
EP83 Revelation 11 verse 2

In our last podcast, we covered Part 2 and Part 3 of the 3-part command to measure the Altar and those who are now worshipping in the Sanctuary. We also ventured into verse 2 and addresses those who are NOT measured. It was a harrowing revelation to learn that only the priests who are now worshipping in the Sanctuary will be measured off as belonging exclusively to God. The other priests who are busy doing sacrifices and ministering to the people, or who are caring for their own personal business, will NOT be measured and they will NOT enter the kingdom of God.

In that vein, from the blowing of the 7th Trumpet, only the prayers of those now worshipping in the Sanctuary, the prayers offered up on the Altar of Incense will be heard. No other prayers will be heard, no matter how sincere, intense, or frequent.

The blowing of the 7th Trumpet is wrapping up all the mysteries of God, and not all of them are pleasant for it results in division, a culling, and a hard separation amongst those who have been abiding within the household of God.

With that said, let's continue.

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.

Given to the Peoples

With “*caused to be given*” having been rendered in the *aorist passive indicative*, it is clear that it is God who has given the area outside of the Sanctuary (the courts in the temple at large) to the peoples, and being rendered in the *indicative*, we know that is a statement of fact.

And since it is NOT rendered in the *future* tense but the *aorist* tense, we know that this is **NOT** addressing a specific time to come in the **End Times**, but it speaks of a general overall condition. God has given to the “*peoples*,” the courts outside of the Sanctuary, where those who are not priests are allowed to enter.

Most translations say that these courts were given to the “nations.” However, the Greek uses the word “*ethnos*,” which, in the Greek, means “multitudes of people associated or living together.” Hence, “nations” could work, but it tends to be more than a tad misleading unless we understand “nations” in a general sense in terms of a collection of peoples and not some nationalistic identification.

Now, let's remember that the Spirit is not describing a physical structure, but a **spiritual structure**. Therefore, even though many of our English translations use the word “nations,” we are not to understand this to mean some sort of pagan or heathen people group, nor are we to understand it as literal foreign nations who have invaded or occupied this territory; rather, it is simply addressing *the multitudes of*

people in close association, the peoples, who occupy the various courts outside of the Sanctuary (the court of the males, the court of women, and the court of the gentiles, and all the associated porches and porticoes). And clearly, these people are found all around the world, from all the nations. This is a global picture, given that God's Sanctuary has a global presence.

Once again, keeping with the overall imagery, if those who are measured are the priests of God who are now worshipping in the Sanctuary (the **Chosen** of the Chosen), then those who are **excluded** from measurement are those who occupy the temple grounds, those in the religion of Christianity who are very busy honoring God with all their sacrifices, service, giving, dedication, worship, sincerity, intention, and so on (the collective we refer to as the "**Called**").

But make no mistake, in the courts of the temple, these people call on the name of Jesus, they cry out to Him, "Lord, Lord," they do works in the name of Jesus, they prophecy in the name of Jesus, they cast out demons in the name of Jesus, they do miracles in the name of Jesus, they once had oil burning in their lamps, but still He does not know them. If truth be told, their religious practices are simply lawlessness.¹

Traversing in the courts outside of the Sanctuary, they hangout very close to the **Chosen** bondservants of Jesus Christ, they identify with the activities which come forth from the Sanctuary (the *holy place*). However, **NOT** being priests of God, they are **NOT** permitted to enter the Sanctuary, and they are **NOT** measured off as belonging to God. They are separated or divided from those in the Sanctuary, and though they have been converted by God (born-again), they will **NOT** inherit the kingdom of God.²

Tread the Holy City

"... and they will **tread** the holy city for forty-two months." Finally, we come to the use of the *future* tense, something that points us forward towards the **End Times** (it's been a while). They, the multitudes of peoples in close association, shall in the future **tread** the holy city for forty-two (42) months.

The word translated as "*tread*" comes from a word which speaks of a "*path*;" however, throughout the **Codex**, it is used exclusively in a figurative manner and not literally.

