

## ***The Two Witnesses***

*The Book of Revelation Chapter 10 ended with John being given the little book and was instructed, “**Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.**” That prophecy message referenced is none other than the Book of Revelation which John penned as a warning for us to heed acting as a witness of events to come.*

*Once again, nothing is done until it's been revealed to His servants. Yah always gives us a message of warning which must precede the events to come; Yah does not punish without cause. Revelation is our warning book showing Yah sending two end time witnesses to bring forth testimony of wrong doing on the part of unrepentant mankind. In the Book of Revelation, Chapters 10 thru 14 are inserts into the story time line validating these two end time witnesses for the cause of the judgment that is to come. Before condemnation of a wrong and applying the punishment (death), there is always two or three witnesses required to convict the evildoer of sinning.*

Revelation 11:1~2 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and **the angel stood**, saying, **Rise**, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, **and them that worship therein**. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the **Gentiles**: and the **holy city** shall they tread under foot **forty and two months**.

*In the beginning of Rev 11, John is given a reed known as a measuring rod, what would be called a ruler today, and told to measure Yah's temple, the altar, and most importantly **those that worship therein**. The concern is not the size of the temple structure, but the number of souls that are worshiping therein. Why? Yah is about to bring His wrath upon mankind for their sin, the transgression of His law. He is not concerned with the temple but with the people that worship Him. This is also similar to the vision given to Ezekiel when he was told to measure the temple after Yah returns as related in Ezk 40:1~4.*

*The concern centers on the people that honor Yah, not with the place as it was the case with Abraham when he asked Yah in Gen 18, “if there be found ten righteous left in the city would He still destroy it?” The principle relates to cause and effect: **no worshiper...no reason to wait!** Also compare this event with a future prophecy given in Zech 2:1~13.*

*John is before the throne seeing these events, as the judgment unfolds. Note that the angel **...stood**, meaning; changed his position and says to John, **“Rise.”** Why does John have to rise and where is he going?*

**Rise:** Strong's #1453 eg-i'-ro; through the idea of collecting one's faculties; to waken, rouse (literally from sleep, from sitting or lying) awake, lift (up), raise, rear up, stand, take up.

*John has been in a vision on the Lord's Day and is being shown Yahshua's return. He was also shown things to occur in the **"Hereafter,"** denoting future in time after the Day of the Lord's return. It is here after the Day of the Lord where John is located moments before the angel told him to **“Rise.”** John is then taken to a **different time** before the hereafter, prior to the the wrath of Yah, **before** the Lord's return. This was shown earlier in Rev 6, for John to **“come and see”** when he physically moves, he is actually **“moving in time”** as his vision unfolds from the present to the past and then onto the future. He is told to measure the number of worshipers of Yah at His temple. Why? Yah is waiting for all those being called to enter His fold. When that calling is finished, Yah is finished waiting and will then proceed to cleanse His earth for His return.*

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish**, but that all should come to repentance.

*John is brought to the time before Yahshua's return, the time of the two witnesses, which is also the time of the Gentiles rule of the Holy City as stated in Rev 11:2. "But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not for it is given unto the **Gentiles**: and the **holy city** shall they tread under foot **forty and two months**." Note 42 months is the time for the Gentile rule of the Holy City.*

Revelation 11:3 And I will give **power** unto my **two witnesses**, and they shall **prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days**, clothed in **sackcloth**.

*The two witnesses provide the last proof to mankind of Yah's wrath, the judgment to come. Notice that they are wearing sackcloth. Sackcloth was worn by those afflicting themselves to petition another for a positive result. Although often seen worn by one petitioning Yah's favor, yet in this case it is worn by the two witnesses petitioning humankind to repent. They are to prophesy for 1260 days which is equal to 42 months, or 3½ years, the same time that the Gentiles are given to tread underfoot the Holy City. Yahshua is preparing for the final showdown. As the Gentiles take hold of the Holy City through the power of the beast, the two witnesses are also giving a concurrent last warning, the final chance to repent.*

Deuteronomy 17:6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is **worthy of death** be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

Revelation 11:4~6 These are the **two olive trees**, and the **two candlesticks standing before the God** of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, **fire proceedeth out of their mouth**, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. **These have power to shut heaven**, that it rain not **in the days of their prophecy**: and have **power over waters** to turn them to blood, and **to smite the earth with all plagues**, as often as they will.

