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Revelation Chapter 11b

During our study into the 10th chapter of the book of Revelation last week, we made note of a lot of different things including the little scroll that John was commanded to eat, and the many different Scriptures found in the Torah that seem to allude to this little scroll that John was told by the mighty Angel to eat. And we looked at Scripture found in the book of Ezekiel chapters 2 and three, and we looked at the book of Job in chapter 20, and we looked at the book of Psalms chapter 119, and by doing this we were able to put together a much more detailed picture concerning what this little scroll that John was told to eat actually represented. And it was through the Scripture that we learned that the message of the little scroll that John was told to eat was actually a twofold message much like that of a double-edged sword.

On the one hand, sin is always sweet in the mouth. Sin always seems pleasurable in the beginning. And yet, after we do sin... (Which means that we have transgressed the law)... it ultimately always makes us sick and eventually leads us to death. And not only the death of the body... but the spirit as well.

According to our God breathed Scripture, sin is the transgression of the law. And The penalty for transgressing the law is death according to our God breathed Scripture. Romans 6:23: *“The wages of sin is death”*.

In the very last verse of Revelation chapter 10, John was told that he must again prophesy about many people, and nations, and languages, and Kings. Prophesying amongst the Angels in heaven who know and trust, and love God is one thing. But prophesying in a fallen Babylonian world that hates the truth... is another thing.

You see, John knew that what was coming upon the world had to take place in order for righteousness to prevail and the true king of mankind to finally take his rightful throne upon the earth. But John also knew the cost of speaking the truth in a fallen Babylonian world where the adversary of our Father in heaven is warring against the children of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The very words of God that had been put in John’s mouth were indeed as sweet as honey. But the rejection of the world concerning those precious words, would indeed make John sick to his stomach. The persecution, the rejection, death and the loss of life that John knew was coming because of the truth that he was sent to preach... should make us all sick to the stomach. And yet... it’s written all throughout the book of Revelation that the world will indeed reject the

very sweet words of our Father in heaven that John was told to give to the world.

We also talked about the measuring Rod that John was told to measure the temple of God with, along with the altar, and those who worship there. And we spoke a little bit about why it was that John was told not to measure the court outside the temple. Once again... it is written in Revelation chapter 11 verse two, that the outside court would be given over to the nations and that they would trample the Holy City for 42 months. And we also spoke very briefly about these different kinds of timeframes that are given here in the 11th chapter of the book of Revelation.

In the book of Revelation, we will once again hear several different interpretations of time given. “42 Months” is one timeframe. “1260 Days” is another timeframe. “3 ½ Days” is another timeframe. And so, we need to be very careful when interpreting what these different timeframes mean.

This week in our study into the 11th chapter of the book of Revelation, I’d like us to become more familiar with where these different time frames that are mentioned throughout the Bible. And I’d like us to be able to better understand what they represent, as well as what they don’t represent.

I’d like us to think about why numbers are so important in our Scripture. The numbers that we find in our Scripture go beyond generalities and principles. The numbers that we find in our Scripture help us to interpret what we are reading with a more concrete and tangible understanding.

Last week, we mentioned the fact that the time frames of 42 months, 3 ½ years, and 1260 days should indeed be seen as equal to one another. But there’s much more that we need to understand about these different timeframes before we move forward.

We talked a little bit last week about the differences between a lunar month, and a solar month, and a Hebrew month, and a Gregorian month. And we talked a little bit about different ways that man has always understood the concept of what we know as “a year”. And all of these understandings, and all of these calendars can all be extremely overwhelming when it comes to trying to interpret what these time frames that we find in the book of Revelation actually point to, and how long they actually are.

What I think is more important than all of these man-made calendars... is why we’ve been given this time clock in the sky in order to be able to properly interpret time in the first place. The first thing that I’d like us to do is to turn to **Genesis chapter 1 versus three through 13: E1**

Gen 1:3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

Gen 1:4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the

darkness.

Gen 1:5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Gen 1:6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

Gen 1:7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so.

Gen 1:8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

Gen 1:9 And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so.

Gen 1:10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:11 And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so.

Gen 1:12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

I want us to see very clearly here that the evening and the morning... that is both night and day... is called and I quote, "a day".

