

Ah yes, Revelation 11: 9-11. I suspect I get more questions on those two verses than on any other verses in Revelation. I don't know which of our books you have read, but probably not "The False Prophet." Those verses were explained in detail in the chapter entitled: "Hour, and Day, Month & Year."

Understanding Revelation is cumulative – " a little here, a little of there, line upon line, precept upon precept," so if you're reading this without an understanding of the "Last Trumpet" of 1 Corinthians 15:52, you may get a little lost.

First of all, Revelation is figurative in nature –the book tells us of past, present and future events in pictorial language. Second, the book is repetitive. In our Hidden Beasts series and in SOZO, there was a chapter on "Bifids and Chiasms." Those chapters explained the organized and repetitive way in which Revelation was written – that each scene in Revelation (for a total of 12) gave us a prophetic picture of the whole Christian Era.

Within each of those pictures, there were also repeats. Revelation 11: 2 took us from the building of the Islamic Dome of the Rock (A.D. 688) to the freeing of Jerusalem from Moslem control (A.D. 1967). Revelation 11:3-4 took us from that same A.D. 688 to the establishment of the new nation of Israel in A.D. 1948.

Revelation 11:9-11 is also a repeat of that same period of time, but to prove it we first need to understand the four angels of Revelation 9: 13-16. Now I don't believe I can write this anymore clearly than I did in "The False Prophet," so below is an edited excerpt from that book plus a few additional comments:

Four different angels appear within the 6th Trumpet. Those angels can now be positively identified. Three of those angels have already been released and their messages were delivered between 688 and 1967!

REV 9:13-16 "And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they might kill a third of mankind. And the number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them."

The Euphrates River area is the Middle East and that is the location of the Leopard-Bear-Lion beast of Revelation 13. From other Scripture we recognize the Leopard-Bear-Lion beast to be the Islamic world! So these four angels were to be released from within the Islamic states.

That's not a whole lot to go on, so from what scriptures can we get further insight into these angels? Why, from somewhere between where this prophecy is given (Rev 9:14) and where the Lord sets up His eternal kingdom (Rev 11:15). These four angels appear after the 6th Trumpet blows, but before the Last Trumpet, (Rev 11:15). Since we go directly into the eternal Kingdom of God at the last trumpet ...

*The only place to find out more about these angels would be between Rev 9:14 and Rev 11:14!*

Now four angels don't appear between Rev 9:14 and Rev 11:14, but there is another clue to follow – TIME! Those four angels or messengers were prepared for four different time periods – an Hour, Day, Month, and Year. Guess what? The hour, day, and month each appear, once, in three different verses in Rev 11, all within the account of the Two Witnesses:

MONTH - Rev 11:2 “And leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two **months**.”

DAY

Rev 11:3 “And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty **days**, clothed in sackcloth.”

Rev 11:13 “And in that **hour** there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.”

The above is no coincidence. Those “month” and “day” angels were the Islamic scourge on the Holy Land from 688 to 1967. From context, it's obvious that the final “hour” angel is future, but where is the “year” angel?

The Greek word *ἔνιαυτός* (eniautos, Strong's No. G2094), usually translated year, does not appear between Rev 9:14 and Rev 11:14, but since all things are fulfilled by Rev 11:15, that “year” has to be in there somewhere. Let's examine the passage carefully to see if there are any other time designations that could be understood as “years.”

REV 11:8-9 “And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. And those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.”

REV 11:11 “And after the three and a half days the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were beholding them.”

The Greek word (*hemera*), translated “days” in the above is an ambiguous word. In other Scripture versus “hemera” has been translated moment, time, and guess what? YEAR! Since the above 3½ days are the only other time frame within the passage that could be possibly translated years, then maybe the correct translation for the above is years. Let's look at that possibility:

Rev 11:9 And those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half YEARS, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.

Rev 11:11 And after the three and a half YEARS the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were beholding them.

We are in the New Testament era, using the Roman calendar, so if YEAR is the correct translation, using “I give you a day for a year” to interpret this prophecy, look at when we get to:

3.5 x 365.24 = 1278.34 Years: A.D. 1967 (Jerusalem free) - 1278.34 = A.D. 688  
The Dome of the Rock once again!

So the 3 ½ “days” of Rev 11:9-11 appear to be a repetitive prophecy about the Moslem domination of Jerusalem and the temple mount. If this is the correct way to view the passage, see how the passage may be understood. To keep it simple, comments in [brackets] are inserted within the Bible text:

Rev 11:8-15, NASB (*Excerpts*) And their dead bodies [the empty churches] will lie in the street of the great city [Jerusalem] which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. And those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations (*the Moslems in the surrounding lands*) will look at their dead bodies [*the empty churches*] for three and a half days [*Years of day=years, i.e., from 688AD to 1967AD*] and will not permit their dead bodies [the empty churches] to be laid in a tomb [*to be torn down*]. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets [the Christians and the Jews] tormented those who dwell on the earth [it is torment for the lost when the gospel is preached and they do not repent]. And after the three and a half days [after Jerusalem was freed] the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; [After 1967, God’s people returned to Jerusalem’s churches and synagogues] and great fear fell upon those [*the Palestinians and Moslems*] who were beholding them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” [Saints, both Jew and Gentile, taken to be with the Lord. Still in the future. Compare with REV 4:1] And they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies beheld them...and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. And the seventh angel sounded; [the Last Trumpet] and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.”

