



## SAVED TO SERVE

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### THE SEVEN TRUMPETS:

## REVELATION 11 & THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study Revelation 11, which deals with the French Revolution. We will see that this study is also connected to the sixth trumpet.
2. **Note:** Revelation 10 and Revelation 11 are connected. In Revelation 10, we saw that book which was sealed was opened in the year 1798 and that the Advent Pioneers preached Daniel 8:14, the longest time prophecy in scripture, which terminated on October 22, 1844. Revelation 11:1 is showing us that in the same time period of 1798, God began to give wisdom to His people to understand these prophecies and have their attention focused on His work of judgment in the heavenly sanctuary. Let us confirm these points.
3. Read Revelation 11:1. What was given to John by the angel? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What does the rod represent? Jeremiah 1:11-12 \_\_\_\_\_
5. Based on Revelation 10:2 and Daniel 12:4, 7, what year was this book opened and knowledge of the Bible and prophecy was increased?  
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6. **Note:** The word 'measure' means to judge or examine (see Matthew 7:2). Revelation 11:1 mentions that the rod was given to measure or judge the temple, the altar, and those who worship in the temple. This is directing our minds to a sanctuary. Around the year 1798, was there a temple in Jerusalem? No. This is referring to the heavenly sanctuary and the time when God would begin His work of investigative judgment. See Hebrews 8:1, 2. The scripture which the early Advent Pioneers studied, which was connected to God's work of judgment in the heavenly sanctuary was Daniel 8:14. They confirmed from scripture that on October 22, 1844, Jesus moved into the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary to commence His work of judgment. This is what Revelation 11:1 is showing us.
7. Read Revelation 11:2, 3. The Gentiles are those who reigned for the 42 month period, which is the same as the 1260 day period. Which power reigned for 42 prophetic months in Bible prophecy? Revelation 13:4-5  
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8. How much time does the 42 months represent? **Answer:** It represents the same time frame as the 1260 day period and the time, times, and half a time which turns out to be **1260 literal years**. There are 12 months in a Biblical year. 42 months divided by 12 will give you 3 1/2 prophetic years which is equal to the "time, times, and half a time" period. Compare Revelation 11:2, 3 with Revelation 13:5. Also compare Revelation 12:14, 6 and Daniel 7:25.  
  
**"The periods here mentioned—"forty and two months," and "a thousand two hundred and threescore days"--are the same, alike representing the time in which the church of Christ was to suffer oppression from Rome. The 1260 years of papal supremacy began in A.D. 538, and would therefore terminate in 1798. At that time a French army entered Rome and made the pope a prisoner, and he died in exile. Though a new pope was soon afterward elected, the papal hierarchy has never since been able to wield the power which it before possessed." {GC 266.3}**
9. Read Revelation 11:3-4. What other names are given to the two witnesses?  
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10. What do these two witnesses, two olive trees, two candlesticks represent? Psalm 119:105  
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11. Read Revelation 11:5. What is the meaning of this denunciation against those who hurt the word of God? Revelation 22:18, 19  
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12. Revelation 11:6 is further evidence that the two witnesses represent the word of God. The Bible is divided into two primary parts: which portions of the Bible contain references to heaven being shut and plagues falling on the earth? 1 Kings 18:1-2 with James 5:17 and Exodus 7:19 with Revelation 16

