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Describing the Two Witnesses and Their Work*

In the very near future, there will come upon the earth a time such as mankind has never known before, a time when the Name of the Almighty GOD, YAHWEH,** will be made known throughout the entire earth. YAHWEH states through HIS Son Yahshua*** in Matthew 24:14:

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Centuries ago YAHWEH promised in 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 preaching work is performed by YAHWEH'S Two Witnesses. HE gives them this power. They are HIS Witnesses. The identity of these Two Witnesses, a secret kept hidden for nearly two thousand years, has confounded sincere Bible students and the religionists of this world from the time it was recorded whose vain attempts at interpreting Scriptures fall woefully short. But the understanding of who these Two Witnesses are—along with all of the prophecies—is now made known by YAHWEH to HIS Nation, The Restored Israel of YAHWEH. This understanding comes through HIS Prophets, of whom YAHWEH states:

"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding" (Jer. 3:15, R.S.V.****).

The Restored Israel of YAHWEH *alone* knows that these Two Witnesses are fulfilled in The Restored Israel of YAHWEH and Jehovah's Witnesses. These are the two divisions of Israel, YAHWEH'S True Nation, who perform YAHWEH'S Service in these last days. And it is through Israel that YAHWEH will be glorified (Isa. 49:3). (Refer also to Jeremiah 51:19,20.)

Many claim to understand the Scriptures, but the proof is in a consistent understanding of all the prophecies. The only accurate knowledge is one displaying consistency. This The Restored Israel of YAHWEH possesses. All others who claim to have

the ability to interpret the Scriptures are liars, for, as Psalm 147:19,20 bears out, YAHWEH deals with Israel alone. HE deals with no other nation.

In this article you will see the harmony in the knowledge possessed by Israel as each verse of Revelation Eleven is explained and related to verses in other prophecies which back up the understanding.

Revelation, Chapter Eleven, Verse 1:

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.

The reed given to John was to be used as a measuring rod, for he was told to measure the Temple of GOD and the Altar and them that worship therein. John was told to measure these only, because they were completely and totally YAHWEH'S. Being now altogether YAHWEH'S is the understanding that YAHWEH is conveying to HIS Servants, for no one goes about measuring for himself that which belongs to another.

The devil, who for nearly six thousand years has had access to the heavens and has been permitted to influence YAHWEH'S angels, as well as mankind upon the earth, has brought reproach upon YAHWEH. Satan was allowed to interfere and to contradict that which was just and right and which stems from the Living GOD. Under these conditions, the Temple (a symbol of YAHWEH'S Ruling Authority) was not altogether HIS, for YAHWEH permitted and tolerated an intruder. For this reason the measuring of the Temple takes place after Revelation Twelve, verses 9 and 12 are fulfilled. Revelation 12:9,12:

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

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**YAHWEH, יהוה, the original Hebrew Name of the Living GOD, erroneously written Jehovah.

***Yahshua, composed of the Names YAH and Hoshua, signifying YAHWEH-Savior in the Hebrew language, and presently known as Jesus from the corrupted Greek version Iesous.

**** Revised Standard Version

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After the devil was thrown out of heaven, the heavens were totally cleansed from his influence. YAHWEH'S Ruling Authority is not interfered with, and the Temple and all of its Holy Purpose is altogether under the jurisdiction of YAHWEH. The Ruling Administration is now entirely HIS, for the opposer has been cast out. At this time it was altogether proper for YAHWEH to ask someone to measure something that was entirely HIS.

Verse 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.

The Court is not the Temple. It is not the Supreme Ruling Authority, but represents those who come under the administration of the Temple, or YAHWEH'S Ruling Organization. Having a court, or fence, around the Temple shows that these within the fence, or court, would not wander outside, away from the influence of the Temple. These represent Earthly Israel, YAHWEH'S Servants who alone keep HIS Truths, and who alone look to HIM for guidance. These do not willfully and deliberately wander out of the Court into the world. The location of the Temple, YAHWEH'S Ruling Organization, is in the heavens.

