

# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – THE TWO WITNESSES ARE MINE!!! -- THEIR BEING KILLED AND RESURRECTED 11:5-14

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### The Meaning of the Two Witnesses:

Rev 11:4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.

### The Manner in which They are Protected:

Rev 11:5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.

v. 4 the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. - THE MEANING OF THESE TWO WITNESSES - Cf. Zech. 4:1-14 - Probably these two witnesses witnessing the entire first half of the Tribulation period; possibly used in the 144,000 coming to the Lord. – “not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit” - Used to re-establish the worship in the Land.

HISTORICALLY – Joshua (High Priest) and Zerubbabel (Civic Leader); Zerubbabel in Messianic line – Matt. 1:12; Luke 3:27 cf. Haggai 2:1-9 – “former glory”-Solomon’s temple; “will shake heaven and earth...all nations and they shall come...and will fill this temple with glory...the glory of this latter temple, shall be greater than the former...”- Millennial Temple?

PROPHETICALLY - Moses and Elijah – – THE TWO WITNESSES ARE MINE!!! cf. - I’ll give power to My two witnesses who have been here before!

Moses - Dt. 31:29

Elijah - Malachi 4:5-6 “...will send you Elijah...before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD”; Matt. 11:14; Luke 1:17 “in the spirit and power of Elijah”

Moses & Elijah –

Rev 11:5-6 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. [6] These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

v. 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. - THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY ARE PROTECTED - Cf. Numbers 16:35 (Korah’s rebellion); 2 Kings 1:9-15; (Elijah-“..let fire come down from heaven)

“THE TWO WITNESSES ARE MINE” - Revelation 11:5-14

v. 5 THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY ARE PROTECTED

v. 6 THE MEANS BY WHICH THEY DEMONSTRATE THEIR POWER

vs. 7-10 THE METHOD BY WHICH THEY ARE KILLED

vs. 11-14 THE MIRACLE THAT HAPPENS

Who was at the Mount of Transfiguration? - Matt. 17:3; - And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.”

Who were the two men at the Resurrection? - Luke 24:4-7 - “two men stood by them in shining garments.”

Who were the two men at the Ascension? - Acts 1:9-11 - “two men stood by them in white apparel,”

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### The Means by which They Demonstrate Their Power:

Rev 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy;

and they have power over waters to turn them to blood,

and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

### The Method by which they are Killed:

Rev 11:7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends

out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

Rev 11:8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city

which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt,

where also our Lord was crucified.

Rev 11:9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.

Rev 11:10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another,  
because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

v. 6 THE MEANS BY WHICH THEY DEMONSTRATE THEIR POWER –

“power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; - They STOP the rain (Elijah - James 5:17-18)

“have power over waters to turn them to blood” - . They STRIKE the waters, turning them into blood (Moses – Exodus 7:20-24)

to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire. – “They SMITE the earth with plagues”!

vs. 7-10 THE METHOD BY WHICH THEY ARE KILLED

“When they finish their testimony, the beast” (Greek - therion) - used 36 times out of the bottomless pit - The PERSON who does it

out of the bottomless pit – The beast comes “out of the bottomless pit” - 11:7 - Comes “out of the sea(the nations of the world?)” - 13:1; 17:1; Comes “out of the earth” - 13:11 – The beast is Satanically inspired!

v. 8 “the great city” - used 10 times in Revelation - The PLACE where it happens

“spiritually is called Sodom (immorality) and Egypt (idolatry)” - Spiritual condition

“where also our Lord was crucified” - Historical connection - cf. 14:8; 21:10 - BABYLON? JERUSALEM?

v. 9 “will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.” - The PUBLICITY they receive - Cf. Heb. 11:35-37 - The Exposure of their bodies

v. 10 “those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another. - The Excitement over their death

“because these two prophets tormented those - The Explanation for their behavior - cf. Hebrews 11:35-38

When they finish their testimony!!!! No one is going to hurt the two witnesses until the finish their testimony—the same with us!!!! Heb. 9:27...as it is appointed for men to die once...

“the great city” – used 10x in Revelation- what could it stand for?

1. Babylon - literal city on Euphrates?

2. Chapter 17:5 – “mystery” - metaphor or type; 1 Pet. 5:13

3. Stands for Jerusalem – center of immorality and idolatry – if so then that may mean that Jerusalem is the Babylon of chapter 17/18; the Babylon of the end times? – religious and political center of the world, under the antichrist?

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### **The Miracle that Happens:**

*Rev 11:11 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.*

*Rev 11:12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here."*

*And they ascended to heaven in a cloud,*

*and their enemies saw them.*

*Rev 11:13 In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed,*

*and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.*

*Rev 11:14 The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.*

*vs. 11-14 "the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. - THE MIRACLE THAT HAPPENS - God's power is displayed! - Cf. Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 15:23, 52*

*v. 12 "Come up here. - God's purposes are declared!*

*And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud" The Ascension of believers - Same as Rev. 4:1 cf. 1 Thess. 4:17*

*"their enemies saw them" - The Amazement of unbelievers*

*v. 13a. - "a great earthquake" – The Avenging of God*

*v. 13b. "and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven" - God's people are delivered – they became believers! Who is the remnant? This cannot be the 1/3 of Israel who are saved at the end of the Tribulation.- Repentance must precede our ability to glorify God! - cf. 14:6-7 "gave glory to Him"; 16:9 "and they did not repent and give Him glory" – Is it possible that this remnant is the 144,000 Jews who are saved?*

### **Questions:**

**1. v. 13** What do you think is meant by "In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven."???