**The Two Witnesses October 18, 2020**

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The Two Witnesses Revelation 11:3-6

* Prophesy over Jerusalem for 42 months (1,260 days – 30 days in a month)
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* When Jesus sent the disciples out in ministry, they were sent in pairs to preach, teach and heal (Luke 9-10)
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	+ They do their work for 3 ½ years, unimpeded by those who try to kill them

Death & Resurrection of The Witnesses Revelation 11:7-12

* “The beast from the abyss” - **Antichrist**
	+ The witnesses will face intensifying persecution until death by a demon-controlled beast
	+ Their death will be celebrated around the world by those opposing God
* After 3 ½ days, the two witnesses will have a resurrection and will be taken up to heaven alive

Another Earthquake Revelation 11:13-14

* Affects the city of Jerusalem
	+ 7,000 people will die from the quake
	+ Others will turn to glorify God as they have just observed the miracle of the resurrection of the two prophets
* Fifth trumpet is the 1st woe
	+ Torture of unbelievers by demons for 5 months
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Seventh Trumpet Revelation 11:15-19

* Preparatory for the final **judgments** of God to be unleashed against the world in a series of bowl judgments
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* Final phase of God’s **wrath**
* Looking ahead to the return of Christ
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