*Notice the characteristics describing the two witnesses' identity. They are called the **two olive trees** and **two candlesticks that stand before Yah**. If they be harmed, fire proceeds out of their mouths and devours their enemy. They have **power** both to **hold back the rain** and to **turn water into blood** and to **smite the earth with plagues**. All these plagues, being physical manifestations through their power, demonstrate they are the two witnesses **prophesying to humans** of their error...and soon coming doom.*

*Let's take a closer look at their characteristics to better understand who they are.*

**TWO OLIVE TREES and the TWO CANDLESTICKS:** (from Rev 11:4~6)

Zechariah 4:1~14 And the angel that talked with me came again, and **waked me**, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, **and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon**, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: **And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof**. So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are

the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth. Then answered I, and said unto him, **What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?** And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these **two olive branches** which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then said he, **These are the two “anointed ones,” that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.**

*Here is seen a candlestick of gold with seven lamps, and two olive trees, one on the right side and the other on the left side of the bowl of oil. Verse 11 in Zechariah asks, "What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and the left?" In verse 14 he is answered: "These are **the two anointed ones that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.**" (Anointed ones – Hebrew: meaning sons of oil)*

1 Kings 6:15~35 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir. And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built them for it within, **even for the oracle, even for the most holy place.** And the house, that is, the temple before it, was forty cubits long. And the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar; there was no stone seen. And the **oracle** (*the Holy of Holies*) he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD. And the **oracle** (*the Holy of Holies*) in the forepart was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold; and so covered the altar which was of cedar.

Verse 21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the **oracle** (*the Holy of Holies*); and he overlaid it with gold. And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that was by the **oracle** (*the Holy of Holies*) he overlaid with gold. And within the **oracle** (*the Holy of Holies*) **he made two cherubims of olive tree, each ten cubits high. And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub:** from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits. And the other cherub was ten cubits: **both the cherubims** were of one measure and one size. The height of the one **cherub was ten cubits**, and so was it of the other cherub. **And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.** And he overlaid the **cherubims** with gold. And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, within and without. And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without. And for the entering of the oracle (*the Holy of Holies*) he made doors of olive tree: the lintel and side posts were a fifth part of the wall. The two doors also were of olive tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm trees. So also made he for the door of the temple posts of olive tree, a fourth part of the wall. And the two doors were of fir tree: the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding. And he carved thereon cherubims and palm trees and open flowers: and covered them with gold fitted upon the carved work.

*Within the oracle (referring to the Holy of Holies) he made two Cherubim out of olive tree wood, one on the **right** and one on the **left**, that stood before the Ark of the Covenant, the mercy seat, the throne of Yah. Their wings spanned the width of the chamber.*

Hebrews 8:1~6 ver 5 Who serve unto the **example and shadow of heavenly things**, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

Hebrews 9:1~5 Then verily the first covenant had also **ordinances** (*ceremonies*) of divine service, and a **worldly sanctuary**. For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the **candlestick**, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, **and the ark of the covenant** overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; **And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat**; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

*All things duplicated the pattern of the tabernacle in heaven: the mercy seat with cherubim shadowing it, but those in heaven would be live cherubim, elite angels, the **two anointed ones**, not golden replicas.*

Exodus 25:17~21 And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. **And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold**, of beaten work shalt thou make them, **in the two ends of the mercy seat. And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.** And the **cherubims** shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, **and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.** And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. **And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims** which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

Exodus 25:31~40 *One can read of the candlesticks.*

*These scriptures show that the **two olive trees** refer to the two cherubim made of olive wood that stand to the left and to the right of the ark. The **two candlesticks**, as lights for His glory, represent the two anointed cherubim (*anointed ones – in Hebrew sons of oil*) **standing before Yah.***

**STANDS BEFORE YAH, THE GOD OF THE EARTH:** (*The Creator of the earth from Rev 11:4~6*).

Matthew 18:10: Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That **in heaven** their **angels** do always **behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.**

Luke 1:5~27 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain **priest named Zacharias**, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, According to the custom of the priest's office, **his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.** And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. And there appeared unto him an **angel** of the Lord **standing on the right side** of the **altar of incense.** And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the **angel** said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the **spirit and power of Elias**, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; **to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.** And Zacharias said unto the **angel**, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. And the **angel** answering said unto him, **I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God;** and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings. And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be

performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season. And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that **he had seen a vision** in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless. And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house. And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men. And in the sixth month the **angel Gabriel** was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

*An angel appears to Zechariah as he enters the inner sanctuary, the Holy of Holies, on the **right side** of the altar. This same altar is a copy of the one in heaven before the throne of Yah. The messenger, the angel, called by the name of **Gabriel** states that "**he stands in the presence of Yah in heaven.**" Also in verse 26 he appears before Mary and reveals himself as **Gabriel**, an angel, sent from Yah with a message.*

Zechariah 4:1~14 Verse 14 Then said he, **These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.** (*Anointed ones... in Hebrew: sons of oil*)

*No man has yet to ascend into heaven to appear before the throne of Yah. That event will only occur after the redemption by Yahshua, at our resurrection and after the putting away of sin completely as stated in Revelation 15.*

Revelation 15:5~8 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth forever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; **and no man was able to enter into the temple**, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

*Only spirit beings such as Yahshua and the angels are able to stand before the throne of Yah in heaven.*

**PROPHECYING TO MANKIND:** (*from Rev 11:4~6*)

Malachi 4:1~6 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts. **Remember ye the law of Moses** my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the **statutes** and **judgments**. Behold, I will send you **Elijah** the prophet **before** the coming of the **great** and **dreadful** day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

*Note that there are two days mentioned: **the great day**, referring to the first time of Christ bringing **salvation** through His sacrifice for sin. And the second, **the dreadful Day of Judgment**, the wrath at the end to cleanse the earth of sin and sinners. John the Baptist did prophesy the Elijah message of repentance to set the stage for the **great day** of Yahshua, the gift of salvation. The two witnesses will also set the stage for the **dreadful day** of Yahshua's return and His wrath of judgment. Remember, to prophesy is to witness the words of Yah, to bring the message of life through obedience in **doing**, and death by **disobedience** to His law. As stated in Heb 9:28 and 2Pe 2:9: the **first time** for salvation, the **second time** for judgment.*

Malachi 3:1~6 Behold, **I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me:** and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall **suddenly come** to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, (*Yahshua*) whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify **the sons of Levi**, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years. **And I will come near to you to judgment;** and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts. For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

*Yah will send His messenger before the “great day” to prepare the way for the Lord Yahshua’s return. Just as John the Baptist was the messenger at Yahshua’s first coming to prepare the people for salvation through His sin offering, so also is a messenger sent to prepare the way for that “dreadful day” of His wrath. But note, at the first time there was only one Elijah messenger, John the Baptist, for salvation. At that time there was no condemnation, meaning judgment or sentence for not heeding the message. Now at this time, two witnesses are required by law for judgment as stipulated in Dt 17:6 before the sentence of death can lawfully be imposed.*

Daniel 8:15~16 And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me **as the appearance of a man**. And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, **Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.**

Daniel 9:20~21 And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing **my sin and the sin of my people Israel**, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God; Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, **even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning**, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

*Daniel sees a vision and hears a voice between the banks of the river (the voice of Yahshua) telling **Gabriel**, His messenger, to reveal the vision to Daniel. And again it’s **Gabriel** whom Daniel had seen in the beginning of the vision who is the messenger of that prophecy to humankind.*

*In Daniel 10:5~21 Gabriel is describing the events as he talks to Daniel.*

Daniel 10:13 But the prince (*Satan*) of the kingdom of Persia withstood me (*Gabriel*) one and twenty days: but, lo, **Michael, one of the chief princes**, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. Verse 21 But I (*Gabriel*) will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, **but Michael your prince.**

*Gabriel stated that **Michael**, one of the **chief princes**, helped him. Chief is also translated as meaning first. There is more than one prince, as stated, **princes**. **Michael** is the prince that looked after Israel.*

Daniel 12:1 And at that time shall **Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people:** and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Daniel 12: 5~6 Then I Daniel looked, and behold, **there stood the other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.** And one said to the man clothed in linen (*referring to Yahshua*), **who was upon the waters of the river**, “How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?”

*It is **Michael, the great prince**, who stands up for the children of the people (Israel). In verse 5, Yahshua is standing above the river wearing linen and Daniel sees the two archangels who also speak to him in visions, each standing across from one another on either side of the river. As Yahshua is standing in the middle of the river, one would be on His right side and one on His left side. Left side, right side are references to Gabriel and Michael prophesying to Daniel of Israel's fate and the coming of the Messiah.*

Jude 9 Yet **Michael the archangel**, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

*Also remember, Gabriel appeared to Zechariah and prophesied about the birth of his son John the Baptizer; and it was Gabriel who prophesied to Mary about the coming of Yahshua and again to Joseph to flee from Herod's wrath unto Egypt for safety. And let us not forget where we are in the Book of Revelation, being revealed a vision to John by Christ through angel messengers.*

*We have seen this happen before with Yahshua, Yahweh of the Old Testament, being often accompanied by these two angels, as for example when meeting with Abraham to review the conditions of Sodom and Gomorrah.*

Genesis 18:1~33 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, **three men stood by him**: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

*Verse 2: Three men are seen (Yahshua and the two archangels). In verse 22 the two men are the angels who appear as men.*

*Genesis 19:1~29 Verse 1: The **two angels** are seen (now the men are referred to as angels). In verses 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, angels appear as men. In verse 15 **the angels** hastened Lot (now appear as angels).*

*In the New Testament at the sepulchre, the tomb where Christ was laid to rest for three days and nights noted in Mt 28:1~6, references the angel of the Lord attending to His body.*

Mark 16:5 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a **young man sitting on the right side**, clothed in a long **white garment**; and they were affrighted.

*The angel on the right side would be Gabriel as noted in Lk 1:11 and in verse 19.*

Luke 24:1~5 Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, **two men stood by them in shining garments**: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

John 20:1~14 verses 11&12: But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, And seeth **two angels in white** sitting, the **one at the head, and the other at the feet**, where the body of Jesus had lain.

*Two angels appearing as men, wearing white garments that shine, are seen at the head and the foot of the place in the sepulcher where they laid Christ, similar to being at the right side and the left side of Yahshua.*

Acts 1:6~11 verses 9& 10: And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, **two men stood by them in white apparel;**

*Matthew 20:20~23 records the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons asking Yahshua to grant that her two sons may sit, the one on His right hand, and the other on the left, in His kingdom. Yahshua replies, "To sit on **my right hand** and on **my left** is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father."*

*As shown in all these scriptures, these two angels, Gabriel and Michael, appearing as men, one as a messenger and the other as an adversary of evil, a protector, standing up for Israel. They have appeared as men, yet they are declared archangels. They are at the right and left of Yahshua, and are called chief princes. They are the only angels that are mentioned in the Bible other than Lucifer (excluding those in the Book of Enoch). Notice that these exclusive angels including those mentioned in the Book of Enoch have their creator's logo "EL" imbedded into their name as in: Uriel, Raguel, Sarekiel, Raphael, Phannuel, Michael and Gabriel...but not the fallen angel...as Lucifer.*

**POWER OVER RAIN, WATER AND PLAGUES:** (from Rev 11:4~6)

Revelation 11:6 These have power to **shut heaven**, that it **rain not** "**in the days of their prophecy:**" and **have power over waters** to turn them **to blood**, and to smite the earth with all **plagues**, as often as **they will**.

*Notice these verses say **they have power**; not that power is given to them, but is **within them**. Compare this state with others who had a similar special status as did Moses in Ex 7:14~21. Yah did the act of turning the waters into blood. And with Elijah in 1Kg 17:1: it was Yah who commanded it not to rain for three years. And as for plagues, I know of no other than Yah to cause plagues upon the earth. Yet here it says "**they have power**" to cause these plagues as often as **they will**. Their character is that of a spiritual being not that of a man.*

*These two witnesses have power to shut the heavens, meaning rain which would bring about drought, which in turn would cause famine, affecting the price of food to increase greatly. This is the same event that the 3<sup>rd</sup> seal in Rev 6:5 does. "And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast (creature) say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a **black horse**; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine."*

*They also have power to smite the earth with plagues, meaning disease, the cause of death. Again, the same event mentioned in the 4<sup>th</sup> seal in Rev 6:7~8A: "And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, "Come and see". "And I looked, and behold a **pale horse**: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell (meaning the grave) followed with him."*

*As was stated earlier in Rev 11: 2 ~3, the two witnesses are concurrently prophesying at the time the beast power (the Gentiles) is treading underfoot the Holy City during the last 3½ years, 42 months or 1260 days. Perchance it is the two witnesses that are fulfilling the works of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> seal.*

Revelation 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the **beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit** shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

*After the testimony of the two witnesses declaring the final warning for humans to repent, they are killed by the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit. Note: it is not saying that at that specific moment in time the beast ascends from the pit; it is alluding to his name without actually saying it. For the beast, meaning*



*Satan, does not ascend out of the pit until the 1000 years are completed. Yet Satan here is already demonstrating in this prophecy that he has been ruling through the beast and false prophet for the last 3½ years. Rev 9:1, 17:8 and 20:1~3 confirm it is Satan that ascends from the bottomless pit.*

Revelation 9:11 And they had a king over them, which is **the angel of the bottomless pit**, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

Revelation 17:8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall **ascend out of the bottomless pit**, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Revelation 20:1~3 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on **the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan**, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

*Revelation, as with other prophecy, is better understood when read backwards because often all the clues to the meaning of things are found at or near the end of the prophecy.*

Revelation 11:8~9 And their **dead bodies** shall lie in the street of the **great city**, which spiritually is called **Sodom and Egypt**, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their **dead bodies** ...**three days and an half**, and shall not suffer their **dead bodies** to be put in graves.

*Notice that “their **dead bodies** lie in the street” is mentioned three times in this prophecy. Not they themselves - but their **bodies**, why? As spirit beings they had assumed the forms of men to appear before the world as witnesses. Are these two bodies the actual two men or are they merely the shells that held their spirit? Are there scriptural evidences of this happening before...yesssss! If one would recall, similar evidence of this circumstance is found in the Garden of Eden. An angel takes the form of a snake and appears to Eve as a speaking serpent. And later one reads of an ass inspired to speak to Balaam of his error. Let us not forget when Yahshua crossed over into a different area and was met by a man filled with demons that was called Legion. From that man Yahshua cast out those demons which then immediately requested to enter into swine which hurled themselves over a cliff into the sea. Did those demons die with the swine in the sea? No, spirit cannot be killed, whether good or bad, they remain in Yah’s hands.*

*Thus the beast rules for the final 3½ years, as the plagues from the seals of Rev 6 are unleashed upon humankind during the same 3½ years. Now as the two witnesses are killed, their dead bodies lie dormant for 3½ days at the place called the **great city**, the Holy city, Jerusalem, where Yahshua was crucified. But note that city is called Sodom and Egypt, both places known for their sinful ways, referring to its end time condition.*

Revelation 11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make **merry**, and **shall send gifts** one to another; because these two **prophets** tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

*To be made **merry** is from Strong’s #2165 yoo-frah'-ee-no: to put in a good frame of mind, rejoice, make glad. They are to **send**: Strong’s #3992 pem'-po: to dispatch, also to transmit. **Gifts** - Strong’s #1435 do'-ron: a present; specially, a sacrifice, offering, to one another. Mankind believes its torment is over, but not for long, for it is only 3½ days until the two witnesses are given life again. “**You just can’t keep a good guy down...especially if they are archangels!**”*

Revelation 11:11~13 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and **great fear** fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And **they ascended up to heaven** in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

*Mankind's rejoicing will be short lived, only for 3½ days, before great fear falls upon them. Note the 3½ days correlates to the 3½ years of tormenting from the two witnesses, 42 months or 1260 days of this end time witnessing. How do the two prophets torment those that dwell on the earth? Answer: By the effects of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> seals, and by their condemnation of the world for its unrighteousness.*

*A great voice from heaven is heard, saying; Come up hither, and **they ascended up to heaven** in a cloud. Again, another characteristic that separates these two witnesses from all others that ever walked this earth: **"they ascend to heaven."** The scriptures state that no man has ever ascended to heaven, but Yahshua. And it's only the angels, the messengers of Yah, which have access to heaven and earth. This isn't the end yet, sin is still not put away, and mankind has not been changed into spirit beings; therefore it cannot be men that ascend, but Spirit.*

John 3:13 **And no man hath ascended up to heaven**, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

*Also note that there was a great earthquake at that moment. This is the same event happening after the close of the 5<sup>th</sup> seal, the martyrdom of the saints, followed by the opening of the 6<sup>th</sup> seal in Rev 6:12 which brings about the revealing of Christ's return.*

Revelation 6:12~17 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a **great earthquake**; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: **For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?**

*So who are these final two witnesses which accomplish the end time prophetic work of Yah? As described by their characteristics, Yah reveals they are none other than the Archangels, the **two olive trees**, the **two candlesticks that stand before Yah**. They have **power to hold back the rain**, **power over the water** to turn it into blood and power to **smite the earth with plagues**. Again, all these plagues by them are physical manifestations of their power substantiating they are indeed the two witnesses **prophesying to mankind**.*

Archangel - Strong's #743. ar-khang'-el-os from 757 and 32; a chief angel.

**GABRIEL** - Strong's # 1404 gabriy' el from #1397 and #410; man of Yah. Strong's #1397; valiant man or warrior Strong's #410; mighty, great, power, strong.

**MICHAEL** - Strong's #4317 miyka' el from #4310 and #3588 and #410; who is like Yah. Strong's #410; mighty, great, power, strong.

### **Unsubstantiated Speculation:**

Moses and Elijah have also been referred to as the two men for the final witnessing task, yet both have been dead for nearly 3000 years. They both would be out of touch with today's world not comprehending life as lived today. Also note these two prophets finished their respective ministries on a sour note. Recall that it was Moses who denied Yah's glory while striking the rock for water Num 20:7~13. This impulsive act in his ministry cost him the opportunity to enter the Promised Land. Shortly after Yah tells Moses to get his house in order and meet Him on the mountain where Moses died.

As for Elijah, he finishes his ministry after mocking the false priests in Yah's name, calling fire down from heaven upon the burnt offering soaked in water and then proceeds to kill the 400 priests of Baal, prompting Jezebel to threaten his life causing him to run in fear. Yah then sent him into the wilderness where he is fed by ravens. It is at this time Yah speaks to Elijah three times to hear "**His quiet still voice,**" yet Elijah can't hear it and repeats his fear of being threatened with death. Yah can't and will not use someone led by fear and in effect relieves Elijah of active duty. After Elijah falls from fear, Yah tells him to find Elisha and anoint him as the new prophet, passing the mantel on to a more fit man. 1Kg19:1~18.

Both Moses and Elijah were great men in their time, but perchance fall short of the crucial work to be done by these two witnesses at the end time. Also note that neither man was a witness to Yahshua.

Revelation 11:3 And I will give power unto **my two witnesses**, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

**Witnesses** - Strong's #3144. mar'-toos; a witness (literally (judicially) or figuratively (genitive case)); by analogy, a "martyr", sufferer for a cause, record, **eyewitness**.

Neither man as stated had witnessed Yahshua's life, plus Moses never saw Jerusalem. A witness is one that has seen and can testify because of a personal awareness of an event. Yes, they glimpsed upon Yahshua of the Old Testament when he gave His laws to Moses and when Elijah saw the 10 tribes pulled away. But neither saw and witnessed Yahshua's birth, the fulfillment of the prophecy of the Messiah and or His death for our sins, the sign of 3 days in the grave before His resurrection, or witnessed the last 2000 years of idols worshiped, the rise of many false religions including Christianity. Remember, these two witnesses are here to condemn the world of its sin, so one would have had to witness all sin to testify according to the law of Yah. DNA is not accepted here!

The scriptures tell us that witnesses had to have seen the event. After the death of Judas, the apostle that betrayed Yahshua, the 11 searched for a replacement that **witnessed** all from the beginning to take his place. To be a valid witness one would have had to be present, seeing the events unfolding from beginning to end. Acts 1:15~26

How could one condemn the end time people of the earth while not being present to observe their sin first hand? Such a condemnation would present a miscarriage of justice by presenting false testimony from a witness predicated upon here say evidence whether it originates from humans or Yah. There are only two beings that are recorded as having seen all the events unfolding from the beginning and are still seeing them now as time grows shorter while fulfilling all the other requirements: **His two witnesses**, the archangels at His right and left side. Remember, Yahshua calls them "**my two witnesses**," referring to witnessing His Spirit coming into mankind.

There is also much discussion about the identity of the two figures seen at the transfiguration called Moses and Elijah. Let us take a closer look to see some very curious things.

Luke 9: 28~31 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening. And, behold, **there talked with him two men**, which were Moses and Elias: Who **appeared in glory**, and **spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem**.

*Note that these two men **appeared in glory**. The word **glory** is Strong's #391. dox'-ah from the base of 1380; glory (as very apparent) dignity, glorious, honor, praise, worship.*

*If Moses and Elijah did appear to Christ, would they be glorious in appearance compared to Yahshua? If you remember they ended their ministries on a low note. Furthermore, they spoke to Yahshua about **his decease**, His death. Why would Moses and Elijah be speaking to Yahshua about his death? Would it not make more sense if Yahshua spoke to them about what He was to accomplish by His death in Jerusalem? Everything that Moses and Elijah had knowledge of came from Yah of the Old Testament...meaning Yahshua!!!! Thus they would not likely be **appearing glorious** before their King nor would they be giving their King of Kings any last minute advice. Instead any information given to Yahshua would come from **"The Father"** through His loyal two messengers that Yahshua trusted and gained comfort from the beginning of time as also stated in Rev1:1.*

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, **which God gave unto him**, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it **by his angel** unto his servant John:

Luke 9:32 But Peter and they that were with him were **heavy with sleep**: and when they were awake, they saw **his glory**, and the **two men that stood with him**.

*Note also that these two men **stood with Yahshua**, yet every other time men were in the presence of His Lord while in a "**glorious state**" they were not standing, as when Moses went up into the mountain and was told that the ground before him was holy ground. And as John and others bowed before the angel messengers sent to them. Yet the two archangels standing on the left and right of Our Lord have appeared to humans in glory as bright light.*

Luke 9: 33 And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: **not knowing what he said**.

*Notice Peter is being recorded stating: "**not knowing what he is saying**." Perchance one should take note. And **"If"** Peter was so befuddled, how could he know these two men were Moses and Elijah? Both would have been dead for some 1000 years by the time of Peter, and without a photo or name tag, how could he determine their identity? Yahshua never divulged who they were and would be the only one that could identify them for He was a **witness** to their lives. Yet perchance he was referring to **"their message"** to Yahshua pertaining to His death. For these two glorified beings appearing with Yahshua were purposed there with a **message from "The Father"** that Yahshua was to fulfill the written word found in the **"laws and in the prophets"** which Moses and Elijah had represented in the past. This is also recorded in Mark 9:6, **"For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid."***

Luke 9:34~36 While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. **And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him**. And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

*Scripture recorded in Mark 9:1~10 and Matthew 17:1~13 reveals similar events. But note that immediately after seeing both accounts still fresh in their minds they question, **"Why then say the scribes that Elijah***

*must first come?” Yahshua answered and tells them, “Elijah verily cometh first, and restores all things and now it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought.”*

*If one of the two men were Elijah, Yahshua had ample time and reason to acknowledge his presence just moments before. But He doesn't. He tells them that John the Baptist came in the spirit of the prophet Elijah, the prophet of repentance. Yahshua continues to elaborate His death as **recorded in the written word of the law**, in the spirit of Moses. Yahshua was the only one that could have identified them at that time and didn't. Was He correcting them as He always did with another question allowing them to correct themselves?*

*This personal happening by Peter was written after the death of Yahshua as all the gospels were and sought to highlight “**the message**” not the identities of the actual messengers. Therefore many inferences made in transcribing the Word such as Jehovah for Yah or Jesus for Yahshua, Easter for Passover and the trinity have become new doctrines replacing Biblical truth.*

*Thus Yahshua's two witnesses would have seen and been present from the beginning to the end. They would have had to witness the entire sweep of sin in order to have the right to condemn mankind from every generation to death...the punishment of sin. The two archangels were there from the beginning.*

*The end of the two witnesses is directly followed by the return of Yahshua and His wrath. The two witnesses' prophecies are given simultaneously as the first five seals are being released in Rev 6, as the beast and false prophet take control of the Holy city. Continuing, it will be shown that the beast and false prophet were already on the scene before these last 3½ years, and were allowed to “**continue**” on for the remainder of time as stated in Chapter 13 of the Book of Revelation.*

Revelation 13: 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to **continue forty and two months**.

*These last 42 months will become the time of testing of the saints as well as serving as a warning to the world. As the 6<sup>th</sup> seal is opened with the signs of a great earthquake, with the sun becoming black as a sackcloth of hair, the moon becoming red as blood, the stars of heaven falling unto the earth, the heavens departing as a scroll when it is rolled together, and every mountain and island moved out of their places...**it's all over!!!! “It's the Day of the Lord.”** It's a little late to be thinking of becoming a saint for it will be very hard to even remain one, let alone exist during the last 3½ years prior to His return, that is “**if you are one already?** So before these last 3½ years come about, all must be zealous about our walk. Remember, when the battle begins it's a little late to be looking for your sword, nor is there time to sharpen a blade, for the battle has begun, the adversary is at your door! Let us not be found wanting any spiritual gift that should have been well exercised by daily use when He calls us to arm, for truly...**He calls but once!***

*So how do the blind see in the dark?  
They see with their ears  
And walk by... **Faith:** the action of their belief!*

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