

**Revisiting the 2 Witnesses in the Word of God**  
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**I have pulled more information together that I have studied about the 2 end time witnesses due to questions asked concerning the information I spoke about Zerubbabel and Joshua the High Priest not being the 2 end time witnesses on a prior video. This will also be referencing questions about 'It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment,' found in Hebrews 9:27, let me clarify what I am referring to according to the Word of God.**

**The power of life and death are in Father God and Jesus Christ's Hands. The devil no longer has the power over death as he once had after sin entered the world when Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden. Jesus Christ now holds the keys to not only death but hell also. So lucifer, the devil doesn't even have keys to his kingdom because it says Jesus Christ has all authority of things in the heaven and in the earth. Meaning inside the whole created firmament of our world.**

**Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;**

**Revelation 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.**

**Matthew 18:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

**It is Father God and Jesus Christ who determines whether you keep this appointment with death or not. I say this because we know in the Word of God that Enoch and Elijah were translated, meaning taken to Heaven without dying. In addition, there are those that will be translated, caught up in what some call the rapture when Jesus Christ comes for His bride that will have never died.**

**Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.**

**1 Kings 2:11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.**

## **Concerning Joshua the High Priest and Zerubbabel.**

**Key passages of Scripture concerning their roles in history and the symbolic meaning references: Haggai 1&2; Ezra 3; Zechariah 3:1-5; 6:9-14**

**The symbolic spiritual meaning of Joshua the High priest and Zerubbabel are in relation to Jesus Christ the coming Messiah.**

### **1. The Book of Haggai**

**Haggai 1:14 records: “So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel...and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest...” This highlights Joshua’s God-ordained motivation in the temple’s reconstruction.**

**Haggai 2:2 again speaks to Joshua, emphasizing how God directly addressed him together with Zerubbabel, demonstrating divine endorsement for both the civil and priestly roles.**

### **2. The Book of Zechariah**

**Zechariah 3:1-5 recounts a vision in which Joshua stands before the Angel of the LORD while Satan accuses him. In that vision, Joshua’s filthy garments are replaced with clean garments, symbolizing the cleansing of sin and renewed favor from God.**

**Zechariah 6:9-14 describes a symbolic crowning of Joshua. While Zerubbabel was of the Davidic line, the crowning of the High Priest pointed to messianic expectations-unifying both the priestly and royal aspects in the future Messiah.**

### **3. The Book of Ezra**

**Ezra 3:2 names Jeshua (another form of “Joshua”) the son of Jozadak leading the people in rebuilding the altar. This passage provides a narrative setting where Joshua/Jeshua, as High Priest, oversaw sacrifices and restored proper worship from the earliest phase of returning to Jerusalem.**

**Zechariah’s prophecies about Joshua point to a coming figure who combines the offices of priest and king in one. Though Zerubbabel was the governor from David’s line, the crowning of Joshua in Zechariah 6:11-13 provides an image of unified spiritual and royal authority that highlights God’s promised Messiah. Thus, Joshua’s story anticipates a greater redemption, offering hope that God will not only rebuild the temple but also bring true restoration through a future “Branch” (Zechariah 6:12).**

**Both of these men have already died. Their flesh has decomposed and their bodies returned to dust as the Word of God tells us they do. The spirit departs, meaning the silver cord of life is fully cut, and the spirit at God's appointed time, returns to God. This is why the enemy cannot raise the dead, because the spirits of those that die return to God. It is only through deception that the enemy will deceive people into thinking they have brought someone back from the dead.**

**Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**

**Genesis 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.**

**Ecclesiastes 12:6-7**

**6 Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.**

**7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**

**Psalms 104:29-30**

**29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.**

**30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.**

**Job 34:14-15**

**14 If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;**

**15 All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.**

**In the Word of God we find instances in the Old and New Testament of the dead being raised, and brought back to life. In all these instances it's concerning a person whose body is still residing on the earth (so not being translated/caught up) and it's always before their body has fully decayed and returned to the earth as dust.**