The various translations of this word in most Bibles are understandable, however, like the translation of "nations" instead of "peoples," they may force us to think of a different outcome or scenario than what the Spirit wants us to understand. The most common Biblical translations render this word as: "trample," "trample or tread under-foot," "under their feet," "desecrate," "trample in contempt and disdain," and "trample all-over."

It may just be me, but each of those phrasings seem very violent, aggressive, and hate filled, and it naturally suggests that the "*holy city*" will be violently persecuted and harmed. While that may seem to fit the overall **Revelation** narrative, contextually, based on the rest of the chapter, that conclusion might just be a bit presumptuous, and the translators may have taken it a bit too far and created a bit of confusion.

To help frame for us the scenario of what is happening during these 42 months, let's see how else the

¹ See **Matthew 7:22**. See also **Luke 13:23-30**

² **Matthew 18:3; Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17**

Spirit uses this word “**tread**” (“*pateo*” in the Greek) across the **Codex**.

Jesus said to His followers. “Behold, I give you the **authority** {power} to now **tread** upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the **power** of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.”³

Clearly, this does not mean that we are to walk on serpents and scorpions if we find them in our yard, and with the reference to the powers of the enemy and the spirits, clearly this is not speaking about literal serpents and scorpions, but spiritual beings—demonic spirits. Therefore, this imagery of serpents and scorpions being tread upon speaks of these demonic spirits’ *subjection* to the authority which Jesus has given to believers.

By the way, many translations use the word “power” to speak of this grant of privilege, and not “authority.” But “power,” as in “*all the power of the enemy*,” comes from a word which in English where we derive “dynamite” – explosive power. But the word which is used with regard to the authority of believers comes from the idea of being granted privilege and delegated influence. They are very distinct words and should not be confused. The demons may have power, but believers have been granted authority over them.

And in speaking of the intense judgment of God, we will find that immediately after the rapture of the church, an angel is commanded to gather the clusters of grapes that are fully ripe from the vine of the earth and to thrust them into the great wine press of the wrath of God. “*And the wine press was caused to be **tread** outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses’ bridles, for a distance of 200 miles.*”

Clearly, this passage is full of poignant imagery, but the idea is that the ripe grapes (humanity that remains upon earth after the rapture and who are ready for judgment) are crushed like grapes beneath the feet of Jesus’s judgments. It is an awful picture which speaks of the judgment that will be initiated with the blowing of the 7th Trumpet, the pouring out of the 7 bowls of wrath, all of which comes to completion when Jesus literally returns to earth and “*treads the winepress of the fierce wrath of God the Almighty.*” In other words, all the peoples will be subject to Him and to Him alone who is “*the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.*”⁴ And it is going to be bloody.

Then there is one other instance in the **Codex** where this word translated “*tread*” is used. Jesus said,

Luke 21:23-24

Woe to those who are **now** being pregnant and to those who are **now** nursing babies in those days; for there will choose to be great distress upon the land and intense anger (“*ogre*”) to this people; and they will choose to fall by the edge of the sword, and will be caused to be led captive into all the nations; and **Jerusalem** is even **now** being caused to be **tread** by the peoples until the times of the peoples are fulfilled.

³ **Luke 10:19**

⁴ **Revelation 19:15-16**

With the combined use of the *present* tense and the *future* tense, this passage is presented in that whole layered cake effect, where Jesus is seeing all the layers at once and He communicates them as He sees them, and not so much in a literal sequential time frame as we would want to see them.

In short, Jesus communicates that from that time when the Romans became in control of Jerusalem unto the times of the collective of peoples (translated as “gentiles”) are fulfilled, Jerusalem will NOT have self-rule, but will remain in some manner of subjection to the peoples.

We see that even today, where the temple mount and all of East Jerusalem is under the control of the Jordanian Hashemite custodianship. That is where the Al-Aqsa Mosque Haram al-Sharif, one of the Islamic holy sites, is located. Similarly, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, and other areas, parts of Israel are ruled by foreigners, gentiles. So even though Israel has its own government, portions of the land are parceled off and ruled by the peoples.

Authority & Subjection

With that said, the use of the word “*pateo*” translated as “*tread*” is used consistently to point out that one thing is in subjection to another. It speaks of the authority over another and submission by the other to the one who has been granted authority. It does not necessarily bear with it the idea of power, violence, hatred, aggression, or persecution, but simple authority and subjection.

