

The Witnesses (5/11/25)

Discussion Questions

Summary: Who are the two witnesses in Revelation 11? Are they the literal Moses and Elijah from the Old Testament or do they represent all believers in times of persecution? Let's be inspired by God's miraculous work through these tribulation witnesses and instructed by the links to Zechariah, Jeremiah and the teachings of Jesus. All of us are called to testify to the glory and grace of King Jesus. Nothing can stop us from completing our mission, as King Jesus Himself has commissioned us, and will raise us up on the last Day!

"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" Matthew 28:18-20

Our Calling as Evangelists:

1. Evaluate our current Faithfulness and fruitfulness (v. 1-2; Zech. 2:2,4,10-13)
2. Empower evangelistic Teams (v. 3-7; Luke 9:1-6; 10:1-12; Jer. 5:14)

"Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"
Jeremiah 23:29

3. Prepare for fierce Persecution (v. 7-13; Dan. 9:26-27)
4. Praise the King of Kings (v. 14-19)

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it." John 14:12-14

Get Started:

1. What is the job of a witness in a criminal trial?
2. Why is it significant that there were so many eye-witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus? (See 1 Cor. 15:3-8)

Dig Deeper:

3. Read Revelation 11:1-19. What stands out to you in this passage?
4. What is significant about the 42 months / 1260 days of verses 2-3?
5. What did lampstands signify back in chapter one? (Rev. 1:20)
6. In the Old Testament, who had power to shut the sky and to turn water into blood?
7. Why do you think the dead preachers will be left exposed for 3.5 days? (Don't miss the connection to vv. 2-3)
8. What does the power of the witnesses and their resurrection (and ascension) prove?

Move Forward:

9. Read v. 13. This is the only positive response from people toward God in the whole book of Revelation. Do you think it constitutes true conversion?
10. What does the announcement in v. 15 claim?
11. How does the ending of this chapter encourage you?
12. How have you been a witness for the Lord recently? How is the Lord prompting you to be more bold or proactive in this area? How can we pray for you in this regard?