

Two Witnesses of Revelation Eleven

Revelation 11:1-3

- 1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.
- 2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under **foot forty and two months.**
- 3 And **I will give power unto my two witnesses** (Acts 1:8), and they shall prophesy **a thousand two hundred and threescore days**, clothed in sackcloth.

- ❖ They are Eyewitnesses - "My" Two Witnesses
- ❖ 1260 Days or 42 Months or A Time, Times and Half a Time

Revelation 11:4 They Hold the Office of Apostle and Prophet

- 4 These are **the two olive trees**, and the two candlesticks **standing before the God of the earth.**
- ❖ Zechariah 4:10-14
 - 10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and **shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven** (Zech 3:9); **they are the eyes of the LORD**, which run to and fro through the whole earth.
 - 11 Then answered I, and said unto him, **What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?**
 - 12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?
 - 13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.
 - 14 Then said he, **These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.**
 - ❖ Zerubbabel - A Governor King , NT type of an Apostle
 - ❖ Joshua - Prophetic High Priest, 7 Eyes Set Before Him (Zech 3:9), NT type of Prophet
 - ❖ They Stand by the Lord of the Whole Earth - A Global Witness (Rev 11:4, 9-10, Zech 4:14)
 - ❖ They are Very Anointed (Zech 4:14, Rev 11:5-6)

Revelation 11:5-6 The Mantle - Anointing of Elijah and Moses

- 5 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.**
- 6 **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.**

THE MANTLE OF MOSES - Office of Governor - King , NT Type of An Apostle (same as Zerubbabel)

- ❖ Turn Waters into Blood (Rev11:6, Ex. 7:19-20)
- ❖ Smite the Earth with Plagues. (Ex. Ch. 8-11 Plagues of Egypt - boils, hail, frogs, lice, flies, locusts, etc.)
- ❖ They Confront and War with the Antichrist and World Powers (Rev 11:7, 9-10)

THE MANTLE OF ELIJAH - Office of a Prophet (Same as Joshua)

- ❖ Power to Call Down Fire to Devour their Enemies that try and kill them (Rev 11:5, I Kings 18:38)
- ❖ Power to Shut the Heaven that it Rain Not (Rev 11:6, I Kings 17:1, I Kings 18:41-45)
- ❖ They Exercise These Powers as Often as They Will - Continual Anointing Oil (Rev 11:6, Zech 4:12)

THEORIES OF THE TWO WITNESSES

- ❖ **Zerubbabel and Joshua** - The Two Olive Trees
- ❖ **Elijah and Zerubbabel** - The Primary Olive Tree
- ❖ **Elijah and Enoch** - Both were caught up, did not see death. Appointed unto men once to die.
- ❖ **Elijah and Moses** - Two Mantles, Law and Prophets, Mt. of Transfiguration

DOCTRINE OF ELIJAH TO COME

❖ **Malachi 4:5-6**

5 Behold, **I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:**

6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

❖ **Luke 1:13, 16-17 Angel Gabriel Visits Zacharias**

13 But **the angel said unto him**, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

16 And **many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.**

17 And **he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children**, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

❖ **Matthew 17:9-13 Immediately Following the Mt. of Transfiguration**

9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

10 And his disciples asked him, saying, **Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?**

11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.**

12 **But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not**, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

13 **Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.**

❖ **Luke 16:27-31**

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, **If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.**

Revelation 11:7-10

7 And **when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast (the antichrist)** that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit **shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.**

8 And their dead bodies shall lie **in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.**

9 And **they of the people** and kindreds and tongues and nations **shall see their dead bodies three days and an half**, and **shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.**

10 And **they that dwell upon** the earth shall rejoice **over** them, and make merry, and **shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on** the earth.

- ❖ **v. 10 upon / over / on** - (G1909) epi (ep-ee') superimposition. To place over

- ❖ The antichrist beast brokered the 7 year peace treaty. He is in a position of great authority, as well as those that he controlled in high places described **“they of the people.”** They had the authority to order the two bodies to remain in the street for 3 1/2 days in the face of international media. They rejoiced over their deaths and sent gifts one to another, because these two witnesses tormented and made havoc of the plans of the antichrist, governments and powers of the world system. The ministry of the two witnesses started the day the 7 year peace treaty began. They ministered exactly 1260 days, which is exactly to the day the half-way point of the tribulation. These two witnesses held back the global powers of this world system while God was extending salvation to the nations. No wonder the antichrist could not commit the abomination of desolation until exactly 1260 through the tribulation period.

Revelation 11:11-12

11 And after **three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet;** and great **fear fell upon them which saw them.**

12 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.**

- ❖ **Not only will they be eyewitnesses of the resurrection, they will be resurrected in front of the entire world.**
- ❖ **The antichrist, world powers and nations of the earth watched them ascend into Heaven through media.**

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Revelation 11:13

13 And the same hour **was there a great earthquake,** and the tenth part of the city fell, and **in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand;** and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

- ❖ They died where the Lord was crucified. They were resurrected the 3rd day. There was an earthquake.
- ❖ **Matthew 27:51-53**

51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and **the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;**

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

53 And **came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.**