

## EP82 Revelation 11 verse 1 P4 and verse 2

In our last podcast, we discussed the **End Times fiction** which has everyone looking for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Jewish temple to be built—a temple of God. Even though preparations have been made by those in Israel, we dismantled this fiction through examining the errant way those who teach this fiction completely ignore the **Code**, and thereby completely ignore how the Spirit addressed this issue.

Sadly, the common Biblical translations are super-misleading and unfortunately have led to many fictions. With that said, those who teach these fictions should know better.

The Sanctuary (the “*naos*”), as referred to exclusively in the **Revelation** narrative, is a very real structure, but it is a spiritual and not a physical structure. It refers to a “*holy place*” in the overall household of God, the place that is reserved for the priests of God, the **Chosen** ones. And with the measurement of the Sanctuary, we will find that God makes another division that shock us and rocks us to our core.

With that said, let’s pick up with the second measurement with the measurement of the Altar.

### Part 2: The Altar of Incense

Interestingly, John is also commanded to measure the altar. And since he is commanded to measure the Sanctuary and those who are now worshipping in it, it is most likely that this is a reference to the golden altar of incense which was placed right in front of the curtain that separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies. See the below Illustration of the Sanctuary for the placement of the Altar of Incense.

### Illustration: The Altar of Incense



According to the **Codex**, there was to be a perpetual burning of incense on this altar throughout all generations. The altar was sanctified by sacrificial blood of the sin offering, and it was considered most

holy to **Yahweh**.<sup>1</sup>

The reason it was so precious to God is because according to what we learned in **Revelation 8**, the *golden altar of incense* and the *four horns of the altar* are tied directly to the **prayers of God's people**—the prayers of the saints, or literally, *the prayers of the holy ones*, and the authority of those prayers (imaged in the horns of the altar) that is established on that altar through the prayers that rise up before the throne of **Yahweh**.

### *Why the Altar*

This image begs the question, why did God specifically ask for the altar to be measured but He did not ask for the Lampstand nor the Table of Showbread which held the bread of the Presence (literally, the bread of the “face”) to be measured? After all, the table was also in the Sanctuary, directly across from the Lampstand.<sup>2</sup>

### *Why Not the Lampstand or the Table?*

Perhaps these images have been accounted for already. For instance, the image of the Lampstand is essentially the basis for measurement. The reeds through which oil flows and which the light of the world shines is captured in the image of the two witnesses bearing their prophetic testimony to the world.

And with regard to the Table of Showbread, which held the 12 loaves representing the 12-tribes of Israel, perhaps, this was previously measured when the 144,000, identified by the very funky list of 12-tribes of Israel (which included multiple references to Gentiles), were set apart and sealed with **Yahweh's** signet—that “*great multitude which no one could count from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, having been standing before the throne and before the Lamb, having chosen to being clothed in white robes, and palm branches in their hands.*”<sup>3</sup>

Other than the Lampstand and the Table of the Presence, there were no other items in the “*holy place*” of the Sanctuary, just in the “*holy of holies*” where the Ark of the Covenant was placed on the other side of a curtain that separated the “*holy place*” from the “*holy of holies*” within the Sanctuary. And the Ark of the Covenant will be addressed in **11:19**, completing the inclusion of everything within the Sanctuary of God.

### *This is Going to Sting: The ALTAR Measurement*

As we previously stated, one does not go and measure something unless there is a reason to cause a separation or to define something—for example, the boundary of a parcel of property, the size of a room, a personal possession, or something similar. One measures for ownership and for clarity purposes.

With the measurement of the Altar of Incense, the Spirit is letting us know that from this time forth, the only prayers that He will hear will be that prayers which come forth from the altar that is located in the Sanctuary. These will be the prayers of His priests, who are **now** worshipping in the Sanctuary (which is a picture of the famed two witnesses).

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<sup>1</sup> **Exodus 30:6-10**

<sup>2</sup> **Exodus 25:23-30, 26:35**

<sup>3</sup> **Revelation 7:9-10**

In **11:6** we will uncover the types of prayers that will be lifted up to Him by the two witnesses as well as the effectiveness of those prayers. We will find that what they let loose on the earth is nothing short of terrifying.