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13. Read Revelation 11:7. The time period when the two witnesses “finished their testimony” was in 1798 at the expiration of the 42 prophetic month time period. Who does this beast represent that came out of the bottomless pit around the time of 1798 to make war with the word of God? Daniel 7:17, 23 **Answer:** A beast represents a nation; this nation points to France. We will confirm this in the next few points.
14. Read Revelation 11:8. This nation or “great city” is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt. What were Sodom and Egypt known for in scripture, and which nation accurately fits this description? Genesis 19:4-5; Ezekiel 16:49; Exodus 5:2
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**“This prophecy has received a most exact and striking fulfillment in the history of France.** During the Revolution, in 1793, “the world for the first time heard an assembly of men, born and educated in civilization, and assuming the right to govern one of the finest of the European nations, uplift their united voice to deny the most solemn truth which man’s soul receives, and renounce unanimously the belief and worship of a Deity.”—Sir Walter Scott, *Life of Napoleon*, vol. 1, ch. 17. **“France is the only nation in the world concerning which the authentic record survives, that as a nation she lifted her hand in open rebellion against the Author of the universe. Plenty of blasphemers, plenty of infidels, there have been, and still continue to be, in England, Germany, Spain, and elsewhere; but France stands apart in the world’s history as the single state which, by the decree of her Legislative Assembly, pronounced that there was no God, and of which the entire population of the capital, and a vast majority elsewhere, women as well as men, danced and sang with joy in accepting the announcement.”**—Blackwood’s Magazine, November, 1870.” {GC 269.4}

**“France presented also the characteristics which especially distinguished Sodom.** During the Revolution there was manifest a state of moral debasement and corruption similar to that which brought destruction upon the cities of the plain. And the historian presents together the atheism and the licentiousness of France, as given in the prophecy: **“Intimately connected with these laws affecting religion, was that which reduced the union of marriage—the most sacred engagement which human beings can form, and the permanence of which leads most strongly to the consolidation of society—to the state of a mere civil contract of a transitory character, which any two persons might engage in and cast loose at pleasure....** If fiends had set themselves to work to discover a mode of most effectually destroying whatever is venerable, graceful, or permanent in domestic life, and of obtaining at the same time an assurance that the mischief which it was their object to create should be perpetuated from one generation to another, they could not have invented a more effectual plan than the degradation of marriage.... Sophie Arnould, an actress famous for the witty things she said, described the republican marriage as ‘the sacrament of adultery.’”—Scott, vol. 1, ch. 17.” {GC 270.1}

15. **Note:** Read Revelation 11:9-10. The understanding of these verses can be summed up in the following quotations showing how France previously took part in killing God’s Protestant Reformers, how during the French Revolution, they uplifted the god of reason, while simultaneously rejecting the God of heaven, and how they publicly burned the Bible and rejoiced because of these sins.

**“Century after century the blood of the saints had been shed. While the Waldenses laid down their lives upon the mountains of Piedmont “for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ,” similar witness to the truth had been borne by their brethren, the Albigenses of France. In the days of the Reformation its disciples had been put to death with horrible tortures. King and nobles, highborn women and delicate maidens, the pride and chivalry of the nation, had feasted their eyes upon the agonies of the martyrs of Jesus. The brave Huguenots, battling for those rights which the human heart holds most sacred, had poured out their blood on many a hard-fought field. The Protestants were counted as outlaws, a price was set upon their heads, and they were hunted down like wild beasts.”** {GC 271.2}

**“But blackest in the black catalogue of crime, most horrible among the fiendish deeds of all the dreadful centuries, was the St. Bartholomew Massacre.** The world still recalls with shuddering horror the scenes of that most cowardly and cruel onslaught. The king of France, urged on by Romish priests and prelates, lent his sanction to the dreadful work. A bell, tolling at dead of night, was a signal for the slaughter. **Protestants by thousands, sleeping quietly in their homes, trusting to the plight of honor of their king, were dragged forth without a warning and murdered in cold blood.”** {GC 272.1}

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Massacre-of-Saint-Bartholomews-Day>

