

The Two Witnesses of Revelation 11

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Overview

And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. - Revelation 11:3

As foretold in Scripture, at the end of the age the people of the earth will worship an image of the beast and receive a mark in their forehead or right hand. At about this same time one of the antichrists will perform an *abomination of desolation* in the temple of God; this abomination may include placing an image in the temple of God.

According to Revelation chapter 11, God will send to the earth two witnesses who will appear in Jerusalem for a three and a half year period.

Who are these two witnesses?

What is their ministry?

How will it end?

Why we believe the two witnesses are Moses and Elijah

There are two main schools of thought as to who these two witnesses are; either Moses and Elijah or Enoch and Elijah. Since we believe the two witnesses are Moses and Elijah, we will look at them first.

Moses and Elijah, have experience dealing with idol worshipers

Moses confronted the Israelites who were worshipping the golden calf in Exodus 32.

After many years of worshipping idols, Israel worships Baal. In 1 Kings 18:21 we read that Elijah is tries to turn the people's hearts back to the God of Israel.

The people in both Moses and Elijah's time saw God do miracles, yet in both cases no major revival followed.

Moses and Elijah were both willing and able to stand up to the masses when they are given over to idol worship. This fortitude will be a necessary character trait for the two witnesses.

Both Moses and Elijah request God to take their lives

Moses:

And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. - Exodus 32:31-32

Elijah:

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. - 1 Kings 19:4

Perhaps Moses and Elijah did not suffer so much from death wishes as from the frustration of their people's desire to worship an image even after they had seen God's glory.

Both Moses and Elijah fasted for forty days

Moses:

And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. - Exodus 34:28

Elijah:

And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God. - 1 Kings 19:8

Both Moses and Elijah divide the water and walk on dry ground

Moses parts the Red Sea:

And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. - Exodus 14:15-16

Elijah parts the Jordan River:

And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground. - 2 Kings 2:8

Not only are Moses and Elijah able to divide the waters, their successors Joshua and Elisha are also able to do the same thing.

Joshua parts the Jordan River:

And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.

And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.

[...]

*That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon a heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. **And the priests that bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground,** until all the people were passed clean over Jordan. - Joshua 3:7-17*

Finally, Elijah parts the Jordan River:

And he [Elisha] took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over. - 2 Kings 2:14

In Mt. Sinai, both Moses and Elijah stand before the Lord of the earth.

Moses:

And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

*And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped.
- Exodus 34:5-8*

Elijah:

And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before

the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:

And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? - 1 Kings 19:11-13

Not only did Moses and Elijah stand with the Lord in his glory (Matthew 17:2-3), it appears that they both saw the Lord's glory previously in Mt. Sinai. It is likely that the two witnesses would have a close relationship with the Lord.

*And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. **These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.** - Revelation 11:3-4*

When John says "*These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth*", does he expect us to recognize them? Who are these olive trees and candlesticks? The prophet Zechariah has a similar vision that may shed light on this question.

And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof:

And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.

So I answered and spoke to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? - Zechariah 4:2-4

AND

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?

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?

And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

*Then said he, **These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.** - Zechariah 4:12-14*

Zechariah's interpretation of his vision as the "*two anointed ones that stand by the Lord of the whole earth*" brings up the next question. Who are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth? Matthew may answer this for us.

And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his

raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with him. - Matthew 17:1-3

It seems possible that the Bible identifies the two witnesses as Moses and Elijah.

The witnesses perform the same plagues as Moses and Elijah

The Bible mentions many of the plagues that the two witnesses perform by name. Moses or Elijah have previously performed every one of these plagues.

Fire

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. - Revelation 11:5

This is an accurate description of an event in Elijah's' life.

Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of a hill. And he spoke unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down.

*And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, **If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty.** And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.*

Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly.

*And Elijah answered and said unto them, **If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty.** And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.*

And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight.

Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight.

*And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him: **be not afraid of him.** And he arose, and went down with him unto the king. - 2 Kings 1:9-15*

Drought

*These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy:
- Revelation 11:6a*

Again, this happened in Elijah's time and at his command.

And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. - 1 Kings 17:1

This first drought lasted for about three years (1 Kings 18:1).