But at the time when all “hell” breaks loose, and people are scrambling for help, and they cry out to God, their prayers will **NOT** be heard. With the blowing of the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet, it is too late. Prayer time is over for those who are **NOT** now worshipping in the Sanctuary.

Remember, this measurement is a separation – a culling! **THE TIME IS UP AND THE TIME IS NOW!**

### Part 3: Those Now Worshipping in it.

By way of background, the Sanctuary was a unique place, but it was not a highly frequented place, for only the priests were permitted to enter the Sanctuary. The Levitical priests, were on a rotation schedule, and were responsible for just a few things in the Sanctuary.<sup>4</sup> Morning and night they tended to the Lampstand to ensure it had enough oil, the wicks were trimmed, and so on, to make certain the Lampstand remained perpetually lit. The priest would also offer up incense on the altar each morning and evening. They replaced the bread of the Table of Presence every Sabbath day. And once a year, the High Priest entered in behind the veil into the “*holy of holies*” to sprinkle blood on the mercy seat which covered the Ark of the Covenant.<sup>5</sup>

So, at any given time, only a few of the priests would actually be physically present worshipping in the Sanctuary, the rest who were on duty were engaged in the temple at large performing and overseeing sacrifices and ministering to the people. And those who were not on duty, were home taking care of personal, family, and business matters.

This measurement, however, is specifically of those who are on duty and are **even now worshipping** in the Sanctuary. This measurement does **NOT** therefore include those who are ministering in the temple at large, overseeing the sacrifices of the masses, nor does it include those who are off duty.

#### *This is Really Going to Sting: The Deepest Culling*

The implication is that there are “priests” who are **NOT** now worshipping in the Sanctuary and who prefer to be overseeing sacrifices of the people in the temple at large, or who are enjoying their days off. Either way, they will not be measured off as belonging to God.

This is beyond scary. God is making a division, a separation, between those who are His priests (yes, a division amongst the **Chosen**). We will get to the separation God makes between the **Chosen** and the **Called** in His command about what **NOT** to measure, but **first**, there is a culling amongst those identified as priests, whose primary duty is to the Sanctuary.

**THIS IS TERRIBLY HARD, BOTH INTELLECTUALLY AND EMOTIONALLY.**

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<sup>4</sup> See **Luke 1:8-11**

<sup>5</sup> See **Leviticus 24:1-9; Exodus 26:34-35, 30:7-8; Leviticus 16:1-19; Hebrews 9:1-10**

We have been talking so long about the division between the **Called** and the **Chosen**, which for the most part tends to make both intellectual and emotional sense, because the **Called**, though converted by God (born-again), never dug down deep in their soul and chose to be a little child dependent upon **Yahweh** for all things all the time. And as Jesus clearly and unequivocally stated, those who do not make this choice may **NOT** inherit the kingdom of heaven.<sup>6</sup> In fact, in the parallel passages in **Mark** and **Luke**, the Spirit uses a double negative, “they may **NOT, NO WAY, enter therein.**”<sup>7</sup> Hence, “many are Called but few Chosen.”<sup>8</sup>

But the division does not stop there. Shockingly, a similar judgment or division is made in-and-amongst the “few” –amongst the **Chosen** of God. This is super-disturbing. However, it should not shake our nerves nor rattle our brains, for it is entirely consistent with what Jesus said in every single letter to the 7-churches. All His promises, without exception, were made to those who are **now** overcoming and are **now** believing – after all, **faith is always a now thing!** And if we are those who are **now** having ears to hear what the Spirit now says to the churches, we would have understood and accepted this truth, hard though it may be.

### The Called and Chosen and Faithful

This brings us to the third “perfect” division—those who are now worshipping in the Sanctuary. This is explained to us in a scene from **Revelation 17:14.**<sup>9</sup>

In that passage we are told that the Lamb, Jesus, will overcome the Beast and the kingdom of the Beast (imaged in the seven heads and ten horns of the Beast) because He (Jesus) is the Lord of lords and King of kings. In other words, Jesus is supreme over all the spiritual and physical rulers of the world. Then we get to a statement about His return, “... and those **with Him Called and Chosen and Faithful.**” These are 3-adjectives that describe those who are with Him, and these descriptions are additive: **Called** and **Chosen** and **Faithful.**

Everyone who is born-again is **Called** into the Household of God. Everyone who digs down deep into their soul and chooses to be a little child, dependent upon **Yahweh** exercises their authority to become a child of God, and they are the **Chosen** of God, and they minister as priests of God. They have the right to serve in the Sanctuary of God.

