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SUBJECT: God's Two Witnesses

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I Extraordinary, unusual.

1. None like them in all record.
The attention given to them. Many martyrs perished under the Beast
(13:15; 20:4) but none of them the notice described these two. The Beast
tramples the earth beneath his feet - they alone are never permitted to do
so; and their work is finished.

2. They are not seen by John in vision, like all the rest. They
are described by the voice of angels representing the Church who in 10:17
is the name, the 2nd testimony of heaven on earth.

3. They belong to an age, a dispensation, altogether different from
our own Christian day of grace. 11: 5
They shall torment, shall not bring judgment upon this world, avenge
and beset the very mill, wheel, to grind them. O E.D.W. - a will to multiply
Unlike the 8th spirit of forgiveness: Matt. 5: 38-44; Rom. 12: 17-21
: Jesus forgives (12 lying angels) represent me it. Did.
not to destroy but to save men. Thus
: Stephen stoned, praying for his enemies
: James beheaded, Paul Silas beaten, Peter crucified, Polycarp
burned, Antipas put to death. no resurrection.

They received us of the old testament order where II K. 13: 1-7 Jerusalem
had witnesses who stood against the resurrection. II K. 1: 8-14 Elijah
came into fire for heaven to consume the 2 50% of altar of, and what
was left

Now is given to the officers saving of our souls. Can be refused of us
But then, judgment; clearing the earth of Christ - rightly
of. Is. 22, 69. Both, fit part describe the suffering, and
But how different the last part of each.
22: 31-31 the survivors offered blessing
69: 22-28 judgment upon them who contributed
and angels.
when day of grace has run its course, is initially
following day of judgment no vengeance.

4. Their identification with prophets already known is difficult
 would suggest no distinguished ones
 So many interpreters say Enoch and Elijah because, Heb. 9:27; Rev 11:7
 But their miracles are characteristic } Moses and Elijah 11:6
 they will be not of transfiguration

Spiritualizes - the two tentants, one - the
 historical - the word comes from alligence, a job's horse and person of prayer
 they are Elijah like, Moses like in this power, but we do not know,
 they seem to be persons: (1) ΜΑΡΤΥΣ 10 times in NT, any place a person
 '50 - = did word of - - -
 (2) ΠΡΟΦΗΤΕΣ 100 + in Bible, always of persons
 except 1 instance, metaphorical
 (3) ΟΔΗΓΟΣ, 100 + in Bible, always of persons.

5. Both this resurrection and ascension were publicly witnessed
 Euphrosyne, "and this means belief 4m." H: 11, 12
 of resurrection, 1 - no known text belief
 ascension 74 - of (a few) his disciples
 of our transfiguration, reported I Peter 4:13-18 no text witness of event.
 accomplished in a moment, truthfully - I Cor 15: 52 Rabbis, "as a thing"
 also notice εν τῷ νεφέλῃ in the cloud, a special known cloud
 signified of the presence, Jehovah (E. 40: 34-35) the identical.

5. The account is anticipatory.
 This is the first (and it is a prophetic one) mention of the Resur.
 But the Resur. is not seen coming up until the next chapter, 13.
 It is mentioned as one already known well. How long in prison for
 3 1/2 years. This account brings together into one comprehensive
 story the whole last 3 1/2 years, the Resur. & Ascension. The fact this story
 is presented first, separately, in a diff. manner, argues for a peculiar
 conspiracy, & a working out of details seen.