Turn water to blood

... and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. - Revelation 11:6b

To see waters turned to blood we turn to Moses.

And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land. - Exodus 4:9

AND

And the LORD spoke unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.

- Exodus 7:19

All plagues

... to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. Revelation 11:6b

All the plagues that Moses was capable of inflicting can be found in Exodus through Deuteronomy.

A list of plagues at the end of the age, is found in the passages on the seven trumpets and vials in the book of Revelation.

Malachi predicted Elijah and hinted at Moses

Most of the Christians who believe that the two witnesses at the end of the age are real people expect one of them to be Elijah. Many Jews also expect Elijah to precede the coming of the Messiah. However, there is only one verse in the Old Testament, Malachi 4:5, that predicts the coming of Elijah by name before the “*dreadful day of the Lord*”. Interestingly, this passage also mentions Moses.

Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

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

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. - Malachi 4:4-6

Why we do not believe that Enoch is one of the two witnesses

Another common belief among some Bible students is that the two witnesses are Enoch and Elijah. These Christians believe it is Enoch rather than Moses because like Elijah, Enoch was caught up to heaven without seeing a natural death.

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: - Hebrews 9:27

Since the Scriptures say it is appointed unto men once to die and neither Enoch nor Elijah saw death, the reasoning is that they must be the two witnesses. The problem is that this does not allow God to make any exceptions. Has God made any exceptions? Yes, everyone who Jesus or one of his apostles raised from the dead, died again later.

In Matthew 10, Jesus told his apostles:

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

Later Jesus told the disciples of John:

*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. - Matthew 11:5*

The raising people from the dead also happened in the Old Testament. Though this is not a complete list, here are two passages where Elisha raised people from the dead.

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. - 2 Kings 4:34-35

AND

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 sepulcher of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet. - 2 Kings 13:21

The exception to the rule “it is appointed unto men once to die” not only happens when people die twice. It will happen in the other direction also, some will never die.

*Behold, I show you a mystery; **We shall not all sleep**, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. - 1 Corinthians 15:51-52*

AND

*For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. **Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so***

shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

Hebrews 9:27 cannot be used to prove that Enoch will, or will not be, one of the two witnesses. While Christians take sides in this discussion, an interesting possibility presents itself. As Elijah is John the Baptist (therefore he has already died once), could Enoch also be Moses?

*And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? [...] A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee [...] For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. **And if ye will receive it, this is Elijah, which was for to come. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.** - Matthew 11:7-15*

When Jesus said, “*He that hath ears to hear, let him hear*” we realize that many people will not be able to believe that John the Baptist was Elijah. While I know of no proof (I am only mentioning this for the sake of speculation), it would be amazing if (as John the Baptist was Elijah) Moses were Enoch after all.

What is the ministry of the two witnesses?

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

Past

Both Moses and Elijah were ministers or ambassadors of the Lord. Both Moses and Elijah had a close walk with God. Both brought down the judgments of God on unbelievers; Moses on the Egyptians and Elijah on the children of Israel.

Jesus said, “*Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets*”. The scriptures mention the words *law* and *prophet* together in twenty different passages. The law and prophets together were God’s revelation to his people. Moses was the lawgiver and Elijah was a great prophet.

Future

Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumor shall be upon rumor; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients.
- Ezekiel 7:26

The two witnesses show up at a time when the world is carrying out two great abominations. First, they are worshiping an image of the beast (including receiving his mark) Second, in the middle of Daniels seventieth week they perform the abomination of desolation. Then the two witnesses show up for the last Three and a half years of the age.

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. 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. - Revelation 11:1-2

And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. - Revelation 11:3

Why are they called witnesses?

The Greek word for witness is the word *martus*, the same word is translated Martyr. Perhaps the scripture calls them the two witnesses because they give their lives for their testimony.

*And when they [the two witnesses,] 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.
- Revelation 11:7*

Lord pleads for Israel

Turn ye unto him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. - Isaiah 31:6

The ministry of the two witnesses is to plead with Israel and with the nations. First, they plead with Israel for their revolting against the Lord.

*And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.
Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD. - Ezekiel 20:35-36*

Second, the witnesses plead with the world for their treatment of the Jews.

