

The Two Witnesses

Unraveling the Puzzle

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And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of YHWH, and the altar, and them that worship therein. (Revelation 11:1)

- In the visions of Elohim brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south.
- And he brought me thither, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate. (Ezekiel 40:2-3)

- And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall shew thee; for to the intent that I might shew them unto thee art thou brought hither: declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.
- And behold a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six cubits long by the cubit and an hand breadth: so he measured the breadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed. (Ezekiel 40:4-5)

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 11:2)

- This is a command NOT consistent with the Book of Ezekiel.
- -42 Months the outer court is "tread under foot" suggests 3½ years of trouble unless there is a leap year involved.
- If there is an extra Adar month in that calendar period, then it will be three years and five months, 3 5/12 years, or 3.416667 years.

Comments:

- Both Ezekiel and John Mark were instructed to measure the temple.
- 2. John Mark did not tell us:
 - A. The Length of the Reed He Used!
 - B. What the Results of His Measurements Were.

- And I will give power unto my two ($\delta v \sigma v$) witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, (1,260) clothed in sackcloth. (Revelation 11:3)
 - Witnesses Greek: μαρτυσιν (martusin) Strong's #3144
 - > A Witness in the legal sense, someone who has seen the event and can testify to the event they have seen in a Court of Law. Their testimony is under oath and the laws of perjury apply!
 - > A spectator at an event.
 - > Someone who can testify to an event and can provide proof!
 - The word is a noun with a masculine case; therefore, the witnesses must be men, and the accompanying word (δυσιν) says there two of them and that they are native to the area!

- > Who can meet the qualifications?
 - The Apostles cannot because they ran away and did not witness the crucifixion of Yahushua (Jesus).
 - Members of the Sanhedrin were there, only because Yahushua (Jesus) was charged with blasphemy and had to be "stoned." (Leviticus 24:16) They felt that the Torah required them to go through the motions, even though He was already dead.
 - These witnesses also had to see that Yahushua rose from the dead.
 - They had to be alive in the first century and alive now!
 - How is that possible???

Rethinking Our Ideas About Life and How It is Lived

Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom. (Matthew 16:28)

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And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of YHWH come with power. (Mark 9:1)

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But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of YHWH. (Luke 9:27)

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- These are the <u>two olive trees</u>, and <u>the two candlesticks</u> standing before the *Elohim* of the earth. (Revelation 11:4)
- And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a <u>candlestick</u> 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. (Zechariah 4:2-3)

- And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my master.
- ► Lhave found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:
- With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him. (Psalms 89:20-21)

- 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)
 - Some suggest this could be Elijah, but in his case, the fire came out of heaven, Not out of Elijah's mouth!
 - The idea that Elijah was one of the Two Witnesses came from an apocryphal book titled *The Apocalypse of Elijah*. This writing was never considered for inclusion in the Bible at any time. It didn't even exist when the Apostles were alive.

- 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)
 - Thus saith YHWH, In this thou shalt know that I am YHWH: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. (Exodus 7:17)
 - And YHWH spake 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)

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 - And Moses and Aaron did so, as YHWH commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. (Exodus 7:20)
 - Aaron was the man who used his rod to turn the waters into blood, not Moses!
 - The Two Witnesses have discretion that was NOT given to Moses and Aaron.

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 - Psalms 78:44 says YHWH changed the waters to blood.
 - Psalms 105:29 says YHWH changed the waters to blood.
 - And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the <u>third part of the sea became blood</u>; 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 Remember the second *Shofar*!)

- The idea that Moses (or Enoch), and Elijah are the two witnesses is a concept promoted by the writer of these fake Gnostic books:
 - The Acts of Pontius Pilate or Gospel of Nicodemus (Chapter 20)
 - > Written in the Fourth Century
- > But also in this Fake Book of Jewish (Phiabi) origin:
 - The Apocalypse of Elijah (Chapter 4)
 - > Written in the Second Century
- Neither of these writings were ever considered for inclusion in the Bible!

- And when they shall have finished their testimony, the <u>beast</u> that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. (Revelation 11:7)
 - 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. (Revelation 9:1)
 - And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is *Abaddon*, but in the Greek tongue hath his name *Apollyon*. (Revelation 9:11)

- 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. (Revelation 11:7-8)
 - Sodom = Physical Corruption of the Reproductive Process
- Egypt = Cain's Corruption of Spirituality
 - The City: Jerusalem where they recently had a "gay pride" parade.

- 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. (Revelation 11:9)
 - In verse two, John Mark was directed NOT to measure the outer court of the Temple because it had been overrun by the gentiles.
 - This clearly violates all Jewish burial laws. When a Jew dies, they are put in the grave often within 24 hours of death.
 - Therefore, Jewish authorities are NOT in charge of Jerusalem at this time.
 Abaddon is in charge at this time.

- 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 11:10)
 - The obvious connection here would be to Christmas, the birthday of Horus, the son of Osiris (Cain).
 - However, these passages do not give any indication that the Roman Catholic Church is in charge of Jerusalem at this time. Instead, it could be a more pagan religion like what the Prophet Ezekiel described in the first few chapters of his book. Osiris would bring back a Masonic-type religion from Egypt.

- And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from YHWH 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)

- And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the Elohim of heaven.
- The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. (Revelation 11:13-14)

Revelation 11 The Seventh Trumpet

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Elohim, and of his Messiah; and he shall reign for ever and ever. (Revelation 11:15)

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- And the four and twenty elders, which sat before YHWH on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped YHWH,
- Saying, We give thee thanks, O YHWH El-Shaddai, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. (Revelation 11:16-17)

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- And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.
- And the temple of YHWH was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail. (Revelation 11:18-19)