

**THE TWO WITNESSES**  
**Rev 11:1-13**  
**Verse by Verse Commentary**

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## [INTRODUCTION](#)

The spiritual teaching of the Two Witnesses was presented to John in a vision. The vision uses spiritual symbols (same as spirit words, **John 6:63**) to teach its messages.

**Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: 2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.**

The spiritual symbols which are used in the vision carry meanings that are different from what man's wisdom teaches. To understand the spiritual symbols, Paul said to "compare spiritual with spiritual" (**1Cor 2:13**) In other words, the meanings assigned to the symbols must come from how the symbols are used elsewhere in scripture. A person should not be looking out into the world for their meanings.

The prophecy of the Two Witnesses is not teaching about two literal people who will appear near the end of this age as is commonly taught. The Two Witnesses represent all the Elect of this age (after Paul's death).

John was also told that those who are blessed (the Elect) will "keep the sayings of the prophecy". This means that all the Elect will fully experience the same spiritual events presented in the prophecy of the Two Witnesses. And as you will see, those sayings of the prophecy teach the pathway that leads to salvation/conversion. If a person does not keep these sayings, they are not one of the Elect and they will not be saved in this age.

**Rev 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for THE TIME IS AT HAND.**

**Rev 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keeps the sayings of the prophecy of this book.**

**Rev 22:9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.**

## [KEY SYMBOLS AND CONCEPTS](#)

Before I begin the verse by verse commentary on the prophecy of the Two Witnesses, it is important to understand the key symbols and concepts contained in the story.

### [Key Symbols](#)

The symbols can be quite difficult to understand at times because their meanings can depend on their usage. In addition, there are other symbols which can carry the same spiritual meaning as the one in question.

Below are a few of the key symbols, along with their spiritual meanings. Understanding them will help unveil the spiritual message that the prophecy of the Two Witnesses teaches.

**TWO WITNESSES:** Represents one child of God. This is who an Elect person becomes after they are converted.

**DAY OF THE LORD:** Represents Christ's judgment.

**THOUSAND YEARS REIGN:** Represents Christ's judgment when He reigns with the child of God/Bride.

**FIRST RESURRECTION:** Represents the full spiritual process of conversion.

**PEOPLE AND KINDREDS AND TONGUES AND NATIONS:** Represents Satan's false beliefs and character traits that govern the carnal mind of an Elect person while they are a child of the Devil/Man of Sin.

**THEY THAT DWELL UPON THE EARTH:** Represents apostate believers. Synonymous terms include: Man of Sin, false prophet, minister/merchant of Satan and the Seven Headed beast with 10 horns and 10 crowns.

**EARTH:** Represents a person's spirit which governs their mind. It can be either the Old Earth or the New Earth.

**OLD EARTH:** Represents mankind's marred spirit which has a carnal and religious spiritual nature. Synonymous symbols include: Great Harlot, Old Jerusalem, Sodom, Egypt and Mystery Babylon the Great city.

**NEW EARTH:** Represents the new spirit of a converted Elect person which has a divine spiritual nature that comes from the governance of the Holy Spirit within them. Synonymous symbols include: New Jerusalem and the Bride of Christ.

**OLD HEAVENS:** Represents the natural sun (Satan), moon (Old Covenant of Law) and stars (fallen angels).

**NEW HEAVENS:** Represents the spiritual sun (Christ), moon (New Covenant) and stars (holy angels).

**KINGS OF THE EARTH:** Represents the ruling beliefs and character traits of the mind; they can be either in the carnal mind or in the Mind of Christ - depending on how the symbol is used.

In Col 3:8-9, Paul identifies some of the Kings of the Earth of the carnal mind (Old Man) as anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language and lying.