Therefore, probably the best translation would be, “**They will have authority over the holy city for 42 months.**”

Those who are outside of the Sanctuary, but who occupy the temple at large, will exercise some level of authority for 42 months over the *holy city*, over those who are worshipping in the Sanctuary.

What Could This Mean?

Before we can settle on what this means, we need to understand the following:

- 1) To whom it is that “*they*” refers,
- 2) What or who is the “*holy city*,”
- 3) What it practically means to “*tread*” (to have authority and to subjugate), and
- 4) How this time period of “*42 months*” is wrapped around these events.

1) *They*

First, “*they*” is a reference to those who are outside of the Sanctuary but who are still within the temple grounds—the multitudes of closely associated peoples who occupy the courts outside of the Sanctuary. Therefore, this would include all the peoples who find their place in this “spiritual” household of God—those who identify with and deem themselves to be a part of the religion of Christianity.

Thus, “*they*” is **NOT** addressing the people outside of the temple grounds. The exclusion on measurement was targeted specifically towards those who are in the temple courtyards, but who are outside of the Sanctuary.

It's A Culling

God is making a division of those found in His own household. He does not need to make a division from those who do not identify with Him (those who do not dwell in the courts of His temple), for they are already divided and have always been divided from Him. Such a division would be non-sensical.

Rather, this measurement serves as a culling, a separation of Cain from Able, Noah from the peoples, Israel from the nations, Abraham from Terah's household, Lot from Sodom, Isaac from Ishmael, Jacob from Esau, David from Saul, Judah from Israel, the 11 disciples from Judas, and the sons who choose to live in **Yahweh's unrestrained freedom** and are even now choosing to come out of the great tribulation from those who choose to live as slaves in **Yahweh's** household.

2) The Holy City

Second, we must determine what is meant by the "holy city." In some parts of the **Codex**, this phrase is used of the literal, physical, city of Jerusalem.⁵ Yet, in other references, specifically in the book of **Revelation**, a different picture is painted, a different story is told. But then again, maybe the picture or the story is not so different, as Jerusalem has always gone by many names indicating that although it has a physical location, it is so much more, for it has a reality that stretches long-and-deep into the unseen realms.

Some of the names or references to Jerusalem include: the holy city, the holy mountain, the city of truth, the mountain of **Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of Heaven's Armies), the daughter of Zion, city of God, city of the Great King, the adulteress, the abandoned wife, the prostitute, Ariel, Forsaken, Desolate, My Delight is in her, **My Wife**, and Mother (the children will return to their Mother and find delight in her).⁶

Jerusalem is a picture which has many layers, so many meanings, but they all seem to be driven by the context of relationship, largely based on where the people of God were in terms of their relationship with **Yahweh** at any given time. Therefore, to ensure we do not get confused by all the various names, the Spirit made a direct connection for us within **Revelation**. I love it when He does that; it makes figuring things out so much easier.

In our passage (**11:1-2**) the measurement separates those who are **now worshipping** in the Sanctuary (the **Chosen** of the Chosen) from those who are abiding in the courtyards outside of the Sanctuary. That collective is the **Called**—all of those who are bound to the religion of Christianity and who will not choose to repent of the work of their hands so as not to worship demons and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.⁷

Then towards the end of the **Revelation** narrative, the Spirit makes for us a firm and unquestionable link between the "holy city" and the **Bride of Christ**. In so doing, He makes sure that we know that the

⁵ See **Nehemiah 11:1, 18; Isaiah 48:2; 52:1; Daniel 9:24; Matthew 4:5, 27:53**

⁶ **Holy Mountain: Psalm 48:1, Isaiah 66:20; The City of Truth, the Mountain of Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of Heaven's Armies): **Zechariah 8:3; City of God: Psalm 46:4, 87:3; City of the Great King: Psalm 48:2; Daughter of Zion: Lamentations 1:6, Isaiah 1:8, 16:1, Micah 1:13, 4:13, Zechariah 2:10; Adulteress: Isaiah 1:21, Lamentations 1:19; Abandoned Wife: Isaiah 49:14, 21; Prostitute: Jeremiah 13:26-27; Ariel: Isaiah 29:1-2, 7, Ezekiel 43:15-16** (translated as "altar" but Hebrew, "Ariel") **Forsaken, Desolate, City of My Delight, Wife: Isaiah 62:4-5; Mother: Isaiah 49:18-23, 54:1-3, 66:7-14**

