



The Two Witnesses

Revelation 11:3-4

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

⁴ These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

Who are the two witnesses? Are they 1st **Moses and Elijah**, or 2nd **Enoch and Elijah**, or again 3rd **two other personalities**? One of these three prospective will be at the end of the days, the **two witnesses of God**:

Moses and Elijah are considered as the potential two witnesses. Opponents of this perspective claim that Hebrews 9:27 excludes Moses from being one of the two witnesses, for the Bible is not supporting man to die twice, as we know Moses has passed away once already. Then again, if God commands so, it will surely happen, as it was the case for the widow of Nain's son (Luke 7:11-17), and Jairus' daughter (Luke 8:52-56), and Lazarus of Bethany (John 11: 43-44) —so this problem is truly not the reason that's disqualified Moses from being one of the two witnesses of God.

Enoch and Elijah are seen as the possible two witnesses, since they are the two people whom God has taken alive to heaven (Genesis 5:24; 2 Kings 2:11). This was one of the big events, if it was not the biggest in the life of Enoch and Elijah, but again some will argue that Enoch was not present at the time of transfiguration. Nevertheless this is not qualifying or disqualifying Enoch as one of the two witnesses of God, given that the Lord can always do as it pleases him. (Revelation 11:7-12).

Essentially Revelation 11 does not connect any well-known personality to the two witnesses. If on the off chance that these personalities were Moses and Elijah, or Enoch and Elijah, why might Scripture be quiet about this? After all, the return of Jesus-Christ is not a secret to no one. The Lord is exceptionally equipped for taking two "typical" men and empowering them to execute the same signs and miracles that Moses and Elijah performed. There is nothing in Revelation 11 that obliges us to accept "popular" character for the two witnesses.

Primarily we must comprehend why a witness is essential in the first place:

Understand that every time witnesses are required, it is because the truth needs to be revealed. The two witnesses will bring about the final actions that will seal the truth of God. Remember that two or three witnesses are necessary for the establishment of the truth. In these final movements, the Lord God will definitely separate the sheep from the goat, and that way will mark his people on their foreheads.

Let me go ahead and tell you upfront who the **two other personalities** are. They are **Jesus-Christ** and the **Holy-Spirit**. These preeminent cannot be seen for the only reason that they, the Bible scholars, instead of mining deep in the scripture, have preferred to scheme the surface and remain that way in complete darkness. The focus of who the two witnesses will be, has fascinated Bible students throughout the years, and various potential conclusions have been recommended. The Apostle John in the book of Revelation signified them simply as the **two olive trees** and the **two lamp stands** that stand before the Lord of the earth. And this is where our study is taking a pew. I believe, if we get to know who and what the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks are; we will with no doubt see and understand who the two witnesses ought to be. That mysterious description is revealed to those who have ears to hear in Zechariah chapter 4. I am inviting you all to a reasoning moment and see together what the Bible said about it.

Please pay close attention to what is going to happen here. I am going to read through chapter 4 from the book of the Prophet Zechariah. The reading will be followed by some stops and explanations; here we go:

¹ And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep.² 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 hereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof:³ And **two olive trees** by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.⁴ So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, what are these, my lord? Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Zechariah 4 1-4



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The angel woke the Prophet and shew to him a candlestick and two olive trees, and explained to him how these two are interrelated, but the Prophet understood not, so don't worry if you do not comprehend yet; and the angel continued with the explanation:

⁶ Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, this is the **word of the Lord** unto Zerubbabel, saying, not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Zechariah 4: 6

The angel said that the candlestick is the **word of the Lord**. As we all know, Jesus is the word of God. Therefore, let us reason together, if Zechariah the Prophet, declared the **candlestick** as being the **word of the Lord** and at the same time the Apostle John in the Book of Revelation, represented the **candlestick** as one of the **two witnesses** of God, from there I cannot picture neither Moses, nor Elijah nor Enoch as being the word of God. The only one that we know that the Bible called the word of God is Jesus-Christ our Lord and savior. There is a simple connection here, if you will, understand this: the **candlestick** equal (=) the **word of the Lord** (Zechariah 4:6); the **candlestick** is also equal (=) to one of the **two witness of God** (Revelation 11:4); as a result, the **word of the Lord** (Jesus-Christ) is one of the **two witness of God**.

This is not all. The Prophet learned about the candlestick, which gave to him a little bit of satisfaction, but was yet confused since another piece of the revelation was still missing: the two olive trees, which represents the other witness of God. Though, the prophet continued to question the angel; let us read:

¹¹ 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?

