

Witness – The Two Witnesses

(Revelation 11:1-6 nkjv)

- Who are these 2 witnesses that will appear with power before Jesus returns?
- Some people have suggested that these 2 witnesses are going to be Elijah and Enoch
- They say that because these 2, were the only ones that were taken by God without dying a physical death
- Enoch walked with God so close that God took him

(Genesis 5:23-24 nlt)

- Elijah was taken up by a chariot of fire **(2 Kings 2:11 nlt)**
- There is a strong argument that the 2 witnesses mentioned in revelation are these 2 but there is a problem with that. Elijah already came

(Matthew 17:1-13 nlt)

- There are 4 clues that I want to point out that identifies who these two witnesses are, who are working together to demonstrate Gods power

Clue 1: These are the 2 Olive Trees that stand before God

- Prophet Zechariah sees a vision of the end time and sees 2 olive trees
- Prophet Jeremiah mentions an olive tree and the olive tree is not representing a person but a group of people. In the Old Testament it was the Jewish people

(Jeremiah 11:16 nkjv)

- In the New Testament there is another olive tree that representing a group of people **(Romans 11:7-24 nlt)**
- Paul is referring about broken branches mention in Jeremiah
- Verse 24 in Romans 11 say the natural branches will be grated into their own olive tree
- The first olive tree is the cultivated olive tree that the gentiles where grafted into
- The second olive tree is the repented jews who come into faith by believing in Jesus
- So the 2 olive trees represent 2 of Gods people the Jews and the gentiles

Clue 2: These are the lampstands that stands before God

- When John wrote the book of revelation he used a lot of symbolisms
- These 2 witnesses are referred as the 2 lampstands. So, what does the lampstand represent.
- John gets the interpretation of what a lampstand represents
(Revelation 1:20 nlt)
- The lampstands represent the churches. And the church is not a building but a body of Believers
- So, the 2 lampstand that are 2 witnesses are the 2 body of believers. The Jews and the Gentiles

Clue 3: Fire comes out their mouths

- The book of Revelation is full of symbolism. fire is not actually going to come out their mouth. So, what does that mean. Let's look at **(Jeremiah 5:14 nkjv)**
- People didn't actually die by fire but they were consumed or devour by truth

Clue 4: They will have power, prophesy and the earth will be full of plagues

- Revelation is a prophesy of the end times. Before Jesus returns, we shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon us **(Acts 1:6-8 nkjv)**
- In the last days God will pour out his Spirit on all flesh and look what would happen as a result **(Acts 2:16-21 nkjv)**
- That all sounds like what would happen when the 2 witnesses appear in the book of revelation

The two witnesses, the 2 olive trees, and the 2 lampstands are the gentiles and Jews who have put their trust, faith and believe in Jesus