⁷ **Revelation 9:20**

“*holy city*” is another synonym for those who were marked by His signet, measured as part of the Sanctuary, those who are the **Called and Chosen and Faithful** bondservants of Jesus Christ who are even now overcoming.⁸

Revelation 21:1-3

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was now no more. And I saw the **holy city**, new Jerusalem, now coming down out of heaven from God, having been caused to be preparing as a **bride** having been caused to be adorning for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne now saying, "Behold, the tabernacle (tent or dwelling place—the Sanctuary) of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will choose to be his people, and God himself will choose to be with them as their God."

Revelation 21:9-15

Then came one of the seven angels who is now having the seven bowls now being full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, now saying, "Come, I will show you the **bride**, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the **holy city** Jerusalem now coming down out of heaven from God, now having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, now being clear as crystal. It is now having a great, high wall, now having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel having been caused to be inscribed—on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city is now having twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And the one who is now speaking with me had a measuring **reed of gold** to measure the city and its gates and walls.

In the very same book, we get our clear connection between the “*holy city*” and the **Bride of Christ**. They are one and the same. There is even a direct connection in terms of measuring the city, but in this latter reference, the measurement occurs in the new heaven, and the one measuring uses a *reed of gold* to measure the city, signifying that although He is measuring humanity, the measurement is of that which is divine.

Why the Name Change?

By the way, the reason the Spirit uses the phrasing the “*holy city*” instead of just repeating the term Sanctuary, is because once the measurement is finalized, fixed, and completed, those in the Sanctuary are the final collection of believers who are now deemed to be the **Bride of Christ**, the “*holy city*.” No more people will be added. Remember, **the time is up; the time is now!**

⁸ **Marked:** Revelation 7:3; **Measured:** Revelation 11:1, **Called and Chosen and Faithful:** Revelation 17:4, **Bondservants:** Revelation 1:1, 2:20, 11:18, 19:2, 5, 22:3, 6; **now Overcoming:** Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26, 3:5, 12, 21, 21:7

3) Tread (Authority & Subjection)

Third, they will “*tread*” (or have authority) over the holy city for 42-months.

As we have discussed, God has sealed those who belong to Him, marked them with His signet, and it seems clear that there is a level of supernatural protection that will occur on behalf of His **Chosen** ones such that they will not be harmed by the supernatural demonic destructions levied upon the earth via the first six trumpets. At the same time, it is also clear that they will be in **subjection** to, or under the **authority** of, that collection of closely associated peoples who worship God in the temple grounds outside of the Sanctuary.

For **42 months**, those in the religion of Christianity will levy some sort of authority over the priests in the Sanctuary and will keep them in subjection to their authority.

4) 42-Months

Fourth, the exercise of power and authority over the *holy city* (the bride of Christ) will occur for **42 months**. As we have discussed, this calculation is tied into the “**mysterious 3.5-year**” calculation expressed in its various forms: 42 months, 1,260 days, and times, time and half a time.

The different renderings of this calculation each carry within it a unique **Code**, a meaning that is to be embraced distinct from the time period itself. In other words, we can tell by the number itself what it is that the Spirit wants us to understand about that respective time period.

For instance, this mysterious 3.5-year measurement of **42 months** is used only twice in *Revelation*, which itself is a **Code** that speaks of division and witness.⁹

The first reference to **42 months** is in our passage in **11:2**, which addresses the first 3.5 years of the tribulation. Whereas the second reference to **42 months** in **13:5** addresses the second 3.5 years of the tribulation. Follow me closely on this as it can be a bit of a brain teaser.

Beginning with the second reference (**13:5**), we are told that the Beast which comes forth from the Abyss is given authority to act (to literally make or do) for **42 months**. So, from the perspective of the **Code**, we can conclude that this measurement of 3.5-years expressed as **42 months** is uniquely tied to the Beast, the kingdom of the Beast, and all that it entails.

