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## Revelation Chapter 11c The Two Witnesses

Last week as we began our venture into the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Revelation, we talked a little bit about the numbers 42, 3 ½, and 1260. We also spoke about the term “*a time, times, and a half a time.*” And we made note of the fact that when a numerical value was given to a Scripture such as 42, or 3 ½, or 1260... these numerical values have a certain symbolism attached to them. 3 ½ is a sign of something that is incomplete. 3 ½ is half of seven. And the number seven is a number of completion, and holiness.

Therefore... we should be able to understand that when these numerical values were given... whatever the prophet was speaking about was not yet complete. And we made mention of the fact that in Revelation chapter 12 when Israel goes into the desert to escape the beast and is supernaturally protected by Yah for a time, times, and half a time... this particular scripture does *not mean*... that something is symbolically incomplete or imperfect. In other words... when words are used... the words mean what they say and nothing more. However, when numbers are used, they mean something else symbolically. And once again... 42, 3 ½, 1260 days... (which is 3 ½ years)... is a sign of something incomplete. A time, times, and half a time, is simply a time period without a symbolical attachment.

We also spoke about the fact that the temple the John was told to measure in Revelation chapter 11 was not the first or the second Temple that had already been destroyed. The temple the John was told to measure is indeed the third temple that will be built in Jerusalem in coordination with both Jew and Gentile.

Last week we made mention of the fact that the Vatican has always proclaimed that all of the holy sites of Jerusalem belong to her and have belonged to her since back in the days of the Ottoman Empire which is long before Jerusalem ever became a nation. Even though the Jews were given that land, by the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob thousands of years ago... the Roman Catholic Vatican still to this very day... wrongly, and shamefully claims ownership of the holy sites of Jerusalem. And if you were with us last week, we showed you a video documenting the Vatican having the Jews thrown out of the tomb of David so that the Roman Catholic Church could enter into the tomb of David and desecrate it by holding her demonically inspired pagan mass ritual there inside the tomb of David.

Once again, my friends... whenever a Roman Catholic mass is initiated... our Messiah is once again ritually being hung on the cross for the sins of the world through a demonically pagan

ritual called trans-substantiation. They believe that the priest whom they call “*father*” (even though our Messiah commands us not to call any man on earth our father in Matthew chapter 23)... holds the power to turn around sun shaped wafer into the flesh of Jesus, and through this pagan ritual it is believed that this round sun shaped pagan wafer becomes the true flesh of Jesus Christ. And they believe that the wine through this demonically inspired pagan ritual... becomes the real blood of Jesus Christ. The round sun shaped wafer is a representation of the true sun god that they worship... and it is not Yahshua Hamashiach, and the hierarchy of the Vatican knows this full well.

And so, thereby doing this, they believe that our Messiah did not die once for all. They believe that the priest who is wrongly called “*father*” has this supernatural power to re-crucify our Messiah over, and over, and over again as many times as they want because the Jesus Christ that they say that they worship... needs to be re-crucified during every Catholic mass in order for your sins to be forgiven. This my friends is nothing but a monarchy of our Messiah who came to die once for all according to scripture. And this is exactly what they were doing inside the tomb of David after throwing the Jews out.

The claws of the Vatican are deeply entrenched in the holy land of Jerusalem where we are told that our Father in heaven has put his name. And this is why when the antichrist walks into the temple and sets himself up to be God on earth... all hell will literally break loose. This particular time is known as the abomination of desolation spoken of by both the prophet Daniel and our Messiah Yeshua Hamashiach (also known as the Greek and Jesus the Messiah).

And I want to make this perfectly clear my friends... these things are not hidden from us. They have been in the news over the past several years. Most people have no idea that this is even going, on because once again we live in a society, and culture where the only news that is passed on to the herd... is the news that those who sit in high places decide that they want you to hear. But it's there for those who search for it and want to know.

Getting back to the temple that John was told the measure in Revelation chapter 11... it should be clear to us that this temple was indeed the third temple. Another reason that we know that it is the third temple is because we are told that the Gentiles will once again trample the holy city for 42 months. What is it that will trample the holy city for 42 months? According to Revelation chapter 11 verse two, it is the nations that will trample over the holy city for 42 months. Why the nations? Because just like the second Temple that was built by Herod... the courtyard of the 3<sup>rd</sup> temple will be given over to the Gentile nations so that whoever builds this third temple will be able to boast about its pomp and pageantry, (much like the Vatican boasts about its luxurious St. Peter's Basilica, and the rest of its architectural wonders).