The verse below is another example:

**Rev 18:9 “The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her (**Great Harlot**) will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning,**

The verse below is an example of when the symbol “kings of the earth” is used as representing the ruling beliefs and character traits of the Mind of Christ:

**Rev 21:24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it (**New Jerusalem**).**

Additional comments on the symbols:

The symbol “Man of Sin” represents the worsened carnality of a child of the Devil. He is the head of an apostate believer. This worsened spiritual condition occurs when the spirit of anti-Christ indwells a believer (a babe) and makes their marred spirit and carnal mind “worse than the first” (**Mat 12:43-45**). The Man of Sin is symbolized by the Seven Headed Beast with ten horns & ten crowns that is presented in Revelation chapter 13.

Peter spoke of a Man of Sin/apostate believer in the verse below:

**2Pet 2:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.**

The spirit of anti-Christ is also called the False Prophet and is symbolized by the second beast of Revelation chapter 13.

One last point on the symbols which represent the mind: Since the mind is the head of the body, the terms used to symbolize the mind can also be used to refer to the individual themselves and not just the mind.

### **Key Concepts**

At the time a person receives the Early Rain of the Spirit, they will go from being an unbeliever/child of the Devil to being a believer/child of God/babe in Christ. This is also when a person is called to be a saint (**Mat 22:14, 1Cor 1:2 & Rom 1:7**) and when they enter the church.

The Early Rain of the Spirit is a small amount of the Holy Spirit (not the baptism) and is what gives a person a measure of faith.

**Deu 32:2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain (**Early Rain**) upon the tender herb, and as the showers (**Latter Rain**) upon the grass:**

**Job 37:6 For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain (**Early Rain**), and to the great rain (**Latter Rain**) of his strength.**

**Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God has dealt to every man (that is among you, babes) the measure of faith.**

With the Early Rain of the Spirit indwelling a person, Christ via the Early Rain of the Spirit will deliver a deadly wound by His sword (Word of God) to the Elect person's head (child of the Devil).

Since the Early Rain of the Spirit is only a small amount, the new believer/child of God/babe in Christ will remain carnally minded, spiritually blind and unconverted. This leaves the person unable to receive the nourishment of Christ's spiritual teachings of the New Covenant. They will have the ability to receive the truth of Christ's Old Covenant work (Milk, Christ and Him crucified, **1Cor 2:2**) but the spiritual teachings of the New Covenant will largely remain veiled from their understanding.

Because a new believer cannot receive the truth of Christ's New Covenant spiritual teachings, their "house" will remain empty, (**Mat 12:43-45**). Satan will come to the babe and attempt to deceive them via his merchants/ministers. But since this attempt fails to kill the new child of God, Satan indwells the person with the spirit of anti-Christ. From the influence and guidance of the spirit of anti-Christ within the person, the babe will become deceived and will now "buy" the lies that Satan's merchants/ministers peddle. As a result, the babe will accept Satan's "another gospel" (**2Cor 11:4**) which will teach them to mix their own works with faith (**Prov 23:27-32**). When they do this mixing, they are committing the sin that leads to death (**1John 5:16**). And with the spirit of anti-Christ governing the person's marred spirit and carnal mind, the new believer is made "worse than the first (**Mat 12:43-45**); a Man of Sin. They now have the "mark of the Beast" (**Rev 13:16-17**) and have experienced the Abomination of Desolation (**Mat 24:15**).

After a new believer becomes apostate (Man of Sin), they will remain in this "worse than the first" spiritual condition until they die if they are not one of the Elect.

If the apostate believer is one of the Elect, Christ will come to them a second time (commonly called the Second coming of Christ) and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit (the baptism of the Holy Spirit/Spirit of Truth). This time the Holy Spirit will come with power & strength and will heal the Elect babe's spiritual blindness. After they have received a sufficient amount of spiritual nourishment (bread/New Wine) from Christ (God's Word) with the guidance of the Spirit of Truth (**John 16:13**), the knowledge of the truth will usher in the Day of the Lord. This judgment will destroy the spiritual components of the Man of Sin within the Elect person, thereby, killing the Man of Sin. These components are the spirit of anti-Christ, the marred spirit and the carnal mind. After the Man of Sin is destroyed, the Elect person will be converted from being a child of the Devil into being a child of God (Bride of Christ) who walks by faith & by the Spirit.