There is a new teaching that seems to be going around YouTube and throughout several different assemblies that are now trying to proclaim that a day does not begin in the evening and end at the next evening the way that Scripture clearly tells us that it does. I assure you my friends... that according to our Scripture the day begins at evening at sundown, and it does indeed end at sundown the next evening when a new day begins. Not says I... but says our God breathed Scripture right here in the beginning of the book unequivocally, and without stutter.

Here in the book of Genesis is a perfect example of when a day begins, and when a day ends. And in order to get an even better example of this concept, all we have to do is to remember how we are commanded to keep the High Sabbath of the Day of Atonement. All we have to do is turn to the **Leviticus chapter 23 verse 32: (scrn 1)**

Lev 23:32 It shall be to you a Sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict yourselves. On the ninth day of the month beginning at evening, from evening to evening shall you keep your Sabbath.”



Let there be no doubt my friends, that the seventh day Sabbath... which is the only Sabbath that is ever ordained, or sanctified, or commanded found anywhere in the 66 books of our Bibles... which is this seventh day... which is Saturday... begins on Friday evening at sundown just like the Sabbath of the Day of Atonement. Not says I... but says our God breathed Scripture. The Hebrew word for evening here in the Leviticus chapter 23 verse 32 is the Hebrew word “*ereb*”... which is used all three times in this verse... and which does indeed mean “*evening, night, or sunset*”. And just as our Father in heaven has already told us in the book of Genesis clear back at the beginning of the book... evening and morning equates to and I quote... “*A day*”. And we could venture much deeper into that topic but for times sake here this morning we want to stay on track.

The reason that I even bring this up is to demonstrate how complicated all of these different calendars that man has created for himself can actually be. Mankind has been so confused by his adversary that he can’t even recognize when a day begins and when the day ends according to his own God breathed Scripture.

For those of us who are true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christians... it’s important for us to try to understand the original Hebraic God-given calendar that Yah gave to our people to the very best of our ability. And the reason that it is so important to us, is because all of our Father’s feast days, and his appointments all revolve around this original Hebraic God-given calendar that Yah originally gave to us in the book of Genesis.

What we must remember is that all of these feast days revolve around a lunar cycle that was originally given to us by our Father in heaven. And all of these feast days (that we are commanded to keep by the way... just as our Messiah kept them)... have to do with a particular

agricultural harvest.

Now, with that being said, I don't want to dive into the mathematics and the mechanics of all of man's self-proclaimed calendars. But... I do want us to understand why it is that so many people are confused about the numbers that they find in the book of Revelation. And the reason that I want us to understand why it is that so many people are confused about these numbers... is so that we will not also be confused about these numbers and be led into all kinds of different winds of doctrines and deceitful schemes that our adversary has been confusing the minds of men with for thousand years.

Once again, I would submit to you that 42 months, 3 ½ years, and 1260 days are all exactly the same length of time. What we need to understand is... why did John write the same frames of time down in three different ways? Why didn't John just simply tell us that these things would occur for 3 ½ years and be consistent with saying "3 ½ years" instead of describing them as "42 months", or "1260 days?" This is the question that we should be asking... not whether or not they're the same length of time. Clearly... they are the same length of time. No matter what calendar you keep, it would clearly be logical to say that 42 months, or three and a half years, or 1260 days are the same length of time. So why did John express these units of time so differently?

I would suggest to you that these three differently expressed units of time have much to do with what is called a "*chiasm*". A "*chiasm*" is a well-known Hebrew literary convention. Although it was not invented by the Hebrews, nor is it only used by Hebrews exclusively, nor is it exclusive to the Bible itself.

A "*Chiasm*" is a literary device in which a sequence of ideas is presented, and then is repeated in a reverse order. We use chiasms in the English language all the time and we don't even realize it. For instance, have you ever heard anyone ever say, "*when the going gets tough, the tough get going*"? This is a "*chiasm*". Another well-known demonstration of a "*chiasm*" would be the famous quote from Benjamin Franklin... "*By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail*".

If this confuses you... just type the word "*chiasm*"... that's spelled "c-h-i-a-s-m" into a search engine... and you can do a little more in-depth study concerning what a "*chiasm*" actually is. But nevertheless, we need to try and grasp this so that we can understand what is happening with these three different units of time that John is giving us here in the book of Revelation.