¹² 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?

¹³ And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

¹⁴ Then said he, these are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth. Zechariah 4:11-14

So the two olive trees are the two anointed ones. Before we go into details, let us take time to describe what the Prophet saw:

1st) a candlestick made of gold

2nd) a bowl on top of the candlestick

3rd) seven lamps attached to the bowl

4th) seven pipes connected to the seven lamps

5th) two olive trees: one to the right and one to the left side of the candlestick

6th) two olive branches jointed to two golden pipes connected to the bowl

7th) complete transfer of the golden oil, from the two olive branches, running through the two golden pipes to the bowl.

This clearly revealed the pattern of the **Holy Lamp of God**, appeared with all the glory, power and majesty of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The lamp of God is Jesus-Christ, who himself proclaimed to be the light of the world. The same way the candlestick had a bowl on top of it, attached with seven lamps, connected to seven pipes, which will distribute the oil that the two olive trees pour out to the bowl. Jesus having the Father on top of him, receiving all the power of his Spirit, distributing to the seven churches, the word and the Holy Spirit of God. And this is exactly what the apostle John wrote and described in the book of Revelation:

¹² And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw **seven golden candlesticks**;

¹³ And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the **Son of man**, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and **GIRT** about the **PAPS** with a golden girdle. Revelation 1: 12-13 (John 21:7 explains the word GIRT)

Jesus is standing in the heart of the seven Churches to feed them with the word that brings light, understanding and freedom and all the blessings thereof; let's read:

²⁷ And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the **PAPS** which thou hast sucked. ²⁸ But he said, yea rather, blessed are they that hear the **word of God, and keep it**. Luke 11:27-28

Since babies suck the paps of their mother and keep the pure nutrients for healthy growth, thus the Churches must hear the good news coming from the word of Jesus Christ and keep them for spiritual growth. Meaning the Golden Candlestick that holds up the bowl with the seven lamps (seven golden candlesticks) is the Lord standing in the mid of the seven Churches. As any lamp needs oil to shed light, also the word itself—Jesus—the candlestick—needs the Holy-Spirit to bring complete comprehension of the will of God. Hence the coming of the two olive trees, source of all holy oils were necessary. The bowl is that container where all spiritual foods:



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such as **Word** and **Spirit of God** (candlestick and the two olive trees) gathered together to breast-feed the **children of God** all over the world. Understand that the **Holy Lamp of God** is representing by **Jesus-Christ**, and the **Holy Spirit** and the seven **Churches**.

⁴ John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;⁵ And from Jesus Christ, who is the **faithful witness**, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,⁶ and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Revelation 1:4-

Jesus-Christ and the **Holy Spirit** are all together the two witnesses of God that John and Zechariah called the candlesticks and olive trees. They are the only people who were there in the beginning to see and act along with God the Father in the making of everything. And, from the first to the last prophet, they were all making use of the **word** and the **Holy Spirit** of God to do just about anything. You see, the word and the Holy Spirit – were – is - and will always be the two witnesses of God. Moses, Elijah and Enoch were the witnesses unto the truth, goodness and divine influence of God, which is “grace.” Jesus said, he does not receive witness from any man; let’s read:

³³ Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth. ³⁴ But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. John 5: 33-34

If the Son does not receive testimony from man, I believe neither the Father nor the Holy Spirit does. The Father and the Holy Spirit are the two witnesses of the Son. The Father and the Son are the witnesses of the Holy Spirit and finally the Son and the Holy Spirit are the two witnesses of God the Father. **God does not receive testimony from man.** Jesus said again:

³⁶ But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

³⁷ And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. ³⁸ And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.

³⁹ Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. ⁴⁰ And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. John 5:36-40

There is one more thing I would like to share with you concerning the candlestick. The prophet Zechariah saw one candlestick, whereas the apostle John viewed two candlesticks. Well, this is explainable. Remember the angel described the candlestick as the “word of the Lord,” obviously at the time of Zechariah, the word of the Lord existed only in the form of the Old Testament, but John saw two candlesticks because he witnessed both: the Old and the New Testament. The Old Covenant, as a school master shed light to bring the family of God to the New Covenant (Galatians 3: 24). However, the New hut a brighter light to take them to the kingdom of God.