The Court is on the earth, and it is YAHWEH'S Heavenly Ruling Organization, symbolized by the Temple, that will rule the earth in righteousness. (Refer to Daniel 4:26 and Psalm 97:6.) When the devil was thrown out of the heavens onto the earth, he knew he had but a short time (Rev. 12:12). It is during this brief period of time that he makes his last supreme effort to retain his authority as the god of this world. 2 Corinthians 4:3,4:

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

1 John 5:19, R.S.V. :

We know that we are of God, and the whole world is in the power of the evil one.

satan does this by uniting the forces of the two superpowers under the supervision of the pope of

rome. This will result in one monstrous organization which will beat the entire world into submission. This organization YAHWEH has titled the abomination of desolation, for it is against the Living GOD, a reproach to all that is righteous, for it defiantly opposes the Will of YAHWEH and is therefore an abomination. The word *desolation* tells YAHWEH'S Anointed People that all true freedom lovers will be rendered desolate. The pope of rome will at this time realize the fulfillment of his greatest ambition—the restoration in these last days of the "holy" roman empire. It will be a glorious day for him, but short-lived, for who can successfully oppose YAHWEH, the True and Only Living GOD. The pope and his dupes are not interested in the Will of the Living GOD, no, but by being *willfully* ignorant of YAHWEH'S Purpose and working for the interests of this already condemned world, the pope becomes the servant of the devil. Daniel 9:27, as correctly translated from the original Hebrew (which should be read from right to left) and clarified by The Restored Israel of YAHWEH:

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<p>הַשָּׁבוּעַ week a</p>	<p>וּחְצֵי two in cut And</p>
<p>זָבַח as slaughtered sacrifice for</p>	<p>יִשְׁבֵּית seat established authority of</p>
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<p>וְעַד-כִּלְהֵם allotted until even ,accomplished time</p>	<p>מִשְׁמֹמֶם appalling desolation</p>
<p>תַּתְּךָ chamber side deceit of</p>	<p>וְנִחְרָצָה pleasing this then acceptable and</p>
	<p>עַל-שׁוֹמֵם .desolation into</p>

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And a great lord with a covenant shall greatly increase for seven years. And for a period of half of that time, YAHWEH'S established seat of authority on earth shall be slaughtered as a sacrifice for offering, and upon those whom he has cornered (under his wing) descends a detestable and appalling desolation, even until the allotted time be accomplished, then this pleasing and acceptable side chamber of deceit brings himself to desolation.

(Refer also to Daniel 7:23; 11:31.)

YAHWEH'S People, being on earth during this time, cannot escape the effects of satan's supreme earthly authority. Their hearts will not change from the worship of the True GOD by becoming submissive to the devil and his organization by supporting the abomination of desolation. However, YAHWEH'S People shall be trampled upon by sheer brute force.

During this forty-two month period while the pope is in authority, YAHWEH'S People will be outlawed, or forbidden to continue prophesying that the devil's organization is doomed. While this condition prevails, the devil, through his organization, has in reality subdued the whole earth. When the Earthly Servants of YAHWEH (symbolized by the Court) are no longer heard, they are symbolically referred to as being killed, for YAHWEH has now permitted the devil to dominate HIS People. The Court can no longer be considered as belonging to YAHWEH. This is the reason that John is told not to measure the Court, for at this particular time Earthly Israel (those in the Court) will be forced into silence regarding the preaching of the blessings of YAHWEH'S Kingdom. The devil at this time will have encompassed the entire earth. YAHWEH is foretelling us that there will come a time in the very near future when HE will permit HIS People to be silenced as though killed. Revelation 13:7:

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Daniel 7:21:

I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them.

Verse 3:

And I will give power unto my two

witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

That which causes the devil and his organization to trample upon the Court, or in other words to silence the Earthly Portion of HIS Kingdom, pictured by the Court, is the message spoken by them. Those engaged in the work are referred to as "my two witnesses." These are not limited to two individuals, but are the two different folds of the LORD'S Sheep. The First Witness was taught by the Remnant of the Body of Yahshua. These began to be gathered by the Remnant of the Body of Yahshua and are fulfilled in the legions of Jehovah's Witnesses. This gathering began after 1913 by the Remnant of His Body who have since then received their Heavenly Reward, and any who may have been alive past 1945 had no power to correct the wrong teachings that began to creep into the organization by the instruction of the newer members, for 1945 is when the Light went out for those who were receiving instruction from the Remnant. (Refer to Matthew 24:29.) YAHWEH'S Spirit is now with HIS Second Witness, those taught by the resurrected Prophets, whose mission will be to remain and rule on earth. The First Witness is now known as Jehovah's Witnesses and the Second Witness is permanently named by our CREATOR as The Restored Israel of YAHWEH. Although the two are now in total disagreement, YAHWEH will cause HIS First Witness to see "eye to eye" with HIS Restored Israel and become a part of this Nation and together we will fulfill the 1,260 days of testimony, which this article will deal with.

