

Audio Teaching Sermon

Message #59

God’s Two Witnesses

[A Intro – Pastor Jefferson 0:00 thru 1:13]

I pray that this message finds you well and in good spirits. As you already know, **God is Good**, and **He is Good 100%** of the time. Amen! The Bible in **James 1:17** teaches that all good things come from God, as He is the father of light—and in Him there is no shifting shadow. Hello. This is **audio message #59** in the **DWJD’s teaching sermon series**. I am Pastor Jefferson. Welcome! In the last lesson, we were discussing the words of Christ where He warns in **Matthew** that the final generation of His people will be delivered over to tribulation. This terrible 7-year period will be preceded by 7 years of a plentiful soul harvest. The **Tribulation** will be a time when being a follower of Jesus will get you killed, due to the world’s hate for His very name. And while the **first half** of the **Tribulation** will be bad, things will become immeasurably worse in the second.

[B Preaching under Divine Inspiration 1:13 thru 2:46]

So, the **first half** of the **Tribulation** will see mainly the prophecy associated with the appearance of God’s **2 witnesses** on the **Temple Mount**. These two men from Biblical times will surely be a sight to be seen. I can imagine that all the broadcast networks will display them on television initially 24/7, at least until they tire of hearing the Godly message the two men will be preaching. And I believe there will be no mute button to silence them. I believe the whole world at some point will hear their message during the **1,260 days** they will be here. The word used in **Rev 11:3** for **prophesying** is **[3] prof-fet-TWO-so-sin** and in the 3 places we see it in Scripture it translates **‘to speak under divine inspiration.’** Their words will be a **Holy Spirit** empowered series of proclamations which have three purposes. **1st**—they will expose people’s true intentions. **2nd**—they will exhort folks to take action to come to God. And **3rd**—they will console those being adversely affected by forces of evil. The news networks will have a field day showing all the carnage being heaped upon those evil doers who will try to silence them.

[C God’s Two Tribulation Witnesses 2:46 thru 4:09]

Now these two men who will become **God’s 2 witnesses** both come out of ancient times. **Enoch** and **Elijah** are their names. They are the only persons recorded in Scripture who never died. Now, for their preaching to be effective, most Biblical scholars expect

they will have Godly power over language. This makes logical sense, as it is doubtful anyone would be able to understand the ancient languages spoken back from their day. So, in the same way God permitted the words of the **Apostles** heard on the **Day of Pentecost** to be understood by all who heard them, regardless of their spoken language or nationality, I expect that the words preached by the 2 witnesses will be understood by all who hear them. **Rev 11:3** reads: ¹ “*And I will grant authority to My two witnesses,* ² *and they will prophesy for 1,260 days,* ³ *clothed in sackcloth.*” Clearly, this is a prophecy regarding their time on the Temple Mount. Not only will they wear clothing called **sackcloth**, but their preaching will be similarly enveloped as well.

[**D** Granting of God’s Authority 4:09 thru 5:38]

The *Greek* word we see in T-1 for **grant** **authority** is [23] *DOE-sow* and translates ‘**to bestow, to deliver or to bequeath.**’ God is going to furnish these two men His holy power as needed to accomplish their task. The word we read for **witnesses** is [3] *MAR-tie-sin* and means ‘**a witness in the judicial sense, or a martyr.**’ Thus, we already know that their testimony will be both *legal* and *legitimate*. **Legal** in the essence of being *truthful* and **legitimate** in the sense of being *lawful*. Notice the word **martyr** in the definition. This term will also be true of their testimony. They will be persons who will ‘**voluntarily suffer death as the penalty for declaring their belief in and refusal to diminish the Word of the LORD in any manner.**’ Thus, at the end of the **1,260 days**, God will allow them to be killed for their testimony. Even today, folks don’t like having their faults pointed out, so their testimony will be like coarse sandpaper against the skin of those people having absolutely no interest in hearing them; much less in heeding the unvarnished Word of God.

[**E** Preaching Clothed in Sackcloth 5:38 thru 7:15]

The *Greek* word we see in T-3 for **sackcloth** is [1] *SAK-kos* and means ‘**a very coarse cloth, traditionally woven from black goat’s hair.**’ It is usually worn as a visible sign of grief, penitence, or prophetic urgency. It’s used to deliver themes of sorrow over sin, humble supplication before God, and sober proclamation of divine judgement. This is the only time this word appears in Scripture. The word for **clothed** is [2] *per-re-beh-BLE-men-oy* and is used only **twice**. It means ‘**to throw all around, to cast about, to array, or to display.**’ And while it can pertain to clothing, we see in the two places where it is used,

it's primarily discussing the wide casting around of Godly communication. Everything about their presence on the Temple Mount and their preaching will shout God's glory, coming judgment, and the requirement for repentance. As the Antichrist will begin shutting down free speech and eliminating and/or restricting programs involving any mention of **God's Word**, he will be unable to silence the words coming from the Temple Mount. I believe this is why God will allow them to preach freely and completely unfettered for the first **3 ½ years** of the Tribulation.

