

Revelation 11:1-13

Church Militant

Introduction:

There are two aspects of the church in Scripture: The first is called the *Church Triumphant* which means all those believers who have died and their present residence is in heaven enjoying the blessing with Christ. The second is called the *Church Militant*; these are the believers who are alive on the earth fighting against the onslaughts of Satan through the power of the Holy Spirit in the gospel ministry.

- I. **Measuring of the Temple of God – v.1-2**
 - A. **The dimensions of the temple and altar**
 - 1. Do not measure the outer court of the temple
 - 2. What is this measuring all about?
Ans. The true nature of the church composed of the believing elect
 - B. **Marks of the true Church:**
 - 1. Composed of those who are born again of the Spirit – John 3:7; Eph. 1:21; John 10:1; I Cor. 3:16
 - 2. Composed of those washed in Christ's blood – Heb. 4:12; Acts 4:12
 - 3. Composed of those who are true worshippers – II Cor. 13:5; Turn to: Matthew 7:15-23

- II. **The Two Witnesses – v.3-13**
 - A. **The Panoramic view of the Church – Deut. 17:6; 19:15**
 - B. **Two Olive Trees and Two Lampstands – v. 4 (Zech 4:6,14; Acts 1:8)**
 - C. **The Power of the Witnesses – v.5-6; II Cor. 10:4; Rom. 1:16; II Cor. 10:4 (Isa. 8:1; II Pet. 2:18)**
 - D. **Moses and Elijah Ministry – v.5-6**
 - 1. Calling fire down from heaven – II Kings 1;
 - 2. Praying that it would not rain – I Kings 17 cf. Jam. 5:16-17
 - 3. Water turned into blood – Exodus 7-11; Heb. 2:3
 - E. **Killing the witnesses v.7-10; Amos 8:9-12**
 - F. **Witnesses revived – v. 11-13; Matt. 24:9-14**

Finally:

The unbelieving world will give glory to God – v.13; Phil. 2:10