Christ's work of birthing new children of God is the salvation that Christ came to freely give to Adam & Eve and all their offspring (mankind/children of the Devil).

**1John 4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.**

After Christ finishes his work at the end of the next and final age, this scripture below will be proven to be true:

**Rom 5:18 so then as it was by one offence towards all men to condemnation, so by one righteousness towards all men for justification of life. 19 For as indeed by the disobedience of the one man (Adam) the many have been constituted sinners, so also by the obedience of the one (Christ) the many will be constituted righteous.**

**Another key concept:** God's Word teaches about the destruction of the child of the Devil who is representative of all mankind (**1John 3:8-10**). The child's destruction is a spiritual destruction which destroys the person's marred spirit (Great Harlot/Old Earth) and carnal mind (Old Man).

This destruction is shown in the verse below:

**Isa 66:16 For by fire (judgment) and by his sword (Word of God) will the LORD plead with all flesh (all mankind): and the slain of the LORD shall be many.**

The scripture above is referring to the spiritual destruction of the person and not the destruction of the actual person themselves. It appears to show that the person (child of the Devil) has perished, and in God's eyes & in scripture, they have. But in reality, the person has only been spiritually changed (converted) on the inside. To reflect this spiritual change, scripture says the child of the Devil has perished and the child of God has been born within the person. Through this transformation, the person's individual conscious existence will remain intact.

The spiritual process that causes this change to occur is called conversion.

To make this spiritual change within a person, Christ will give a person the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will change the person's marred spirit into a new spirit that has a divine spiritual nature. It is the same spirit that the person has always had, only now, it is changed because of the governance of the Holy Spirit.

And from this new divine spirit within the person, the carnal mind of the individual will slowly change into the mind of Christ.

Both the spirit & mind of the person are the same ones that the person has always had, except now, they are "made new" (**Rev 21:5**) by the governance of the Holy Spirit within them.

To show this change, scripture symbolically shows that the child of the Devil is destroyed and the new child of God is born. The spiritual process to make this change happen is said to be like a spiritual "war" that occurs within a person. The spiritual war that is fought is between Christ and Satan over who will govern the person.

So when you see verses like the one above (**Isa 66:16**), know that the person has not been destroyed but has only been spiritually changed from the old vessel into the new vessel.

**Isa 64:8 But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, ...**

**Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.**

The original marred vessel (marred spiritual makeup) is converted into a new vessel with a divine spiritual makeup from the same lump of clay (the individual person). In this way, God will have new children who have a knowledge of both good and evil – something that God desires His children to have.

**Last key concept:** In the verse below concerning Abraham, God says “I have made thee a father of many nations”. However, at the time God made this statement, Abraham was not the father of many nations yet. But because God is certain to accomplish every word that He speaks, it is not uncommon for God to “call those things which be not as though they were”.

The verses below apply:

**Rom 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickens the dead, and calls those things which be not as though they were.**

**Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**

The concept that I presented above is why God has “foreknowledge” of what is going to happen in the future. His foreknowledge does not come from an ability to look into the future and see how things turn out (like a fortune teller). God’s foreknowledge comes from the absolute certainty that what He spoke will happen just as He stated. And it happens because of what the scripture below says:

**Isa 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: 11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executes my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.**

As the scripture above states, God’s foreknowledge comes from His ability (His work) to make things happen just as He said they would happen. And because it is a certainty that Abraham will be the father of many nations, God refers to it as having already happened.

I can’t tell you how many times I have engaged another person in a discussion who claims that God does not “choose” the Elect. They will argue that every person (from their own supposed free will ability) must make that choice for themselves as to whether or not they will accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. They will argue that when God says that He has “chosen” the Elect, He only does so because He looked into the future and saw who was going to accept Christ and who was not. But with this explanation, they are making God out to be a fortune teller who looks into the future to see who will accept Christ. Then from that knowledge, God claims that He chose them in the first place. This explanation is not only ridiculous, it is blasphemous and makes God out to be a thief who claims another person’s work for Himself.