To be clothed in sackcloth means that they will suffer because of opposition, for sackcloth was used as a symbol of mourning. Matthew 24:9:

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

Verse 4:

These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

Being referred to as olive trees means that they do bear fruit, for the olive trees are fruit-bearing trees. The fruit that they bear, or the number that they will gather together, will total 200 million minus the 144,000. These 144,000 have a Heavenly calling and are gathered before them. These Two

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Witnesses are the only ones who at this time truly fulfill what has been recorded in Hebrews 13:15:

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

It is through the spoken word that the hordes of Israel are gathered. The two candlesticks would denote that they are the Light Bearers, or those who have the Understanding. It is from them that it will shine forth.

Standing before the GOD of all the earth would mean that it is the Two Witnesses alone whom YAHWEH is dealing with as though conversing face to face during the period of their testimony, for they alone are the LORD'S People.

Verse 5:

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.

The manner of hurting them, in this particular case, is not through physical violence, but through opposition directed against them in order to cripple the progress of their testimony. They do this by endeavoring to prove the Two Witnesses false. This they cannot do, for YAHWEH states concerning HIS Servants:

For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist (Luke 21:15).

Therefore, the fire that proceeds out of their mouth is Light, Knowledge and Truth. The wisdom with which they speak and the zeal of their testimony completely defeats and puts to silence the would-be opposers and the false prophets of this world. During the height of their testimony, no one will be able to successfully oppose them. Those who do attempt to oppose them will be completely silenced, as though killed.

Verse 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.

The heavens are YAHWEH'S. All true blessings come from HIM. The rain that falls from heaven to the earth is a blessing to mankind because it causes the earth to flourish and bring forth fruit. However, this rain is not a literal rain, but is a symbol of the pouring down of a spiritual blessing which causes HIS True Children to respond and to flourish with a great increase.

The Two Witnesses, who *alone* are the True Servants of the Living GOD, would certainly not prevent these spiritual blessings from reaching the masses of ignorant mankind, for their work consists of enlightening mankind. The rain, or spiritual blessings, that they oppose and shut off are the false claims of the religionists of this world, who claim that their activities are directed from above. These false religionists, together with the political rulers of this world, are uniting the devil's religions and nations into one monstrous combination, claiming that this will bring peace upon the earth. These, through their united efforts, will succeed in setting up the abomination of desolation, which will become a failure of failures. Their reward for their willful ignorance will result in the setting up of YAHWEH'S greatest enemy ever to set foot on earth, the abomination of desolation. This will be made up of the union of satan's three ruling elements—politics, commerce and religion, fulfilled respectively in russia, the united states and vatican city. Their *successful failure* will result in the building of the anti-Christ, for peace will never come to this world. *This world must come to a total end!* The Kingdom of GOD is the only Government that will bring lasting peace, and it has now begun to operate. It is a Kingdom wholly set apart from the governments of this world, and HIS Restored Israel is busily engaged in the building of it, for Yahshua plainly stated, "My kingdom is *not* of this world" (John 18:36). The blind who lead the blind are the false religionists of this world, and they will fall into the ditch together with those whom they have deceived (Matt. 15:14).

Continuing with verse 6—having power over the waters to turn them into blood further clarifies the fact that religion will be the primary target, for it is the religionists of this world who claim to be giving the people the "Water of Life," which is a symbol of the Truth. Revelation 22:1:

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Matthew 4:4:

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Turning them into blood would show that the so-called Life-giving Waters administered by the religionists of this world are, in reality, putrid and unfit to drink. This is brought about by the testimony of the Two Witnesses which will expose religion in its true light, and prove that the religionists' message does not originate with YAHWEH, and that they are serving the one who has become an angel of light, the god of this world, satan the devil! 2 Corinthians 11:13-15:

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Smiting the earth will also show that their testimony will be directed against the visible ruling elements of this world. This will greatly curtail the progress of this world, or satan's organization. They will become unproductive, cease to flourish, as though smitten with a plague, which in a literal sense will cause the body to sicken, and though they may not literally die, they will become altogether inactive.

Verse 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.

