

# New Song Fellowship Church

*Being and Making Disciples*

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## SERMON NOTES

# When the Nations Rage... God Reigns

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Scripture: Revelation 11:1-19, Psalm 2:1-2, 2 Corinthians 4:4

Series: Revelation

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## The Commission to Prophecy

Rev 10:11 Then I was told, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages, and kings."

## Measuring the Temple

Rev 11:1 I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers. 2 But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months."

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## The Two Witnesses

Rev 11:3 And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." 4 They are "the two olive trees" and the two lampstands, and "they stand before the Lord of the earth."

Zec 4:6 So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty."

Rev 11:5 If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. 6 They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

## **The Beast Attacks the Witnesses**

Rev 11:7 Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.

Rev 11:8 Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city--which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt--where also their Lord was crucified.

Rev 11:9 For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. 10 The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

## **Death and Resurrection**

Rev 11:11 But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck 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, while their enemies looked on.

Rev 11:13 At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Rev 11:14 The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.

## **The Seventh Trumpet**

(NLT) Rev 10:7 When the seventh angel blows his trumpet, God's mysterious plan will be fulfilled. It will happen just as he announced it to his servants the prophets."

Rev 11:15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever and ever."

## **The Kingdom of the World**

1Jn 5:19 We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

2 Cor 4:4 "the god of this age..."

## **God Has Begun to Reign**

Rev 11:16 And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God...

Rev 11:17 saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign."

Rev 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

## **The Nations Were Angry**

Rev 11:18 The nations were angry, and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small--and for destroying those who destroy the earth."

Psa 2:1 "Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the LORD and against his anointed..."

## **The Heavenly Temple Opened**

Rev 11:19 Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.

Heb 8:5 They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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## Weekly Reflection

*Take a few moments this week to sit with these questions.*

1. Pastor Murphy emphasizes that God's witnesses operate "not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit." When you face opposition or resistance in your faith--whether subtle or direct--do you find yourself relying on spiritual authority and God's power, or do you slip into trying to convince and control through human effort?
2. The two witnesses prophesy faithfully even knowing their testimony will end in opposition and death. What does their willingness to speak God's truth despite guaranteed hardship reveal to you about what real faithfulness looks like in your own life?
3. Even in judgment and loss, some survivors "gave glory to the God of heaven" when they witnessed God's power. What would it take for your heart to turn toward God--not just in comfort, but in the midst of upheaval or when your expectations are shattered?