Concerning this concept of God calling things that are not as though they already are, it applies to the Two Witnesses. When the Two Witnesses receive the Early Rain of the Spirit, they are not Christ’s witnesses in the world yet. They are still spiritually blind, carnally minded and sinful.

But because they have been chosen to become His witnesses in this world, God calls them His witnesses as if they already are.

The symbols and concepts that I have presented above (along with the guidance of the Holy Spirit) are some of the primary keys to correctly understanding the prophecy of the Two Witnesses. Please keep these symbols and concepts in mind as I go through the prophecy verse by verse.

### [VERSE BY VERSE COMMENTARY](#)

**Rev 11:1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.**

The New Covenant is a spiritual covenant in which the Temple of God is no longer made with hands. The Temple of God is now a person who has the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

**1Cor 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**

The measuring of the temple is symbolic of determining the spiritual state of the believer who has the Holy Spirit within them.

**Rev 11:2 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.**

In verse 2, John is told not to measure the outer court of the Temple. Why? Because the outer court of the Temple is given over to the (spiritual) Gentiles. In other words, the outer court of the Temple is where unconverted believers (babes) dwell who are still walking under the control of their Old Man & Satan.

**Rom 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.**

Even the physical offspring of Abraham will not be allowed to enter the inner court of the Temple until they are spiritually circumcised. Until they are converted, they are considered spiritual Gentiles and not spiritual Jews.

Verse 2 continues by saying that the Holy City is tread under foot for 42 months. The Holy City is the New Jerusalem which is from above. It represents the new divine spirit of the converted Elect.

The symbol “42 months” represents the time an unconverted (uncircumcised) believer (babe) will spend between receiving the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit. It is not a literal 42 months of time.

The “42 months” comes from the remaining amount of time of Daniel’s Seventy Weeks Prophecy in which Christ has been allotted to “put an end to sin and bring in everlasting righteousness” (**Dan 9:24**) for the OT Faithful and the Elect. It is also the same period of time as Elijah’s 3 ½ years of drought when a babe dwells in the wilderness (where Satan dwells).

**Rev 11:3 And I will give power unto My two witnesses, and they shall prophesy days, a thousand, two hundred, sixty, arrayed with sackcloth.**

In verse 3, the prophecy introduces the Two Witnesses who represent one child of God.

**Note:** For purposes of correct grammar, I will use the plural when I refer to the Two Witnesses even though they only represent one Elect person.

When the Two Witnesses are given “power”, it is referring to when they are given a measured amount of the Holy Spirit (“power”). This is the Early Rain of the Spirit. After they receive the small measure of the Holy Spirit, they will become the children of God as long as they remain faithful while they wait for their conversion. However, only after they are converted are they, in fact, the children of God. The concept of God calling “things that are not as if they were” applies here.

During the 1,260 days that they prophesy represents the time between them receiving the Early Rain of the Spirit and the Latter Rain of the Spirit.

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**Very Important Note:** Christ & the small measure of the Holy Spirit is who prophesies and wars against Satan & the spirit of anti-Christ. The war takes place within an Elect person. The war is over who will govern the Elect person’s spirit and mind. When Christ & the Holy Spirit governs them, the Elect person is a child of God/Two Witnesses. When Satan & the spirit of anti-Christ governs them, the person is a child of the Devil/Man of Sin.

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The reason why the Two Witnesses are said to be clothed in sackcloth during the 1,260 days is because they are in a state of mourning.

The scripture below is teaching about the conversion of the Elect. When an Elect person is converted, their time of mourning will end because the Holy Spirit has won the spiritual war and has firmly established his governance over the Elect person’s spirit and mind.