**Joshua the High Priest and Zerubbabel both have died, been buried and their bodies returned to dust. They have already past the point of accounts written in the Word of God of when Father God and Jesus Christ called the person's spirit of life back into their bodies. Jesus Christ and Father God**

do not change it says Malachi 3: and Hebrews 13:8. It's not beyond their power to recreate a body that has returned to dust, but according to the Word of God they have chosen not to do so. So this eliminates Joshua the High Priest and Zerubbabel as the 2 end time witnesses because they have already died and their bodies returned to earth. The 2 end time Witnesses will die by the hands of the beast antichrist as Revelation 11:7 says they will.

Here's what I believed happened to Joshua the High Priest and Zerubbabel.

#### **Matthew 27:50-53**

**50** Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

**51** And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

**52** And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

**53** And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Many saints of God were seen walking around in the holy city after Jesus Christ was resurrected. These saints, in my understanding, are those He took with Him when He returned to Heaven after being resurrected. They make up the great cloud of witnesses written about in Hebrews 12:1. Since Joshua the High Priest and Zerubbabel were righteous men then they would most likely be included in those resurrected.

The physical body has to be changed to be able to enter Heaven. We know this from the Word of God. Otherwise our bodies wouldn't have to be changed as we are told they would be. How many times is it written in the Word of God that once a person is glorified and part of Heaven that God changes their body back to a fleshly body that was cursed when Adam and Eve sinned to return to earth?

#### **Philippians 3:20-21**

**20** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

**21** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

#### **1 Corinthians 15:50-54**

**50** Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

**51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,**  
**52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**  
**53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.**  
**54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.**

#### **John 11:23-25**

**23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.**  
**24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.**  
**25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:**

**John 5:2 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.**

**The People raised from the dead in the Holy Bible in both the Old and New Testaments were always raised, brought back to life in a matter of days. Not weeks, months or years later. God doesn't change. This is the pattern He and Jesus Christ operate in. Here are those occurrences found inside the Scripture of Truth.**

#### **Old Testament:**

- 1. Widow's son from Zarephath raised by Elijah soon after he died. 1 Kings 17:17-24**
- 2. Shunammite Woman's Son raised by Elisha. Occurred within the few days' time it took to travel from Shunem to Mount Carmel then back. 2 Kings 4:8-37**
- 3. Israelite man's funeral...he was being buried. His dead body was dropped on Elisha's body because of Moabites attacking. 2 Kings 13:20-21**

#### **New Testament:**

- 4. Widow's son in Nain that Jesus Christ raised off the bier they were carrying him on to take to be buried. Luke 7:11-17**

5. **Jairus' Daughter was dying when he found Jesus Christ. A servant found him and told him she had died. Jesus Christ went to his home and raised her from the dead. So it was shortly after his 12 yr old daughter had died. Luke 8:41-42; 49-56**
6. **Lazarus is raised from the dead 4 days after he was buried by Jesus Christ. John 11:39-44**
7. **Even Jesus Christ's body was resurrected by God only after 3 days. Matthew 28:5-6; Mark 16:5-6; Luke 24:3-8; John 20:1-17**
8. **Saints in Jerusalem the holy city raised after Jesus Christ was resurrected. Matthew 27:50-53**
9. **Tabitha, also called Dorcas, was raised from the dead by Peter only a few days after her death. Acts 9:36-42**
10. **Eutychus was raised by Paul after he fell down from the third loft. Acts 20:7-12**

**The 2 end time witnesses/prophets are found in Zechariah 4 and Revelation 11:3-12 with most of the information being located in the book of Revelation. Let's first be clear, there aren't any separate anointings.**

**The Word of God says in:**

**Ephesians 4:4-6**

**4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;**

**5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,**

**6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.**

**What does this mean? In 1 John 2:27 the Holy Spirit/Holy Ghost is also called the Anointing. There is only 1 Spirit and 1 Anointing and it's through this 1 anointing that we each operate and utilize through the power of the Holy Ghost the gifts we are given for our callings.**

