

# The Two Witnesses – Ready, and Raring to Go!

*“And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days....” Revelation 11:3*

*“Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord” (Malachi 4:5). Everyone seems to agree that Elijah is one of the two witnesses that are coming because he was taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire and never died (2Kings 2:11).*

But much speculation has been made over the identity of the second witness. Many people say Enoch has to be the other witness because he never died (Genesis 5:22-24). The ministry of these two witnesses will be to preach to the Jews during the time of Jacob's (Israel's) trouble (Jeremiah 30:7). What people don't seem to understand is that Enoch was never a Jew. He was taken to heaven way before God ever started the Jewish race through Abraham. Therefore, Enoch left this planet as a gentile. Do you think the Lord is going to send a man not recognized as a Jew by the Jewish race to preach to them during the worst time in their history? The obvious answer is no!

Perhaps the answer can be found in Malachi 4:4a. Elijah was prophesied to come in verse 5, but whose name is mentioned in the verse right above it? It is Moses! *“Remember ye the law of Moses my servant.”* Again, people say, “It can't be Moses because he died.” They base their opinion on the scripture Hebrews 9:27 – *“And as it appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”* What these people don't seem to understand is that this verse is referring only to people who have died in their sins. Yes, they never come back, but many saints who did die did come back to life again. The perfect example can be found in Matthew 27:52-53 – *“And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.”* And what about Lazarus (John 11), and Dorcas (Acts 9), and Eutychus (Acts 20), just to name a few? They all died and came back to life again. So this theory of theirs has no merit whatsoever.

In Revelation 11:6 these two witnesses have power to shut heaven that it rain not in the days of their prophesy as did Elijah (James 5:17). And they also have power over waters to turn them to blood. And who was it that turned the waters to blood in the Old Testament? It was Moses! (Exodus 7:19-20) And who was it who appeared with Elijah before Jesus, Peter, James and John on the mount of Transfiguration? It was Moses! (Matthew 17:1-4). And isn't it funny how Peter knew Moses and Elijah instinctively? And why not? Elijah represented the prophets, and Moses gave them the Law.

Even the Rapture symbolizes this. When Jesus comes back for His church, he comes back with the saints who have died (Moses) to unite them with the living saints who have never died (Elijah). In this, God shows that he has power over all – the living and the dead! (Rom 14:9)

This Bible study will be broken down into two distinct topics:

- 1) The dead who have come back to life again proving that it does not have to be Enoch as the other witness;
- 2) The law and the prophets as spoken of by Jesus and Paul proving that it has to be Moses as the other witness.

## The Dead Who Have Come Back to Life Again

--- THE WIDOWS SON ---

*1Kings 17:17-23 And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.*

--- THE SON OF THE SHUNAMMITE WOMAN ---

*2Kings 4:17-20 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life. And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother. And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.*

*2Kings 4:32-36 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD. And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.*

--- THE UNKNOWN MAN ---

*2Kings 13:20-21 And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year. And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.*

— THE RULERS DAUGHTER —

Matthew 9:18-19, *While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples. And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.*

— THE APPOSTLES COMMISSION —

Matthew 10:8 *Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.*

11:5 *The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.*

— THE WIDOWS SON —

Luke 7:11-15 *And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.*

— LAZARUS —

John 11:11-14 *These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.*

John 11:38-44 *Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.*

— TABITHA (DORCAS) —

Acts 9:36-41 *Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.*

— EUTYCHUS —

Acts 20:9-12 *And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.*

— TWO WITNESSES —

Revelation 11:7-11 *And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. 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. 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. 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. 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.*

## The Law and the Prophets

*Matthew 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.*

*Matthew 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.*

*Matthew 11:13, 14 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.*

*Matthew 22:37-40 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*

*Luke 16:16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.*

*Luke 16:29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses (Law) and the prophets: let them hear them.*

*Luke 16:31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.*

*John 1:45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.*

*Acts 13:15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.*

*Acts 13:39-40 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets:*

*Acts 24:14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:*

*Acts 26:22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses (Law) did say should come:*

*Acts 28:23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging: to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.*

*Romans 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets:*

We're living in the last of the last days. The antichrist is here! The two witnesses are here! Israel is surrounded by her enemies which are almost daily calling for her destruction (Psalm 83:2-5). The final curtain is about ready to come down.

The next event on God's prophetic calendar is the Rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18). The Church, who in Rev. 3:10 was promised to be spared the wrath of God which is coming upon the whole world, is about to go home to be with the Lord. This is our Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13).

Once the church is gone, the restrainer will no longer be here to hold back the antichrist from being revealed (2 Thessalonians 2:6-8). The two witnesses ready and raring to go will refute his claims of not only being the long awaited Jewish messiah, but also the worlds man with a plan (Daniel 8:25). They will do so for 3 ½ years until they are killed (Rev. 11:7). The world will rejoice! The two men who tormented them are finally dead! Their dead bodies are left unburied for the whole world to see while they rejoice, make merry, and send gifts one to another. (Rev. 11:9-10).

But, Satan's victory won't last long. Approximately 3½ days. A day for each year they preached (Num. 14:34). Then, as previously stated, they will stand on their feet and ascend into heaven (vs 11 - 12). We wouldn't be surprised if the Lord was laughing with contempt or derision while they were ascending (Psalm 2:4, Proverbs 1:26). With their ascension, God will proclaim to the devil, the antichrist, the false prophet, and all the people who rejoiced over their death that, THEY LOST! They will always lose. Just like the devil lost when Jesus rose from the dead after being crucified (Mark 16:6) because He is King of Kings and Lord of Lord's. You can't keep a good God down!

The great tribulation is coming! A terrible time of death and destruction such as the world has never seen or will ever see again (Math 24:21-22). Repentance is needed now while there is still time (2 Cor. 6:2). Jesus made the way for all of us to get to heaven when He shed His holy sinless blood on the cross (1 Peter 1:19, Rev 1:5). Just before He died, He proclaimed "It Is Finished" (John 19:30). Nothing more was needed for our salvation. All religions say "You must Do." Christianity says, "It Is Done". And it was, at the cross.

So give your heart to Jesus NOW and receive Him as your Lord and Saviour (John 1:12). It is the best and most important decision you will ever make. MARANATHA, THE LORD IS COMING SOON!

Amen!