



REVELATION

GOD IS IN CONTROL OF ALL THINGS

FAMILY CONVERSATION GUIDE

THE THEME

God wants us to know that all of history is in His hands.

MAY MEMORY VERSE

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Luke 19:10 ESV

MAY CHALLENGE VERSE

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ESV

MAY 12 - LIFE APPLICATION

We are all witnesses for Jesus!

NOTE TO PARENTS

Scripture: [Revelation 11:1-14](#)

In the [Book of Revelation](#), John, the disciple loved by Jesus, is given words and visions of heaven and Jesus, and prophecies about the End of Times. Remind your family that **God has a plan**, is over all things, knows all things, and He is with us through all things. Please read the scripture and listen to the sermon, in person or online, before discussing with your family.

In this week's message we will look at [Revelation 11:1-14](#), where John is told to go and measure the temple of God, and God chooses two messengers to prophesy to the world. Remember, even though bad things will happen in the world during the End Times, and we are able to know about them, we will not have to worry. God has a plan to take us to heaven to be with Him before all of this even happens! It is called the Rapture. Therefore, Christians and their believing kids should never have to worry. **Please emphasize God's great love for us.** That's why Jesus came to the earth to save us! But he also wants us to know about the End Times and the signs He has given us.

REVIEW

Before discussing this week's scripture, go back to [Revelation 8 and 9](#) for a quick review of the first six of the Seven Trumpet Judgments.

- **The First Trumpet Judgment:** Fire, hail and blood falling to the earth. The trees and crops are destroyed. This means there will be a shortage of food, and famine.
- **The Second Trumpet Judgment:** A great fiery mountain is thrown into the sea. This could be a meteor entering the earth's atmosphere. One third of the sea becomes blood (sea creatures dying) and one third of the ships are destroyed.
- **The Third Trumpet Judgment:** A great star from heaven (probably a comet) named "Wormwood" explodes and falls into the fresh waters and makes them bitter and poisonous to drink. Many would die because of this.
- **The Fourth Trumpet Judgment:** One third of each of the heavenly bodies (sun, stars, moon, etc.) are darkened causing the world to become cold and dark.
- **The Fifth Trumpet Judgment:** Satan is allowed by God to unleash some imprisoned, evil angels from the Great Abyss, causing 5 months of pain on

people, though they will not die from this. More people will be saved by believing in Jesus as a result of this.

- **The Sixth Trumpet Judgment:** God commands the sixth angel to release the four evil angels who were imprisoned at the great river Euphrates, and they release 200 million more evil demons on the earth, torturing 1/3 of the people on earth, but not allowing them to die. These people had another chance to repent and turn to Jesus, but they refused.

Why will God judge the world? *(The people of the world have rebelled against Him and disobeyed Him - ignoring His great love for them and choosing evil over good.)* In the scripture today, the Seventh Trumpet Judgment has still not happened. But, God is preparing the world for this to happen!

DISCUSS

1. Read **verses 11:1,2** and ask: **What did God give to John and what did He tell John to do with it?** *(God gave John a measuring stick and told him to measure the temple where the Jews worshiped.)* **What did God tell John NOT to measure?** *(The outer court, because it had been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the city for 42 months.)*
2. Our pastor, David Chadwick, talked in his sermon about the history of the temple. This is important to know, because the Temple of God will be rebuilt before the final days. Read this to your family:

King Solomon built the first temple in 960 BC. It was destroyed in 586 BC. It was rebuilt by 516 BC. Then it was added onto by Herod in the first century AD. It was destroyed by the Roman general Titus in 70 AD. The 3rd temple is yet to be built - but it will be, we think, by the Antichrist at the midpoint of the 7-year Great Tribulation. It will be rebuilt! John gets the measurements from God.

Do you wonder why God gave the temple measurements to John?

3. **Do you remember how many Jewish evangelists were sent by God and protected by a seal from Him so that they could witness to the world?** *(144,000).* During the Tribulation, those who come to faith through the 144,000 will bring others to faith as well. God wants as many people as possible to come to faith in Jesus before his return.
4. God sends two “witnesses” to Jerusalem for 1,260 days (3 ½ years). **Who could they be?** *(We don’t know, but many think they are Moses and Elijah.)* **How are they dressed?** *(In sackcloth.)* **Describe the “super powers” given to them by God.** *(Verses 3-6, If anyone attacks them they can breathe fire from their mouths and destroy them. Also, they can close the heavens and stop the rain*

while they are prophesying, turn water into blood and cause every kind of plague.) Wow, imagine if God gave us powers! **What would you want yours to be?** (Let everyone share.)

5. Because they kept witnessing, telling people to repent and love God, and because they could not be hurt or killed, the people who were not believers hated them. **What happened after 3 and 1/2 years?** (God permits the Antichrist to kill them.) They lie dead in the square for 3 ½ days and people come to see them, rejoicing and even giving each other gifts to celebrate. And, they do not bury them.
6. **Then, what happened after 3 ½ days?** Read **verses 11,12** and ask your kids to describe what happened to the witnesses. (The breath of God raised them from the dead, and a voice from heaven called them and they rose to heaven.) **Can you imagine seeing that happen? Isn't our God an amazing God?** He can do ANYTHING! And all the world will see this event via satellites, TV, and/or the Internet.
7. **Does this remind you of anyone else?** (Hopefully they will remember that Jesus was killed and was raised from the dead after 3 days, and ascended to heaven- see **Acts 1:9-11.**)
8. God had given the people on earth one last chance. Now, the time has come. A great earthquake came, killing many more people, and the Seventh Trumpet Judgment would be next. **Why do you think God gave so many chances for people to repent and choose to follow Him?** (Because He loves us all and wants us to be with Him forever. But, we need to turn to Him and repent of our sins.)

Main Point from our Pastor, David Chadwick:

We are all called to be witnesses for Jesus. Many witnesses around the world give their lives for Jesus. The Greek meaning of the word witness is "martus", from which we get the word "martyr."

Moms, look for ways to share Jesus with your kids. You may be their most powerful witness they will ever have. We honor you this Mother's Day. **Dads too!** And to your friends and family members. Everyone is a witness for Jesus! The question is whether you are a good or bad one!

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Ask: How can we be good witnesses for Jesus? (Being kind to others, telling them about Jesus, doing good things in the world to help others, etc.)

What are some ways we are bad witnesses for Jesus? (For example, if we say we are Christians but don't treat others kindly, or if we do things that we know are wrong.)

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help us to be good witnesses for You. Help us to show Your light to the world so that others want the faith that we have. Please show us when we do wrong things so that we can say we are sorry and turn from our sin. We love You. Amen.