Today as we return to the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Revelation, I want us to continue to study what we are told about the two witnesses who will prophesy for 1260 days (which is once again an incomplete number...) They will be dressed in sackcloth... and they will pour fire from their mouths to consume their foes (much like Elijah did back in his day)... and they will have the

power to shut the sky so that no rain may fall during the 1260 days that they are prophesying (once again, just like he Elijah did back in his day for 3 ½ years). We're also told in Revelation chapter 11 verse six, that they have the power over the waters to turn them into blood... and to strike the earth with every kind of plague is as often as they desire... much the same way that Moses was able to do against the Pharaoh of Egypt.

Last week we studied passages from the book of Deuteronomy, Zachariah, and first and second Kings which clearly remind us of the power that he Elijah was given to bring fire down against his enemies and to shut the sky for 3 ½ years back in his day. And we also spoke about Moses being the one who was able to turn the water into blood and to strike the land of Egypt with different kinds of plagues. This is the same symbolism given to us in Revelation chapter 11. Yet... there has been all kinds of speculation over the centuries concerning who these two witnesses truly are.

I would submit to you my friends, that the Bible is its own dictionary. The Bible defines the Bible. The Scripture defines the Scripture. **Isaiah chapter 28 verses nine through 12: (scrn 1)**

Isa 28:9 "To whom will he teach knowledge, and to whom will he explain the message? Those who are weaned from the milk, those taken from the breast?

Isa 28:10 For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little."

Isa 28:11 For by people of strange lips and with a foreign tongue the LORD will speak to this people,

Isa 28:12 to whom he has said, "This is rest; give rest to the weary; and this is repose"; yet they would not hear.



And so, once again, our Father in heaven teaches us precepts upon precept, line upon line, here a little, and there a little. And I want us to notice that according to Isaiah chapter 28 verse nine, we are told that and I quote, "**HE... will teach knowledge**"... not that man will teach us knowledge. **John chapter 14 verse 26: (scrn 2)**

Joh 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.



Just because someone rewrites the Bible with the original names of the prophets and the apostles, and sells that book for a boatload of money... does not mean that we are to bow the knee to this man and everything he says. Just because someone puts on pagan garments and sits in a Golden throne... does not mean that we are to bow the knee to this man and listen to everything he says. Just because someone walks into the third temple in Jerusalem and claims to be God on earth... does not mean that we are to bow the knee to this man, and listen to everything he says. Just... food for thought.

It's important for us to remember who it is that true wisdom and discernment comes from. And nowhere is it written in our Scripture that true wisdom and discernment comes from any particular man on earth. The light of truth, and wisdom of God is given by the Ruach Hokadesh of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and the Ruach Hokadesh alone. If a man has been given any truth... this is where that truth originated from... and we will clearly know him by his fruits. **First Corinthians chapter 2 versus three through 10: E1**

*1Co 2:3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling,*

*1Co 2:4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,*

*1Co 2:5 so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.*

*1Co 2:6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.*

*1Co 2:7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.*

**1Co 2:8** None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

**1Co 2:9** But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—

**1Co 2:10** these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Let there be no mistake about it my friends, our faith does not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of our Father in heaven. It is through the spirit... the Ruach... because it is the Ruach Hokadesh that searches, and teaches everything including the depths of Yah himself.

Today the controversy concerning who these two witnesses of Revelation chapter 11 are going to be, still rages on. Even those who are thought to be “*church founders*” back in the first and second centuries, could only guess about who these two witnesses who are the two Olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before Yahovah are truly going to be.

Oecumenius, who lived back in the 900 hundreds A.D. believed that the two witnesses were Elijah and Enoch.

Hippolytus, from back around 200 A.D. also thought that the two witnesses were going to be Elijah and Enoch.

Victorinus, who lived in the mid-to 900 hundreds A.D. believed that the two witnesses were going to be Jeremiah and Elijah.

Primasius, who lived in the mid-500’s A.D. believe that the two witnesses were symbolic and represented one church which is formed from both the Jew and the Gentiles.

The Jews in our time believe that Elijah is going to appear in the future when he announces the arrival of their Messiah. Which actually is not totally wrong according to the book of **Malachi chapter 3 verse 23: (scrn 3)**

Mal 4:5 "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before **the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.**

Mal 4:6 And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."