In direct contrast, as we will soon discover, the activities of the 2-witnesses are also expressed in the same “**mysterious 3.5-year**” nomenclature, but with regard to them, it is expressed as *1,260 days*.

The same measurement of 3.5-years, but each with its own **Code** to focus our attention on what is happening behind the scenes in the unseen realm—as God views things. **42 months** deals with things associated with the Beast and the kingdom of the Beast whereas *1,260 days* deals with the witness of God’s people

With that said, this first reference of **42 months (11:2)** speaks of the activities associated with the rising of the kingdom of the Beast throughout the first 3.5 years of the tribulation (beginning with the kingdom’s emergence at the blowing of the 2nd Trumpet). This is a time that overlaps with the *1,260 days* of witness allotted to the 2-witnesses—a time that we will discover slightly egresses into the second 3.5-year

⁹ 2 is the number of division and witness

segment of the tribulation (but only slightly).

Figurative 42 Months

We will not dive into the details here, but also keep in mind that this time period of 42 months is also a figurative time period (as is the 1,260 days of witness), associated with the time from Jesus' ascension to and through this **End Times** period. In other words, as we know, the Beast has been active and has found His place amongst those in the Sanctuary (all pre-measurement), while at the same time, the priests of God provide the light of Jesus, His witness, to the dark world.

The Chicken or the Egg

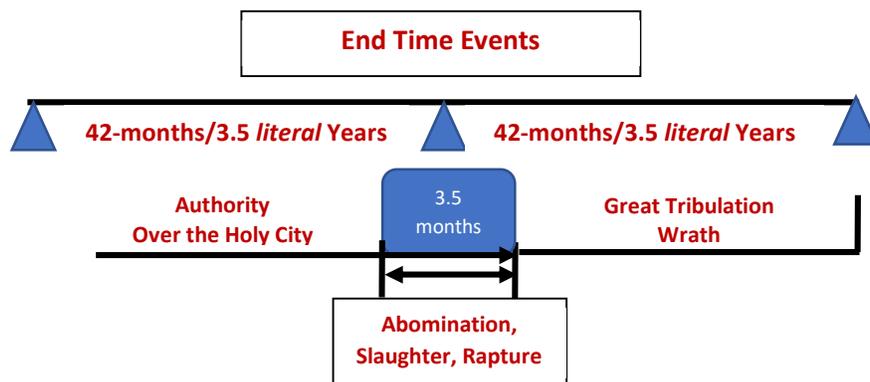
In this chapter (11) and in *Revelation 14*, we will discover, in mind-blowing unmistakable detail, that simultaneous with the conclusion of the 1,260 days allotted to their witness, the "holy city" (the **Bride of Christ**) will be raptured shortly into the second half of the tribulation, at the blowing of the 7th Trumpet.

This little detail is important. Given the facts of the timing of the *Abomination of Desolation*, the time allotted to the Beast to act, the war the Beast wages against the two witnesses as well as their death and resurrection, we can conclude that their time of witness (and their demise) slightly egresses into the second 3.5-year segment of the tribulation (but again, just slightly).

Thus, there is no way that the people who occupy the courts outside of the Sanctuary could "tread" upon or exercise authority over the "holy city" for **42-months** if this measurement was referring to the entire second 3.5 years of the tribulation. The "holy city" (the bondservants of Jesus Christ) will NOT be present during that time.

I'm not sure if we settled on the chicken or the egg, but the only time that the "holy city" can be in subjection for **42 months** to those who occupy the temple grounds is during the first 3.5-year segment of the tribulation (again, slightly egressing into the second 3.5-year period).

Illustration



We Must Ask Once Again, What Could This Mean?

We are going to backtrack to something we covered when we were just starting to discuss the opening of the 7-Seals, and that is in regard to the only tangible indicator which will let us know that we are in the

first 3.5-year period of the tribulation. You can click on this link to go to that section: the [Famed Peace Treaty](#) to examine it in its entirety.