But those who remain dependent upon **Yahweh** for everything, refusing to believe any religious decree that militates against them living in unrestrained freedom, those who endure to the end despite their intense sufferings and persecutions, those who still are now overcoming and now have the oil of the Spirit flowing through their “reeds” (so-to-speak) are the **Faithful.** They are known by a compounding of adjectives, they are **Called and Chosen and Faithful!** They are those who are **now** worshipping in the Sanctuary and are **now** choosing to come out of the great tribulation.<sup>10</sup>

“... and those **with Him Called and Chosen and Faithful.**” So, we must ask, who is it that is with Him? According to **Revelation 22:12**, His **reward** is with Him. So, we must ask, who is His reward? Don’t you

<sup>6</sup> **Matthew 18:3**

<sup>7</sup> **Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17**

<sup>8</sup> **Matthew 22:14**

<sup>9</sup> According to the **Code**, the number 3 is the number of perfection.

<sup>10</sup> See **Revelation 7:14**

love the way the Spirit spreads this stuff out?

*“Behold, **Yahweh** has proclaimed to the end of the earth, say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Lo, your salvation comes; behold His **reward** is with Him, and His **recompense** before Him.’ And they will call them, “The Holy people, the redeemed of **Yahweh**,” and you will be called, “Sought out, a city not forsaken.””<sup>11</sup>*

The redeemed, the holy people are His reward. These are those who are with Him wherever He goes, including at His Second Coming. According to **Revelation 14**, these are those who have been caused to be redeeming from the earth—the 144,000 who have been caused to be redeemed from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. They are now following the Lamb wherever He now goes, and they are now blameless.<sup>12</sup>

Hence, the Spirit said, *“and those with Him Called and Chosen and Faithful.”*

*“For the Lord Himself will choose to descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will choose to rise first. Then we who are now living and now caused to be remaining will be caused to be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and **so we will always choose to be with the Lord.**”<sup>13</sup>*

After the resurrection of the dead and the rapture of those now living, those who meet Jesus in the air will henceforth (yes, I just said, “henceforth”) always be **with Him**.

In the book of **Hebrews**, the Spirit makes the point that because Jesus was willing to suffer in order to bring many sons to glory, the reward the Father gave Him were sons, brethren, or children. And of them, He is not ashamed.<sup>14</sup> Hence, *“His reward is with Him.”*

### **The Faithful**

Thus, of those who have been **“Chosen,”** only those who are **“Faithful,”** who are now overcoming, who are now believing, or who are **now worshipping in the Sanctuary**, will be measured. The rest of those who were **Chosen** will not be measured.

#### **1 Peter 4:17-19**

For the time for judgment must first choose to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who are not now obeying the gospel of God? AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS now caused to be SAVED, WHAT WILL choose to BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?<sup>15</sup>

And what is the *“gospel of God”* that we are to now be obeying? That all things MUST be by grace through faith. It is for this reason of judgment within the Household of God that the Spirit was super

<sup>11</sup> **Isaiah 62:11-12**, See also **Isaiah 40:10**; **1 Peter 2:9**

<sup>12</sup> **Revelation 14:1-5**

<sup>13</sup> **1 Thessalonians 4:16-18**

<sup>14</sup> See **Hebrews 2:9-13**

<sup>15</sup> Quoting from **Proverbs 11:31**

intense in the book of **Hebrews** to warn believers that they must continue in their belief and not fall away into unbelief. This makes sense given that **faith is always a now thing!** Faith is not something from our past; not something we had, not something we once exercised.