¹² Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8: 12

Regarding the two olive trees, the Bible has many time seen the olive oil as a physical representation of the Holy Spirit of God upon man. The record of the prophet Samuel anointing David is one of them; we can read:

¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of **oil**, and **anointed** him in the midst of his brethren: and the **Spirit of the Lord came upon David** from that day forward... 1 Samuel 16: 13

The official entering of Jesus into his ministry is another one; he said:

“The **Spirit of the Lord is upon me**, because he has **anointed** me to proclaim good news to the poor...” Luke 4:18a

Now we understand when the Spirit of the Lord is upon man, it means anointed. Jesus is the physical demonstration of the word of God, whether it was in the form of the Old or New Testament. He, Jesus, carried upon himself the two anointed one that stand before the God of the earth. Jesus received the fullness of the seven Spirit of God in order to build the Church of God and to guide it to eternal salvation.

Revelation 11 said the beast will kill the two witnesses, something is not quite clear here: if the two witnesses are Jesus and the Holy Spirit, how is it possible then, for them to get killed, when we know that Jesus was put to death once and rose in the third day, and the Holy Spirit is a Spirit and therefore is untouchable? You would say it is impossible; well, let us not sum up to quick. The last thing



we don't want to do here is to understand God as man understands man. To ease our comprehension, allow us to point this well-known occurrence to you:

Here's an aspect of the life of a man named Bernard Madoff, serving 150 years in prison for running a multi-billion dollar "Ponzi scheme" and had many high-profile victims. Madoff ripped off his investors out of \$65 billion and went unnoticed for years. 16,519 stakeholders have filed claims against Madoff. In March 2009 - Madoff was charged with eleven felonies including: money laundering, perjury, fraud and theft.

In June 2009 - Madoff is sentenced to 150 years in prison; his assets are being seized, personal property belonging sold to auction. Madoff's credibility ends and his word and his spirit are not worthy of trust. Therefore, Madoff is gone! No one wants to hear about him. It is obvious that Bernard Madoff is dead.

You see; the world is launching a massive plan of attack to discredit Jesus-Christ and the Holy Spirit. If they get to do accordingly, the word and the Spirit of God will be dead and the existence of the two witnesses of God will be no more, meaning God himself will be nonexistent. So how do they plan on doing this? By all type of machinations and conspiracies, the lies of Satan will convince the world that the name of Jesus, and the interpretation of the Bible place our life and our children's life into peril, and they will pass a decree to stop anyone to speak in the name of Jesus-Christ and to do any actions by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is not for no reason that the world is setting up a list of senseless scheming things done in the name of Jesus, so they can justify their future plots on killing the two witnesses of God, by eliminating the word of the Lord. Many cases like:

The Indiana's mega-church leader Jack Schaap, who had a relationship with a 17-year-old female. According to Schaap, the relationship was the will of God. He writes in a letter to the teen "This is exactly what Christ desires. He wants to marry us + become eternal lovers!"

The 25-year-old Isaiah Kalebu, broke into a female couple's home and proceeded to torture, rape, and stab them. The Seattle Times reports the attacker saying, "I was there, and I was told by my God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to attack my enemies, and I did so."

The case of Donna Marie Redding: she told authorities her husband used the Lord's name in vein too often so she shot him. Redding said, "Jesus told me to do it" and that her husband was "the devil."

These actions of course, represent three small dust particles among the great amass. Just look for the word "violence perpetrated in the name of Christianity," you'll see how long the list is.

The Devil is operating deceitfully. He's imitating the Lord's voice and moving unstable so called Christian to act inadequately in the name of the Lord. He's giving them fame and prosperity, taking away words and removing complete verses in the Bible, the NIV Bible. Dividing the Churches, seated in them as if he was God and teaching them to hate one another and creating methods of violence that we know today. The antichrist is making his way to stop the family of God to get access to the word and to the Holy Spirit. When all form of violence perpetrates falsely in the name of the Lord hit the heights, the Devil will use that to sell his argument and persuade the people to retract themselves from everything written in the Bible; In addition, he will encourage governments to elaborate legislation condemning access of information concerning Jesus-Christ. Yes, God will allow that to happen. This will be the most important decisive moment in the life of a Christian. God will cause anyone who does not believe in his word to fall into Satan's tricks; 2 Thessalonians 2: 11-12 said:

¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

¹² That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Temptation and knowledge are and will be so overwhelmed that the prophet Daniel predicted that man will go to and fro after the truth (Daniel 12:4). The world welcomes and will welcome the lies of Satan more than anything. The antichrist will receive honor and glory that belong to God alone. On the other hand, the Lord is preparing his Church on receiving his two witnesses which will be the only way to escape the magnitude of these false accusations. They, the two witnesses will be there to remind the Church of all the eminent deceptive actions of the Devil, which disguise himself as if he was God. The Apostle Paul said:

³ Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;



⁴ Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. ^{2 Thessalonians 2: 3-4}

Think about it, if anyone can prove God wrong, that person will proclaim himself to be God.

