## **CHAPTER XX**

## THE TWO PROPHETS

I will show you another remarkable thing. After the resurrection (as noted earlier), the Lord will have two men – the two prophets mentioned in chapter 11(Revelation) – to prophesy as he brings the plagues against this wicked world of the nations of the lost under the trumpets until they reach through the first "woe". But the fate of the prophets is mentioned in verse 7. When they have finished their work, the "beast", which ascended up out of the "bottomless pit", shall make war with them and shall kill them. Now this is the same beast that was mentioned in Revelation 13:11 [see appendix] (the U.S.A.) when they shall change their policies towards religion under the "Man of Sin", and shall become a persecutor and boycott and kill the saints: then after the resurrection in the seventh seal, these will be the only ones who oppose the Devil from having complete rule of the earth.

That we may know more of the work of the prophets, please note verse 3 (chapter 11 of Revelation); and we read: "AND I WILL GIVE POWER TO MY TWO WITNESSES, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth." [NOTE: exactly 1,260 days] This is not "prophetical" time, for we are not dealing with symbols...but two (2) natural, human beings: the two prophets of God, for the two-horned beast shall kill them; and the time of their prophecy are natural days in the amount of three and one-half (3-1/2) years. So we see here that we do have some timing on the plagues under the trumpets: down to the second "woe", will be three years and a half (3-1/2). That is the time the prophets will stand before God in the earth.

Verses 5 and 6 tell us that they are the two "olive trees" before God in the earth. Notice the power given them wherein they are able to protect themselves during their work. If any man would hurt them, they would be killed by the very words of the prophets. Verse 5 also tells us of the torment they will bring down on the world under the trumpet; but the world of lost nations will think the two prophets are the direct cause of all the trouble falling upon them in the matter of plagues: for the prophets prophesy against them. But they cannot be killed *until* their work is done. This (act of killing) the "two-horned beast" will do. And with this act, great rejoicing will be done so much that they will give gifts to one another; neither would they suffer the two prophets to be buried! And while they rejoice over them for three days and a half (3-1/2 days)...the number of days of their prophesy...the spirit of life shall enter into their bodies and they shall come alive and stand upon their feet. Then they shall hear a great voice from heaven saying, "COME UP HITHER! And at the same time, a great earthquake shall occur in the city where the prophets were slain. The remnant of the city was frightened and by fright gave glory to God. The second "woe" is past and the third "woe" cometh quickly.