



Revelation Ch 11 Part 2

The two witnesses

- So, who do you think they are?
- And I will give POWER.
 - This word is added to help us understand.
- The word witness is **martus** (*mar'-toos*)
 - Here we have two timestamps.
 - The temple and the trading underfoot. Luke 21:24
 - We believe this to be the second part.
 - The Martyrs however, I would have to place at the first 3.5 years.
 - Why? Because they are killed by the Antichrist. (vs 7)

- They are preaching to the Jews before they are sent into the wilderness.
- Verse 4
 - Two olive trees and two lampstands. Zech 4
 - The point of Zech 4 is “not by might nor power but by My Spirit.”
 - Hos 1:7
 - If you recall Ezek 38-39,, God takes care of GOG.
 - Going into the second part of the tribulation (Matt 24:25)
 - So, God is saying “I will not deliver you by might or strength but by My Spirit.

- Fire proceeds out of their mouth.
 - Who in the Bible calls down fire?
 - Elijah a few times. 2 Kings 1:10
 - He also controls the weather.
 - Elijah is the forerunner to the Messiah. (Matthew 11:14, 17:11-12)
 - Elijah was the prophet during the time of King Ahab and Jezebel.
 - These two lead Israel into Baal worship.

- Why does it say, “if anyone will try to hurt them, they must be killed by the fire out of their mouth?”
 - Fire from heaven is one of God’s judgements.
 - Sodom and Gomorrah
 - Nadab and Abihu (Lev 10:1-2)
 - King Ahaziah’s soldiers (2 Kings 1:10-12)
 - It is God’s judgement over evil.
 - This is the way God used Elijah to consume his enemies.
 - This would also serve as a warning towards anyone who would oppose the message of the 2 witnesses.
 - This is another form of the blaspheming of the Holy Spirit
 - When you blaspheme the Holy Spirit, you reject the Holy Spirit.

- The Role of the Holy Spirit is two-fold.
 - John 16:7-11
 - So, if you reject the conviction and do NOT receive Jesus, you are still guilty of sin.
 - The two witnesses are the olive tree and lampstand.
 - The lampstand is fueled by the oil from the olive tree.
 - This shows a continuous supply of the Holy Spirit upon these two witnesses.
 - If Elijah is one of the two witnesses sharing the Gospel, this would mean that anyone trying to shut them up would be blaspheming the Holy Spirit. They would be instantly judged by the fire coming out of the two witnesses mouths.

Vs 6

- The two witnesses also have the power to shut heaven.
 - Again, we see that Elijah stopped the rain. (1 Kings 17)
- The power to turn the water into blood.
 - Where do we see that in the Bible?
 - Exodus tells us that Moses and Aaron turned the Nile river into blood.
 - Why would this happen?
 - Is there any symbolism in this act?
 - Water is often used as a symbol of cleansing power and true doctrine.
 - What is about to happen? The Antichrist is about to come on the scene and perform many miracles. (Matt 24:24, 2 Thess 2:9)
 - What about blood? It reflects the mission of Christ.
 - Going back to the first plague, this was before the children of Israel were led out of the “world” Egypt.

Moses

- Moses represented God's law, God's salvation and COVENANT between God and the Israelites.
- He led the people out of slavery (captivity) and into the promise land.
- You could say that the sum of the Israelite's life and existence is in the law and the prophets.
 - Their moral code is in the Law (Torah)
 - Their moral code is ALSO found in the prophets. (Matt 22:40)
 - Moses is known as the "law"
 - Elijah is known as the "prophet"

- So, if we go with this, the two witnesses, to the JEWS would be Moses and Elijah.
- The reason I don't think this is Enoc
 - Enoc was a Gentile
 - The focus is NOT on the Gentiles but on the Jews.
- Do we see this anywhere else in the Bible?
 - Matt 17:1-3
- 2 men clothed in white
 - Acts 1:9-11
 - Luke 24:2 (Luke 9:30)
 - Josh 2:1 (2 men sent into the promise land to spy it out)
 - John 8:17

Vs 7

- When they finish their testimony ([marturia](#) *mar-too-ree'-ah*)
 - *Evidence given. (Luke 16:17 22:44)*
- The Beast that came out of the bottomless pit.
 - 13,14,15,16,17 and 19
 - 13 the beast that came out of the sea. Vs 1-10
 - Vs 11-18 another beast that came out of the earth.
 - Out of the Sea the Antichrist
 - The Sea is a symbol of power, chaos and a destructive force.
 - Now he is not in the bottomless pit so why does it say out of the bottomless pit.
 - Okay, who is the beast?
 - Satan?
 - I used to think that Satan possessed the Antichrist but I am not sure that is correct.
 - No where in the Bible do you see an angel possessing people.
 - Satan is referred to as the DRAGON not the beast. (Rev 13)
 - The antichrist is referred to as the beast(s)

- The beast from the Earth.
 - This would be the false prophet.
 - We will get to the rest of these verses later on....
- Daniel saw this in Ch 7:17-21 (war against the saints.)
 - Watcher (Side note: Angel)
- Their dead bodies shall lie in the streets for 3.5 days
 - There could be some correlation between these two and Christ in the tomb for three days.
 - This could be another witness.
- Note that the great cities are Sodom and Egypt.

- The world rejoices!
- Vs 12 they are raptured!
- At the same time, like when a great earthquake happens and some turn to God.
 - Like the cross, there was an earthquake and the temple was opened
 - This earthquake opens the temple in heaven.
- This ends the second WOE
- The seventh angel sounded!