The Famed Peace Treaty

In the book of *Daniel*, we discover a “newsworthy” event where this mysterious one referred to as “he” will make a firm or strong treaty or covenant, with the many, for a period of 7-years. But halfway through this period (at the **3.5-year** mark or after **42 months**), he will put a stop to any religious activity (sacrifice and offerings¹⁰) and on the wing of abomination (or right before the famed *Abomination of Desolation*) will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed.¹¹

In simple terms. As the kingdom of the Beast emerges onto society (at the blowing of the 2nd Trumpet), and the man we call the Antichrist (who is at that time possessed by lesser demons) is in charge, “he” negotiates some sort of “*treaty or covenant with the many*”.¹² Now, we do not know what the treaty is or to who “*the many*” specifically refers, even though most everyone seems to think it is a reference to a “peace treaty with Israel.” And it may be, at least in part, but following the **Codex** we find an even deeper and more profound understanding of this “*treaty with the many*.”

During the time leading up to the emergence of the kingdom of the Beast, from the 5th Seal Judgment through the 1st Trumpet Judgment, there is a whole lot of bad going on in the earth, including an ever-increasing hostility towards Christianity, likely in part due to the supernatural protection that the **Chosen** are granted. Then the kingdom of the Beast comes on the scene (but keep in mind, the Beast himself is not let loose from the Abyss until the 5th Trumpet).

Then at the halfway mark (the end of the first 3.5 years—after **42 months**), this “him” this ruler over the kingdom of the Beast seeks to destroy religion (pictured by putting an end to the sacrifices and offerings).¹³ This is clearly declared in **Revelation 17:15-18**, and it is described in **Revelation 18** with the destruction of the Woman who rides the Beast.

This targeted destruction of religion occurs on the “wing of Abomination,” or right before the *Abomination of Desolation* where the Beast (in-and-through the man of lawlessness) declares himself to be God and demands to be worshipped.

By implication of association (the breaking of the treaty linked to the destruction of religion), we can deduce that this treaty might somehow be connected to the “tribulation” that Jesus said would come against His own people—a tribulation that would inspire the great apostasy. Jesus describes that time as follows:

Matthew 24:9-13

Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and **you will be hated by all nations** because of My name. At that time **many will fall away** and will betray one another and hate one another. Many

¹⁰ Note: most translations add “grain,” but it is simply “offerings” in the Hebrew.

¹¹ **Daniel 9:27**

¹² See discussion of the Eagle and the Hawk (click link): [The Mystery: The Snake, the Eagle, and the Man](#)

¹³ See also **Revelation 17:15-18**

False Prophets will arise and will mislead many. Because lawlessness is increased, most people's *agape* love will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

Clearly, a time of apostasy like this has yet to occur on the earth. But Jesus predicted that there will be a time where his faithful will be hated by all peoples. And this hatred, along with its associated persecution, will be so intense that many will apostatize—they will literally fall away from their faith. This is referred to as the **Great Apostasy**.¹⁴

Now, in reference to the Antichrist, the prophet Daniel makes it clear that a man will arise and “*His power will be mighty, but not by his own power, and he will destroy to an extraordinary degree and prosper and perform his will; he will **destroy mighty men and the holy people**. And through his shrewdness he will cause deceit to succeed by his influence; and he will magnify himself in his heart, **and he will destroy many while they are at ease**.”¹⁵*

The Spirit has warned us that this man we call the Antichrist, will cause damage to the *holy people* when they are not expecting it. He will be empowered by demons, he will be bent on destruction, but it will all transpire through deceit and shrewdness.

Now, this is just a guess, but perhaps this “treaty” (mentioned in **Daniel 9:27**) relaxes the persecution against true believers and against the Jews, or against all those in religion at large (the many) for just a brief moment in time (for 7-years), as this man awaits the release of his master from the Abyss and prepares for his great war of destruction against the people of God.¹⁶

Therefore, he lulls them into his graces with a deceptive gesture, but before long, after **42 months** (or 3.5 years), halfway through the 7-year commitment, he breaks the treaty and turns against the *holy people* in wrath with a declaration to the effect of: “worship me as God or die!” This is the famed *Abomination of Desolation*, of which Jesus spoke about in **Matthew 24:15**.