This is permitted by YAHWEH because the work has been completed and YAHWEH removes HIS all-protecting hand from HIS People and satan moves in. However, this force applied by satan will be limited that YAHWEH'S People may not be completely overcome. This marks the end of the 1,260 days of the testimony when satan, by sheer brute force, is permitted to silence them.

Ascending out of the bottomless pit shows that this beast had been in a death-like condition. To be dead necessarily means it was at one time alive,

for nothing is dead that had never previously existed. This is the beast that was (the "holy" roman empire during the middle ages) and is not (during the reformation when it lost its complete power) and yet is (to be restored to power in these very last days) mentioned in 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.

This is the same beast that makes war with the Saints and overcomes them mentioned in Revelation 13:7, quote:

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

To kill them merely symbolizes that they become altogether inactive. It is the testimony that they give that irritates the beast. It is the testimony that is stopped, or killed. This is referred to as literally killing the Two Testimony Bearers, or the Two Witnesses themselves.

Verse 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.

Their dead bodies lying in the street symbolizes that the world that hates them will not be willing to forget the Two Witnesses, or those who bore what was to the world a most hateful message. Seeing their bodies symbolizes that they are not forgotten, for how can one forget anything that is continually in sight.

"The great city" is a symbol of the single, mighty organization that the abomination of desolation will make of this world. Compare Revelation 16:19, quote:

And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

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The great city is called sodom and egypt, sodom referring to the filth of this world, and egypt is a symbol of the world itself, which has been, and still is, the devil's visible organization. It was in this impure satanic system that Yahshua was impaled.

Verse 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.

The very fact that people and kindreds and tongues and nations see these Two Witnesses in what is symbolically referred to as seeing their dead bodies proves that they had been a great multitude, which said multitude had been testifying in many nations. These nations, where the testimony had been given, have now become greatly offended by the Word of Truth spoken by the Two Witnesses. Their anger and indignation reaches a fever pitch. They are not satisfied with merely stopping the work, but they gloat over the Witnesses in sweet revenge and supposed vindication. This the scripture refers to as not suffering their dead bodies to be put in graves. They do not wish to forget the Witnesses, for they are far too angry to readily dismiss this matter.

The length of time that these Two Witnesses remain inactive is symbolically referred to as three and one-half days, which in reality is three and one-half years, for this is the same period of time mentioned in Revelation 11:2, which refers to the "holy city" as being tread underfoot for forty-two months. The Holy City is YAHWEH'S visible Organization under the Prophets. It is the Two Witnesses who make up the Holy City. When the Two Witnesses have been killed, then the Holy City has been tread underfoot, and vice versa.

Verse 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.

Those dwelling on earth who now rejoice are the peoples of this world. These have put their hope and trust in this satanic system, and their lives center upon the success of this world. The message of the Two Witnesses is a message of doom for the organization that the nations of this world cherish.

For this reason they are overjoyed when the message is forcibly stopped at the instigation of the pope of rome.

Sending gifts to one another shows that they indeed become lighthearted and joyful, for the weight of the testimony of these Two Prophets had proven to be unbearable.

Verse 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.

The three and one-half days has been shown to be three and one-half years, or the forty-two months mentioned in Revelation Eleven, verse 2. At the end of this time, the great city referred to in Revelation Eleven, verse 8 (which is a symbol of the unity and cooperation practiced by the religions and nations of this world, which causes the world to become one mighty organization) begins to collapse and is divided into its three major parts. Revelation 16:19:

And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

These were originally the three parts whose union made up the abomination of desolation. The one world, one government, under one religious head is the great city. The three parts are communism, democracy and religion, headed by russia, the united states and vatican city respectively.

The collapse of the united world conceived by pope Paul is a fulfillment of the message of doom, which had been prophesied to take place at the end of these forty-two months by the Two Witnesses. The world that assumed that it had gotten rid of the Two Witnesses by forcing them into silence is now faced with the agony of seeing their prophecy fulfilled. They, the members of this world, begin to realize that they cannot truly shut them off because their prophetic words are being fulfilled in every detail as though they were present and ordering the course of events. Truly the Two Witnesses continue to plague them even though at this time they do not speak a word. During this particular time, silence will speak louder than words.