[**F** You Don't Want to Be Here 7:15 thru 8:32]

Now, recall that on the very last day of the two witnesses preaching, God is going to allow the **beast** who will come out of the **abyss** the ability to kill them both. God will pull away His divine protection over them and permit their murder. This important prophetic event will signal the re-opening of the door to the physical realm, allowing satanically driven evil to flourish once more. Just as God closed the door to evil when Noah boarded the Ark, the killing of His 2 witnesses will signal that door is once again open. This will be a major turning point for humanity, taking place near the middle of the Tribulation. The loud voices of the 2 witnesses will be perhaps the final warning coming out of the mouths of God's people which most folks will hear, before the truly terrible portion of the Tribulation is allowed to be laid upon mankind. I've said this many times and will repeat it many more: ***"You don't want to be here unprotected when this event takes place!!!"***

[**G** Olive Trees Defined 8:32 thru 9:53]

The Bible describes these two witnesses who will preach on the Temple Mount in **Rev 11:4**. ¹ "These are the two olive trees ² and the two lampstands ³ that stand before the LORD of the earth." The word we see in T-1 for **olive trees** is [1] **eh-lah-EE-ah**. This word is only seen this one time in Scripture and means **'an olive (either the tree or the fruit).'** In this context, God is using the imagery of two **olive trees**. Trees are immovable as when they stand rooted in the firm ground of God's Word. While we know that the **fig tree** Jesus spoke of in **Matthew** usually refers to the nation of **Israel**, and the **Hebrew** people in general, the **olive tree** speaks figuratively of any of God's people, defined as persons who are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. The tree represents the person, and the sap signifies the Holy Spirit. God's two witnesses are clearly His people who will deliver His

message and warning to the entire world from the Temple Mount.

[**H** The Witnesses are Lampstands 9:53 thru 11:34]

Now, the 2 witnesses are going to be 2 men who existed *prior* to the birth of Jesus. **Enoch** was born in **3138 BC**. He was the **7th Patriarch** down in the lineage from Adam. Enoch was **365 years** of age when God took him up to heaven in **2773 BC**. **Elijah** was born around **900 BC**. This was 350 years *after* Moses led the Israelites into the **Promised Land**. And like Enoch, Elijah was also taken up to heaven without experiencing death. Most Biblical scholars state that he was around **50 years** of age when he rode the fiery chariot up to heaven. Both men were God’s people, with Elijah also being a Hebrew. **Rev 11:4** in **T-2** describes them as **lamp stands**. The word we see for **lamp stands** is [2] **lych-NEE-ah** and is defined to mean ‘**candlesticks, or a lamp stand.**’ This word is used twice. Here and over in **Rev 1:20**. In **Rev 1:20**, it is defined as one of the seven churches spoken of in Revelation. So, the two witnesses are figuratively equivalent to the church. They will preach God’s message of repentance & salvation for their duration on the Temple Mount.

[**I** Elijah is Coming Back 11:34 thru 12:40]

I am frequently asked how I know these will be the 2 men who will serve as God’s witnesses. Well, the prophet **Malachi** foretold by name that it would indeed be **Elijah** who would return to announce the coming of **Messiah**. Malachi wrote the final book in the **OT** and it was followed by **400 years** of a time known as **God’s silence**, only broken when the birth of Jesus was announced by the angel **Gabriel**. Open your Bibles to **Malachi 4:5**. It reads, ¹ “Look, ² I am going to send you Elijah the prophet ³ before ⁴ the great and dreadful Day of the Lord comes.” The word we see in **T-2** for **Elijah** is [5] **eh-lee-YAH**, it comes from 2 words meaning, “**Yahweh is God.**” Plus, we read in the Bible where Elijah performed all the miracles in his day that the 2 witnesses will do in the Tribulation.

