

# The Two Witnesses

## Revelation 11

- **Temple measured**
  - Outer Court to Gentiles: 42 months
- **Two Witnesses empowered:** 1260 days
  - Call down fire from heaven
  - Shut heaven, no rain
  - Turn water into blood
  - Smite earth with plagues

] Elijah?  
] Moses?
- **Beast from the Abouso kills them**
  - Earth-dwellers celebrate
  - Resurrected after 3 ½ days

## Revelation 11:3-10 (NKJV)

### The Two Witnesses

1. Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. <sup>[a]</sup>And the angel stood, saying, “Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there
2. But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot *for* forty-two months.
3. And I will give *power* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”
4. These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the <sup>[b]</sup>God of the earth.
5. 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.
6. 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.

## The Witnesses Killed

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.
8. And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also <sup>[c]</sup>our Lord was crucified.
9. Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations <sup>[d]</sup>will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.
10. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

## Footnotes

[a] 11:1 NU, M omit And the angel stood

[b] 11:4 NU, M Lord

[c] 11:8 NU, M their

[d] 11:9 NU, M see . . . and will not allow

**Revelation 9:21** And they did not repent of their murders or their <sup>[f]</sup> sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

[f] 9:19 NU, M the power of the horses

## John 3:19-20

19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

## Micah 4:5-6

5. For all people walk each in the name of his god, But we will walk in the name of the Lord our God Forever and ever.
- 6 “In that day,” says the Lord, “I will assemble the lame,  
I will gather the outcast And those whom I have afflicted;

## Jude 1:5-11

### Old and New Apostates

- 5 But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.
- 6 And the angels who did not keep their <sup>[c]</sup> proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;
- 7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the <sup>[d]</sup> vengeance of eternal fire.
- 8 Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of <sup>[e]</sup> dignitaries.
- 9 Yet Michael the archangel, in <sup>[f]</sup> contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”
- 10 But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.
- 11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

[c] 1:6 own

[d] 1:7 punishment

[e] 1:8 glorious ones, lit. glories

[f] 1:9 arguing

### Exodus 14:14-25

#### The First Plague: Waters Become Blood

- 14 So the LORD said to Moses: “Pharaoh’s heart *is* hard; he refuses to let the people go.
- 15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning, when he goes out to the water, and you shall stand by the river’s bank to meet him; and the rod which was turned to a serpent you shall take in your hand.
- 16 And you shall say to him, ‘The LORD God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, “Let My people go, that they may <sup>[d]</sup> serve Me in the wilderness”; but indeed, until now you would not hear!
- 17 Thus says the LORD: “By this you shall know that I *am* the LORD. Behold, I will strike the waters which *are* in the river with the rod that *is* in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood.
- 18 And the fish that *are* in the river shall die, the river shall stink, and the Egyptians will loathe <sup>[e]</sup> to drink the water of the river.” ’ ”
- 19 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their streams, over their rivers, over their ponds, and over all their pools of water, that they may become blood. And there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *buckets of wood and pitchers of stone.*’ ”
- 20 And Moses and Aaron did so, just as the LORD commanded. So he lifted up the rod and struck the waters that *were* in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants. And all the waters that *were* in the river were turned to blood.
- 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.
- 22 Then the magicians of Egypt did so with their <sup>[f]</sup> enchantments; and Pharaoh’s heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said.
- 23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house. Neither was his heart moved by this.
- 24 So all the Egyptians dug all around the river for water to drink, because they could not drink the water of the river.
- 25 And seven days passed after the LORD had struck the river.

d. [d] Exodus 7:16 worship

e. [e] 7:18 be weary of drinking

f. [f] 7:22 secret arts

### Luke 24:1-7

#### He Is Risen

- 1 Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, <sup>[a]</sup> and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.
- 2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.
- 3 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
- 4 And it happened, as they were <sup>[b]</sup> greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.
- 5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?
- 6 He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee,
- 7 saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’”
- [a] 24:1 NU omits and certain other women with them

[b] 24:4 NU omits greatly

## Mark 6:7-9

### Sending Out the Twelve

7 And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits.

8 He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts—

9 but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.

## 2 Corinthians 13:1

### Coming with Authority

13 This will be the third time I am coming to you. “By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established.”

2 I have told you before, and foretell as if I were present the second time, and now being absent <sup>[a]</sup> I write to those who have sinned before, and to all the rest, that if I come again I will not spare—

3 since you seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, who is not weak toward you, but mighty in you.

