

Today's Theme

“Two Witnesses Show Up”

Series Title

“The Future - From Jesus”

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1. John's asked to be *physically* involved.

(1) A *request* to make some *calculations*.

Rev 11:1 I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, “Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers.

(2) Don't *bother* with outer *gentile* court.

Rev 11:2 But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.

2. The Two Witnesses *arrive* on the scene.

(1) Two witnesses are *appointed* to *serve*.

Rev 11:3 And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”
4 They are “the two olive trees” and the two lamp-stands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.”

(2) They face *global* hatred & attackers *suffer*.

Rev 11:5 If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die.

(3) Two witnesses *will* have *miraculous* power.

Rev 11:6 They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

3. Evil *finally* gets *rid* of the two witnesses.

(1) 2W's finish their *task* & the beast *kills* them.

Rev 11:7 Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.

(2) The bodies are left to *rot* in a *public* setting.

Rev 11:8 Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified. 9 For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. 10 The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

4. These two witnesses are *resurrected*.

(1) The two witnesses *come* back to *life*.

Rev 11:11 But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them.

(2) They are *publicly* taken to *heaven*.

Rev 11:12 Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

(3) *Immediately* judgment came to *earth*.

Rev 11:13 At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. 14 The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.