16. What did France worship as a manifestation of her legalizing atheism and immorality? \_\_\_\_\_

“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.” Psalm 14:1. And the Lord declares concerning the perverters of the truth: “Their folly shall be manifest unto all.” 2 Timothy 3:9. **After France had renounced the worship of the living God, “the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity,” it was only a little time till she descended to degrading idolatry, by the worship of the Goddess of Reason, in the person of a profligate woman.** And this in the representative assembly of the nation, and by its highest civil and legislative authorities! Says the historian: “One of the ceremonies of this insane time stands unrivaled for absurdity combined with impiety. The doors of the Convention were thrown open to a band of musicians, preceded by whom, the members of the municipal body entered in solemn procession, singing a hymn in praise of liberty, and escorting, as the object of their future worship, a veiled female, whom they termed the Goddess of Reason. Being brought within the bar, she was unveiled with great form, and placed on the right of the president, when she was generally recognized as a dancing girl of the opera.... To

this person, as the fittest representative of that reason whom they worshiped, the National Convention of France rendered public homage." {GC 275.1}

"Said the orator who introduced the worship of Reason: "Legislators! Fanaticism has given way to reason. Its bleared eyes could not endure the brilliancy of the light. This day an immense concourse has assembled beneath those gothic vaults, which, for the first time, re-echoed the truth. **There the French have celebrated the only true worship,—that of Liberty, that of Reason.** There we have formed wishes for the prosperity of the arms of the Republic. There we have abandoned inanimate idols for Reason, for that animated image, the masterpiece of nature."—M. A. Thiers, History of the French Revolution, vol. 2, pp. 370, 371." {GC 275.3}

**"This was followed, not long afterward, by the public burning of the Bible.** On one occasion "the Popular Society of the Museum" entered the hall of the municipality, exclaiming, "Vive la Raison!" and carrying on the top of a pole the half-burned remains of several books, among others breviaries, missals, and the Old and New Testaments, which "expiated in a great fire," said the president, "all the fooleries which they have made the human race commit."—Journal of Paris, 1793, No. 318. Quoted in Buechez-Roux, Collection of Parliamentary History, vol. 30, pp. 200, 201." {GC 276.3}

17. Read Revelation 11:11-12. What does this three days and a half time period represent when the Bible (two witnesses) would ascend up to heaven? **See quotation**

**"...It was in 1793 that the decrees which abolished the Christian religion and set aside the Bible passed the French Assembly. Three years and a half later a resolution rescinding these decrees, thus granting toleration to the Scriptures, was adopted by the same body.** The world stood aghast at the enormity of guilt which had resulted from a rejection of the Sacred Oracles, and men recognized the necessity of faith in God and His word as the foundation of virtue and morality. {GC 287.1}

"Concerning the two witnesses the prophet declares further: "And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them." Revelation 11:12. Since France made war upon God's two witnesses, they have been honored as never before. **In 1804 the British and Foreign Bible Society was organized. This was followed by similar organizations, with numerous branches, upon the continent of Europe. In 1816 the American Bible Society was founded. When the British Society was formed, the Bible had been printed and circulated in fifty tongues. It has since been translated into many hundreds of languages and dialects.**" {GC 287.2}

18. What does Revelation 11:13 mean? See quotation from Adventist Pioneer Uriah Smith from the Book Daniel & The Revelation

"What city? (See chapter 17:18: "And the woman which thou sawest is that great city which reigneth over the kings [kingdoms] of the earth.") That city is the papal Roman power. France is one of the "ten horns" that gave "their power and strength unto the [papal] beast;" or is one of the ten kingdoms that arose out of the Western Empire of Rome, as indicated by the ten toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image, the ten horns of Daniel's beast (Daniel 7:24), and John's dragon. Revelation 12:3. France, then, was "a tenth part of the city," and was one of the strongest ministers of papal vengeance; but in this revolution it "fell," and with it fell the last civil messenger of papal fury. "And in the earthquake were slain of men [margin, names of men, or TITLES of men] seven thousand." France made war, in her revolution of 1789-98 and onward, on all titles of nobility. It is said by those who have examined the French records, that just seven thousand titles of men were abolished in that revolution. "And the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven." Their God-dishonoring and Heaven-defying work filled France with such scenes of blood, carnage, and horror, as made eve the infidels themselves tremble, and stand aghast; and the "remnant" that escaped the horrors of that hour "gave glory to God" - not willingly, but the God of heaven caused this "wrath of man to praise him," by causing all the world to see that those who make war on heaven make graves for themselves; thus glory redounded to God by the very means that wicked men employed to tarnish that glory." {DAR1909 537.2}

