

Revelation: The Two Witnesses

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Description	Interpretation	Scriptures
Two witnesses	Message established	Deut. 19:15; Matt. 18:16; 2 Cor. 13:1
Will prophesy 1260 days (11:3)	Time that holy city would be trampled underfoot (42 months) Time that church would be protected	Rev. 11:2; Lk. 21:24; Dan. 12:7 Rev. 12:6, 14; cf. Rev. 7:1-3, 14
Clothed in sackcloth (11:3)	Preaching a message of lamentations, mourning, and woe	Gen. 37:34; Rev. 5:1; 10:7-10; Ezek. 2:10
Two olive trees (11:4)	Two anointed ones, chosen by God, given authority Source of oil for lamps of fire Word of God delivered by Spirit through chosen men	Zech. 4:14; cf. 1 Chr. 16:22 Zech. 4:10; Rev. 4:5; 5:6 2 Pet. 1:20, 21; cf. Ps. 119:130; Jn. 16:13; Heb. 4:12, 13
Two lampstands (11:4)	Held up the light, the message of Christ Utilized by the church	Rev. 1:12, 20; Matt. 5:16; Jn. 1:9; Acts 26:22; 28:23
Stand before God of the earth (11:4)	Moses and Elijah, Law and Prophets Firmly established	Matt. 17:1-5; cf. Jn. 1:17 Deut. 19:15; Matt. 18:16; 2 Cor. 13:1
Fire from mouth devours enemies (11:5)	Power to judge	Num. 11:1-4; 16:23-35; 1 Kings 18; 2 Kings 1:5-17; Jer. 5:14; Heb. 4:12, 13
Power to shut heaven so that no rain falls (11:6)	Identified with Elijah, prophet of God	1 Kings 17:1-7; Jas. 5:17-18
Power to turn waters to blood, and strike with plagues (11:6)	Identified with Moses, prophet of God	Ex. 4-12; Deut. 28:58-68
Killed by the beast (11:7)	Authority of law removed All things written fulfilled Rome completed fulfillment Law growing old, now dead, never to be practiced again	Matt. 17:5; Col. 2:14; Eph. 2:15 Matt. 5:17, 18; Lk. 21:22 Lk. 21:20-24; Rev. 11:2 Heb. 8:13
Dead bodies lie in the great city for 3 ½ days (11:8-10)	Figuratively lay in Jerusalem, in which blood of all righteous was found	Matt. 23:35; Lk. 11:50; Rev. 18:24
Not put into graves (11:9)	Impiety of wicked toward word of God	Matt. 23; Josephus, Wars 6.2.3
Death cause for rejoicing (11:10)	Hated by many on account of message Jewish law troublesome to others	Matt. 10:22; 24:9; Mk. 13:13; Lk. 21:17; Acts 17:6; cf. 1 Kings 18:17 Josephus, Wars 2.16.4
Ascended to heaven (11:11, 12)	Work done, go back to Source Testimony validated	Rev. 11:7; Matt. 5:17, 18; Lk. 21:22; Rev. 10:7; Dan. 12:7 Jn. 1:45; Acts 3:22-26; 17:11; 28:23; Heb. 10:1; Dan. 9:24-27; 12:1-13; Matt. 24:15; Mk. 13:14; Lk. 21:20-24

The **Law and the Prophets** were two witnesses (Rom. 3:21), in that they testified of all the events of the first century (cf. Acts 2:14-21). It was they who first prophesied, not only of Jesus, but also of the end of the nation of Israel (Dan. 9:24-27; 12:1-13; Matt. 24:15; Mk. 13:14; Lk. 21:20-24; Rev. 10:7). They were mourning, because the very people who claimed to follow them were in actuality rejecting their message and bringing destruction upon themselves. They were preached by God's faithful servants as a final message of warning before the fall of Jerusalem.