During the 1,260 days of testimony, the message given by the Two Witnesses was only prophetic

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words. Twelve hundred and ninety days later it becomes an accurate and terrifying fulfillment. The accurate fulfillment of the testimony is the reason for the great fear that will fall upon the members of this world at this particular time. For when the abomination of desolation begins to collapse, the world can expect the entire prophecy uttered by the Two Witnesses to be fulfilled in every detail. It will be fulfilled in this order:

After the pope's brief reign of three and one-half years, russia and the united states will thoroughly expose him as an inherent selfish politician whose overwhelming ambition is to control the entire earth. he will then be forcibly dethroned from his lofty position. Habakkuk 2:5, as correctly translated by The Restored Israel of YAHWEH, prophetically describes the ambitions of this would-be god on earth:

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ולא cannot and	יהיר proud	גבר leader
הרחיב wide opens	אשר who	ינה rest he
והוא he and	נפשו desire his	כשאול sheol like
ישבע satiated he	ולא cannot and	כמות death as
כל-הגוים the all nations	אליו himself unto	ויאסף gathers he but
כל-העמים .peoples the all	אליו himself unto	ויקבץ grasps and

The clarification:

Yea, also by the wine of treachery this leader is haughty and cannot accept rest, who opens wide like sheol his desire and he is as death. he cannot be satiated but gathereth unto him all the nations and grasps unto him all peoples.

Revelation 17:16,17:

16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

They will then endeavor to continue without him. This period of peace without the pope's leadership will last for fifteen months. Daniel 7:12, R.S.V. :

As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

The rest of the beasts refers to all that survives the destruction of the vatican. This means that political rule will still exist, but in a thoroughly confused and shaken frame of mind. This will bring them to the next agonizing situation when they become involved in an insolvable disagreement which will endure for a period of five months (Rev. 9), to be quickly followed by total and unrestrained warfare, which will result in the slaughter of two thirds of the earth's population. Zechariah 13:8,9:

8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith YAHWEH, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.

9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, YAHWEH is my God.

(See also Jeremiah 25:33.)

The only ones to be delivered will be those who put their entire trust in the Living GOD and fully carry out HIS instructions in every detail. These will break all ties with the abomination of desolation. These are pictured as coming out of babylon. Revelation 18:4:

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Verse 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.

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The Two Witnesses are the last Servants to be employed by YAHWEH before the destruction of satan's system. These are not of the Heavenly Class, for the 144,000 who are redeemed from the earth are the only ones who receive a Heavenly calling. They are the only ones who can learn the new song. (Refer to Revelation 14:1-4.) These are the Firstfruits unto GOD and unto the Lamb. The Two Witnesses performing this final work are therefore of the Earthly Class. For this reason they could not literally and consistently be called into heaven. This simply typifies the completion and acceptance of a work which YAHWEH had commissioned them to perform. These as Children of the Everlasting FATHER are symbolically called by HIM as a father calls his children home, emphasizing the fact that they *alone* are HIS and that HE has no dealings with any other peoples of the earth.

Being seen by their enemies means that even they will be forced to understand that these Two Witnesses have certainly met with YAHWEH'S approval. The proof of which is that everything they utter comes to pass.

Verse 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.

An earthquake is a great shaking up of the earth. The earth is used in the Bible many times as a symbol of the visible ruling element. 2 Peter 3:13:

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Revelation 21:1:

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

The earthquake in verse 13 would symbolize a great upheaval, or dissension amongst the rulers of this earth. At this time a disagreement would be most serious because the peace of the world will depend entirely on the cooperation of all and on the oneness of the organization. Disagreements among nations prior to this could never have brought about so serious a predicament because the world

has never been united into one as it will be under the abomination of desolation. With the formation of the abomination of desolation, its hope of continued success will depend entirely on its oneness of thought and purpose. Any disagreement will shatter the entire organization.

The earthquake mentioned in verse 13 is indeed the beginning of that shattering. The number *ten* is used to denote earthly completeness. Therefore, when YAHWEH speaks to us in symbols and tells us "and the tenth part of the city fell," HE is referring to the breaking up of the complete unity of the world, symbolized by the "city," or organization. Those that are affected by this earthquake total "seven thousand." This number again is a symbol, for the number *seven* has to do with that which pertains to the Heavens. No part of this world has any connections or guidance from the Heavens, which are YAHWEH'S, but the religious rulers of this world merely claim to have HIS blessing and direction. A sample of this is found in the first verse of the thirteenth chapter of Revelation, where the beast, or world organization has seven heads. The heads represent the seat of intelligence and the number *seven*, heavenly completeness, which should give this beast the necessary wisdom from above to guide the destiny of the earth. But YAHWEH appropriately labels each of its heads with the name "blasphemy," showing us that this claim is not real, but an effort on the part of the devil to deceive the peoples of the earth. The beast does not carry out the true worship of YAHWEH, but merely employs a hypocritical lip service so aptly expressed by Isaiah in Chapter 29:13:

Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men.

