Summit Woods Baptist Church

Sermon Study Equipping Class

Revelation 11:3-6

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 11:3-6.

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.

³ And I will <u>grant</u> <u>authority</u> to my two witnesses, and they will <u>prophesy</u> for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

⁴These <u>are</u> the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

⁵ And if anyone <u>wants</u> to harm them, fire <u>flows out</u> of their mouth and <u>devours</u> their enemies; so if anyone <u>wants</u> to harm them, he must be killed in this way.

⁶These have the power to shut up the sky,

so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they <u>have</u> power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

- 1. How does this passage connect to the first two verses of Chapter 11?
- 2. What does the coming of the witnesses in the midst of opposition tell us about God?
- 3. What is a witness?
- 4. Why would two witnesses be sent rather than just one? Support your answer with scripture.
- 5. From where do the witnesses derive their authority?
- 6. How long is twelve hundred and sixty days?
- 7. What does twelve hundred and sixty days indicate about the timing of the coming of the two witnesses?

❖ Day 2

Read Revelation 11:3-6 again.

8. What does sackcloth signify? What does this tell us about the nature of their ministry?

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- 9. Read Zechariah 4. What images stand out to you from this OT Passage?
- 10. How does Zechariah 4 shed light on the images in Revelation 11:4?
- 11. How are the witnesses protected during their ministry?
- 12. What does the necessity of this kind of supernatural protection indicate about the how the earth will receive their message?
- 13. Describe the power that will accompany the two witnesses.
- 14. What prophets from the scripture are these witnesses like?

❖ Day 3

Read Revelation 11:3-6 again.

- 15. What OT instances can you think of where the sky was shut up so that rain did not fall?
- 16. What does a drought signify in the OT?
- 17. Where else in scripture is water turned to blood? What was the purpose?
- 18. Describe the power that the two witnesses have.
- 19. Are these two witnesses real people or are they symbols for something else? Support you answer from the text.
- 20. We cannot know definitively the identity of the two witnesses because the text does not tell us. Are there indicators of who these witnesses might be?
- 21. Summarize the passage in 21 words or less.

In preparation for Sunday, pray that God would prepare our hearts to receive his word and to rightly understand and apply it to our lives.