After speaking of how great Jesus is and how He is far superior to the angels, in the book of **Hebrews**, the Spirit said: *"For this reason {how great Jesus is} we now must pay much closer attention to the things that we have been caused to be hearing, **so that we may not be caused to drift away from it.** For if the word being caused to be speaking through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, how will we choose to escape if we have been neglecting so great a salvation?"<sup>16</sup>*

*"Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be caused to be speaking later; but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house — whose house we now are, **IF we may hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope.**"<sup>17</sup>*

*"**You are commanded to now take care, brethren, that there choose to be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God.** But now encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still caused to now be called "Today," so that none of you may be caused to be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become **partakers** of Christ, **IF we may hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,** while it is now said, **"TODAY IF YOU SHOULD HEAR HIS VOICE, YOU SHOULD NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS IN THE PROVOCATION."***

*For who provoked Him when they had been hearing? Indeed, did not all those who had been coming out of Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who had been sinning, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not choose to enter His rest, **but to those who were not believing? So, we now see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.**<sup>18</sup>*

*"Therefore, let us be caused to fear if, while a promise is now caused to be remaining to enter His rest, **any one of you may now seem to have come short of it.** For the good news now having been caused to be preaching to us, exactly as unto them; but the word they heard did not profit them, because **it was not having been caused to be united by faith** in those who had been hearing. **For we who have been believing now choose to enter that rest,** just as He has said, **"AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, THEY SHALL NOT CHOOSE TO ENTER MY REST,"** although His works have been caused to be finishing from the foundation of the world."<sup>19</sup>*

*"So there now remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. **For the one who has been entering His rest has himself also rested from his works,** as God did from His. Therefore, may we be diligent to enter that rest, **so that no one will fall, through following the same example of unbelief.**"<sup>20</sup>*

These are all harrowing passages, but the message is very clear. That choice to dig down deep in our

<sup>16</sup> **Hebrews 2:2-3**

<sup>17</sup> **Hebrews 3:5-6**

<sup>18</sup> **Hebrews 3:12-19**

<sup>19</sup> **Hebrews 4:1-3**

<sup>20</sup> **Hebrews 4:9-11**

souls and live like a child, dependent upon **Yahweh** for all things all the time, because we believe that He alone is our **I AM**, our source of everything, is a choice in which we must now be enduring. The standard of measurement is of those who are **now believing** – not of those who at one time believed.

Thus, faith is not just a now thing, **faith is always active**. *“For we who have been believing **now choose to enter that rest.**”*

And what is it that we have been caused to be hearing, what is the good news? That all things are by **grace-through-faith**, and not a result of works so that no man should boast.<sup>21</sup> Thus, *“as you have received Jesus, you are commanded to now walk in Him”*—by grace through faith.<sup>22</sup>

This is the reason why the Spirit asked, *“This is the only thing I now want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? Are you now so foolish? Having chosen to begin by the Spirit, are you now being perfected/now choosing to be perfected by the flesh? Did you suffer so many things in vain — if indeed it was in vain? So then, does He who is now providing you with the Spirit and is now working miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?”*<sup>23</sup> *“You have been severed from Christ, you who are now seeking to be justified by law {any law}; you have fallen from grace.”*<sup>24</sup>

Thus, those who are now worshipping in the Sanctuary choose to let the Spirit help them stop being their own **I AM**, as they choose to be that little child dependent upon **Yahweh** for all things all the time. They let God teach them to stop striving to be good with God (or said another way, to reject the false Messiah and all his requirements for Christian worship and Christian living), and instead they choose to now be believing that **Yahweh Tsidkenu** alone is their righteousness, that He is the One who makes them His holy people who are now blameless, and they choose to rest in this truth.

Practically (and this is all a process as they become more and more willing to let God cut and burn away all that stands in the way of His possessing their being):

- They are now stopping obsessing on sin.
- They are now stopping judging and condemning themselves and others for sin.
- They are now stopping shaming themselves and others for what they have done.
- They are now stopping manipulating others with religious guilt, duty, and obligation.
- They are now stopping living by the delusion of “should of” and “could of” and “the next time I will.”
- They are now no longer obsessing on all that the religion tells them that they should do for God and for people in order to receive His blessing in this life.
- They are now learning to let God do His work in-and-through their lives only **WHEN** He wants

<sup>21</sup> See **Ephesians 2:5, 8-9; Acts 15:11; 1 Peter 1:5**

<sup>22</sup> **Colossians 2:6**

<sup>23</sup> **Galatians 3:2-5**

<sup>24</sup> **Galatians 5:4**

to do it.

