

## The Two Witnesses (Part One)

*Scripture reading:* Revelation 11:3-4

Revelation 11:3 says, *"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth."* "A thousand two hundred and threescore days" is the same three and a half years that Revelation 11:2 describes as *"forty and two months."* Verse 4, *"These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth."*

Many times and in many places, many churches and people guess and wonder what these *"two witnesses"* are. WHO ARE THEY? In their work they do resemble Elijah and Moses, but then they resemble Jesus Christ, because what God is saying here, is that they are going to be lifted up to the stature of Christ. This many-membered Body is going to be lifted up to the stature of Christ! Why did He call them the *"two witnesses?"*

Let us look at Zechariah 4:1-6. *"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."*

What Zechariah saw was the Word of God and the Spirit of God pouring oil, golden oil, into *"the bowl."* The *"candlestick,"* or the lampstand as we call it, has *"seven lamps."* Each lamp has a wick and a place for the oil to come up. This *"candlestick,"* or lampstand which Zechariah saw, was ONE VERY LARGE BOWL. In the time coming, the capacity for the church to receive the oil from God will be greater, more magnificent, and more wonderful than ever before. They will no longer have seven different places for the oil. There will be one great big ocean of oil sitting on top. The golden pipes from the two olive trees standing on the side will be pouring oil into this bowl and keeping a sumptuous supply.

God is saying that during the tribulation, during the time of darkness, during the destruction, there will be *"TWO OLIVE TREES"* feeding His people. I do believe that we are in the tribulation already, but I do believe that there is going to be a terrible time of three and a half years when it will be impossible for any natural human being to survive as a Christian; but that God, in the midst of this, will be feeding His people and giving them power to survive and power to overcome the beast and the antichrist and all his hosts.

Zechariah, in this passage, is showing us the picture of *"THE SPIRIT"* and *"THE WORD."* You say, "Lord how could it be?" The answer is simple. *"The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us..."* (John 1:14) in order that we who are flesh might be made to be the Word. God is bringing us into a place where we will be the epistles, the LIVING *"EPISTLES...known and read of all men,"* as said by Paul. See 2 Corinthians 3:1 and 2. The people of God who walk in a high place with Jesus Christ, will become *"the two olive trees."* Olive trees produce olive oil. These *"olive trees"* will be producing sumptuous oil. He said that golden oil will be poured into the church, into the great massive bowl, and it will keep them alive and give them power to overcome.

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*Thought for today:* God is calling you to be part of the Two Witness company who will feed His people.