Here in the 11th chapter of the book of Revelation John is giving us an example of a "*chiasm*" as he speaks about these three different units of time (which once again all equal the same amount of time) for example: **(scrn 2)**

“Chiasm” Found In Units of Time In Revelation

1 = 42 Months is found in Rev. 1:2

2 = 1260 is found in Rev. 11:3

3 = 3 and ½ is found in Rev. 11:9

And then it is reversed as we read on:

3 = 3 and ½ is found in Rev. 11:9

2 = 1260 is found in Rev. 11:3

1 = 42 Months is found in Rev. 1:2



What we need to understand is that this is not some mysterious Bible code. This is actually a very normal and customary literary structure that Hebrew Jews always used in their thinking and in their writings. The Jewish student back in John’s time would have immediately caught on to what was being said here.

John was simply using these words and these numbers primarily as a memorization technique. We have to remember that back in those days most of what was written in the Scripture was passed around orally by mouth... and not by reading. Not everyone had a Hebrew scroll of the Torah back in those days. And so... much of what was written was passed on orally by mouth. And so, what John was doing was presenting the information that he had been given in a literary structure called a “*chiasm*”.

What we need to remember is that our Father is not a God of confusion. The master of confusion is his adversary. Our Father in heaven is not purposely trying to confuse us. For instance... it is written in Exodus chapter 12 verse 40, that Israel was in Egypt for 430 years. Does that mean that Israel had to be in Egypt exactly 430 years down to the very hour and the very second? I think not. Was the house of Israel in exile in Babylon for exactly 70 years? According to one calendar they may have been in exile for 70 years but according to another calendar it may have been longer or shorter. Could we say that Israel was in exile for 70 years even though our Gregorian calendar might count it as 69 calendar years and 11 ½ months? Or could it have been 70 years and one month, or a couple of days? Once again... it depends upon whether or not our Father in heaven was trying to confuse us. Did he use whole round numbers, for the purpose of giving us a general timeframe that would be inclusive to our different calendars and cultures... or was he being exactly precise in order to confuse us knowing that we

would have several different calendars?

I would submit to you that the only true calendar is our Father's lunar calendar, but... I would also submit to you that because a lunar month is actually 29 and a half days... there are mathematical decisions that someone has to make concerning how to keep it precisely the way that our Father intended. And I would also submit to you that our Father will indeed re-teach these things when he gets here, and it is then and only then... that the dust will finally settle.

For instance, which day did Israel become a nation? Was it the day that our Father in heaven thought in his mind that they would become a nation? Was it the day that the declaration was signed at the United Nations? Was it the day that the United States announced that Israel was a nation? Or was it the day that David Ben-Gurion, the head of the Jewish agency, declared the establishment of the Jewish state in Eretz-Israel, to be known as the state of Israel? Again... we have a general timeframe to work with, depending on when we perceive Israel as actually becoming a nation. This does not discredit the fact that Israel did indeed become a nation, and has been a nation for about 70 years.

My point is that our Father knew these things, and this is why he simply chose to give us the general numbers that he did.

And so, for those who believe that our Father in heaven was using a particular calendar when he gave John this rather short time frame of prophecy... they are left fighting and quibbling with each other concerning whether or not our Father was using a lunar calendar, or a solar calendar, a Hebrew calendar, or a Roman calendar.

Once again... these general time frames should not lead us into confusion, but should rather give us an idea of about how long these events are going to last. And I for one believe that his fall feast days should give us a general idea concerning when these things will indeed come to pass, just like his spring feast days told us about things that have already come to pass (which was the first coming of our Messiah for those of you who do not know). And in order to get a better handle on that... you need to visit our "*Passover Page*" at HolyImpactMinistries.com where we have hours upon hours of teachings concerning the feast days, and our Passover lamb who died on Passover day... not a Roman rooted "*Good Friday*", and who was resurrected on "*First Fruits*" to be the first fruit of the new harvest, just as it was prophesied.

Moving forward in the 11th chapter of the book of Revelation, I want to return to the Temple that John was told to measure here in the first couple of verses of Revelation chapter 11.