As we learned in **Revelation 9**, shortly before this declaration, the Beast will have been released from the Abyss and come onto the world scene and begin his destructive antics. It is at this time that the Beast will possess the man we know as the Antichrist. But it seems that it is from the time that he makes this declaration (the *Abomination of Desolation*) from within the Sanctuary, that his clock, set at **42 months**, begins to count down.¹⁷

A Treaty with the Leaders

It is likely that this “treaty or covenant with the many” will be made not with individual believers, but with those who represent the religion—in this case, the leaders of the religion of Christianity who occupy the courts outside of the Sanctuary. Thus, by implication, or simply by association with God’s household, those who are **now worshipping in the Sanctuary** (the “*holy city*”) fall under the authority of those

¹⁴ See also **2 Thessalonians 2:3**

¹⁵ **Daniel 8:23-25**

¹⁶ See also **Revelation 13:6**

¹⁷ See **2 Thessalonians 2:4** where the Antichrist takes his seat of authority from within the **sanctuary** of God, meaning that this “deception” will be rise to power posing as a force of light.

leaders. And although the “treaty or covenant” is made for a full 7-years, we know from *Daniel* that this man breaks this covenant after 3.5 years; thus, “they will have **authority** over the holy city for **forty-two months**.”

Note on the Treaty – Beyond Mere Speculation

It might be argued that there is a lot of speculation in the analysis of the “*authority*” over the *holy city* which those outside of the Sanctuary will exercise. Perhaps! However, don’t be too hasty to judge, for the **Codex** always comes through with a vengeance. And if we rely exclusively on the **Codex**, we know we can have a greater confidence than if we relied on the “experts,” so-to-speak.

In *Isaiah 28*, the **Codex** points to the time that **Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of Heaven’s Armies) will Himself be Israel’s glorious crown. He will be the pride and joy of the remnant of His people.¹⁸ This passage is addressing the **End Times** and it points to a time when a remnant of Jews will come to Jesus their Messiah. This will occur just as the Spirit prophesied in *Romans 11* – a time we will see fulfilled in *Revelation 11:4*, in the image of the two Olive Trees.

In *Isaiah 28*, we are told that the scoffing rulers in Israel have “*struck a bargain to cheat death and have made a deal to dodge the grave.*” They say, “*The coming destruction can never touch us, for we have built a strong refuge made of lies and deception.*”

Could this bargain be a reference to the “*treaty with the many*” and the role that they, the rulers, the people who occupy the outer courts, make with the Antichrist in an arrogant attempt to be the provider of their own refuge and security? It seems gloriously ironic that they will operate out of lies and deception just like the Antichrist will do with them (“*And through his shrewdness he will cause deceit to succeed by his influence*”¹⁹).

Yahweh responds to their claim by saying that if they truly do not want to be shaken (or experience the coming destruction), they should build on the foundation stone, a firm and tested stone, a precious cornerstone. “*Whoever believes need never be shaken*” (or disgraced). This is a clear reference to Jesus and is quoted as such by the Spirit through the New Testament authors.²⁰

Then **Yahweh** makes it clear that this bargain to cheat death, this deal to dodge the grave will not stand, for He will cancel it, even though He will utilize the agency of the Beast via the Antichrist to accomplish this purpose and cancel this 7-year treaty after the first 3.5 years of the tribulation—after **42 months**.

Isaiah 28:17-19

I will test you with the measuring line of justice and the plumb line of righteousness. Since your refuge is made of lies, a hailstorm will knock it down. Since it is made of deception, a flood will sweep it away.

I will cancel the bargain you made to cheat death, and I will overturn your deal to dodge the grave.

When the terrible enemy sweeps through, you will be trampled into the ground. Again, and again that

¹⁸ *Isaiah 28:14-19*

¹⁹ *Daniel 8:25*

²⁰ See *Romans 9:33; 1 Peter 2:6*

flood will come, morning after morning, day and night, until you are carried away."

The beauty of the **Codex** is that it shines light on to every aspect of the **End Times** narrative. It is all simply mind-numbing and glorious.

Let's stop here and we will pick up in our next podcast with a summary of ***Revelation 11:1-2***.