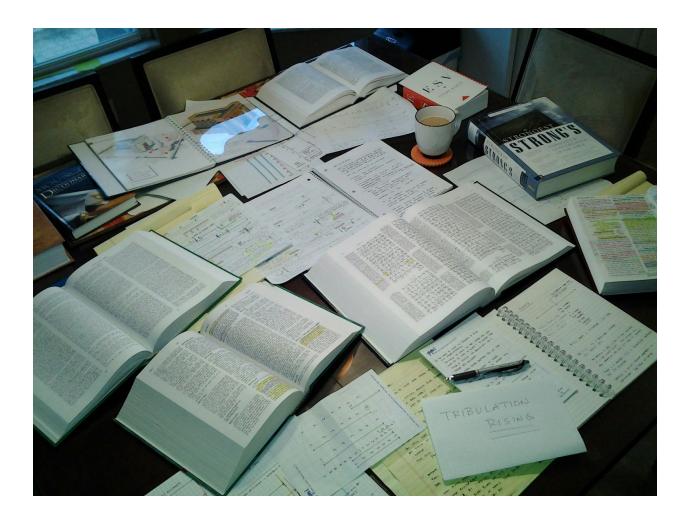
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THE EXPLOITS AND CALLING OF THE TWO WITNESSES

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Here is the calling of the Two Witnesses, and what they bring:



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

- 1. They will appear in Jerusalem on the day that the seven year treaty is signed or shortly thereafter.
- 2. They will be given a three part calling from God:

Prophecy against the enemies of God, Israel and Jesus Christ and declare the judgments of Revelation (seals, trumpets, vials and bowls) as they are prepared to be unleashed upon the earth.

Train the sealed 144,000 Jews in the admonition of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rebuild the Jewish Temple.

3. They will be granted 1,260 days to accomplish their tasks.

- 4. At the end of the 1,260 days the Antichrist will invade Israel, advance on Jerusalem and kill the two witnesses.
- 5. The world will rejoice at their deaths.

Their bodies will lay in the streets for three days and shall not be buried.

People will give gifts and celebrate the death of the witnesses as though a holiday.

After the three days are finished the witnesses shall be raised from the dead.

The world will tremble for fear at this.

God shall sound the call "Come Up Here" and the witnesses are raptured to heaven.

An earthquake strikes Jerusalem and a tenth of the city falls.

7,000 people perish in the earthquake.

It is important to understand why the world rejoices at the death of the two witnesses. When the seven year treaty is signed Israel effectively gives up the right to build a Jewish Temple and the rights to the Temple Mount. They do this in exchange for the safety promised by the Antichrist. They do this to gain seven years of peace from Islamic terrorists that vowed to destroy Israel if it takes every last man, women and child to do so.

The witnesses appear and command the building of the Temple. They are given the Signet Ring of Zerubbabel and the full authority of God to build the Temple and strike all that rise against them. This signet grants them the full authority of the King of kings and places them second only to God.

From the start both radical Muslims and secular Jews will come against the two witnesses to stop them. They will fail and perish to the man. Here are the plagues that the witnesses have the power and authority to bring during the 1,260 days they are decreed to their calling:

- 1. Fire comes from their mouths and consumes all that come against them. All that should come against them are killed.
- 2. They can shut the heavens and take the rain from every land upon the earth.
- 3. They can turn the waters to blood.
- 4. They can strike the earth with every manner of plague that they so desire. They can do this as often as they should choose.

These plagues are in addition to those that are released from heaven. Let there be no misunderstanding – the witnesses exercise their judgments on top of the plagues released from heaven. They will rain such destruction upon the earth that they shall be hated of all nations.

When their tasks are complete the Third Temple will stand upon the Temple Mount along with the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. The sacrifices will be restored and resume under the command of the two witnesses.

The actions of the two witnesses will completely destabilize the treaty, the region and the world. The only reason that Israel makes it 42 months without a major war is that the Israeli government will be powerless to stop the witnesses.

The dedication of the Temple and the restoration of the sacrifices becomes the "greatest threat" to global peace – a peace that does not actually exist but serves the purposes of the Antichrist. He shall use this "crisis" to justify the invasion of Israel.

The Antichrist will invade Jerusalem and do what no one else has been able to do – kill the witnesses. This will be the first of three miracles that brings the apostate Pope of a dead Roman Catholic Church to declare the Antichrist as God and deny that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He shall declare Islam as the one true religion and surrender the west to the Antichrist. Here are the three miracles of the Antichrist:

- 1. He kills the two witnesses.
- 2. He "raises" the two witness from the dead and "ascends" them to heaven for the "sake of peace" (he does not actually perform this deed rather he claims the credit and the world shall believe him).
- 3. He steps foot inside the Holy of Holies and lives to talk about it.

One final note on the two witnesses. There have been many discussions as to the identity of the two witnesses. We know that one of the two witnesses will be Elijah. We are told in Malachi 4:5 that Elijah would come before the great and awesome day of the Lord. We know also that he is to restore all things. We know also that Elijah was raptured by God and has not yet died.

Though John the Baptist came in the spirit of Elijah he roundly denied that he was the fulfillment of the return of Elijah prophesied 400 years earlier.

The second witness will be Enoch. Enoch walked with God and was raptured as was Elijah for the purposes of God during the end times. These are the only two human beings that have never tasted death – a distinction that can fall only to the last

remaining generation left when the Lord returns. All other men must die first before the

judgment.

There is another important aspect to Elijah and Enoch – in these two are both Jew and

Gentile. This is important for a myriad of reasons, but I shall mention one reason that

gets the least attention it seems. In the two witnesses are the spirit of Joshua the High

Priest and Zerubbabel the Governor of Judah. In these two reside the Jewish and

Gentile authority present at the restoration of the Temple of Solomon and the

restoration of Israel.

Here are the scriptural references establishing the two witnesses and their authority:

Revelation 11:1-14

Zechariah 4:1-14

Haggai 2:20-23

Esther 3:1-2; 8:1-2; 8:7-8, 10, 15; 10:1-3

Malachi 4:5

2 Kings 2:9-12

Genesis 5:24

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

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It is simply not possible to document every source that contributed to this material.

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