The *seven* in the seven thousand would denote that which is religious; the thousands would symbolize the innumerable host, together incorporating all that is religious. The slaying of these would therefore mean that all sincere religionists who have been deceived into supporting this abomination of desolation will awaken fully to the horror of their act and abandon all hope in this world and no longer support it as though they had gone out of existence, symbolically stated as being slain. This step will be the beginning of the gathering of the major portion of the one third of the earth's population who will make up those

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whom the Bible refers to as strangers and whom Israel refers to as the regular ones. We call them regular ones because they respond to a normal stimulus, and that stimulus is seeing living proof that Israel was correct all along. The most startling revelation will be that religion, whom they trusted in fully, has been exposed by the world rulers as being a total farce and this marks the doom of all false religion on the earth. This event is described in the Scriptures as the ten horns (all political rulers on the earth) who will turn against the whore (the name given by YAHWEH to organized religion under the vatican) and who will thoroughly expose her and forcibly cast her out of her seat of authority. Revelation 17:16:

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

Briefly reiterating, the remnant mentioned in verse 13, in Revelation, Chapter Eleven, who are affrighted, also had a hand in the formation of the hypocritical abomination of desolation, but these are the sincere ones. When there is enough evidence and they come to realize that the course of events is an exact fulfillment of what the Two Witnesses had uttered three and one-half years before, they are convinced that they have been deceived and that all along the Living GOD had been using the Two Witnesses as HIS mouthpiece. They become affrighted when they realize that they have actually opposed YAHWEH and have unwittingly made themselves targets of YAHWEH'S wrath. These quickly learn the true worship of YAHWEH which at this time will be: first, to shun all affiliation with the world, and second, to obediently serve YAHWEH under the direction of HIS appointed Rulers. When this is accomplished, they, in reality for the first time, give glory to the GOD of Heaven.

Verse 14:

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

This second "woe" represents the awakening of the rest who were terrified in verse thirteen. These are the regular ones who awaken right before the final end. When they realize that it is satan whom they have been following, they make the appropriate move and stand up for Israel and come over to YAHWEH'S side. Because satan's organization will lose such a great number of members, the term

"woe" is used. It is indeed a woe to the devil to have so many leave his system and join his enemy Israel.

Now, this is the second of three specific woes that befall the organization that the devil hoped would be his greatest. Revelation 8:13:

And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

The first of these three woes to hit the devil's organization is the shattering of the "great city," or the abomination of desolation spoken of in verse 8 of Revelation Eleven. The unifying force of the three elements is ruptured with the ousting of the pope, for it was he who kept this abominable structure together. The fall of the papacy is the first sure sign of danger. What will follow is a sad attempt by the nations to get along without the "magic" of the pope. Because all these events are beginning to unfold in the exact manner that the Two Witnesses said they would, the regular ones begin to leave what is left of the devil's system and cling to the House of Israel. Isaiah 45:14, *The Living Bible*:

YAHWEH says: The Egyptians, Ethiopians and Sabeans shall be subject to you. They shall come to you with all their merchandise and it shall all be yours. They shall follow you as prisoners in chains, and fall down on their knees before you and say, "The only God their is, is your God!"

Zechariah 8:23:

Thus saith YAHWEH of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.

Again this is the second woe. The third woe that comes quickly is the final fulfillment of the testimony of the Two Witnesses: the complete annihilation of satan and the wicked who chose to follow him. Those who vehemently refuse to submit to YAHWEH and HIS Organization turn on one another and commit mass genocide. Jeremiah 25:33:

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And the slain of YAHWEH shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

Verse 15:

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

With the sounding of the seventh Angel the appointed time period for the destruction of satan and the oppressive nations that he formed and ruled has been completed. The seventh Angel is the one who announces this event because the number *seven* is associated with Heavenly completeness. Revelation 10:7:

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

This is the time period all righteous people have been waiting for—the final and complete end of the wicked and the full establishment of YAHWEH'S just and everlasting Rule. Isaiah 32:17,18:

17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

Verse 16:

And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God.

