



Session 16 ■ Special Interest Topic 1

Clues in Revelation of an end time departing from the Christian faith

Clues in the language given by John that there would be a departure from the faith found within the Christian church.	The meaning of these symbols and why they signify the professing church.
11:1, 2 The measuring of the temple of God: some remain as worshipers in the inner court while others are excluded to the outer court with the gentiles.	The temple represents the church. There will be a separation between true and unfaithful worshipers. Worshipers at the time of the preaching of the gospel to the world with bitter consequences associated with this preaching.
11:8 The great city...where also their Lord was crucified	Jerusalem was the city where the people of God went astray and rejected Jesus and His followers. The faithful followers of Jesus will find they will also be rejected by their fellows as was Jesus.
11: 1-6 The Two Witnesses witness by fire and miracles.	13:11-14. The beast out of the earth counterfeits the fire and miracles of the Two Witnesses. This would seem to indicate a false gospel and counterfeit Pentecost.
13:11-14 This beast arises from the earth	The earth was last seen as a place that helped the faithful church 12:16. Now from that same place emerges a false form of Christianity.
17: The woman is not now a faithful bride but a prostitute who holds many of God's true people who are later called out of her midst to avoid her fate. (18:4)	This form of Christianity has been prostituted to the kings of the earth and gains great wealth and influence. Her dress includes the High Priest jewels. Later, she is burnt with fire which was the fate of an unfaithful daughter of the high priest (18:8).