From there we know what the expectations are, and how great the falling away will be among Christians. The plan of the Devil is to be like the most High; that's the reason why he wants the two witnesses to be killed. For as long as they live the temple of God will be occupied by them, and there will be no room for the evil spirits of Satan. So in order for Satan to successfully reign, the word and the Spirit of God must go. Remember that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit of God; he, Satan desired to replace the Holy Spirit by his evil one, defiling that way the holy temple of God and build up an army of rebels to dethrone the most High God. Please do not take my words for it, I am inviting you to read Revelation chapter 11 and when you do, I hope you can see what I am about to tell right now:

¹ 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. ^{Revelation 11: 1}

In this first verse of the chapter, you see that God ordained the evaluation of his temple. Keep in mind that our body is the temple of God. God wants to verify the state of these three things: the **temple**, the **altar** and the **worshippers**. This will be the final work of God in the heart of his Church. First of all, the influence, standing and directive of every Christian will be under strict judgment of the Lord (this will be the **measurement of the temple**). Second, God will ensure that all believers were offering themselves as a living sacrifice and followed his Son to Calvary (this is equated to the **measurement of the altar**, knowing that the cross is the altar for followers of Christ). Third, the Lord will make certain that true worshippers worship in spirit and in truth, (this is in comparison to the **worshippers therein**). So to say, if you are not a new creature in Christ, if you are not offering yourself daily as a living sacrifice, if you are not worship the Lord God in spirit and in truth; you will not be part of the temple of God. However, the amazing thing we need to see here is how the Lord is not even asking for the measurement of our mortal body, he said:

² 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}

Our soul and our spirit are the most principal parts that God wants to save; nonetheless the body is given to the gentiles. Now gentiles are any nations that are not Jew; however the true believers are spiritual Jew (Romans 2: 29) that the nations of the world (gentiles) will hate and persecute for three and half years or forty and two months. This period of time represents the second-half of the seven-year cycle after the two witnesses are being put to death. During that first half the two witnesses (the word and the Holy Spirit of God) will inhabit the body of the church with power and majesty to strengthen the church and complete his ministry of preparation so the church can be ready for any form of persecutions. Even though the gentiles hate us, we will be able to preach the Gospel with no fear whatsoever; Jesus said in Luke 21:15

For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. ^{Luke 21:15}

This is that exact power that the word and the Spirit of God, which are the two witnesses will manifest in the world; let us read:

³ And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. ⁴ These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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: 3-6}

These events were operated in the past by the Holy Spirit. The Lord God wanted to remind us that in these last days, he will put his word in our mouth and pour out the former rain, and the latter rain (Joel 2:23), meaning the fullness of the Holy Spirit and no one would be able to resist. But when the word and the Holy Spirit are finishing with the preparation of the church; God will allow the Devil to take over actions; the Bible said:



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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

Let us see how the beast will kill them:

⁵ And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

⁶ And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

⁷ And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. Revelation 13: 5-7

Have you seen the sum of blasphemy? Blaspheme means speak evil of. The man of sin will speak evil of God, of the name of God, of the church and of them that are in heaven. Now the only way to speak evil of God and his belonging is through lies. Understand that this war is a battle between the truth of God and the lies of Satan. For a period of time, God will allow Satan and his army to convince the world with his lies. As Adam and Eve chose the lies of the Devil over the truth of God; therefore, the nations of the world will do the same. For forty and two months, the word of God won't be able to be preached, and his Spirit will not be able to act as well. The two witnesses will be killed and expose for three and half days. Expose will result in the showing of the non-credibility of the two witnesses, the case will be well-known by the population of the world. They will be happy! No more Jesus, no more Holy Spirit, no fear of hell, let us celebrate! Jesus said if it was possible even the elect will be perished.

After the three and half days or 42 months; (2 Peter 3: 8), God will call on his word and his Spirit, and they will be ascended to heaven.

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: 12

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

Please pay attention to this. In verse twelve, the dead got resurrected and ascended up to heaven in the cloud, and in verse 15, the seven trump sounded, followed by a great voice from heaven. These happening reminded to us what the Apostle Paul said in (1 Thessalonians 4: 15-17)

¹⁶ 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:

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Amen!



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