19. **Note:** Revelation 11:14 lets us know that these scenes all took place under the sixth trumpet or second woe, which we discovered from a previous lesson covered the time period of July 27, 1499 to August 11, 1840. Is the spirit of reason above scripture still alive today? Do we see the same principles of Sodom and Egypt that were prevalent in France presently? Let us now connect Revelation 11 to our lifetime.

20. What statue was given to America as a gift from France, which represents the same profligate woman that was deified by France during the French Revolution?

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21. **Note:** The Goddess of Reason, The Statue of Liberty represents freedom from God's Law.

"Statue of Liberty Celebrates 130th Anniversary of Arrival in NYC...On June 17, 1885 -- 130 years ago -- the Statue of Liberty arrived in New York harbor. **A gift of friendship from France to commemorate the ideals shared by French and American governments,** the statue arrived in New York harbor in more than 300 pieces, according to the National Parks Service." <https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/statue-of-liberty-130-arrival-birthday-anniversary-lady-france-usa/976571/>

22. When did the spirit of Sodomy officially get its approval from the entire nation of America? \_\_\_\_\_

## Supreme Court Declares Same-Sex Marriage Legal In All 50 States

"States cannot keep same-sex couples from marrying and must recognize their unions, the Supreme Court says in a ruling that for months has been the focus of speculation. The decision was 5-4."

<https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2015/06/26/417717613/supreme-court-rules-all-states-must-allow-same-sex-marriages>

23. **Note:** Legalized Sodomy is legalized atheism. When licentiousness, immorality, and reason are placed above the word of God, it is substituting the commandments of God for the commandments of men. Proverbs 14:34 says, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."
24. As we close, let us focus on the power of God's Word as the remedy to clean the sinner up from sin and keep us on the righteous path.
25. Revelation 11:3 called the Bible the two witnesses. Who is a witness, and what must we behold and study in order to be witnesses for Jesus? 1 John 1:1-3; Psalm 34:8

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**"The disciples were to go forth as Christ's witnesses, to declare to the world what they had seen and heard of Him. Their office was the most important to which human beings had ever been called, second only to that of Christ Himself. They were to be workers together with God for the saving of men..."** {AA 19.1}

26. Let us compare accounts in Revelation 11 with Acts 1. In Revelation 11:11-12, we see that the Bible is being described as ascending to heaven. Who is seen ascending up to heaven in Acts 1:1, 9?

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27. Jesus is called the Word (John 1:1). Therefore, we must receive Jesus into our lives by meditating on His word and His sacrifice for us. Once we receive Jesus and are witnesses of His power in our lives, what commission will Jesus give to us? Acts 1:8-9; Matthew 24:14

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**"All who would enter the city of God must during their earthly life set forth Christ in their dealings. It is this that constitutes them the messengers of Christ, His witnesses. They are to bear a plain, decided testimony against all evil practices, pointing sinners to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. He gives to all who receive Him, power to become the sons of God."** {9T 23.1}

**"Our confession of His faithfulness is Heaven's chosen agency for revealing Christ to the world. We are to acknowledge His grace as made known through the holy men of old; but that which will be most effectual is the testimony of our own experience. We are witnesses for God as we reveal in ourselves the working of a power that is divine. Every individual has a life distinct from all others, and an experience differing essentially from theirs. God desires that our praise shall ascend to Him, marked by our own individuality. These precious acknowledgments to the praise of the glory of His grace, when supported by a Christ-like life, have an irresistible power that works for the salvation of souls."** {DA 347.3}