We know that at the time John wrote down the information that he was given in order to create the book of Revelation, the second Temple had already been destroyed. There was no temple on earth for John to measure. But... we also know that much of what John is seeing in his vision is in the future. Today as we now live in 2019... not everything that we find in the book of Revelation has to do with the future... many things have already come to pass... but a large

portion of what is going to take place according to the book of Revelation does indeed occur in the future.

We know that the first two temples were destroyed and that there was no temple on earth at the time John was told to measure the temple. The only conclusion that we can come to is that this Temple is indeed a future temple which will be built in the very near future. And this is not just according to what we find in our Scripture. This is also according to what we see in Israel and the 3rd Temple that the San Hendren is planning to build in Israel as we speak. They have everything that they need to build this 3rd Temple ready to go including the red heifer right now as we are studying the book of Revelation here today.

It has also been established that the temple could indeed be built next to the Dome of the rock which was handed over to the Muslims and still stands on the Temple Mount. Many modern-day Christians wrongly believe that the Dome of the rock would have to be destroyed in order for the Jews to rebuild a third temple. This is not true. Evidence has already been shown that the third temple could be built on the Temple Mount next to the Dome of the rock and that both structures could indeed stand side-by-side. Will this be the case? Time will only tell.

But what I want us to understand is that this third temple will most likely be built in accordance with... and may even be funded by... and under the control of.... Gentiles. We must remember that the Roman Catholic Church owns almost all of the holy sites in Israel (at least according to them). The Roman Catholic Church has already thrown the Jews out of David's Tomb for those of you who don't already know: **(scrn 3)**



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Mass on Mount Zion Stirs Ancient Rivalries



Pope Makes Plea for Peace

Francis made his first visit to the Holy Land, making strong symbolic gestures to promote the perspectives of the Palestinian and Israeli leaderships. Pool photo by Andrew Medichini

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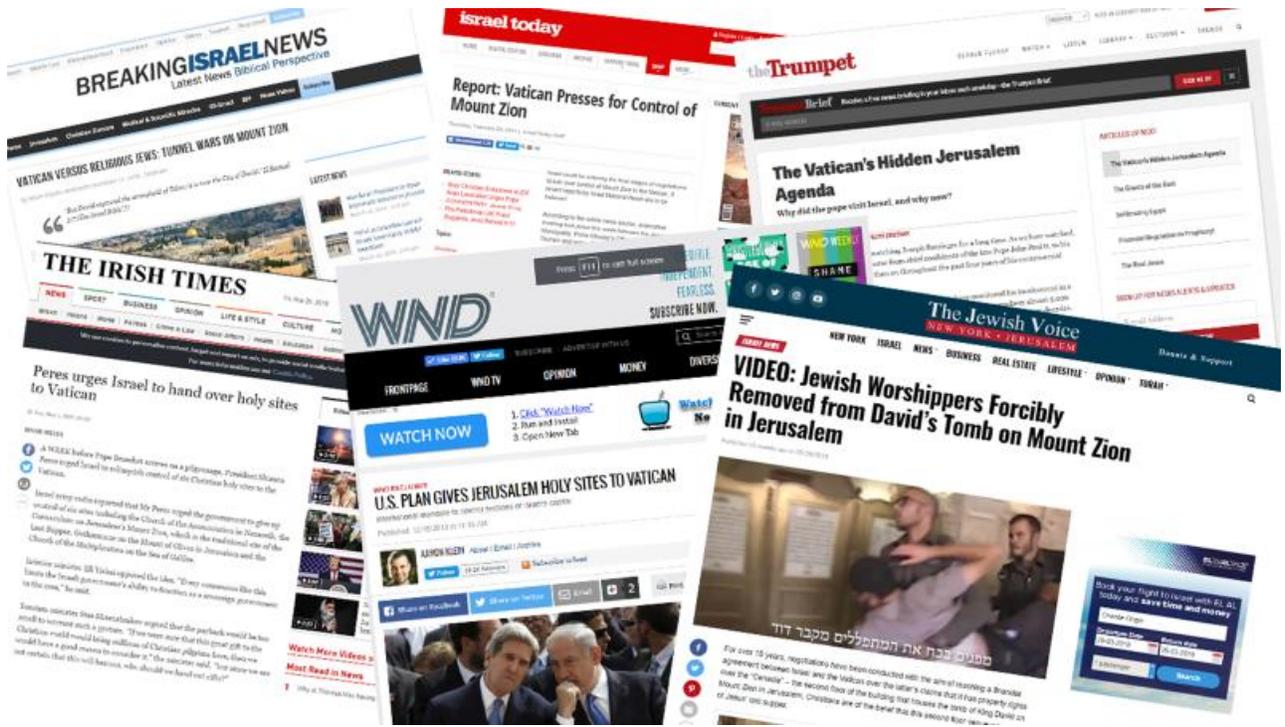
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JERUSALEM — The intimate Mass celebrated by Pope Francis on Monday in the Cenacle, the hall on Jerusalem's Mount Zion venerated by Christians as the room of the Last Supper, capped a Holy Land pilgrimage meant to promote peace and tolerance.

