

## TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST - THE TWO WITNESSES

### REVIEW

Luke 9:28-35

28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.

30 **And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:**

31 **Who appeared in glory,** and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: **and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.**

2 Peter 1:16-17

16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, **when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.**

17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, **when there came such a voice to him from the excellent (majestic) glory,** This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

❖ 2 Peter 3:3-4, 8-13

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4 **And saying, Where is the promise of his coming?** for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

10 **But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;** in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 **Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God,** wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 **Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.**

❖ Matthew 16:26-28 and Matthew 17:1-3

26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

27 **For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels;** and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

28 **Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.** (last verse of chapter 16)

Matthew 17:1-3

1 **And after six days** Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

2 **And was transfigured before them:** and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

3 And, **behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.**

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## DOCTRINE OF ELIJAH TO COME

Malachi 4:5-6

5 Behold, **I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:**

6 And **he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children**, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Luke 1:17 Angel Gabriel Visits Zacharias Concerning John

**He shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children**, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Matthew 17:10-13

10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?

11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.**

12 But I say unto you, **That Elias is come already, and they knew him not**, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

13 **Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.**

## THE TWO WITNESSES - A GLOBAL WITNESS

Revelation 11:3-4

3 **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.**

Zechariah 4:11, 14

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?**

14 Then said he, **These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.**

- ❖ They are Eyewitnesses - "My" Two Witnesses
- ❖ They Prophecy 1260 Days - 3 ½ years (42 months, a time, times and half a time)
- ❖ They Stand by the Lord of the Whole Earth - A Global Witness (Rev 11:4, 9-10, Zech 4:14)

## THE JUDGMENT MANTLES OF THE TWO WITNESSES - AGE OF GRACE IS OVER

Revelation 11:5-6

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.**

## THE MANTLE OF ELIJAH - OFFICE OF A PROPHET

- ❖ Power to Call Down Fire (Revelation 11:5, II Kings 1)
- ❖ Power to Shut the Heaven that it Rain Not (Rev 11:6, I Kings 17:1, I Kings 18:41-45)
- ❖ Elijah confronted the governmental powers and kings of his day such as Ahaziah and Ahab

## MANTLE OF MOSES - OFFICE OF GOVERNOR KING

- ❖ Turn Waters into Blood (Revelation 11:6, Exodus 7:19-20)
- ❖ Power with Plagues (Ex. Ch. 8-11 Egypt Plagues - boils, hail, frogs, lice, flies, locusts, etc.)
- ❖ Moses confronted the Pharaoh of his day.
  
- ❖ They Exercise These Powers as Often as They Will - Continual Anointing Oil (Rev 11:6, Zech 4:12)
- ❖ They Confront and War with the Antichrist and World Powers (Rev 11:7, 9-10)

Revelation 11:7-10

7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast (the antichrist) that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

9 And they of the people (over the people) and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

10 And they that dwell upon (over) the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on (over) the earth.

- ❖ **v. 10 upon / over / on** - (G1909) epi (ep-ee') superimposition. To place over
- ❖ The antichrist beast brokered the 7 year peace treaty. He is in a position of great authority, as well as those that he controlled in high places described **"they of the people."** They had the authority to order the two bodies to remain in the street for 3 1/2 days in the face of international media. They rejoiced over their deaths and sent gifts one to another, because these two witnesses tormented and made havoc of the plans of the antichrist, governments and powers of the world system.

Revelation 11:11-12

11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

12 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.

## CHRIST AND HIS APOSTLES VS. THE TWO WITNESSES AND THE 144,000 WITNESSES

- ❖ Christ ministered 3 ½ years. The 2 witnesses, a two-fold type of Christ ministered 3 ½ years. The 144,000 are an exponential type of the 12 apostles. 12x12=144 a thousand-fold = 144,000. I believe these numbers are specific to define the massive harvest that these 144,000 eyewitnesses will reap.
- ❖ Christ was crucified, resurrected on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day and ascended into Heaven. The 2 witnesses died at the place Christ was crucified (Rev 11:8), will be resurrected on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day and they will ascend into Heaven.
- ❖ Christ prepared his apostles for 3 ½ years, then they were commissioned as eyewitnesses. 144,000 were obviously prepared by the 2 witnesses and sealed in the first half of the tribulation (Rev 7:3-4) and then they were commissioned as eyewitnesses in the second half of the tribulation. (Rev 14:1-11)