[**J** Enoch’s Name is His Message 12:40 thru 14:16]

There is only one other man mentioned in the whole of Scripture who never died and that is **Enoch**. Enoch was the **7th patriarch** down from **Adam**. His father was **Jared** (the **6th**) and Enoch’s heir was **Methuselah** (the **8th**). Open you Bible now to **Gen 5:24**: ¹ “Enoch walked with God; ² then he was not there ³ because God took him.” The word we see for **Enock** is [13] **hah-NO-wk** and means ‘**to narrow, in the sense of bringing discipline,**

or to initiate and train up, so as to make one dedicated.' The word in T-2 for **and he** **was not there** is [5] *way-yit-hal-LEK* and this word translates '*to walk in the ways of God.*' This means **Enoch** was quite familiar with **Yahweh** and lived according to His laws. This verse is telling us Enoch lived a moral life in the eyes of God and was thus removed up to heaven prior to his natural death. T-3 gives us the reason where it says, "*Because God took him*" All the other patriarchs have their age at death listed in this place. That is the usual message given in Genesis. Enoch was different. God pulled him out for a different purpose. He will be the one with Elijah on the Temple Mount.

[**K** **Great Day of the LORD** **14:16 thru 15:37**]

Malichi's words are a dual prophecy—dual in the sense that it contains two parts. We know from Scripture that there will be 2 separate groups of people living in entirely differing times separated by over 2,000 years, who will each experience the coming of "*the great and dreadful Day of the LORD.*" This particular prophecy is linked to both **John the Baptist** and **Elijah**, as both men would be used to announce the *arrival* of Jesus Christ. **John the Baptist** began his campaign of announcing the coming of Jesus on **19 Jan 26 AD**. In this prophecy, **Malachi** was forecasting the **beginning of Christ's ministry**, as well as the physical **ascension** of Jesus back to His Father in Heaven. He was not talking about the birth of Jesus, since he began preaching 26 years after that event. The word for **great** seen back in T-4 of **Malachi 4:5** is [105] *hag-gah-DOHL*. The word is frequently seen in Scripture and translates to mean '*exceedingly great, inordinate in importance, magnitude and extent.*'

[**L** **Proof that the Gospel is True** **15:37 thru 13:50**]

John was predicting the arrival of Jesus in the sense that He would be bringing the **Gospel**—or the **Good News** to the people. The resulting resurrection of Jesus following His death on the cross was perfected when He ascended to Heaven to go and prepare a place for His true followers. His ascension took place on **13 May 33**. This was exactly **2,520 days after** John began his ministry. This fulfilment of Malichi's prophecy was truly a **Great Day** for the followers of the LORD. And, in the same way, it was a dreadful day for the forces of evil who attempted to thwart the plans of **God Almighty** to secure the salvation of all mankind. Now, the other part of Malachi's prophecy pertains to the arrival of **Elijah**.

He will be preaching from the Temple Mount regarding the coming of the **dreadful** day of the LORD. The word we see for **dreadful** is [10] *weh-han-NOWR-rah* and means **‘to be made afraid, to be put into fearful reverence by a terrible act.’** If you think you have ever been really frightened, think again. My grandmother used to talk about somebody *“having the fear of God placed into them.”* This level of fear is described as **‘absolute’** in the definition of this word.

[**M** **Large and Small Prophetic Intervals** **17:08 thru 18:25**]

Elijah and **Enoch** will begin preaching on the **24th of Dec 2033**. The really bad news for those who accept the **mark** of the **Antichrist**, will be the sudden return of Jesus, precisely **2,520 days** later, on **17 Nov 2040**. It will be the most dreadful day as everyone bearing the mark of **Satan** will be instantly killed at the **Battle of Armageddon**. The Bible teaches that the blood will run to the depth of a horse’s bridle through the **Jezeel** valley. Now, prior to that terrible event, the good news for the followers of Jesus, is that He will come and remove them in an event described as the **Rapture**. This will happen well prior to the **2nd Coming** of Jesus, which takes place at the very end of the age—on the last day, as a matter of fact. Take some time to carefully examine the attached **summary sheet PDF**, and there you will see **2 visual timelines** depicting the prophetic intervals for the events I just discussed. Both prophecies are of the same duration. Coincidence? No way!!!

[**Z** **Some Final Thoughts** **18:25 thru 19:37**]

You might even want to print out the timelines so you can follow along as I continue to discuss these events in the following sermons. There is so much more to discuss. The details are simply fantastic! And, they all fit inside the dates I have already identified. Remember, the original grid was revealed to me back in **2010**. So, as I discover new information, they always fit like pieces of a puzzle. Listen folks, as of **Dec 2025**, there is now **LESS than 8 years** to the start of the time the Bible calls the **Tribulation**. Do all your friends and family a favor and use your influence to get them started on listening to these sermons. This can be your part with helping to make disciples. Hey, I really hope you are as hungry for the next installment as I am to present it! **So, until next time my beloved, this has been Pastor Jefferson, speaking in God’s Holy name and for His glory alone. Amen!**