

40. Two Prophets in Israel ... Killed (Rise from the Dead)

- The two prophets (witnesses) will be appointed by God and will prophesy for 1,260 days (Revelation 11:3; first half of Tribulation), clothed in sackcloth. God will give them special powers. "And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way. These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire"(Revelation 11:5-6). When they have finished their testimony in Jerusalem, the beast (antichrist) will attack and kill them. Most of the inhabitants of the world will celebrate their deaths because these two prophets will torment those who live on the earth. God will raise them from the dead after three and a half days, and they will go up to heaven in a cloud. Many people throughout the world will witness the death, resurrection and ascension of these two prophets of God; a powerful demonstration of the truth of their testimony. Those who behold them will be terrified and many will give glory to the God of heaven (11:11, 13). At that very hour, there will be a severe earthquake in Jerusalem and a tenth of the city will collapse and 7,000 people will be killed. According to Malachi, one of the prophets may be Elijah (Malachi 4:5; Revelation 11:3-13).