**The 2 witnesses of the end times will utilize the same part of His anointing power that Moses and Elijah operated in and even more. To summarize it, the 2 end time witnesses' names according to the Word of God are never given. So they are whoever God calls them to be with the power of the anointing being utilized in them by the sweet Holy Spirit such were demonstrated by Moses and Elijah in their days. That's all it is.**

**Because of Revelation 11:6 many believe one of the witnesses has to be Elijah. We read how in parts of the anointing Elijah operated in was fire and rain. The Word of God tells us in 1 Kings 17:1, James 5:17 and 1 Kings**

**18:41-42 how Elijah prayed there wouldn't be any rain for 3 years and also how he prayed and it began to rain again. These prayers were answered by God, but He's not the only one. Samuel, a righteous judge of the people, prayed and asked God to send rain which he did by sending both rain and thunder.**

**1 Samuel 12:18-19**

**18 So Samuel called unto the Lord; and the Lord sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel.**

**19 And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the Lord thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king.**

**In addition, Revelation 11:6 reveals to us that both of the 2 witnesses will operate in this part of the anointing that Elijah did. It is both of them and not just one. Therefore it rules out by this verse alone it was only Elijah who had these abilities in the Holy Spirit's anointing.**

**Revelation 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. According to the Word of God the 2 witnesses can also be either male or female. We see this when the word study is done on the word "prophets" in:**

**Revelation 11:10; 18.**

**10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.**

**18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.**

**In both these verses the word prophets is Strong's G4396 Prophetes: a foreteller; prophet; an inspired speaker; An interpreter or spokesman for God; One whom through God speaks. The same Strong's G4396 Prophetes is also used throughout the New Testament including where prophets both male and female are being discussed.**

**One writer Paul has used the word prophets instead of saying prophets and prophetesses while discussing the order to be maintained inside a church service setting or building so there wouldn't be any confusion. In addition when also talking about the different positions God has given to the church.**

**Here are a few examples:**

**1 Corinthians 12:28-29**

**28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.**

**29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?**

**1 Corinthians 14:29-33**

**29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.**

**30 If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.**

**31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.**

**32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.**

**33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.**

**Ephesians 4:11-12**

**11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;**

**12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

**\*\*\*\*Here are a few other verses where Strong's G4396 is also used for the word prophet/prophets. You can see it's commonly used for both male and female. Romans 1:2; 3:21; 11:3; James 5:10; 2 Peter 3:2; Revelation 10:7; Revelation 16:6.\*\*\*\*\***

**We must never forget that in the kingdom of God there is no respect for persons with God as we know from Romans 2:11 and Galatians 3:28-29. So the 2 end time witnesses according to the Word of God can be either male or female.**

**With all this information found in the Word of God it is clear the 2 witnesses are never named. Nor are they brought back from the dead after their**



bodies have already decayed and turned to dust. Neither are those whose bodies have been changed and are in heaven have this eternal life taken from them to return to earth to die again in a fleshly body. Their bodies have been changed for an eternity with Father God and Jesus Christ. They will be filled with the anointing of God...power given to them by God as it is written in Revelation 11:3

**Matthew 25:46** And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

**Mark 10:30** But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

**1 Corinthians 15:52-54**

**52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

**53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

**54** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

**Revelation 11:3-7**

**3** And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

**4** These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

**5** And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

**6** These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

**7** And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

There is only one Spirit, the one and same Anointing we operate in, that Jesus Christ operated in once He was baptized.

**1 Corinthians 12:4-7**

**4** Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

**5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.  
6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which  
worketh all in all.  
7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.**

**Transfiguration Verses:**

**Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36**

**Now it's up to you as a Child of God to pray, try, test and discern this in  
Jesus Christ's Name. Then study it further with Holy Spirit, our Teacher's  
help. (1 John 2:27 and 2 Timothy 2:15)**