The twenty-four Elders who sit on their thrones before GOD are symbolic of the two divisions of YAHWEH'S Ruling Organization. The Organization of YAHWEH has a Heavenly Portion and an Earthly Portion, with the Heavens ruling and guiding the Members on earth. And yet, this Kingdom is one Kingdom, one mighty organized structure. We will quote a passage from the article "Daniel 9:24-27, In the Count of Time":

The guiding Light from the Heavens will be

poured down upon the Earthly Portion of Israel in order that the earth may be ruled in wisdom and understanding, and Israel on earth will be responsible for the just, efficient and smooth operation of all of the visible portion of YAHWEH'S Kingdom. In a sense we have two Ruling Organizations inextricably bound together, and this is pictured by the twenty-four Elders wearing crowns: twelve picturing Israel's authority in the heavens, and twelve picturing Israel's authority on earth.

Twelve is the number YAHWEH uses to represent HIS Nation of Israel, for the typical Israel was made up of twelve tribes.

The Heavenly Members and the Earthly Members are all True Israel taken from all nationalities of the earth. Yahshua told the twelve Apostles that they would judge the twelve tribes of Israel. Matthew 19:28:

And Jesus [Yahshua] said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Thus the number *twenty-four* is symbolic of Israel dwelling in the spiritual plane and those of Israel living in the earthly plane. Revelation 4:4,10,11:

4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

These symbolic representatives of True Israel give all glory and thanks to YAHWEH.

Verse 17, R.S.V. :

Saying, "We give thanks to thee, Lord God Almighty, who art and who wast, that thou hast taken thy great power and begun to

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reign."

In this verse all of True Israel is thanking YAHWEH for all the wondrous works HE has done for the sake of righteous mankind. The reign spoken of here is the time period when YAHWEH begins to take action against the devil and his evil forces. The date when this started is 1913. This is the year YAHWEH allowed Yahshua to battle and defeat satan's forces who, at that time, were still influencing the Heavens. Revelation 12:7-9,12 states:

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Yahshua quickly defeated the devil in 1913 and he was cast out of the heavens. What follows is a continual flow of events culminating with the final war that will forever eliminate the wicked. Because of satan's Heavenly defeat in 1913, the Heavens could rejoice, for satan would no longer be allowed to stir up trouble there. But on earth it would be a different story.

Because of his quick defeat, satan was furious and he went on to take out his anger upon the earth. This brings us into the year 1914—the beginning of world war one. It took Yahshua and His righteous forces a short time to defeat satan, but it took satan a few months to regroup and turn his attention now to the earth where he was bound. Since 1913 is the year that YAHWEH gives power to Yahshua and allows Him to cast satan out of the Heavens, thus cleansing the Heavens, it is known as YAHWEH taking HIS power and beginning to reign in verse 17 of Revelation Eleven. What follows this event is detailed in verse 18.

Verse 18, R.S.V. :

"The nations raged, but thy wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, for rewarding thy servants, the prophets and

saints, and those who fear thy name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth."

"The nations raged..." Again, this is the result of YAHWEH taking HIS power and reigning; satan is cast out and stirs up the nations against one another. The result is world war one and world war two.

"...But thy wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged..." The wrath is pointing back to 1913 when YAHWEH'S anger was manifested in the casting out of satan by Yahshua and the risen Members of the Heavenly Class.

The "dead" to be judged does not point to the literal dead. It is a symbol used to describe those who have not awakened to YAHWEH'S Truth. These "dead" are judged on how they accept YAHWEH'S Understanding. During the first and second world wars, the Members of The International Bible Students, later called Jehovah's Witnesses, still alive on earth during those war years preached the Good Tidings of the Kingdom of GOD and began gathering those individuals meant to be numbered in with the Earthly Class. Their Message was preached around the world and they received much opposition and persecution. The "dead" in verse 17 speaks of those who heard the words of this Remnant of the Body of Yahshua. How the dead reacted at that time determined their fate.

Daniel 12:2 describes this condition of the symbolic dead:

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

The "awakening" is hearing and understanding the Truth. Notice, however, that YAHWEH adds a little more information to this awakening in Daniel Twelve. Some dead awake to the Truth but still go down in everlasting shame. In other words, in these last days many realize that Israel voices the Will of YAHWEH, but these dead still do not wish to submit themselves to YAHWEH'S Channel of Authority and, unfortunately, they go to their deaths in the final war.