But ancient rivalries lurk just beneath the flagstones here, and the pope's visit has brought them to the surface. Also holy to Jews and Muslims as the traditional burial place of the biblical King David, a prophet in Islam, Mount Zion has become a crucible of competing religious claims that touch on one of the most sensitive issues in the Middle East conflict.

Control of Mount Zion has passed over the centuries from Franciscan hands to the Muslims under the Ottoman Empire and, in 1948, to

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VIDEO: Jewish Worshippers Forcibly Removed from David's Tomb on Mount Zion

<http://thejewishvoice.com/2018/05/28/video-jewish-worshippers-forcibly-removed-dauids-tomb-mount-zion-jerusalem/>

Most modern-day Christians today have no idea what is going on in the land of Israel. When we

read that the nations will trample the holy city for 42 months in the 11th chapter of the book of Revelation, we should sit up and take notice of what is happening in the world today in our time.

I'd like to play you this video from the Jewish voice clearly documenting Israeli soldiers coming in and forcibly removing the Jews from the tomb of David so that the Pope of Rome can enter into the tomb of David and defile it with his pagan Roman rooted Mass ritual. watch what they have done to the Jews in Jerusalem. And this particular article by the way was published 10 months ago in May 2018: **(PLAY VID IF POSSIBLE, FROM WEBSITE)**

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According to the Vatican, they own most of Israel including the holy sites of Israel, including David's tomb because they owned it clear back before the days of the Ottoman Empire before Israel became a state. Israel... who fought and died for that land... and became a nation... just like we did here in United States... is still fighting for their own land. Not to mention the fact that the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob gave that land to the house of Israel thousands of years before a Roman rooted Catholic religion had ever even come into existence. But once again... we can see how and why it is that the Gentiles are now trampling down the Holy city and will continue to do so even after this third temple is constructed.

Furthermore... it should be brought to our attention that the Roman catholic church itself wants this third temple to be built. And it will most likely at least in part... be built, because the Vatican wants this third temple will be built.

What we must understand is that nowhere in the 66 books of our Bibles is anyone commanded to build a third temple here on this earth. The only reason that anyone would want to build a third temple would be to set themselves up as God on earth. The Jews want their authority back. The Pope wants his authority back. The only question is... who's authority will rule over this newly built 3rd Temple? I would submit to you that the building of this 3rd Temple is not of Yah's will... so who then will rule over it?

According to scripture it seems to be in control of the Jews until the abomination of desolation sets himself up as God. Why do we think that the Roman catholic Vatican wants the third temple to be built? Why do we think that the Roman Catholic Vatican is claiming that Israel and its holy sites belongs to them? Who is it that already sits on a Golden throne proclaiming to be God earth himself? How blind must we be in order to connect the dots my friends. And yet... there is a constant grinding away at the obvious occurring within today's denominational empires and out, that claim that Rome and the Pope have nothing to do with it. Let me ask you my friends... does that surprise you? It doesn't surprise me. Do we really think that our adversary is going to allow us to unmask him so easily?

This third temple that will be built, will not be able to be built without Gentile hands being part of that construction both literally, and legally. And just like we're told in Revelation chapter 11... the gentile nations will trample the holy city for 42 months and just like our Messiah tells us in the 24th chapter of the book of Matthew... when we see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel... we can know... that time as we now know it... is extremely short. Make no mistake about it my friends... this third temple will very likely be built by order of the man of sin himself who will be revealed as the antichrist.