**Isa 60:19 The (natural) sun (Satan) shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the (natural) moon (Old Covenant) give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. 20 Thy (spiritual) sun (Christ) shall no more go down; neither shall thy (spiritual) moon (New Covenant) withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.**

So why are the Two Witnesses shown to be clothed in sackcloth and in a state of mourning while they remain unconverted? The scripture below gives us some insight to that answer:

**Jer 6:22 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, a people cometh from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth. They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roars like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion (freewoman). 24 We have heard the fame thereof: our hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of us, and pain,**



**as of a woman in travail (the freewoman who is trying to birth the child of God). 25 Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy and fear is on every side. 26 O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, AS FOR AN ONLY SON (child of God), most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler (Satan) shall suddenly come upon us. 27 I have set thee for a tower and a fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way. 28 They are all hardened rebels, walking about to slander: they are brass and iron; they are all corrupters. 29 The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melts in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away. 30 Reprobate silver shall men call them, because the LORD hath rejected them.**

The reason that the Two Witnesses are clothed in sackcloth & are in mourning is to symbolize that Satan (the spoiler) with the spirit of ant-Christ is coming and will kill the Two Witnesses. Satan will then re-establish & increase his power over the Elect person's spirit & mind which will result in the Elect person becoming a worsened child of the Devil; a Man of Sin.

The death of the Two Witnesses is shown later in verse 7.

**Rev 11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.**

Christ is the God of the Earth.

**Gen 24:3 “and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell;**

The Two Olive Trees and Two Candlesticks are symbols which represent all the converted Elect (see **Zec 4:11-14**).

The number “two” is a symbol for the witness of God and is closely associated with the Elect.

**Rev 11:5 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.**

The verse above is describing the spiritual war that develops between the Two Witnesses & the Holy Spirit and the child of the Devil within the unconverted Elect person. At present, the Elect person is a child of God/Two Witnesses but since the person is not converted, the child of the Devil has not been killed and is fighting to re-established his governance of the Elect person.

To do battle, the Holy Spirit uses the truth of God's Word (sword) against the child of the Devil.

**Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;**

**Rev 19:15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations.**

**Psa 18:8 Smoke went up from His nostrils, and devouring fire from His mouth; coals were kindled by it.**

The enemies who are killed by the sword represent the false beliefs and character traits of the child of the Devil which still remain within the Elect person. It is these false beliefs and character traits that the child of the Devil uses to do battle against the truth of God's Word (sword) that the Holy Spirit uses. The "enemies" are symbolized by the terms "nations" and "armies" and are made up of the following individuals: "kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man" (**Rev 6:15 & Rev 19:18-19**).

**Rev 11:6 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.**

Like Elijah, the Holy Spirit within the Two Witnesses has the power to shut heaven and to stop the Latter Rain from falling.

And like Moses, the Holy Spirit also has the power to turn life-giving water into blood which works to bring death to the child of the Devil. The Holy Spirit will also "smite the earth with all plagues" just as Moses did.

The verses below apply:

**Exo 7:21 The fish that were in the river died, the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink the water of the river. So there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.**

**Exo 9:14 "for at this time I will send all My plagues to your very heart, and on your servants and on your people, that you may know that there is none like Me in all the earth.**

From these spiritual plagues, Christ will show His power and make His name known in all the (Old) Earth just as He did with Pharaoh:

**Exo 9:16 "But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.**

**Rev 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.**

After the Holy Spirit within the Two Witnesses has finished testifying to the child of the Devil, Satan will indwell the Elect person with the spirit of anti-Christ. This event will strengthen the child of the Devil who has been warring against the Holy Spirit within the Elect person (who is still a child of God/Two Witnesses).