Continuing with verse 18, "rewarding thy servants, the prophets..." The Prophets who are rewarded are the Men of Old. They served YAHWEH faithfully unto their last breath. They are brought back to everlasting life and a position of everlasting rulership in the last days and this is the reward they receive. Verse 18 proves conclusively that they are brought back *before* the

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final destruction, for this is when the people of YAHWEH need these Instructors the most. Without the Prophets, mankind does not receive the True Understanding of the Scriptures. Those who recognize and accept the Prophets before the beginning of the final end are gathered into the camp of True Israel. And this brings us to the part in verse 18 where the Saints are also rewarded. The Saints make up Earthly Israel.

Continuing with verse 18: "...and those who fear thy name, both small and great..." which are fulfilled in the regular ones.

Yahshua and the 144,000 together make up Zion in the Heavens. Isaiah 2:3:

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of YAHWEH from Jerusalem.

The King of Zion gives the law to the 144,000 who in turn pass YAHWEH'S Words on to the Angels and the Angels relay them to the Prophets on earth, making the Prophets YAHWEH'S Earthly Rulers. The Prophets then pass these words along to Earthly Israel who in turn direct them to the regular ones, thus making the Prophets the Supreme Rulers on earth. Thus we have a Holy Chain of Command, an everlasting Channel of Authority, never to be broken throughout eternity. All who do not follow this Chain of Command (the disobedient), YAHWEH will destroy, and thus the scripture will be fulfilled that HE will destroy those who are destroying the earth.

"...And for destroying the destroyers of the earth." The twenty-four Elders are giving thanks to YAHWEH for destroying the wicked, those self-centered individuals who cared nothing for their fellow man, nor for the earth they lived on. If YAHWEH did not step in and put an end to the neanderthals that made up commerce, politics and religion, these three elements would certainly continue sucking the earth and its helpless inhabitants dry until the planet resembled a barren wasteland. In verse 18, the twenty-four Elders praise YAHWEH for saving the earth and its people and for enthroning the Prophets to their rightful position. With these men, who are men after YAHWEH'S own heart, the earth is harvested in an efficient manner, with consideration shown to each other and to the land, air, water and all animals. The earth will return to a state of Edenic bliss forever. Psalm 115:16:

The heaven, even the heavens, are YAHWEH'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

Isaiah 11:9:

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of YAHWEH, as the waters cover the sea.

Verse 19, R.S.V.:

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, loud noises, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

Men living on earth will never be able to physically see into the Heavens to see YAHWEH. We will, however, be forever sure of HIS existence by the miraculous events soon to be seen in these last days and the full establishment of HIS Kingdom after the final war. In this verse, YAHWEH is symbolically allowing us to see into the Heavens so that we can feel certain that HE is really guiding us. In reality, this is seen by the just and loving way HIS Government will be fully instituted in the near future. Because we will know HE is dealing with us, YAHWEH gives True Israel a picture in Revelation Eleven of the Heavens opening wide revealing the Ark of the Covenant. In the days of typical Israel, the Ark of the Covenant was a symbol of HIS dealings with that nation. Within this Ark, a gold rectangular box, were the two tablets of the Law, Aaron's rod that budded and the golden bowl of manna. In verse 19, YAHWEH establishes the fact that HE deals with True Israel alone by showing us HIS Temple and the Ark of HIS Covenant.

"...And there were flashes of lightning, loud noises, peals of thunder..." These are supernatural signs that emanate from the Heavenly realm. When lightning and thunder flashes and sounds, one cannot help but notice. These are symbols that YAHWEH is real, that HE has never forgotten mankind, and that all HIS Promises will come true and last forever.

"...An earthquake, and heavy hail." The earthquake and heavy hail reveal the effects of the spoken words of YAHWEH'S People in these last days. An earthquake is a tremendous upheaval that does not escape anyone's attention if it is in their area. Likewise, the work that is about to be performed by True Israel cannot be ignored by this world. The heavy hail is also a symbol of the hard, stinging effects of YAHWEH'S Message. The testimony of the Two Witnesses will be like that of a hail storm, and the masses will be forced to see that YAHWEH is using this class of People to express HIS Will throughout the earth.

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