

REVELATION of St. John the Divine

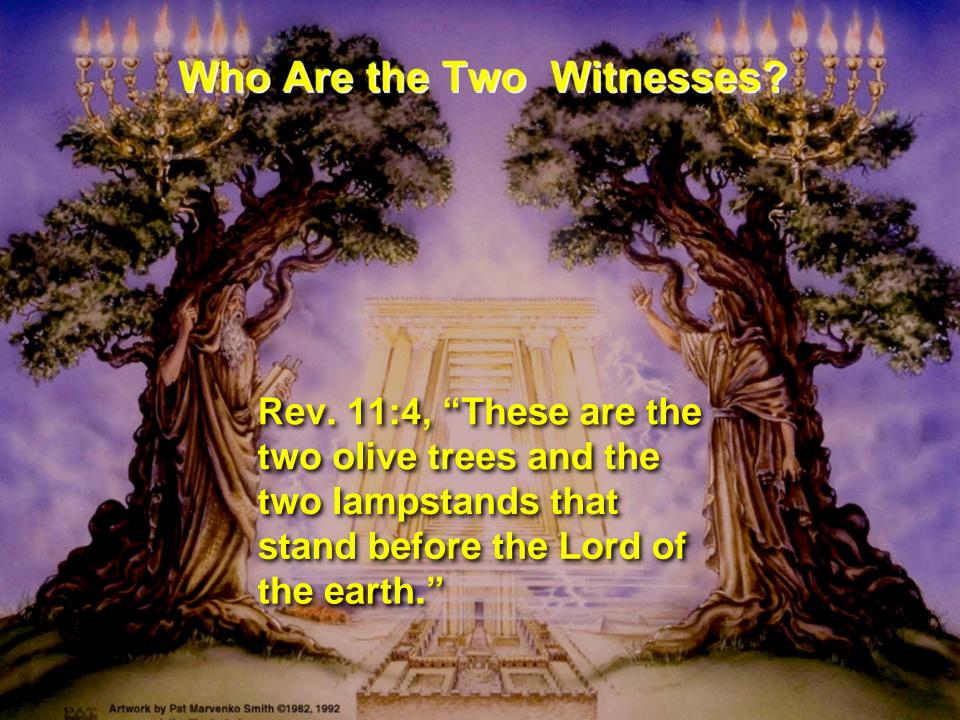


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Rev. 11:3, "And I will grant *authority* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

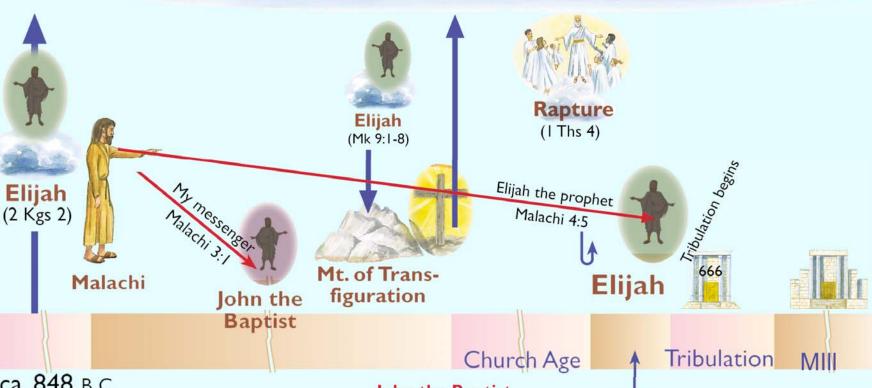




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ca. 848 B.C.

450-400 B.C. My Messenger

"Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me" (Mal 3:1; Isa 40:3-5). Fulfilled by John the Baptist saying, "Make ready the way of the Lord" (Mt 3:1-3; 11:7-10; In 1:23).

John the Baptist was not Elijah!

"It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah" (Lk 1:17). "And if you are willing to accept it, John himself is Elijah who was to come" (Mt 11:14). "'Are you Elijah?' And he said, 'I am not'" (|n 1:21).

Elijah

"Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord" (Mal 4:5). "He answered and said, 'Elijah is coming and will restore all things" (Mt 17:11). "I will grant authority to my two witnesses" (Rev 11:3).

Mal. 3:1, "Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,' says the LORD of hosts.

Mal. 3:2, "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He *is* like a refiner's fire And like launderers' soap."

Mal. 4:5, "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

Mal. 4:6 "He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse."

Luke 1:16, "And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God.

Luke 1:17, "It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

Matt. 11:9, "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.

Matt. 11:10, "For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You." [Mal 3:1; Isa 40:3]

Matt. 11:11, "Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Matt. 11:12, "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force."

Matt. 11:13, "For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John.

Matt. 11:14, "And if you are willing to accept it, John himself is Elijah who was to come.

Matt. 11:15, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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Αποκαθιστημι (apokathistēmi) re-establish, restore;

Αποκαταστασις (apokatastasis), restoration. Acts 3:21

Matt. 17:12, "But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands."

Matt. 17:13, "Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist."

John 1:21, "And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.'"

Gen. 5:23, "So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.

Gen. 5:24, "And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him."

Rev. 11:5, "And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.

Rev. 11:6, "These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire."

Rev. 11:7, "When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.

Rev. 11:8, "And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified."

Rev. 11:9, "Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations *will* look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.

Rev. 11:10, "And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth."

Rev. 11:11, "But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.

Rev. 11:12, "And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, 'Come up here.' Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them."

Rev. 11:13, "And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Rev. 11:14, "The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly."