

# The Two Witnesses (Chart 5)



**1 Witnesses**

In ancient times, "a witness" could be animals (Gen 21:30); a heap of stones (Gen 31:48); a book (Deut 31:26); an altar (Josh 22:34); a large stone (Josh 24:26); a king (1 Sam 12:5); a written statement (Isa 30:8); people (Acts 10:39); or the Lord Himself (Judges 11:10). The function of a witness is to testify or confirm what is true. Today, a signed contract between two parties serves as a witness confirming that an agreement exists between them.

**2**

From ancient times, God has required the testimony of two witnesses for the death penalty to be imposed (Numbers 35:30; Hebrews 10:28). The essential reason for two witnesses at the end of time is that God's Two Witnesses will condemn to death everyone who refuses the final gospel proclamation.

**3**

God raised the nation of Israel to be "witnesses" to the world. They were to share His love and tell about His offer of salvation and His everlasting goodness and mercy. (Isa 43) He ordained the nation of Israel to be a light unto the Gentiles. (Acts 13:47) The everburning candlestick in the Earthly temple represented the nation of Israel (the agent God chose to enlighten the Earth - Matt 5:14). The sacred oil that enabled the candlestick to burn perpetually represents the consecrating and enabling power of the Holy Spirit. (Ex 30:31,32)

**4**

God gave Zechariah a view of His work on Earth. Zechariah saw a lampstand sustained by a never ending supply of oil produced by two olive trees standing in Heaven's temple. This means that God's witnesses on Earth (the lampstand) depend on God's Spirit for the power to witness. If God's Spirit is not active, there is moral and spiritual darkness. God appointed Israel as His witnesses to enlighten the world with the knowledge of His salvation (the lampstand), but then as well as today, the enabling power for the appointment comes only through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. (Zech 4:1-14)

**5**

God showed John, while he was on the isle of Patmos, a profound change in the candlestick. Israel's candlestick was no longer before the throne, instead there were seven candlesticks representing seven churches. God had changed His agent. (Matthew 28:18,19; Hebrews 7; Revelation 1-3)

**6**

The Two Witnesses are symbolized as two olive trees and two candlesticks. They will be empowered for 1,260 days. Who are they? What do these symbols represent?

**7 The Specifics**

What interpretation of Revelation 11 satisfies ALL the following specifications about the Two Witnesses?

1. They are empowered for 1,260 days.
2. They have power to bring plagues on the Earth at will, even preventing rain.
3. Anyone who tries to hurt them will be killed by fire that comes out of their mouths.
4. They are symbolized as two olive trees and two lampstands.
5. The beast from the Abyss kills them.
6. Their bodies lie in the streets of a symbolic city (the great city is the whore on the beast, Rev 17:18).
7. For 3.5 days everyone on Earth will gaze on their bodies.
8. After 3.5 days they are resurrected and taken up to Heaven.

The Two Witnesses are two infallible agents of God that testify on God's behalf to the human race during the Great Tribulation.

**8**

Points to consider:

1. The story about the Two Witnesses begins in Revelation 10.
2. God chooses the 144,000 prior to the tribulation as His servants or spokespersons (prophets).
3. The 144,000 will receive (as did John) a message (the little book) which represents God's Truth for the hour.
4. The little book contains the "opened" prophecies of Daniel and Revelation (Daniel was sealed until the time of the end).
5. The 144,000 will be empowered by the Holy Spirit, as were Moses and Elijah, to present the gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people for 1,260 days... Then, the end shall come.
6. God has always had "witnesses" on Earth. Bible history confirms that religious systems cannot be trusted for long.

"Eat the Book and begin proclaiming..."  
"The Spirit of Prophecy will rest upon you..."

In Revelation 10, John represents the 144,000 who will be filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered to speak for God during the 1,260 days of the end-time.

**Witness #1**

OT NT = The Bible testifies of: God's Law, God's Grace, God's End-time Plan

**Witness #2**

Holy Spirit Power = Early Rain, Latter Rain

144,000 Servants All Over the World Preaching Bible Truth - Filled with Holy Spirit Power during the 1,260 Days of Tribulation

**Jubilee Calendar**

Today

1844 Dead, 1994 Living

1335 Days

Judgment Mark of the Beast

Seven Trumpets 7 Bowls

Two Witnesses 1,260 Days

Babylon 42 Months, Lamblike

The Great Tribulation 10 Kings

Two Witnesses Killed

A.D. 30 Jesus Taken to Heaven, 538 - Time, Times, Half a Time - 1798

Resurrection Sunday, Satan Cast Out of Heaven, 1,260 Day/Years

Dragon Chases Woman

**Summary**

1. The influence of witnesses (even inanimate) can be killed or destroyed.
2. The dead bodies of "the prophets" will lie scattered over the Earth. (Rev 18:24)
3. The 144,000 are resurrected and taken to Heaven at the end of the 1,260 days.
4. Those who reject the Two Witnesses will be destroyed by the fiery sword that comes out of Jesus' mouth at the Second Coming.
5. God does not condemn people because they refuse the testimony of His servants. He will destroy people for rejecting the Holy Spirit. (Unpardonable sin)
6. There are not 144,000 + 2. Rather, there are 144,000 empowered by two.
7. The beast from the Abyss is the devil personating Christ. God grants him power to fully deceive those who love evil. Thus, the Two Witnesses of God are killed out of hatred for God's truth.