

*GIDEON'S SECOND TEST AT THE WATER: THE LORD SHALL MEASURE YOUR HEART,
BUT WITH WHAT MEASURE?*

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(Rev 11:1) **And there was given me a reed like unto [similar (in appearance or character)] a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God [individually and compositely, the true church], and [measure] the altar [a place of sacrifice (the altar of incense), the altar of your heart], and them that worship therein.** (Rev 11:2) **But the court [yard (as open to the wind); also part of the church; an extension, porch, annex, wing of the church, but not true believers, not covered] which is without [outside] the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles [nations, foreigners, heathens]: and the holy city [parallelism: another metaphor for the true church] shall they tread under foot [trample /// to hit; spec. to sting (as a scorpion): smite, strike] forty and two months [3 ½ years].** /// (Rev 11:3-6) And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days [3 ½ years], clothed in sackcloth [biblical symbol of mourning]. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

1. (Dan 12:1) *And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a **time of trouble** [tightness (fig. trouble); trans. a female rival: adversary, adversity, affliction, anguish, distress, **tribulation**], such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time **thy people shall be delivered** [to be smooth, (by impl.) to escape (as if by slipperiness); to release or rescue; spec. to bring forth young, emit sparks: deliver (self), escape, lay, leap out, let alone, let go, preserve, save, X speedily, X surely], **every one that shall be found written in the book.***

(Psa 1:1-3) Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Amen