

Study Guide: Two Witnesses Lesson 7

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This study guide explores the end-times events recorded in the Book of Revelation, focusing on the ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension of the two witnesses in Revelation 11. Through these events, God demonstrates His absolute power, His protection over His servants until their work is finished, and His ultimate plan to bring the nation of Israel to salvation in Jesus Christ.

Quiz: Ten Short-Answer Questions

1. In Revelation 11, the Bible describes a specific moment when the power of the two witnesses changes. What marks the exact end of their earthly ministry, and who is revealed as the figure that finally overcomes them?
2. The lesson notes that the dead bodies of the two witnesses are left exposed in the street of Jerusalem rather than being buried. How does the passage symbolically describe the city of Jerusalem during this time, and why are these specific names used?
3. According to the text, how will people from all tribes, tongues, and nations across the entire world be able to see the dead bodies of the two witnesses? What is the significance of the three-and-a-half-day timeframe during which their bodies lie exposed?
4. Those who live on the earth celebrate the death of the two witnesses by throwing global celebrations and exchanging gifts. Why are the unconverted inhabitants of the earth so relieved and happy that these two prophets are dead?
5. After three and a half days, a miraculous event takes place right in front of a watching world. What happens to the two witnesses, and how do the people viewing this event react?
6. The lesson emphasizes that performing miraculous signs and wonders is not what truly changes a person's heart to believe the gospel. According to the teaching, what Divine Person is actually responsible for making the gospel believable to human hearts?
7. A great earthquake strikes Jerusalem in the exact same hour that the two witnesses ascend into heaven. What specific damage does this earthquake cause, and who appears to be targeted by the destruction?
8. The remaining people who survived the earthquake became terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. What does the lesson explain about the phrase "giving glory to God," especially regarding the nation of Israel at this moment in prophecy?

9. In Acts 12:23, King Herod faces a sudden and fatal judgment from heaven. What specific mistake did King Herod make that led to his death, and how does this illustrate the true meaning of giving glory to God?
10. Teachers often point out that the Book of Revelation is difficult to read sequentially from start to finish. Why is the Book of Revelation not written in strict chronological order, and how is the book structured instead?

Answer Key

1. The two witnesses remain death-defying and immortal only until they finish their appointed testimony. Once their preaching is complete, the Beast—also known as the Antichrist, who ascends out of the bottomless pit (the abyss)—is permitted to make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.
2. Jerusalem is spiritually called "Sodom and Egypt," which are names synonymous with extreme wickedness, immorality, oppression, violence, and godlessness. Although Jerusalem was historically the city of God's people and will be a holy city in the future, at this point in the Tribulation it has become overrun by pagan wickedness and godlessness under Gentile rule.
3. The global population of Gentiles ("peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations") will be able to watch the dead bodies through modern streaming or television technology that God allows to function. The three-and-a-half-day period highlights ultimate public dishonor and humiliation, allowing enough time for their physical bodies to begin decomposing in the street, much like Lazarus in the tomb.
4. The unbelieving world, referred to in Revelation as "those who dwell on the earth," felt tormented by the two prophets because the witnesses preached the truth, confronted people about their sins, and brought severe plagues and judgments upon the earth. Their death brings temporary relief to hardened sinners who want to continue in their rebellion without hearing warnings of God's impending judgment.
5. The breath of life from God enters the two witnesses, causing them to stand upright on their feet, after which a loud voice from heaven commands them to "Come up here," and they ascend to heaven in a cloud. The watching world is struck with immediate, overwhelming panic and great fear as their global celebration is suddenly interrupted.
6. The Holy Spirit is the Divine Person who convicts hearts and makes the gospel believable. While signs and wonders may amaze people, Luke 16:31 explains that if people refuse to hear God's Word, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.
7. The earthquake destroys a tenth (1/10) of the city of Jerusalem and kills 7,000 people. The original language indicates that these 7,000 victims are specific "people

of distinction" or leaders, suggesting that God selectively targets and wipes out the Antichrist's inner circle and operational leadership.

