

December 21st – The Two Witnesses

“And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.” (Rev. 11:3)

The Bible is very clear that Jesus is coming back to rapture His church and take them to heaven (1 Thess. 4:13-18). When He does, the Bible tells us that a 7 year period of judgment will be unleashed on the earth. This 7 year period is known as the Tribulation. Daniel 9 and other passages seem to indicate that the first half of the Tribulation will be relatively peacefully, but the last three and a half years – “one thousand two hundred and sixty days” – will be more like hell on earth.

In the midst of rampant wickedness during the last half of the Tribulation, God will raise up two witnesses who will “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” (Rev. 11:6). The two witnesses will have one purpose – to share the Gospel one last time so that everyone will have the opportunity to be saved before the Second Coming of Christ.

At the height of their ministry, Scripture tells us that the Antichrist (the Beast) will strike them dead (Rev. 11:7) and that they will remain dead for three and a half days (Rev. 11:9). At the end of that three days, God will raise them back to life and take them to heaven (Rev. 11:11-12). Many speculate about who the witnesses will be. Some say Moses, Elijah, or maybe Enoch. Their identity is not important, but their message is - Jesus is LORD and we MUST receive Him before it's too late!