This third temple will come as a result of a human political compromise between the government of Israel and a man inspired by Satan himself who will later turn against them. At this point in time the Gentile nations will indeed trample down the holy city for 42 months or 3 ½ years.

What we need to understand is that during Harrods day, the outer court of the temple was called "*The Court of the Gentiles*". But... this was not originally what the outer court was ordained for. The wilderness tabernacle was not a place for Gentiles. It was only for God's chosen Israelite people. A Gentile would not be allowed to enter or to have access to the entrance of the tabernacle court. But when King Herod remodeled and expanded the temple built by Nehemiah and Zerubabel after the Babylonian exile, Herod also expanded the outer temple courtyard and Gentiles were then invited to come into the courtyard to see the greatness and all of the pomp and the pageantry of Herod's new Temple.

What we need to understand is that the Gentiles of our time will indeed have an extended role in both the running of the temple, and the governing of Jerusalem. And because of this they will indeed according to both our Father in heaven, and John... trample the holy city and defile it, and this will indeed go on for 42 months which tells us... that after this 42 months something is going to change. Something is going to happen in order to stop the trampling of the holy city after that 42 months is over. **E1**

If we turn back to Revelation chapter 11 verse three, we see that during this time period the two witnesses arrive on the scene, and we're told that they will prophesy for 1260 days which once again gives us approximately 42 months. They will be dressed in garments of mourning... which means in a nutshell... that we can expect that things are really going to get bad.

Why are there two witnesses? Why not just one witness? Why not three witnesses? Or... are there three witnesses? Let's turn to Deuteronomy chapter 19 verse 15: **(scrn 6)**

Deu 19:15 "A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established.



What we must remember is that our Father and his only begotten Son are coming to condemn the world for the rejection and the profaning of the very name of their creator. According to the law of Torah which is the word of God which is our Messiah... only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established.

Yah himself will be one witness who has seen the atrocities of the world time and time again. These two human witnesses make a total number of three witnesses. According to the book of Zachariah these two witnesses are also the two Olive trees and the two Menorah standing before Yahovah. Let's turn to **Zachariah chapter 4 verse one: E2**

Zec 4:1 *And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep.*

Zec 4:2 *And he said to me, "What do you see?" I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it."*

Zec 4:3 *And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left."*

Zec 4:4 *And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?"*

Zec 4:5 *Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord."*

Zec 4:6 *Then he 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."*

Zec 4:7 *Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'"*

Zec 4:8 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

Zec 4:9 “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you.

Zec 4:10 For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. “These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range through the whole earth.”

Zec 4:11 Then I said to him, “What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?”

Zec 4:12 And a second time I answered and said to him, “What are these two branches of the olive trees, which are beside the two golden pipes from which the golden oil is poured out?”

Zec 4:13 He said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” I said, “No, my lord.”

Zec 4:14 Then he said, “These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.”

If we turn back to Revelation chapter 11 verse five, we can see that if anyone tries to harm these two witnesses... fire will pour out from their mouths and consume their enemies. Some people will try to teach and preach that the fire that comes out of the mouths of these two witnesses is simply the word of God. However... I am not so easily convinced that this is the case. And the reason that I am not so easily convinced that this is the case, is because this is not the pattern that has been shown to us within the confines of our God breathed Scripture. Especially if one of these two witnesses is indeed Elijah. Consider what we find in **2nd Kings chapter 1 verses five through 12: E3**

2Ki 1:5 The messengers returned to the king, and he said to them, “Why have you returned?”

2Ki 1:6 And they said to him, “There came a man to meet us, and said to us, ‘Go back to the king who sent you, and say to him, Thus says the LORD, Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.’”

2Ki 1:7 He said to them, “What kind of man was he who came to meet you and told you these things?”

2Ki 1:8 They answered him, “He wore a garment of hair, with a belt of leather about his waist.” And he said, “It is Elijah the Tishbite.”

2Ki 1:9 Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty men with his fifty. He went up to Elijah, who was sitting on the top of a hill, and said to him, “O man of God, the king says, ‘Come down.’”

