

Chapter 11

S. Iohn meafuring the Temple, 3. heareth of two witneffes that shal preach: 7. whom the beaft comming vp from the fea shal kil. 11. But they rifting againe afcend into heauen, 13. and feuen thoufand perfons are flaine with an earthquake: 15. and at the found of the feuenth Angel, the foure and twentie Seniours giue praife and thanks to God.

And there was giuen me a reed like vnto a rod: and it was faid to me: Arife, and meafure the Temple of God, and the altar, and them that adore in it. ² But the court which is without the Temple, caft forth, & meafure not that: becaufe it is giuen to the Gentils, and they fhall tread vnder-foot the holie citie ^a)two & fourtie months: ³ and I wil giue to ⁴my two witneffes, and they fhall prophecie a thoufand two hundred fixtie daies, clothed with facke-clothes. ⁴ Thefe are the two oliue trees & the two candlesticks that ftand in the fight of the Lord of the earth. ⁵ And if any man wil hurt them, fire fhall come forth out of their mouthes, and fhall deuoure their enemies. And if any man wil hurt them, fo muft he be flaine. ⁶ Thefe haue power to fhut heauen, that it raine not in the daies of their prophecie: and they haue power ouer the waters to turne them into bloud, and to ftrike the earth with al plague as often as they wil.

⁷ And when they fhall haue finifhed their teftimonie, the beaft which afcendeth from the depth, fhall make warre againft them, and fhall ouercome them, and kil them. ⁸ And their bodies fhall lie in the ftreets of the ^b)great citie, which is called fpiritually Sodom and Ægypt, where their Lord alfo was crucified. ⁹ And there

The great Antichrift.

^a Three yeares and a halfe, which is the time of Antichrifts reigne & perfecutions.

^b He meaneth Hierufalem, named Sodom and Ægypt for the imitation of them in wickednes. So that we fee his cheefe reigne fhall be there, though his tyrannie may extend to al places of the world.

shal of Tribes, and peoples, and tongues, and Gentils, see their bodies for three daies, and a halfe: and they shal not suffer their bodies to be laid in monuments. ¹⁰ And the inhabitants of the earth ^{a)}shal be glad vpon them, and make merie: and shal send gifts one to another, because these two Prophets tormented them that dwelt vpon the earth. ¹¹ And after three daies and a halfe, the spirit of life from God entred into them. And they stood vpon their feet, and great feare fel vpon them that saw them. ¹² And they heard a loud voice frō heauen saying to them: Come vp hither. And they went vp into heauen in a cloud: and their enemies saw them. ¹³ And in that houre there was made a great earth-quake: and the tenth part of the citie fel: and there were flaine in the earth-quake names of mē feuen thousand: and the rest were cast into a feare, and gaue glorie to the God of heauen.

¹⁴ The second woe is gone: and behold the third woe wil come quickly. ¹⁵ And the feuenth Angel founded with a trompet: and there were made loud voices in heauen saying, ^{b)}The kingdom of this world is made our Lords & his Christes, and he shal reigne for euer and euer. Amen.

¹⁶ And the foure and twentie Seniors which sit on their seats in the sight of God, fel on their faces, and adored God, ¹⁷ saying: We thanke thee Lord God omnipotent, which art, and which waft, and which shalt come: because thou hast receiued thy great power, and hast reigned. ¹⁸ And the Gentils were angrie, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, to be iudged, and ^{c)}to render reward to thy Seruants the Prophets and

^a The wicked reioyce, when holy men are executed by the tyrants of the world, because their life and doctrine are burdenous vnto them.

^b The Kingdō of this world vsurped before by Satan & Antichrift, shal afterward be Christes for euer.

^c To repay the hire or wages (for so both the Greek word and the Latin signifie) due to holy men, proueth against the Protestants, that they did truly merit the same in this life.

Saints, and to them that feare thy name, litle and great, and to deftroy them that haue corrupted the earth.

¹⁹ And the Temple of God was opened in heauen: and the arke of his Teftament was feen in his Temple, and there were made lightnings, and voices, and an earth-quake and great haile.

ANNOTATIONS

3 My two witneffes.) Enoch and Elias, as it is commonly expounded. For, that Elias fhall come againe before the later day, *it is a moft notorious knownen thing* (to vse S. Auguftines words) *in the mouthes and harts of faithful men.* See *li. 20. de Ciuit. Dei c. 29. Tract. 4. in Ioan.* and both of Enoch and Elias, *Lib. 1. de pec. merit. c. 3.* So the reft of the Latin Doctours: as, S. Hierom *ad Pammach. ep. 61. c. 11. in Pfal. 20.* S. Ambrofe *in Pfal. 45.* S. Hilarie *20. can. in Mat.* Profper *li. ultimo de Promiffionibus c. 13.* S. Gregorie *li. 14. Moral c. 11. ho. 12. in Ezech.* Beda *in 9. Marci.* The Greek Fathers alfo, as S. Chryfoftom *ho. 58. in Mat.* and *ho. 4. in 2. Theffal. ho. 21. in Genef.* and *ho. 22. in ep. ad Hebr.* Theophylact and Oecumenius in *17. Matthæi* S. Damafcene *li. 4. de Orthodoxa fide 27.*

Furthermore, that they liue alfo in Paradife, it is partly gathered out of the Scripture *Ecclefiaftici 44, 16.* where it is plainly faid of Enoch, that *he is tranflated into Paradife*, as al our Latin exemplars doe read: and of Elias, that he was taken vp aliue, it is euident *4. Reg. 2.* And S. Irenæus faith, it is the tradition of the Apoftles, that they be both there. *li. 5. in initio. Dicunt Presbyteri* (faith he) *qui funt Apoftolorum Discipuli, So fay the Priests or Ancients that are the fcholars of the Apoftles.* See S. Iuftine *q. 85. ad Orthodoxos.* Finally, that they fhall returne into the companie of men in the end of the world, to preach againft Antichrift, and to inuite both Iewes and Gentils to penance, and fo be martyred, as this place of the Apocalypfe feemeth plaine, fo we haue in part other teftimonies hereof *Malac. 4. Ecclefiaftici 44, 16. 48, 10. Mat. 17, 11.* See alfo Hypolitus booke of *Antichrift and the end of the world.* Al which being wel confidered, the Heretikes are too contentious and incredulous, to difcredit the fame, as they commonly doe.

Enoch & Elias yet aliue, fhall preach in the time of Antichrift.