4 For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you.

[a] 13:2 NU omits I write

## Zechariah 4

### Vision of the Lampstand and Olive Trees

1 Now the angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep.

2 And he said to me, “What do you see?” So I said, “I am looking, and there is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps.

3 Two Olive Trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left.”

4 So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, “What are these, my lord?”

5 Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.”

6 So he answered and said to me: “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ Says the Lord of hosts.

7 ‘Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of “Grace, grace to it!” ’ ”

8 Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

9 “The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this <sup>[a]</sup> temple; His hands shall also finish it. Then you will know That the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you.

10 For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see The <sup>[b]</sup> plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.

They are the eyes of the Lord, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth.”

11 Then I answered and said to him, “What are these two Olive Trees—at the right of the lampstand and at its left?”

12 And I further answered and said to him, “What are these two olive branches that drip <sup>[c]</sup> into the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden oil drains?”

13 Then he answered me and said, “Do you not know what these are?”

And I said, “No, my lord.”

14 So he said, “These are the two <sup>[d]</sup> anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth.”

- [a] 4:9 Lit. house
- [b] 4:10 Lit. plummet stone
- [c] 4:12 Lit. into the hands of
- [d] 4:14 Lit. sons of fresh oil

**James 5:17** Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

### **Link to**

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## **Israeli scholar: Claims major Biblical discovery**

By DAVID E. ANDERSON,  
UPI Religion Writer

WASHINGTON -- The Foundation Stone of the Temple of Jerusalem, on which rested the ancient Ark of the Covenant containing the tablets of the 10 Commandments, still stands on Jerusalem's Temple Mount, an Israeli scholar said Saturday.

The discovery was reported by Dr. Asher Kaufman, a professor of physics at Hebrew University who for 15 years has studied the archeological problem of the temple site, one of the holiest places in ancient Judaism.

Kaufman outlines the evidence for his theory in the forthcoming March-April issue of the Biblical Archaeology Review.

If Kaufman is correct, it means that not only will scholars have to re-examine theories involving the ancient Jewish temple, but also that one of the most significant part of the temple still exists.

Scholars have generally maintained that no trace of the Jewish temple is to be found on Temple Mount in Jerusalem's Old City not far from the Moslem mosque known as the Dome of the Rock.

It has generally been assumed that both the Temple of Solomon and the Second Temple, reconstructed by Herod, stood where the Dome of the Rock mosque now stands. Kaufman disputes that claim.

The First Temple was built by Solomon in the 10th century B.C. and destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 B.C. The temple was rebuilt by Zerubbabel under the inspiration of the Old Testament prophets Haggai and Zechariah toward the end of the 6th century B.C.

This Second Temple, as it was known, was restored and rebuilt by Herod in the later half of the first century B.C. but then destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D.

Kaufman, using ancient literary sources and measurements of hewn rock remains on Temple Mount, concluded that the Jewish Temple originally was located on the northern end of the Dome of the Rock platform, about 330 feet north of the Dome of the Rock.

At that spot on the Dome of the Rock platform is a small, modest and generally ignored cupola which stands on bedrock protruding from the flagstone-paved platform. It is known in Arabic as the Dome of the Spirits or the Dome of the Tablets.

Kaufman maintains that this flat rock is the Foundation Stone in the Holy of Holies on which the Ark of the Covenant rested.

Has this Arabic name preserved an ancient memory of the holiness of the site? he asks. 'In Sinai, where the glory of the Lord appeared before the whole community of Israel, Moses and Aaron addressed the Lord as 'God of the spirits of all mankind.' Dome of the Spirits is certainly an appropriate name to mark the dwelling place of the Lord's name, the center of his Divine Presence.'

Even more significant, he says, is the alternate name for the cupola, Dome of the Tablets.

'In the Holy of Holies of Solomon's Temple was kept the Ark of the Covenant, now lost, containing the two stone Tablets of the Law given to Moses on Mt. Sinai,' he said. 'Once more a name preserves the ancient memory of the location of the Holy of Holies.'

Kaufman also contends that the Golden Gate, the primary ancient entrance to the Temple Mount area, is not positioned in such a way as to lead directly to a temple placed on the site of the Dome of the Rock mosque.

But a line drawn from the center of the Golden Gate will run directly through the cupola known as the Dome of the Tablets, he says.

Kaufman buttresses his argument with descriptions of the temple from ancient literary sources as well as with previous archeological finds, both above and below ground, on the Temple Mount.