And so, we have something that both the Christian and the Jew can agree on. Most of Judaism believes that Elijah will come on Passover day and this is why it is traditional to set an extra place setting at the Passover table just in case Elijah happens to show up to announce the Messiah. Nevertheless... according to this passage found in the book of Malachi... sometime prior to "*the great and terrible day of the Lord*", (meaning judgment day)... Elijah the prophet will indeed come to proclaim it. And by the way... the book of Malachi is not the only place in scripture where we can find this proclamation (and we'll get to that as we move forward).

Once again my friends... it's always best to allow the Scripture to define the Scripture. Precept upon precept, line upon line, here little and there a little.

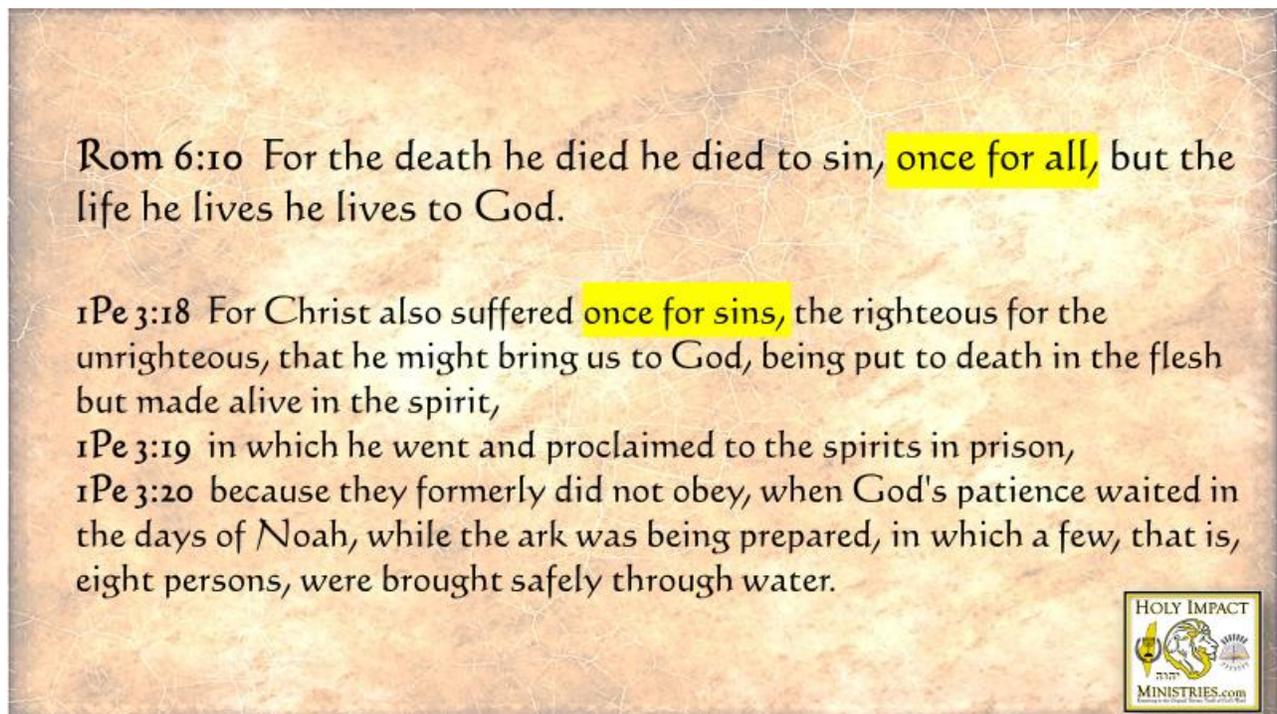
Many people exclude Moses from being the second witness because in Hebrews chapter 9:27 we are told that human beings have to die onces and then comes the judgment. However... it does not say that every single solitary man will be judged at the same time. Nore does it say that every single solitary man must die.

What we must understand is that Elijah was a man... and yet he did not die. And so, when we are told that "*it is appointed for man to die once and after that comes judgment*"... it should be understood that this was a general statement being made by the author of the book of Hebrews. Obviously, Enoch did not die. And Elijah did not die. Both of whom were clearly... men. And we're also told that when our Messiah returns... that many of us will not die. Many of us will be changed in the blinking an eye. At the time that the dead are raised during the first resurrection we who are alive will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. You can find that in first Thessalonians chapter 4 verses 15 through 18. Once again... this is a clear depiction of the first resurrection just as we're told in first Thessalonians

chapter 4 verse 15.

My point in all this, is that when the author of the book of Hebrews tells us that man is appointed to die once and then the judgment... he is speaking in general terms. It should be clear to us that certain people found within the Scripture did not die, and people during the end time are not going to die.

