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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Revelation 11:1-19

In Every Generation, Throughout the Ages,
The Lord has Always Maintained a Witness of His Great Plan.

GOD'S FINAL WITNESS TO THE WORLD

1.) Is a very specific warning of events

vv. 1-2

Revelation 11:1-2

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This very specific warning of events involves...

1st a coming temple to the city of Jerusalem

v.1

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" We Interrupt This Broadcast... "

In the Not-too-Distant Future, The Israeli Government will agree to Sign a 7-year, United Nations Peace Resolution that will allow them to build a Temple in Jerusalem, atop the Temple Mount! - **(Daniel Chapter 9)**

This Agreement will also Allow Certain rights and privileges to the muslim people to practice an ancient pagan worship system to the babylonian god of the moon, referred to as allah, - **(Revelation Chapter 11)**

Divided, yet united The Jews and Muslims will worship atop God's holy mountain in Jerusalem In what will become a global religious system that will offend the God of heaven and earth. - **(Revelation 13 & Daniel 2-3)**

The Bible Warns That there will be a global "Church" of lost souls during this time. That it will have an outward appearance of Christianity, but will be anything but. **(Luke 13, 2 Corinthians 11, 2 Timothy 4, Matt. 7)**

That there will be a global economic system of commerce and that it would be a cashless system whereby transactions are made electronically via a numbering system with a certain numerical prefix = 666. - **(Daniel 8, Revelation 13, 2 Thess. 2, 1 John 2)**

And that Europe will once again be resurrected in a demonically energized, godless government of nations that will ultimately produce a representative, a man, who will swoon the world into a false peace and false hope. - **(Daniel 7, Revelation 12, Daniel 8, Daniel 11)**

Paul Told us of This Time

1 Thessalonians 5:3

For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

It will be at this Mid-Point
of the Tribulation that Israel will see what they couldn't see earlier.

Jesus Told us of This Time

Matthew 24:17

Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. :18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. :19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! :20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. :21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. :22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

And so there is the coming of the Antichrist
this "Western Prince" that will Arise out of the Ancient Borders of the
Roman Empire.

This very specific warning of events involves...

2nd A coming deception to the nation of Israel

v.2a

But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it,
for it has been given to the Gentiles.

The Coming World Leader will Attempt to Cohabitate
the Religions of the World...

2 Thessalonians 2:3

Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, **4** who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God... **:8** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. **:9** The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, **:10** and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **:11** And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, **:12** that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

A Time of Deception

(I agree with many of the critics, of what is called
Christian these days.)

This very specific warning of events involves...

3rd a coming end to human government

v.2b

And they (gentiles) will tread the holy city underfoot *for* forty-two months...

Luke 21:24

And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

The Coming End of Human Government

Zechariah 14:3

Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. **:4** And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, *Making* a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.

" Let Him Who is Without Sin Cast The First Stone, "

Daniel 2:34

You watched while a stone was cut out without human hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and the stone broke them into pieces.... :44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up His kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these earthly kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

Zechariah 14:8

And in that day it shall be *That* living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, Half of them toward the eastern sea And half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall occur. :9 And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be, - - "The LORD is one," And His name one.

GOD'S FINAL WITNESS TO THE WORLD

II.) Is a very special announcement to mankind vv. 3

And I will give *power* to my two witnesses,
and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

There are two specially prepared evangelists
that have been granted a limited time to minister, with an unlimited amount of powers!

a very special announcement to mankind

1st By the mouth of His witnesses v.3a

And I will give *power* to my two witnesses...

God has Two Specific Evangelists Appointed.
(their possible identity later)

They Belong to God
And I will give

They're Powered by God
I will give *power*

And they both live and die before the Lord God

And I will give *power to my two witnesses*...

Why the Two Witnesses? There is Great Significance Here.

A Court Room is Unveiled Before the World Two Witnesses Establish the Case

Deuteronomy 19:15

“One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.

They're Powered by God

I will *give power*

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

And they both live and die for God

And I will give *power to my two witnesses*...