For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. - Joel 3:1-2

Ministry of pestilence

*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.
- Revelation 11:6*

Why do the witnesses smite the earth with their plagues? John may answer that question himself.

For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. - Revelation 16:6

At this time, the whole world will be persecuting the saints. Even though they know what they are doing is wrong, they think that they will get away with it. God is righteous and just to avenge His people.

*For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.
- Isaiah 63:4*

No rain during their ministry

*These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy.
- Revelation 11:6a*

Here are some other passages that may speak of the famine at the end of the age. They may also speak of a famine in the prophets own era as well.

And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads.

Because the ground is chapped, for there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads.

Yea, the hind also calved in the field, and forsook it, because there was no grass.

*And the wild asses did stand in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like dragons; **their eyes did fail, because there was no grass.***

O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou it for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee. - Jeremiah 14:3-7

AND

When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops.

*Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; **the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:***

Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. - Habakkuk 3:16-18

AND

Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.

The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men. - Joel 1:11-12

AND

The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered

How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.

The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness. - Joel 1:17-20

Call fire down from heaven

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. - Revelation 11:5

While this passage does not say that the two witnesses will call fire down from heaven, there was a time when Elijah did and at this same time in the future the antichrist who does.

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

And [the second beast] doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast. - Revelation 13:11-14a

After the antichrist calls fire down a few times, God will do the same thing. It will be an interesting comparison, sort of like the time Moses turned the rivers into blood and Pharaohs magicians than also turned water into blood. Here are some other passages from the book of Revelation where (perhaps at the word of Moses and Elijah) fire comes down from heaven.

*And the angel took the censer, and **filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth:** and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.
- Revelation 8:5*

AND

*The first angel sounded, and there followed **hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth:** and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.
- Revelation 8:7*

AND

*And the second angel sounded, and as it were **a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea:** and the third part of the sea became blood; And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.
- Revelation 8:8-9*

AND

*And the third angel sounded, and **there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp,** and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters*

And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

- Revelation 8:10-11

AND

And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise. - Revelation 8:12

While this fourth plague is not exactly fire falling from heaven, it is a sign and judgment from heaven and it should make the miracles performed by the antichrist seem insignificant.

*And the fifth angel sounded, **and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth**: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit*

And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

- Revelation 9:1-2

When God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, he performed many of these plagues at the hand of Moses, specifically a great hailstorm, turning water into blood and causing the sun to go dark over Egypt. It is possible that God will do these same plagues by Moses and Elijah a second time.

How will it End?

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.

- Revelation 11:7

In a strange twist of events, the Beast overcomes and kills the two witnesses in the end. The antichrist causes great tribulation for the saints during the first three and a half years of his reign, culminating with the *abomination of desolation*. The two witnesses cause great tribulation for antichrist during the next three and a half years, culminating in the *Battle of Armageddon*.

The plagues performed by the two witnesses do not bring the world to repentance. For John testifies:

*And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues **yet repented not of the works of their hands**, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: **Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.***

- Revelation 9:20-21

AND

*And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and **they repented not to give him glory.** - Revelation 16:9*

AND

*And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, **and repented not of their deeds.** - Revelation 16:11*

Rather than the world repenting, these events culminate in the last chapter of this age, the battle of Armageddon. Zechariah says this about the battle.

For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. - Zechariah 14:2

It is at this time, when they sack the city of Jerusalem that the two witnesses are killed. John records the world's reaction at this time.

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 a 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.
- Revelation 11:7-10*

This goes on for three and a half days, when to the worlds surprise ...

And after three days and a 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.

*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. - Revelation 11:11-12*

When they ascend 'in a cloud', is this the rapture mentioned in 1st Thessalonians 4:16-17?

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

– 1st Thessalonians 4:16-17

Conclusion

This study is given in hopes that when the two witnesses appear you be able to recognize them. A study of Israel's exodus out of Egypt gives us an allegory that will open our understanding to the events that will happen in the end days.

Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: - Malachi 4:4-5

In the beginning, it was Moses' plagues. Years later God punished the wicked through Elijah. Next time it will be both of them together. When they come, will you be able to recognize the two witnesses?

In the beginning of Israel's history, it was Moses who brought God's punishment via the plagues. Years later God punished the wicked through Elijah. Next time, could it be both of them together?

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