The proper context of Hebrews chapter 9 is found in Hebrews chapter 9 verse 28 where we are told that our Messiah having been offered once... to bear the sins of many will appear a second time not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly awaiting for him. In other words... Our Messiah only had to die once for the sins of everyone in the world. He does not have to die over, and over, and over again. How do we know that? **Romans chapter 6 verse 10 (scrn 4)**



And so therefore... the idea that Moses could not be the second witness because he died... does not hold water. Another reason that those who say that the second witness could not be Moses are wrong according to Scripture... can be found in the book of **Matthew chapter 17 versus one through 13: E1**

**Mat 17:1** And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

**Mat 17:2** And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

**Mat 17:3** And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

**Mat 17:4** And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."

*Mat 17:5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."*

*Mat 17:6 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified.*

*Mat 17:7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."*

*Mat 17:8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.*

*Mat 17:9 And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."*

*Mat 17:10 And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?"*

*Mat 17:11 He answered, "Elijah does come, and he will restore all things."*

*Mat 17:12 But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands."*

*Mat 17:13 Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.*

Clearly right here in the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Matthew, we have our very own beloved Messiah telling us in Matthew chapter 17 versus 11... that the Elijah does,... in the future come back... and that he will restore all things. But... our Messiah also tells the disciples that Elijah has already come once in the form of John the Baptist and they did not recognize him. And so, we find both in the book of Malachi chapter 4 verse five... and here in Matthew chapter 17, that Elijah the prophet will come before the great and awesome day that Yahovah comes.

And yet... we have all kinds of unstudied lost brethren out there preaching and teaching all kinds of nonsense about who the two witnesses are. When the truth of the matter is... that they should already know the two witnesses are. Precept upon precept, line upon line, here little and their little he will indeed teach knowledge to those who are searching him out and studying to show themselves approved. Not says I... but says our own God breathed Scripture. And so... once again we will see exactly who these two witnesses are when they arrived on the scene. And I don't think that there will be any doubt in anyone's mind concerning who they are when we see them, and hear them.

What we must remember is that during the Transfiguration of Matthew chapter 17... when our Messiah was standing there right in front of Peter, and James, and John his brother... it cannot be mistaken by anyone who these two men were that were speaking with Yeshua. They were indeed Moses and Elijah. And just like Peter, and James, and John his brother knew that it was Moses and Elijah... so too will we know that it is Moses and Elijah when they come at the end of the age. There is no doubt in my mind who these two witnesses will be... and if I am wrong... I will be extremely surprised considering what both my Father in the book of Malachi, and my Messiah in the book of Matthew have already told me.

Something else that I want us to notice is what is written in **Revelation chapter 11 verse four:**  
**E2**

*Rev 11:4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.*

Clearly these two witnesses who are the two Olive trees and the two lampstands are standing before the Lord of the earth. And so therefore, these two witnesses are standing in heaven before the Lord of the earth where the Lord of the earth is. So, the idea that these two witnesses would be too random witnesses once again does not hold water Scripturally. If they are the two Olive trees and the two lampstands that are standing before the Lord of the earth in heaven... they can hardly be two newfound human beings living here on earth.

Something else that I would like to bring to our attention is why it is that these two witnesses are killed. These two witnesses are killed for the same reason that the Israelites murdered all of the prophets that Yah had sent them in the past.

The reason that these two witnesses are killed is because they are witnessing about the gospel of the coming kingdom. They are witnessing about the law of God and the Torah that his only begotten Son came to teach and to preach. And for those of you who do not think that our Messiah came to preach and teach the Torah of his Father... you need to wise up and take the time to go sit down and read all of Matthew chapter 5, (along with the rest of your Bible from the beginning to the end) and stop cherry picking Scripture out of it.

In the first three chapters of Matthew chapter 23, our Messiah commands us to keep the Torah which was also known as the law of Moses. **Matthew chapter 23 versus one through three: (scrn 5)**

Mat 23:1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,  
Mat 23:2 "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat,  
Mat 23:3 so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice.



Back in our Messiah's time, Moses seat was also known as the "Bema Seat". When the Pharisees sat in the seat of Moses, (also known as the "Bema Seat")... they had to recite the law word for word from the Scripture. They could not expound upon the Scripture, they could not explain the Scripture, they could only recite it word for word. If they were going to expound upon the Scripture, they had to get up out of the bema seat and move away from the bema seat (also known as the seat of Moses).

