

# The Two Witnesses – Part II

Revelation 11:1-14  
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- I. Introduction
  - A. Last week we looked at the:
    - 1. Time of their ministry – vs. 1-3
    - 2. Traits of their ministry – vs. 4-6
    - 3. Termination of their ministry – v. 7-10
    - 4. Their translation – vs. 11-14
  - B. Today we want to examine what made these two men so bold and consistent for 3 and a half years
    - 1. We will look at Revelation 12:1
    - 2. We will look at Revelation 14:1-5
    - 3. And finally at Revelation 19:7-8
- II. **The Identity of the Two Witnesses**
  - A. Option one
    - 1. Moses
    - 2. Elijah
  - B. Option two
    - 1. Elijah
    - 2. Enoch
  - C. Option three
    - 1. Two of the 144,000 of chapter 7
    - 2. Two special saints
- III. **The Spiritual DNA of these Witnesses**
  - A. As found in Revelation 12:11, they overcame him (the devil) because of :
    - 1. "The blood of the Lamb"
      - a. To totally depend on/bank on the shed blood, the cross
      - b. "It was in the virtue of the efficacy of the atonement that they were enabled to achieve the victory." Barnes
        - i. See I John 3:8
    - 2. "The word of their testimony"
      - a. They boldly and consistently shared their faith
      - b. The "word" of their testimony is the "sword of the spirit"
      - c. They faithfully bore testimony to the truth
    - 3. "They did not love their life even when faced with death."
      - a. "They did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death." NIV
      - b. "When the love of life stood in competition with their loyalty to Christ, they loved not their lives." Matthew Henry
  - B. As found in Revelation 14:1-5
    - 1. Their standing – v. 1
      - a. "Having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads"
      - b. See Revelation 19:16; Romans 1:1; James 1:1; I Corinthians 6:20
      - c. No question about ownership
    - 2. Their song – vs. 2-3
      - a. Note: "no one could learn the song except the 144,000"
      - b. All rewards are not the same
    - 3. Their separation – v. 4
      - a. "They have kept themselves chaste." to be free of idolatry and immorality. Idolatry leads to immorality.
        - i. See Romans 1:21-27
      - b. "They follow the lamb wherever He goes." They follow the Lamb without reservation or hesitation.
      - c. Thus, they have an undivided heart.
        - i. Psalm 86:11: *"Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name."* NIV
      - d. Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were great examples of this.
        - i. Daniel 1:8; 3:16-18
    - 4. Their speech – v. 5
      - a. See Ephesians 4:25
      - b. Blameless – I Timothy 3:2
      - c. "above reproach"
      - d. "good reputation" – Acts 6:3
  - C. As found in Revelation 19:7-8
    - 1. The event is the wedding feast. I think this is also found in Matthew 22:1-14 cf. v. 11
    - 2. Note verse 19 says, "His bride has made herself ready." I believe good works thus experiential sanctification, not justification, is in view.
    - 3. The form of the word righteous in verse 20: "The righteous (plural) acts of the saints" is Strong's #1345 and refers to "righteous deeds" thus imputed righteousness is not the issue.
    - 4. See Ephesians 2:10 and Titus 1:16; 2:11-14; 3:8, 14