2Ki 1:10 But Elijah answered the captain of fifty, “If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty.” Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

2Ki 1:11 Again the king sent to him another captain of fifty men with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, "O man of God, this is the king's order, 'Come down quickly!'"

2Ki 1:12 But Elijah answered them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

You see Elijah himself is well acquainted with how to use fire to destroy his enemies, because clear back in his day, Elijah was given that particular power from Yah himself. Revelation chapter 11 verse six also tells us that these two witnesses were able to shut the sky so that no rain may come during the days of their prophesying. This once again is another allusion to Elijah that we can find in **first Kings chapter 17 versus one E4:**

1Ki 17:1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word."

Our Messiah also tells us about the days of Elijah when the heavens were shut up for three years and six months (which once again adds up to 42 months, or three a half years). We can find that in the book of **Luke chapter 4 verse 25: E5**

Luk 4:25 But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land,

We can also see the apostle James who was the brother of our Messiah speaking about Elijah in the book of **James chapter 5 verse 17: E6**

Jas 5:17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.

The idea of fire destroying the enemies of Yah, and the ability of shutting up the heavens so that no rain comes upon the earth is indeed the calling card of Elijah himself.

While no man can say with complete confidence who these two witnesses found in Revelation chapter 11 might be... the scriptural evidence that we have before us points heavily towards these two witnesses being Elijah and Moses.

Most Bible scholars will agree that Elijah is indeed one of the strongest candidates for one of the two witnesses. What... some Bible scholars will argue is that Elijah was taken up by Yah into heaven but... Moses died here on earth. Some Bible scholars will proclaim that because Moses died here on earth, it could not be Moses that returns because the Bible says that men are

appointed to die once (which can be found in the book of Hebrews chapter 9 verse 27) and so this somehow disqualifies Moses from being one of the two witnesses. But... once again, I would suggest to you that this does not in any way, shape, or form disqualify Moses from being one of the two witnesses. After all... it was Moses who brought the written law down from Mount Sinai to give to the house of Israel and enforced the law of Yah. What better witness of our Fathers word could there possibly be? It was Moses that was the one mediator between God and man who was once again the shadow picture of our Messiah who was yet to come. I would also submit to you that the context of that particular passage found in the book of Hebrews was that our Messiah only had to die once for all of mankind. He died once... for all. He does not have to die over, and over, and over again as the Roman rooted Catholic religion so proudly proclaims with each one of its demonically inspired pagan "*Mass gatherings*". The idea of dying once is simply an illustration used to explain why it is that our Messiah did not have to die over, and over, and over again for each and every sinner. Nor does he need to die over and over and over again each and every time some roman rooted religion decides it wants to hold a pagan Mass ritual.

I have heard many different ideas about who these two witnesses are. I have even heard that the two witnesses might be you and I. Both the house of Israel, and those who have been grafted into the house of Israel. However... after further study, I have had to reject that interpretation because my Bible tells me very clearly that the grafted in Gentile will be as a native of the land. In other words... there will be no difference between the grafted in and the natural born. And so therefore, these are not two separate witnesses, but one witness. Not to mention the fact that hundreds of thousands if not millions of people would not be able to lie dead in the streets of Israel for three days without being buried so that the wicked could rejoice over them.

No matter who you think that the two witnesses might be... or who I think that the two witnesses might be... the honest answer to that question is that we simply will not know until they actually appear. But... I would once again point us right back to the patterns that our Father in heaven has taught us throughout the law of Moses... the writings of the prophets... and the Psalms.

We must remember is where our Messiah told us that he was prophesied about in **Luke chapter 24 verse 44: E6**

Luk 24:44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

And so... once again, I think that it is more than fair to say that these two witnesses would indeed be exactly who the law of Moses, and the prophets, and the Psalms point to who they are, just like the law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms pointed to our Messiah.

And with all of that being said... I will simply ask you to please... Please, take what you've

heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head, and bend your knee, and face the holy promise land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you've heard here today be true... Or not.

Ask, seek, and knock and the door will be opened to you. And if you will do that... And if you will stay the course to the end... You and I will surely walk through the Gates of his soon coming kingdom together.

I'm pastor Scott Velain with holy impact ministries, and I'd like to thank each and every one within the sound of my voice here today for gathering together with us to hear and study the blessed word of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.