What today's ignorant and unstudied Christians does not understand... is that there was no New Testament when our Messiah spoke these words in Matthew chapter 23. The New Testament had not even been written yet. The New Testament is compiled of a bunch of letters, and historical documentation of the travels of the apostles that would not be written and collected for another 90 years after the death, burial, and resurrection of our Messiah.

So, there was no New Testament for the Pharisees and the scribes to read from at that time. What does that mean? It means that right here in Matthew chapter 23 our Messiah is telling us to keep the Torah and the law of Moses. He tells them to do and observe whatever they Pharisees tell them while they are seated in the seat of Moses. That's what they were reading... the Torah (also known as the law of Moses). That's the only Scripture that they had at that point in time.

And this is exactly why the two witnesses are going to be killed. They are going to once again return and preach and teach the exact same thing that our Messiah preached and taught which was the word of his Father.

As we have said so many times before, so now we say again... our Messiah did not come to

preach his own word. Our Messiah did not come on his own authority. He did not come to celebrate his own birthday, or to move his Father's Sabbath to another day. How do we know that? Because our Messiah tells us that he did not come to preach his own word nor did he come on his own authority. **John chapter 7 versus 16 through 18 (scrn 6)**

Joh 7:16 So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.

Joh 7:17 If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.

Joh 7:18 The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.



And so, I would submit to you, that this is exactly why the two witnesses are going to be killed. They will murder them in the streets and they will lie in the streets for three days according to what we read in Revelation chapter 11 because they will be calling people out in public the same way that John the Baptist called out King Herod for sleeping with his brother's wife. And of course, we all know how that turned out for John the Baptist who was indeed a Elijah according to our Messiah. Herod's wife had John's head cut off for preaching the Torah to Herod.

And so, this will not be the first time that Elijah will be murdered for preaching the Torah. Once again, our Father in heaven teaches us things in patterns. He gives us shadow pictures of things that have already happened that point directly to things that are going to happen in the future. Who was Moses a carbon copy of? Who was Joseph a carbon copy of? Who was Melkesedek who met Abraham a carbon copy of? Think about it. Those who have studied to show themselves approved already know. Just like Elijah died at the command of Herod's adulterous wife... so will Elijah die at the command of sinners at the end of the age.

And so, I would submit to you that what we saw Elijah do in the form of John the Baptist... he will do again at the end of the age exactly like our Messiah told us in Matthew chapter 17 that we just read. These two witnesses both Elijah and Moses (I believe)... will be calling people out just like John the Baptist called out Herod. And I suspect that the people that Moses and Elijah

are going to be calling out at the end of the age are going to be people well-known around the world. Elijah did not just choose some unknown person to chastise in front of the world when he chose King Herod to chastise in front of the world. And I do not think that Elijah or Moses will pick some lowly unknown person to chastise when they come.

There is no doubt in my mind that when Moses and Elijah, do come... they will be chastising the leaders of the nations of this world. Just like John the Baptist chastised the King back in his day. And this is why these two witnesses are going to be murdered in the streets and just left there to rot in the streets for 3 days while people rejoice over their death.

When you start speaking out against those with power and money who are sitting in the seat of authority... who have money and power on this earth... you better be ready for persecution to come. There is no doubt in my mind that when Elijah and Moses come at the end of the age, they are indeed going to be chastising the Kings of the earth once again. Moses chastised Pharaoh the King of Egypt. And Elijah chastised Herod who was at that time appointed the King of the Jews by Rome and the Roman Senate.

And I want us to also understand where Yeshua was when he was murdered on that cross. Our Messiah was murdered in Jerusalem which was under the authority of Rome. And so... it is rightly said by some scholars that Yeshua was crucified in Rome in the sense that the power of Rome extended throughout the known world (including Jerusalem) at that time. Technically speaking Yeshua was in Rome when he was crucified, and it was Rome that was directly responsible for commanding our Messiah's execution.

And I'll let you ponder that very interesting piece of information until next week when we dive a little deeper into what is called and I quote, "*the great city*"... which is symbolically called Sodom and Egypt where our Messiah was crucified according to Revelation chapter 11 verse eight... and is also called "Babylon".

If you think this week study was interesting... wait until we get into next week's study.

But for now, I think we will close the book and ponder what we have learned this week. And as I always do... I would ask you to please, please... take what you have 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 have 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 would like to thank each and every one within the sound of my voice for sharing your time with us here today in the study of our

fathers God breathed word.