- They are now letting go of the religious framework of their respective denominations and are now choosing to accept what the Spirit has said, how the Spirit said it, and are learning to accept why He said it that way.
- They are now believing that **Yahweh Adonai** is in control of every step of their lives, and like a little child they are willing to be learning to trust Him with every part of their lives.
- They have been willing to purchase from God gold having been refined by fire so that they may become rich, and white garments so that they may clothe themselves, and that the shame of their nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint their eyes so that they may see.
- They are now keeping His word and not denying His name.
- They are now preserving and enduring in believing.
- They are those who are now overcoming and who are now following the Lamb wherever He now goes.

In sum, they are simply now believing Jesus to be who He said He is, the Lord **our** God Almighty.

And it is for this reason that the measurement is that of the Lampstand, the “reed” or the bearers of oil, the vessels of light who have Jesus’ life flowing in-and-through their own, bringing illumination everywhere they go. And because this reed is like a rod, we know that this measurement is exacting and true.

### ***Dividing the Visible Church from the True Church***

Once God stakes His ownership and possession of those who are now worshipping in the Sanctuary through this measurement of a reed that is like a rod, He communicates that everyone else who thought they should be in His measurements, are left out.

#### ***Revelation 11:2***

You are commanded to leave out the court which is outside the Sanctuary and do not measure it, for it has been caused to be given to the collective of peoples; and they will tread the holy city for forty-two months.

### **DO NOT MEASURE**

John is specifically told **NOT** to measure the courts which are outside the “*naos*” (outside of the Sanctuary—or the court of the priests). Referring back to the illustration, the areas that were not to be measured include the court of the males, the court of women, the court of the gentiles, and all the associated porches and porticoes.

In this picture, as He has done so many times before, God is once again making a fixed distinction

between those in the **visible church** and those whom He deems to be His **true church**, His true worshipers.

If those who are measured are the priests of God who are **now worshipping**, His personal possession, the bondservants of Jesus Christ (the **Chosen** of the Chosen), then all those who are **excluded** from measurement are those who occupy the temple at large, those in the religion of Christianity who are very busy serving Him with all their sacrifices, service, giving, dedication, worship, sincerity, intention, and so on (the collective which we address as the **Called**).

Just to be clear, and to try to keep things sorted in our heads, we will expand our normal definition of the **Called** to include those priests who had been **Chosen**, but who are **NOT now worshipping** in the Sanctuary, but are found in the temple at large or who are simply off duty and taking care of their own personal interests in this life.

The **Called** come to the temple to be taught and to learn about God and to worship Him, to learn how to be good Christians and they work hard to overcome sin and to be good witnesses to the world by their pious lives. They are found doing their religious duty, after all, they are in the temple grounds, and they are not outside of the temple.

**ONCE AGAIN, JUDE AND REVELATION TARGETS THOSE WITHIN THE VISIBLE CHURCH WITH A MESSAGE WHICH SEPARATES THOSE WHO STAND ONLY ON THE GOODNESS OF GOD FROM THOSE WHO ARE TRYING VERY HARD TO BE GOOD FOR GOD.**

The **Called** are not permitted to enter the Sanctuary of the priests, where only the **Chosen** of the Chosen are found (those who are **Called and Chosen and Faithful**). The **Called** are not even measured because **THEY DO NOT BELONG!**

We have learned that the one who chooses to abide as a slave in the household of God (like Ishmael who dwelt in the tents of Abraham), and who does not choose to be a little child dependent solely on **Yahweh** to be their portion or their provision, will **NOT** enter the kingdom of God.<sup>25</sup> They were given the right or the authority to choose to become a child of God, but they do not make that choice.<sup>26</sup> Hence three times (a perfect declaration) **Yahweh** said, *“I swear in my wrath they will not choose to enter My rest.”*<sup>27</sup> Thus, *“they may **NOT, NO WAY,** enter therein!*

For a time, they are permitted to dwell in the Lord’s household (just like Ishmael did with Isaac), but for them, **the time is up, the time is now!**

Just because a person is a part of the temple at large and offers up their sacrifices (remember the brazen altar is in the court of the males, where according to the **Codex**, sacrifices would be the metaphorical equivalent of Christian service and sacrifice “for God”<sup>28</sup>), and just because they worship God

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<sup>25</sup> **Matthew 18:3; Luke 18:17**

<sup>26</sup> **John 1:12**

<sup>27</sup> **Hebrews 3:11, 4:3, 4:5**

<sup>28</sup> For the equivalent of sacrifices to the believer, see **Philippians 2:17, 4:18; Hebrews 13:15; 1 Peter 2:5**

and go through all the rituals and traditions, it does not mean that they are the **Chosen** of God (much less the **Chosen** of the Chosen).

