## TWO WITNESSES

**Two Witnesses** — In the book of Revelation we are introduced to two servants of God who are referred to as the "two witnesses" or the "two prophets." These two end-time men of God will perform great miracles as they prophesy for 1260 days—the last  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years preceding Christ's return (Revelation 11:3-12).

But the world will hate God's two witnesses and want them killed. But God will NOT allow them to be harmed during these 1260 days. And if anyone does try to harm them fire will proceed from their mouths and devour them!

But at the end of the 1260 days—after the two prophets have finished their testimony—the BEAST (i.e. the Antichrist) will kill them. And once they are killed the world will rejoice and not allow their dead bodies to be buried. But after 3½ days God will bring the two witnesses back to life. They will then stand on their feet and the world will be terrified! The two prophets will then ascend to heaven in a cloud as their enemies look on.

Revelation 11:3-12 — "And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. 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. 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. 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. Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

**Zechariah 4:2, 3, 11, 14** — 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. *Two olive trees* are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left." Then I answered and said to him, "What are these *two olive trees*—at the right of the lampstand and at its left?" So he said, "These are the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth."

Revelation 1:12, 13, 16, 20 — Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man... He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. "The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches."