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RAISED IN GLORY & POWER
(THE TWO WITNESSES - THE 2ND WOE, PART 2)

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Revelation 11:11

TRACTION

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STUDY TEXT:

Revelation 11:7-14 (KJV)

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.

8 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.

9 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.

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.

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¹¹ 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.

¹² 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.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

APPLICATION POINT:

“The Word of God makes it clear that it is often positive to silence a witness to the truth by death, but such action does not destroy the truth that has been announced. The power of God will ultimately be revealed.”

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Scripture reveals to us that there will be a global atmosphere of great joy that arose among the global population of the wicked, who will aggressively oppose the pending ministry of God's special emissaries ("two olive trees") that will proclaim the Gospel during the 2nd half of the Tribulation Period.

Recall, concerning these sanctioned heavenly envoys **verse 3** plainly indicated: **"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth."**

And both their mission and message will radiantly and revealingly challenge the status quo of the climate of dominant evil that will arise and permeate every sector of life under the corrupt and destructive reign of the Antichrist.

Alluding to this important truth point, **2 Thessalonians 2:9-10** prophetically revealed: **"Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,**

"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved."

Also, in **Revelations 13:7** we are shown the preview dominating condition: **"And it was given unto him to make war**

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with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. “

Slain by the Beast

Pointedly, the Word of God declared that the “two witnesses” will be slain by the Antichrist, who has been specifically profiled as **“the beast that ascended out of the bottomless pit.” (v. 7b)**

This indicates that the nature of the confrontation will be purely supernatural in character, and too that the outcome will have an enormous impact on public perception and persuasion.

The prevailing power that will be opening demonstrated by the Antichrist (i.e., **“shall make war against them”**) will be allowed by Heaven (**v. 7a**) to both incapacitate and kill the **“two witnesses”** who for three and one-half years were able to defend against their foes by the supernatural power granted to them as cited in **Revelation 11:5b** that distinctly reported: **“fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.”**

Thus, the public victory of the Evil One over the servants of righteousness will falsely exalt and esteem his stature in the minds and hearts of those who have allied with Him.

And too, for a brief period of time it will seemingly appear that his power (darkness) has proved to be superior to the power of Heaven (light).

One commentator rightly assessed: “a righteous prophet is always a torment to a wicked generation.”

And he also added, “The Word of God makes it clear that it is often possible to silence a witness to the truth by death, but such action does not destroy the truth that has been announced.

“The power of God will ultimately be revealed.”

The Celebration of the Wicked

In the aftermath of the temporary demise of the “two witnesses” the subsequent action that will transpire among the international people groups of this period will be joyfully celebratory (i.e., “they will commemorate their deaths by having an enormous global party”).

Explicitly, verse 10 reported to us: “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.”

But again, the prevailing presumption of the wicked of that era will be completely false; and they will not be granted the blessing of Heaven to resist the soul-shrouding, heart overwhelming influence of wicked deception, especially given the fact that they will reside under the imposed punitive edit of Heaven that declared in **2 Thessalonians 2:11-12**: “**And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:**

“That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

Moreover, the visible evidence of the Antichrist’s defeat of their tormentors will be publicly observed (i.e., presumed internationally telecast) by all as images of their slain corpses are allowed to remain unburied and readily decaying and decomposing in the streets, in like manner as common “road-kill” on the pavement of the road.

Verse 8 graphically described the sentiment of pure contempt and hatred toward them by the evil cultures of the world: “**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.**”

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Now, here ironically, we are shown a glaring portrait of paradox regarding the very location of the place where the “two witnesses” will be slain.

First, it is still revered in the historical context as a place of significant, renown reputation - “the great city.”

Then, conversely it is linked to the historical places of moral abomination and utter depravity - “which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt”

And lastly, it is shamefully identified as the location - “also where our Lord was crucified.”

Thus, we can rightly conclude that the central location that will be the epicenter of the events of global drama will be the city of Jerusalem.

And notably, it has been a city that has been historically showcased as a place of hallowed reputation; however, during the Tribulation Period, under the domineering reign of the Antichrist; it will become the focal center of frenzied, unhallowed, satanic outworking.

Raised in Glory & Power

In **verses 10-11**, we observe that the period of celebration experienced by the wicked in their defeat of the “**two witnesses**” will be short lived. They will have presumed that the power of darkness had triumphantly:

- 1) succeeded in bringing an end to the possibility of them having to give an account to Heaven for their evil deeds.
- 2) and they would not have to give account for their doomed decision in electing to follow the Antichrist,
- 3) and they had delightfully found a detour route that diverted their souls from its appointed destiny headed for the “Lake of Fire.”

However, just as the enemies of the crucified Christ merely enjoyed a temporary moment of delight in viewing His death on the Cross; likewise, this will be the case in this instance as well.

Verse 11a declared that suddenly, “**after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet,**”

That is, they were supernaturally revived back to life (“quicken”) by the power of God. Again, proving the supremacy of divine power which can effortlessly override the plans and meager power of the Evil One.

Moreover, the prophetic text indicates that the physical presence of the revived servant of the Lord will be made intentionally visible for every eye to behold for a period sufficient for the global population of the world to fully recognize that had been raised from the dead.

And too, we are shown that they will experience deep sensations of inner pain and terrifying anguish to the same degree that they had been exuberantly overjoyed by gazing upon their lifeless, humiliated corpses while in their state of temporary demise.

At minimum, the designed purpose of this shocking public development will be used to again convey to the watching universal audience of that period (and to the reader of this present generation) that the mighty power of God is far superior to any rival (i.e., natural or supernatural); and that the will of God I cannot be derailed; but rather will inevitably prevail over the plans of darkness, regardless of how strategically intricate and craftily deceptive.

Public Ascension Up into Glory

After the “**two witnesses**” have been publicly resurrected and assessed by the watching eyes of the world (attesting to the validity and truthfulness of their divine message) the Almighty God will

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personally and authoritatively insert Himself onto the global public stage by clearly and audibly broadcasting to His faithful servants the empowering decree: **“Come up hither.”**

More specifically, to the utter dread and apprehension of their enemies, **verse 12a** reported: **“And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither.”**

That is, the enemies of righteousness will be irresistibly compelled to observe the astonishing spectacle, as cited in **verse 12b**: **“And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.”**

One Terrifying Final Impression

In the aftermath of the miraculous “catching away” of His servants the Lord will further impress upon the hearts, minds and lives of the ungodly sure realities of more personally devastating consequences for their act of eternal folly of allying their souls with the Evil One by leaving one final imprint on their community.

Verse 13a reported, **“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.”**

Observe the showcased emphasis on the supernatural event, **“a great earthquake.”**

And too, **verse 13b** revealed the fact that the enormous quake will be so powerful that it will utterly devastate and destroy **“the tenth part the city fell** (Jerusalem of that period).” And furthermore, the prophetic record attests, **“and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand,”**

Then, distinctly highlighting the subsequent dread-invoking impression that will grip the lives of the remaining survivors, we are shown in **verse 13c**, **“and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.”**

Now, we should fully understand that this demonstration of public acknowledgement does not necessarily equate to the soul-

saving conversion of the vast ranks of survivors (but perhaps in some isolated instances, prayerfully that may be the case).

But too, we must rightly note that their reaction will be distinctly different response than that which will be expressed by their peer group that will be forced to encounter the initial stage of the events spawned by the blowing of the Sixth Trumpet.

Recall, they will be forced to experience the shearing-edged of the sword of divine wrath executed by army of supernatural hordes that will be unleashed from **“the great river Eurphates” (Rev. 9:16)**.

Recalling their defiant and unrepentant response in the wake of their completed mission, **verses 9:20-21** reported: **“And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:**

“Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.”

One Final Notification

If there was any lingering notion in the minds of the survivors that the prophetic truth of the Word of God could have been vetoed, that futile sentiment will be utterly shattered.

And to add onto the mounding pile of bad news, the unbelieving masses and active participants in the wicked global reign of the Antichrist, will be duly fully notified and wholly alerted to the pending divine announcement cited in **verse 14**, that will forewarn the peer global masses of that period: **“The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.”**