Revelation 11:1-2

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

* Day 1

Read Revelation 11:1-2.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

1 Then there was given to me a measuring rod like a staff;

 and someone said,

 “Get up

and measure the temple

of God

 and the altar,

and those who worship in it.

 2 Leave out the court

which is outside the temple

and do not measure it,

 for it has been given

to the nations;

 and they will tread under foot the holy city

for forty-two months

1. Who is present or referred to in this account?
2. What instructions were given? List the commands.
3. What exactly was to be measured, what was to be omitted?
4. How was it to be measured?
5. What is the altar?
6. Why is there an altar in this location?
7. Where is this temple of God? Is it present there today?
8. What does it mean to “measure those who worship in it?”
9. Who spoke to John in this passage?
* Day 2

Read Revelation 11:1-2 again.

1. Where is the “holy city”? See Isaiah 52:1, Luke 21:24.
2. What might John have been doing when he was told to get up? See 10:4.
3. Who is the “they” of verse 2 referring to?
4. Describe how the nations will respond to God and the holy city. Also see Luke 21:20-24.
5. What are the distinctions between what was to be measured and what was not? Why do you think this was the case?
6. What is the distinction between the two groups of people in this passage? What is the significance of this considering the time it will take place?
7. Who had previously spoken directly to John in this book? See Revelation 1:10-13, 5:5, 7:13, 10:4 & 8.
* Day 3

Read Revelation 11:1-2 again.

1. What is stated about the forty-two month period? Also see Revelation 13:4-6
2. What else is measured in this book? See 21:10-15.
3. Is there a biblical distinction between the temple and the court? See 2 Chron. 29:16, Ezekiel 44:19, 46:19-20.
4. How can this passage be comforting to a believer?
5. Why will the nations respond to the holy city as described here? Also see 13:4-6.
6. How can this passage specifically be used in your witness of the gospel to an unbeliever?

In preparation for Sunday, ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of our congregation for the preaching of the Word. Ask for the Holy Spirit to work among us in conviction over sin, encouragement to righteousness, and unity among those who are looking forward to these things to come.