

*The Two Witnesses*  
*Revelation 11:1-14*

*“In the future, during Earth’s darkest hour, God will raise up two exceptional and powerful preachers. They will fearlessly proclaim the gospel during the last three and one-half years of the seven-year Tribulation, the period that Jesus called ‘the great tribulation’ (Matt. 24:21; cf. Rev. 7:14). During that time of horrific divine judgments on the earth, of rampaging hordes of demons terrorizing and slaughtering millions of people, and wickedness rampaging unrestrained, their gospel preaching, along with that of 144,000 Jewish evangelists (7:1-10), the “angel flying in midheaven” (14:6), and the testimonies of other believers alive during that time, will be the final expression of God’s grace offered to repentant and believing sinners.*

*In addition to preaching the gospel, these two preachers will proclaim God’s judgment on the wicked world. Their ministry will likely stretch from the midpoint of the Tribulation until just before the sounding of the seventh trumpet. That trumpet will herald the pouring out of the rapid-fire bowl judgments, the battle of Armageddon, and the return of Christ. During that period, they will declare that the disasters befalling the world are the judgments of God. They will participate in fulfilling the words of the Lord Jesus Christ that the ‘gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come’ (Matt. 24:14). They will also be used by God to bring salvation to Israel...” MacArthur*

- I. Where God dwells is unapproachable and unapproachable by the unholy. No godless power, force, entity, or human can come near Him, thwart His sovereign will or cause Him harm. During the great tribulation, He will give Satan, his demons, and his willful followers free reign to persecute and kill believers, trample on His holy city, persecute the Jews, rule the world with their deceptive godless ways and rebel against Him. Meanwhile, He will work in the hearts of many Jews to bring them to salvation. Despite Satan’s efforts to annihilate them, God will measure off Israel to save, preserve and protect the Jewish remnant who will come to believe upon Jesus as the true Messiah.

Rev. 11:1-2

Daniel 9:27

Matt. 24:15

1 Cor. 6:19-20

Matt. 24:21-22

Jer. 30:6-7

**ναός, naos** – used of the temple at Jerusalem, but only of the sacred edifice (or sanctuary) itself, consisting of the Holy place and the Holy of Holies. metaph. the spiritual temple consisting of the saints of all ages joined together by and in Christ. Strong’s

- II. During the great tribulation, God will send two witnesses to preach incessantly throughout its duration from the city of Jerusalem. They cannot be killed, nor can their voices be silenced. Their appearance will show a deep remorse over the condition of man's heart, and their message will tell unrepentant man why God has brought His wrath upon them. We can surmise that they will speak of how they are being deceived and who is deceiving them. They will point out mankind's rebellious sinful ways, their eternal fate in the lake of fire if they refuse to repent, their need for repentance and their need to believe upon Jesus the Son of God to be saved. Despite God's clear message to them, many, if not most, will refuse to turn from their sinful ways because of their love for the darkness, which will surely follow them into hell.

Rev. 11:3-12

1 Kings 17:1

James 5:127

Zech. 4:2-6

Zech. 4:11-14

*"The Word of God makes it clear that it is often possible to silence a witness to the truth by death, but such action does not destroy the truth that has been announced." Walvoord*

**John 3:19-21** *19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.*

- III. According to Romans 11:25-27, when the full number of Gentiles come in and the church is taken up to be with the Lord, all of Israel will be saved. Revelation 11 gives us a glimpse into what takes place in Jerusalem at the end of the great tribulation that fulfills this prophecy. We understand from Zechariah 13:8-9 that *In the whole land, declares the Lord, "Two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it. This third I will bring into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'they are my people; and they will say, 'The Lord is our God.'"* This remnant of believing Jews, along with any who might have been saved previously, will enter the millennial reign of Christ to repopulate the nation of Israel. They will serve and glorify Him as God intended from the second He covenanted with Abraham to make him into a great God-fearing nation (Gen. 12:1-3).

Rev. 11:13

Rom. 11:1-6

**Ezek. 36:25** *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.*