With the added strength of the spirit of anti-Christ, the child of the Devil will win the spiritual war and will again govern the Elect person's spirit and mind. As a result, the Abomination of Desolation will occur within the Elect person and will make them an even worse child of the Devil than they were before ("worse than the first", **Mat 12:43-45**). After this happens, the Two

Witnesses are spiritually killed because the Holy Spirit no longer governs the Elect person's spirit and mind. The child of God/Two Witnesses are no longer the head of the Elect person.

The verses below apply to the death of the Two Witnesses:

**Mat 24:6** “And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things (**the spiritual war**) must come to pass, but the end is not yet (**moment of conversion**). 7 “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom (**Christ's kingdom against Satan's kingdom**). And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 “All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations (**false beliefs & carnal character traits of the child of the Devil**) for My name's sake.

**2Cor 11:4** For if he that cometh preaches another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

When an Elect person becomes a Man of Sin, their time of “great tribulation” will commence:

**Mat 24:21** For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

**Rev 7:14** And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**Rev 11:8** 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.

Now that the Two Witnesses have been spiritually killed, their dead bodies will lay in the streets of Old Jerusalem (Great Harlot/marred spirit).

The verses below apply:

**Luke 13:34** O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!

**Rev 17:6** And I saw the woman (**Great Harlot**) drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus; and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

**Rev 18:24** And in her (**Great Harlot**) was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the (**old**) earth.

The symbols “Old Earth, Old Jerusalem & Great Harlot” are synonymous terms and they represent mankind's marred spirit which has a carnal and religious spiritual nature. When Satan indwells an Elect person with the spirit of anti-Christ, Satan will complete his deceptions within them through

their marred spirit. When this happens, the spiritual war for the person's identity will end and the Elect person will become a Man of Sin.

To represent the Two Witnesses losing the war, they are symbolically shown to be lying dead in the streets of Old Jerusalem. And because it was the Elect person's marred spirit that Satan deceived, scripture says that the blood of the saints was found in the Great Harlot/Old Jerusalem.

The parable of the leavened bread applies to how Satan kills the saints through the Great Harlot:

**Mat 13:33 Another parable spoke he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven (lies), which a woman (Great Harlot) took (from Satan), and hid (represents deception) in three measures of meal (God's truth), till the whole was leavened.**

This leavened bread is what all the Elect will consume at some point during their 1260 days/42 months while they tread the Holy City under foot.

The scripture below also shows what caused the spiritual death of the Two Witnesses:

**Rev 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the Great Harlot that sits upon many waters (all mankind): 2 With whom the kings of the earth (ruling beliefs and character traits of the carnal mind) have committed fornication (followed her ways), and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine (man's works/the crooked way) of her fornication (with Satan).**

**Rev 11:9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.**

The phrase "people and kindreds and tongues and nations" is a symbol for the false beliefs and character traits of the child of the Devil that govern the carnal mind of the Elect person (now a Man of Sin).

The 3 ½ days that they see the dead bodies of the Two Witnesses lying in the streets of Old Jerusalem represents the period of time that the Elect person experiences the great tribulation as a Man of Sin.

**Rev 11:10 And they that dwell upon 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 the earth.**

"They that dwell upon the earth" represents apostate believers/worsened children of the Devil who used to be tormented by the Two Witnesses (includes the Holy Spirit who wielded the sword) when they endured the same spiritual war against them earlier. Their hatred for the Two Witnesses is such, that when they see the Two Witnesses killed within another person, it makes them joyful.

After the death of the Two Witnesses/child of God, the Elect person (a Man of Sin) will now start “dwelling in peace and safety” (1Thes 5:3) alongside the other apostate believers in Satan’s apostate church.

**Rev 11:11 And after three days and a 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.**

When the Elect person’s predetermined time (3 ½ Days) as a Man of Sin is completed, the Second Coming of Christ will suddenly arrive.

**Mat 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.**

When this time arrives, the Two Witnesses will receive the added strength of the Latter Rain of the Spirit. With the Spirit of Truth now indwelling the Two Witnesses, their spiritual blindness will be healed. After it is, they will repent of their works and become faithful again. This will revive the Two Witnesses/child of God (“stood upon their feet”).

