

Revelation Chapter 11:3 - 13 **The Two Witnesses**

Revelation 11:3 – 13 contains a prophecy about “two witnesses” that will appear on earth for 3 ½ years during the Tribulation period. Although Scripture does not identify who these witnesses are, it is my belief (as well as many other Bible teachers) that they are Moses and Elijah ... returned to earth before the second coming of Jesus Christ.

The story of Moses begins in Exodus 2 and continues until his death in Deuteronomy 34. Elijah is first introduced to us in 1 Kings 17. His life story is chronicled for us until his miraculous departure from earth in 2 Kings 2. Both Moses and Elijah lived striking and extraordinary lives.

However, according to Revelation 11 their earthly task is not yet complete. Their greatest works and miracles are yet future.

WHY I BELIEVE the TWO WITNESSES are MOSES and ELIJAH

BOTH BROUGHT PLAGUES UPON THE EARTH AND PERFORMED MIRACLES LIKE THE TWO WITNESSES OF REVELATION 11

- **ELIJAH**
 - Fire came from his mouth. (2 Kings 1:10 – 13)
 - Shut heaven that there would be no rain. (1 Kings 17:1)
- **MOSES**
 - Changed water to blood. (Exodus 7:17)
 - Struck the earth with plagues. (Exodus 7 – 11)
- **Compare their miracles in Revelation 11:5, 6.** (*And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.*)

BOTH WERE PROPHETS OF THE LORD

- **MOSES – Exodus 34:10 – 12.** (*But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, in all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.*)
- **ELIJAH – Malachi 4:5.** (*Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.*)

BOTH MINISTERED DURING THE TIME OF EVIL KINGS

- MOSES – Pharaoh
- ELIJAH – King Ahab
 - (*Both of these evil kings are types of the Antichrist which is yet to come.*)

BOTH HAD PECULIAR DEATHS OR DEPARTURES FROM EARTH

- MOSES
 - God personally buried him (and no one knows where). Deuteronomy 34:5, 6
 - Satan desired his body. (Jude 9)
- ELIJAH
 - He never died. But, was translated when the chariots of God came from Heaven and took him. (2 Kings 2:11)
- Compare their death in Revelation 11:7. (*When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.*)

BOTH HAVE BEEN BACK TO EARTH SINCE THEIR DEPARTURE BOTH APPEARED WITH JESUS ON THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION

Matthew 17:1 – 3 (*Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.*)

THE SCRIPTURES PROPHECY THAT ELIJAH WILL COME BACK TO EARTH BEFORE THE SECOND COMING OF THE LORD

Malachi 4:5 (*Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.*)

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