

## ISRAEL DURING THE TRIBULATION PART 3: THE SPECIAL WITNESSES

- I. The 144,000 Witnesses (Revelation 7:1-4; 14:1-3)
  - A. There are twelve thousand from each TRIBE of Israel (7:4-8)
  - B. They are sealed by God for IDENTIFICATION and PROTECTION (7:1-3; 14:1-3)
  - C. They work as EVANGELISTS leading MULTITUDES to Christ (7:9-14)
  
- II. The TWO Witnesses (Revelation 11:1-13)
  - A. Their MINISTRY
    - 1. They PREACH in Jerusalem throughout the FIRST HALF of the Tribulation (11:1-3)
    - 2. They will be ATTACKED and KILLED by SATAN (11:7)
    - 3. Their BODIES will be left to ROT in the street for 3 ½ days (11:8)
    - 4. God will REVIVE them and RAPTURE them (11:11-13)
  - B. Their identity
    - 1. One may be ELIJAH
      - a. His COMING is predicted (Mal. 3:1-3; 4:5-6)
      - b. He did not experience DEATH (2 Kings 2:9-11)
      - c. He imposed a sign of STOPPING the RAIN (1 Kings 17:1)

- d. He APPEARED at Jesus' TRANSFIGURATION (Matt. 17:3; cf. 2 Pet. 1:16-19)
2. One may be MOSES
- a. His reappearance may be IMPLIED (Deut. 18:1-19)
  - b. His BODY may have been PRESERVED by God for RESTORATION (Deut. 34:5-6 with Jude 9)
  - c. He imposed the signs of the PLAGUES, and one was turning WATER to BLOOD (Exod. 17:19-20)
  - d. He APPEARED at Jesus' TRANSFIGURATION (Matt. 17:3; cf. 2 Pet. 1:16-19)
3. One may be ENOCH
- a. He was a prophet of JUDGMENT and CHRIST'S RETURN (Jude 14-15)
  - b. He was TRANSLATED without DYING (Gen. 5:24; cf. 1 Cor. 15:53; Heb. 11:5)
4. One or both may be SOMEONE ELSE
5. Three Possible Answers to the Question "Will Elijah COME AGAIN?" (Malachi 3:1-3; 4:5-6)
- a. It may be that he will be brought back LITERALLY and PERSONALLY (Matt. 17:11; Luke 1:17; John 1:21)
  - b. It may be that he CAME in the life and ministry of JOHN THE BAPTIST (Matt. 11:14; 17:12-13)
  - c. It may be that ANOTHER will come "in the SPIRIT and POWER" of Elijah (Matt. 11:13, 14; 17:10-13)