The above interpretation is in keeping with both Scripture and history. Now lets look at the 6th Trumpet again:

Rev 9:13-15 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” And the four angels, who had been prepared for the **hour** and **day** and **month** and **year**, were released, so that they might kill a third of mankind.

Those four angels were released during the 6th Trumpet! From the prophecy of the Two Witnesses, we can see that three of those angels were freed from 688 to 1967. Remembering that “angel” really means messenger, look at what those messengers can now show us:

1. For **42 Months** Gentiles to dominated Jerusalem.  
*A 1st “messenger” from the Middle East!*
2. For **1260 Days** the Two Witnesses driven out of the Holy Land.  
*A 2nd “messenger” from the Middle East!*
3. For 3 ½ *Hemera* (**Years**)the Lord permitted the Moslems to control Jerusalem.  
*A 3rd “messenger” from the Middle East!*

4. That **Hour**, the hour of trial, Armageddon.

*A 4th "messenger" from the Middle East!*

Those angels were actually messages to the Church; and three of them have already been delivered, with malice, by the bloody swords of fundamental Islam. But has the West been able to hear God's messengers from the Middle East, trumpeting to us down through the ages? It doesn't seem so, and it looks like the 4<sup>th</sup> messenger from the Middle-East, "the hour of trial," is upon us. Only a handful seem to notice, but this battle, too, will be fought against Islam. Fought by Israel and by what's left in the church who have ears to hear.

The above is separated by light-years from the prophetic superstitions of today's church, but few question our end-time traditions. Unless church leaders start doing their homework in the Bible instead of relying upon their dusty commentaries, I fear the church at large is doomed to remain in a spiritual darkness that will trigger the final holocaust. As the Lord said through His prophets:

Isa 5:13 ...My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge; And their honorable men are famished (for the Word of God), And their multitude is parched with (a spiritual) thirst.

Hos 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

A final note:

Within the Dome of the Rock is a large inscription in Arabic that reads: "God forbid that He should have a son." That and many other teachings of Muhammad have turned 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the world's population away from the Savior of mankind:

"...The Christians call Christ the Son of God. That is a saying from their mouth. [*In this*] they but imitate what the unbelievers of old used to say. God's curse be upon them..." (Surat at-taubah, 30).

So was Muhammad the false prophet spoken of in Revelation 16:13? Of course. What we are seeing isn't just a little "clash of cultures" over the words of some minor figure in world history. It is God and His Word on one side and Satan and his lies on the other, in a war that began in the garden of Eden. The declarations of Muhammad stand directly against what the God of Heaven says in the Bible:

John 3:36 & 16 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him ... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Despite all claims to the contrary, during this Christian Era, all authority has been given into Jesus' hands!

Phil 2:8-11 And being found in fashion as a man, he [Jesus] humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Islam stands directly against those Bible truths. Understanding the Leopard-Bear-Lion beast as the Middle Eastern nations leads irrevocably to the conclusion that Islam and the fundamental Moslems are the final enemies of Almighty God. The day=year prophecies also show us that we are in the last generation of the Christian Era. God knew the future of Islam and the Holy Land, right to the year, and God told us about it almost six hundred years before Muhammad was born.

There is nothing like those prophecies in the Koran. The Holy Land and Jerusalem again being under Jewish control is something Allah could not foresee. It is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy, not of Koranic

prophecy. The comparison would be comic were it not so tragic. Many will stand before the Great White Throne in horror as their rejection of the truth is brought to a light from which they cannot flee. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb 10:31).

Moslems aren't bad people, even the terrorists aren't. They are all doing their best to follow what the Koran teaches. So do you see the tragedy here? The church at large is blind to what Revelation has been saying all along about Islam. If the church would just teach from Scripture (as it now can prove) that God predicted right to the year when the Jews with the back in their homeland. That God predicted right to the year when Jerusalem would be freed of Gentile control. That 1290 Hebrew years before its construction, God predicted an "Abomination of Desolation" (i.e. the Dome of the Rock) would be built on his temple mount. That God also showed in his Word that Islam was a false religion. That Mohammed was indeed the false prophet of Revelation 16:13 – maybe then, a host of Moslems could understand the God of the Bible and come to His Son, Jesus.