**Matthew 15:7-9**

You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you: 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. 'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.'"

Accordingly, many have been called but few chosen.<sup>29</sup> Many may look the part of a child of God, act the part, talk the part, and from the outside we might never know any better. But Jesus sees within. He knows those that are truly His, those who are **now worshipping in the sanctuary** and those who are **NOT**. In this measurement and NON-measurement, the **Called** and the **Called and Chosen and Faithful** are distinguished from one another. The **Called and Chosen and Faithful** are measured off as belonging exclusively to **Yahweh**; the **Called** are **NOT!**

Again, this NON-measurement includes the Chosen that who are **NOT** *now worshipping in the Sanctuary*!)

Those who truly belong to Jesus are priests unto God, they are in the Sanctuary, and they are even now found worshipping. But so many others stay busy exercising their religion, trying extremely hard all their lives to be good for God, to be good Christians, all the while trying so hard not to sin. They battle sin with earnest intent believing they have their golden ticket to heaven safely tucked away in their back pocket simply because they said the "sinner's prayer" or because they have worked so hard to be a good Christian and to honor Jesus.

We already saw examples of this in the letters to the churches of Ephesus and Sardis, two extremely well-intentioned advocates for the "gospel" which Jesus acknowledged but did not recognize.<sup>30</sup> In fact, their so called "good" works were flat-out rejected as not being rooted in *agape* love and not having been performed before the face of the Father.

In the letter to Ephesus, despite their adherence to truth and their vehement fight against those who were false, Jesus said they had fallen—they had apostatized from their faith. They knew all about the truth, but they did not know the one who is truth, the one who is *agape* love. What was said about them was eerily similar to what was said to those in the church of Galatia, they had fallen from grace and been cut off from Christ.<sup>31</sup>

In the letter to Sardis, we discovered that the church had a great reputation for being alive, which means that from their own perspective and the perspective of outsiders (the community and other believers), this church was kicking it spiritually and was a great example of Christianity within their community. Jesus, however, thought differently about them, and He dropped on them a huge

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<sup>29</sup> **Matthew 22:14**

<sup>30</sup> **Revelation 3:1-6**

<sup>31</sup> **Galatians 5:1-7**

unsuspecting bomb that was intended to obliterate their religious pride.

Jesus said that despite their reputation, the truth is that they were dead and dying. Their works were not complete because they were not derived from Him, and they were not performed before the face of the Father. They were doing their “own” works based on what they thought God wanted from them, and they did it all in Jesus’ name. Their works were NOT a result of God living in-and-through them.

### **WE MUST NEVER FORGET, THE SOURCE MATTERS, THE SOURCE IS EVERYTHING!**

Jesus warned them that if they did not turn to Him and go back and believe what they did at first (essentially that all things must be **by grace through faith** and that **faith is a now thing**), that He will come upon them suddenly, as unexpected as a thief. This was tied to a comment He will make later in **Revelation 16:15** when He is describing the battle at Armageddon, and those who must endure this terrible event. In other words, they will be those who are LEFT BEHIND.

This was more than a warning; it was a threat. They would not be taken up in the rapture. They would be those who are **NOT** measured off unto God. And although they are those who are a part of the visible church, they do **NOT** belong to the true church of Jesus Christ, comprised of those sons who abide in **unrestrained freedom** and even **now** are worshipping in the Sanctuary of God.

### **Like a Rod: The Complete Measurement**

Let’s not forget that the measurement was via *a reed, like a rod*. Though the measurement was that of flaccid humanity, it would be exacting and complete. In other words, the complete number of those who are now believing from both the Gentiles and the Jews will be measured, and the count will be accurate. There will not be one wanting from this calculation.

### **THE GATHERING WILL FINALLY HAVE BEEN MADE COMPLETE. THE TIME IS UP; THE TIME IS NOW!**

Let’s stop here on this harrowing note and pick up in our next podcast with the statement that these outer courts that are not measured have been caused to be given to the collective of peoples; and they will tread the holy city for forty-two months.