

Grace, we live in a time when truth is often rejected, biblical conviction is mocked, and many people wonder whether the voice of God is still being heard in the world

Revelation 11 answers that question with a strong and unmistakable yes

In the middle of tribulation, rebellion, and spiritual darkness, God raises up two witnesses

God is **not absent**, nor is He **silent** When the world is at its worst, **God has a witnesses**

Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. Revelation 11:1 NKJV

But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months Revelation 11:2 NKJV

The phrase "**tread underfoot**" carries the idea of conquest, trampling, humiliation, and temporary domination

So, very briefly: **Revelation 11:2** describes a future period when Jerusalem will be under hostile Gentile control, but only for a measured, limited time, forty-two months

God is not losing control; He is marking the boundary of judgment

And I God will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth. Revelation 11:3 NKJV

These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. Revelation 11:4 NKJV

God appoints His witnesses

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The **primary role of the Witnesses** is to **prepare** for the coming of the Messiah

And I will give power-Their ministry **begins with God**. They are not **self-appointed, self-powered, or self-directed**

Their authority **comes from God. This is crucial**. The success of their witness is not rooted in **charisma, strategy, or personality**, but they two are divinely enabled, and so are we...

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 1 Corinthians 6:19 NKJV

For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Corinthians 6:20 NKJV

my two witnesses- The phrase **my two witnesses** shows **ownership, calling,** and **divine authority** God calls them **my witnesses**. They **belong** to Him. They **represent** Him. They do not speak their own message

In Scripture, two witnesses fulfill the biblical principle of **confirmed testimony** in **Deuteronomy 19:15 NKJV, A matter is established by two or three witnesses**

they will prophesy- Their role is to **proclaim God's truth**, which includes **warning, confrontation, calling for repentance,** and declaring **divine judgment**

It is truth-telling on God's behalf

one thousand two hundred and sixty days- This is a limited period.

Their ministry is intense, but it is also **measured and controlled by God**. God sets the **boundaries**

clothed in sackcloth- Dressed in sackcloth, symbolizes **mourning, repentance, grief,** and **solemn warning**

Their ministry is **not flashy** in a **worldly sense**. It is **heavy, brokenhearted, urgent,** and **serious**

Application for Grace

Real **ministry depends on God's power**- We often think effectiveness comes from **talent, polish, or confidence**. **Revelation 11:3** reminds us that true witness starts with God giving power

We are called to witness, not just observe culture. **The two witnesses do not blend in, they stand out!**

They speak! Grace Baptist church is not called merely to analyze darkness, but to testify in it

If God appoints you to stand for Him, He will also **empower you to speak for Him**

God supplies His witnesses

These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth
Revelation 11:4 NKJV

This verse echoes **Zechariah 4**, where olive trees supply oil to the lampstand

The imagery points to **divine supply** and **Spirit-empowered witnesses**

Then I answered and said to him, “What are these two olive trees—at the right of the lampstand and at its left?” 12 And I further answered and said to him, “What are these two olive branches that drip into the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden oil drains?” 13 Then he answered me and said, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.” 14 So he said, “These are the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth.”

Zechariah 4:11-14 NKJV (600)

So the connection is this: the two witnesses in [Revelation 11](#) are portrayed like the olive trees and lampstands of [Zechariah 4](#)

They are Spirit-empowered witnesses standing before God, shining His truth in a dark world

We cannot be an effective witness for Christ if you are spiritually empty

The Christian life is **not about trying harder** in your own strength

It is about staying connected to the Lord so that His life and His power flow through us

two olive trees- They are supplied by God Himself. Olive oil often symbolizes the Holy Spirit. Their strength is not natural resourcefulness **but supernatural provision**

two lampstands- Lampstands represent **witness and light**. In [Revelation](#), lampstands are associated with testimony before God in a dark world

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden [Matthew 5:14 NKJV](#)

In a dark world, Jesus still says to His people, You are the light of the world [Matthew 5:14 NKJV](#)

That means we are not called to blend into the darkness, but to shine in it

These witnesses are not hidden; they are meant to shine

They stand before the Lord of all the earth, **not before the approval of men**

Key thought: without spiritual supply, meaning the work of the Holy Spirit

Our work **becomes burnout, performance, or frustration**

Where do we witness for Jesus?- In families, workplaces, churches, and communities so that His truth will be seen- [Colossians 3:23](#)

God protects and vindicates His witnesses

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 [Revelation 11:5 NKJV](#)

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 Revelation 11:6 NKJV

These two verses strongly echo Elijah and Moses, 1 Kings 17 linking them to these great prophetic traditions of confronting evil and calling people to repent

These verses show the seriousness of their ministry

No one can stop God's witnesses until God's purpose for them is complete, **no enemy can silence them before God's appointed time**

Opposition does not mean God has lost control

Faithful witnesses may be hated, resisted, or attacked, but God is still sovereign over their mission.

The world will push back against the truth, but it cannot silence our God and His Truth

The image in **verse 5** of fire from the mouth likely points to the destructive power of God's word and **judgment through their testimony**

There **witness is not personally vengeful, however, their ministry carries divine authority**

Those who oppose God's message do so at great danger

There is **danger in resisting God's truth**

To harden your heart against God's word is not a light matter

What **God sends**, God **sustains**, and what **God sustains**, no enemy can stop before His appointed time

Our world is growing colder and darker; however, God still raises up people who will shine and speak for Him. **You are the light of the world... Matthew 5:14 NKJV**

Grace, if God sustains His witnesses (us), it is because Christ first gave Himself for (us)

That is why communion matters

Before we go out to stand for Him, we come and remember what He has done for us

Let us come to the altar