8. In Scripture, "giving glory to God" is synonymous with a genuine saving response that includes godly fear, repentance, and true faith. At this climactic moment, the remaining remnant of Israel turns to their true Messiah, fulfilling the Old Testament prophecy of Zechariah by mourning for Him and receiving spiritual salvation.
9. King Herod failed to give glory to God when the people praised him as a god, accepting worship that belonged only to the Creator. As a result, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died, proving that withholding glory from God brings severe judgment, whereas giving God glory represents proper worship and humility.
10. The Book of Revelation is not written in strict chronological sequence because it frequently uses interludes to recap events and fill in critical historical details. After reaching the climax near the midpoint or end of the Tribulation, the book loops back to explain specific aspects, such as the career of the Antichrist, the one-world religion, and the global economic system during the seven-year period.

Essay Questions

1. Examine the concept of divine protection as revealed in the ministry of the two witnesses. How does Revelation 11 demonstrate that God controls the timing of His servants' lives and ministries?
2. Compare the spiritual condition of Jerusalem during the Tribulation—described as "Sodom and Egypt"—with its future state as the "Holy City" described in Revelation 21. What causes this dramatic transformation?
3. Analyze the world's reaction to the death of the two witnesses compared to their reaction when the witnesses are resurrected. What does this reveal about the spiritual state and moral condition of "those who dwell on the earth"?
4. Detail the biblical connection between "fearing God," "giving Him glory," and true saving faith, using examples from Revelation, the Gospels, and the Book of Acts.
5. Explain why human heart conversion requires the work of the Holy Spirit rather than miraculous signs and wonders alone, referencing Jesus Christ's words in Luke 16:31.

Comprehensive Glossary

- **Antichrist (The Beast):** The demonic, Satan-empowered ruler who rises out of the bottomless pit (the abyss) during the Tribulation. He makes a seven-year covenant

with Israel, breaks it midway through by desecrating the temple, sets himself up as God, and persecutes God's people.

- **Bottomless Pit (The Abyss):** The realm of darkness and demonic confinement from which the Beast arises to wage war against God's witnesses.
- **Dwellers on the Earth ("Those who dwell on the earth"):** A phrase used twelve times in the Book of Revelation to describe unconverted, unbelieving rebels who reject God and embrace the rule of the Antichrist.
- **Jerusalem:** The historical and prophetic city of Israel. During the Tribulation, it is overrun by Gentiles and spiritually characterized by wickedness, yet it remains the primary location where the two witnesses proclaim God's gospel.
- **Operation Christmas Child (OCC):** A practical church mission activity mentioned in the introductory announcements focused on filling shoeboxes with items like hairbrushes, clothing, fabric, and school supplies for children overseas.
- **Remnant of Israel:** The Jewish people who survive the trials of the end times, repent of their sins, look upon Jesus Christ as their true Messiah, and are spiritually saved.
- **Second Woe:** The judgment associated with the sixth trumpet in the Book of Revelation, which concludes with the resurrection and ascension of the two witnesses and the selective Jerusalem earthquake.
- **Sodom and Egypt:** Two biblical locations synonymous with extreme wickedness, oppression, idolatry, and godlessness, used symbolically in Revelation 11:8 to describe the spiritual decay of earthly Jerusalem.
- **The Two Witnesses:** Two end-times prophets empowered by God to preach repentance and perform severe miracles on the streets of Jerusalem for three and a half years before being temporarily slain by the Antichrist.
- **Tribulation:** A seven-year period of intense divine wrath, demonic activity, and global cataclysm upon the earth, during which God judges the ungodly and brings Israel to faith in Jesus Christ.

Key Scripture References (NKJV)

- **Jeremiah 32:17**

"Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You."

- **Zechariah 4:10**

"For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the LORD, which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."

- **Luke 16:31**

"But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

- **Acts 3:19–21**

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began."

- **Revelation 14:7**

"...saying with a loud voice, 'Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.'"

Greek Word Analysis

Sozo (σώζω)

- **Phonetic Pronunciation:** **SOH-zoh** (soo-o-zo)
- **Brief Definition:** A Greek verb meaning to save, deliver, heal, make sound, or preserve from harm. In the New Testament, it refers both to physical healing and to complete spiritual salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. In Luke 17:19, Jesus Christ uses this term when telling the healed leper that his faith has made him whole ("saved" him)[^1].

[^1]: The Greek word sozo (soo-o-zo) appears in Luke 17:19 during the discussion of the ten lepers. The study context highlights that returning to give glory to God demonstrates genuine saving faith, as Jesus Christ tells the foreigner that his faith has made him well (sozo).