MARANATHA GLOBAL BIBLE STUDY THE BOOK OF REVELATION // JOEL RICHARDSON

DAY 28: THE COMING REBUILT TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM

Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, "Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, 2 but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months. 3 And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." (Revelation 11:1-3)

I. THE TEMPLE

- A. The term "measure" more accurately refers to "assessing" (v. 1)
- B. "Tread under foot" means trample, conveys violence (v. 2)
- C. Is this referencing a literal rebuilding of the temple? Yes.
- D. How should we view the temple and sacrifices? As holy and of God.
- E. The term "temple" in the New Testament
 - 1. "Hieron" means temple
 - 2. "Naós" means Holy Place
 - a) Our bodies can be temples because God dwells there
- F. "The Antichrist will remove the sacrifice from Him" (Daniel 8:11)
 - 1. Calls the temple God's sanctuary
- G. The Antichrist will put an end to sacrifice and grain offerings (Daniel 9:27)
 - 1. The temple will be made desolate until the Antichrist is destroyed
- H. Ezekiel gives a blueprint of the future Millennial Temple
- I. "...they will desecrate the fortress" referring to the temple (Daniel 11:31)
 - 1. This is meant to be literal, not spiritual
- J. Jesus references the literal nature of these things in His Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24:15-21)
 - 1. Everything that we hear in this sermon should be taken literally
- K. "so that he [the Antichrist] takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. (2 Thessalonians 2:4)
 - 1. Referred to as God's temple in Revelation 11 as well

II. WHAT WILL THE TEMPLE LOOK LIKE?

- A. Will be on the Temple Mount
- B. Could be something as simple as a tent, but will be a literal structure