This event will bring great fear to the apostate believers who witness the Elect person’s new birth.

**Rev 11:12 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.**

After the Two Witnesses are spiritually resurrected, they will be gathered to heaven so that the spiritual war can resume.

This scripture applies:

**Mat 24:29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 “Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 “And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”**

**Rev 11:13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the rest were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.**

After the Two Witnesses are gathered to heaven, the person is now ready for the Day of the Lord (judgment) to commence which will put a quick end to the Man of Sin. This time, Christ Himself, along with the Two Witnesses (as a Bride), will wage war against the Man of Sin.

The scriptures below apply to this time of judgment:

**Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes**

were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean (the Elect, the witnesses of Christ). 15 And out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Rev 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is LORD OF LORDS AND KING OF KINGS: and they that are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful (the Elect, the witnesses of Christ).

Rev 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. 4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues (same as Rev 11:12, gathered to heaven). 5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. 6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled, fill to her double. 7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. 8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judges her.

The symbol “earthquake” represents that judgment has fallen on the Old Earth.

The “city fell” in the phrase “tenth part of the city fell” represents the destruction of Mystery Babylon the Great city/Great Harlot. The judgment of the Great City/Great Harlot is presented in Revelation chapter 18.

The symbol “tenth part” represents the Elect and it is they who will have Mystery Babylon the Great City/Great Harlot destroyed from within them.

This verse identifies what the “tenth part” represents:

Neh 1:1 And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts to dwell in other cities. 2 And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

The symbol “7,000 men who were slain” is understood as 7x10x10x10.

The number “7” represents perfection and the 10x10x10 represents a complete spiritual process.

The symbol “7,000 men who were slain” represents the perfect and complete spiritual process of judgment which slays the Man of Sin within the Elect person.

**Rev 11:14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.**

The second woe (the sixth trumpet) which is “past” is the judgment of the Man of Sin within the Elect. This judgment occurs in this present age within each Elect person. This is the same judgment that we just reviewed in Rev 11:13 above and is the same judgment presented in Rev 9:12-21.

The third “woe” is then briefly described in Rev 11:15-19 to complete the chapter. It begins with the sounding of the seventh trumpet:

**Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the Kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. 16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, 17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. 18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. 19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.**

Verse 18 is the key verse that explains what the third “woe” is and when it occurs.

The third “woe” occurs after the bodily resurrection from the grave. At this time, all mankind will appear before the White Throne of Christ where He will separate the sheep (those in the Lamb’s book of Life) from the goats (the condemned). The sheep will receive their reward of reigning with Christ over the earth during this age. Their reign will occur during “the time of the dead” when the condemned are judged in the Lake of Fire.

The Lake of Fire judgment in the final age is the third “woe”.

## **SUMMARY**

What I have presented above is the Pathway to Salvation that all of Christ’s Elect will travel during their lifetimes. They must keep the sayings of this prophecy to be saved.

Their pathway to salvation begins with the Early Rain of the Spirit and ends with the Latter Rain of the Spirit, followed by judgment (Day of the Lord). This whole spiritual process of conversion is called the First Resurrection (**Rev 20:5**).

After the Two Witnesses were converted, they truly became witnesses for Christ to this world:

**Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: (Latter Rain) and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

In the final age, Christ will bring in the remaining harvest of mankind.

The first group to be saved will be the OT faithful who will be converted at the beginning of the age. At that time, they will become the Bride of Christ just as the Elect became the Bride of Christ in the previous age. The Bride (now containing the OT faithful and the Elect) will then reign with Christ over the balance of mankind who were cast into the Lake of Fire.

At the end of that final age, the remaining portion of physical Gentiles will be saved, followed by the remaining portion of the physical Nation of Israel:

**Rom 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part has happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles have come in.**

At the end of the final age, this scripture will be testified to be true:

**1Tim 2:3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; 4 who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.**