us evidence that he is the author of this book and testifying to the validity of the Jesus Christ through this time stamp.

Rev 11:1-19

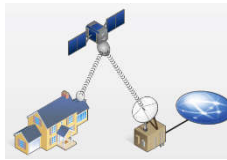
- (1) Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, "Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there,
- (2) but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months.
- (3) And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."
- (4) These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.
- (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.
- (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.
- (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,
- (8) and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified.
- (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,
- (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.
- (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.
- (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.
- (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.

The Temple of God, the 3rd Temple is the focus of the world in the last days. This is the only location the Jews can build the Temple.



Jews, Muslims and Christians all feel they have the right to this land. The 70th Week of Daniel begins with an agreement allowing the Jews to rebuild the Third Temple.

After 3.5 years (42 Months, 1260-days) this agreement will be broken. Before it's broken, 2 men, 2 Witnesses will proclaim God's judgment on the earth. One of the two men is Elijah according to Malachi 4:5, the other is probably Moses, since both appeared with Jesus on the Mountain of Transfiguration



6. These men cause judgments to fall on the earth, they stop the rain, strike the earth with plagues, turn water into blood. Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh is foreshadowing what they are doing in the last days, except

their judgments are worldwide.

v.7. They are killed after 1260 day, 3.5 years, the Beast described here is the person of Revelation 13, the beast who rules the world, he is head of world kingdom. The only nation on earth that rejects his authority is Israel, this brings the world against Israel.

They are killed and their bodies lie in the street of Jerusalem for 3.5 days.

v. 9, Watching their dead bodies is a worldwide event, not just local. Peoples, Tribes, Languages and nations are terms that amplifies this as a world events. Then the earth exchanges gifts to celebrate their death.

Vs. 11, while the world is watching them, they resurrect and are called into Heaven whole world witnessing the Television. God is presenting evidence through the future, which are described in the past.



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Vs. 13, and earth quake then occurs and 7000 people die as a result, Revelation gives us specifics to prove the validity of the scriptures.