Acts 1:8

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a very special announcement to mankind

2nd At the command of God's witnesses v.3b

and they will prophesy
one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”

Remembering that revelation 10 out to Revelation 11:14
Is a Parenthetical Insert, a Pause in the Chronology, - why?

Because Judgment is Being Positioned, being Aligned.
The nations , the peoples, the leaders, the kingdoms
Are all being positioned for these Coming days.

China, Iraq, The Middle East, Global Economies, America...

and they will prophesy... *(they speak what God has commanded)*

one thousand two hundred and sixty days, *(1260 days)*

This Number of Days is a Key to Understanding the Biblical Picture

1260 days = 42 months = 3 1/2 Years = a Time, Times and a Half of Time

Revelation 12:14

But the woman (Israel) was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for **a time and times and half a time**, from the presence of the serpent (satan)

Daniel 7:25

He shall speak *pompous* words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then *the saints* shall be given into his hand For **a time and times and half a time**.

Daniel 9:27

Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

clothed in sackcloth.” *(a ministry of warning and of judgment)*

GOD'S FINAL WITNESS TO THE WORLD

III.) Is a very somber power over the supernatural vv. 4-6

a very somber power over the supernatural

1st Their origin is supernatural

v.4

These are **the** two olive trees and **the** two lampstands...

Supernatural Origins

I personally believe that our existence is of a Divine Plan.

I believe that we have been created to fulfill a Divine Call

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Who can these two men be?

There are three prevailing views as to who these two witnesses are.

First View is;
that they are **Moses and Elijah**
Divinely sent to earth from heaven for this ministry.

Elijah is Certain, Moses is Assumed – *but may not be correct!*

Malachi. 4:4

“Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, *With the statutes and judgments.* :5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. :6 And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”

Isaiah 40:3

The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.

Matthew 17:10

And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” :11 Jesus answered and said to them, “Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things.

The Second View is;

There are those who believe that these Two Witnesses are two men that God shall appoint out of the Tribulation period who minister in the spirit and in the power of the Prophets.

I Would Tend to Lean Toward This View if it Weren't for
the Third View...

that they are **Elijah and Enoch**

#1 - Because both of them Escaped death while on earth,

#2 - and Elijah was God's voice to the Jewish people in His day and he was Jewish. #3 -
Enoch was a Gentile and spoke to the Gentile nations!

Jude 1:14

Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, :15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

Matthew 17:1

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; :2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. :3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

Regardless, These are the Candidates:

Moses was the Representative of the Law of God
Elijah was the Representative of the Prophets of God
Enoch was the Rep of the Gentiles

Verse 4

They are found... “standing before **the** God of **the** earth.”

Note Here the Usage of the Definite Article.

The Two olives trees, **The** two Lampstands, **The** God, and **The** Earth

Zechariah 4:1

Now the angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep. :2 And he said to me, “What do you see?” ¶ So I said, “I am looking, and there *is* a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the *stand* seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. :3 Two olive trees *are* by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left.” ...:11 Then I answered and said to him, “What *are* these two olive trees—at the right of the lampstand and at its left?” ...:14 So he said, “These *are* the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth.” **Zech 5:1** Then I turned and raised my eyes, and saw there a flying scroll. :2 And he said to me, “What do you see?” ¶ So I answered, “I see a flying scroll. Its length *is* twenty cubits and its width ten cubits.” :3 Then he said to me, “This *is* the curse that goes out over the face of the whole earth:

The Absolute Sovereignty of God in the Protocol

Of the last days events.

a very somber power over the supernatural

2nd Their mission is supernatural

v.5

:5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.

They are Divinely Protected - Until Their Ministry is Completed.

Do You Have a Ministry to Others,
So that God has a Reason for Prolonging Your Life?

When You Mess Around With God’s Property,
You Will Answer to Him !

Matthew 18:5

Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. :6 “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Numbers 32:23

...and to be sure your sin will find you out.

a very somber power over the supernatural

3rd Their power is supernatural

v.6

These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

This Verse Gives a Perfect Understanding of the Timeline.

It Corresponds with Revelation Chapter 8

The Things You Consider Valuable

We all want the very best for those
we love.

But what is the very best for them?

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