

Revelation 11:3-19 The Two Witnesses Speaker: Jeff Thompson

V.3: The "two witnesses" will "prophesy" in

_____ for the _____ of The Great Tribulation (the latter half of the 7 years of The Tribulation).

"my two witnesses" is better translated as "the two witnesses of mine"

2 witnesses are required to establish a matter as true under The Law (Cf. Deuteronomy 17:6, 19:15; Matthew 18:16; John 8:17; 2 Corinthians 13:1; 1 Timothy 5:19; Hebrews 10:28).

V.4 is a reference to Zechariah 4.

The clues point to the 2 witnesses being

and .

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear...... will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him." - Deuteronomy 18:15 & 18-19

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." - Malachi 4:5 (also see 3:1-7)

Beginning centuries prior to The Incarnation, there was

a Jewish expectation of 3 ____

- Moses, Elijah, and Messiah. (See Matthew 11:14, 17:11-13)

Elijah didn't die, he was raptured. (Cf. 2 Kings 2:11)

Moses was by God Himself. (Cf. Deuteronomy 34:5-7; Jude 9a)

And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. - Luke 9:30-31

See Acts 1:10 (The Ascension)

Fire devouring enemies = Elijah (Cf. 1 Kings 18:20-40 & 2 Kings 1)

Elijah also stopped the _____. (Cf. 1 Kings 17-18)

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. - James 5:17

Moses turned water into blood (Cf. Exodus 7:19-20) & brought the plagues (Cf. Exodus 7-12).

V.7: "the beast" is the satanic power that

... No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. - Psalm 84:11

V.15: "have become" is in the proleptic agrist tense in the original Greek. A literal translation would read, 'The kingdoms of this world ARE BECOMING the kingdoms of our Lord'.

Cf. Isaiah 53:5 and Romans 8:17, 30 for more examples.

Christians are called to live in light of the _____

 – future events decreed by God that will happen with absolute certainty.