



Two witnesses

The Bible is silent as to **whom** the two witnesses are being referred to in Revelation 11. Ellen G. White and the SDA's today consider the *two witnesses* to be the *Old and New Testaments*. Others believe the two witnesses to be Moses and Elijah because of the transfiguration (*Matt 17 below*).

To be perfectly clear there is no witness or testimony in the Bible as to the exact identification of *who* these two witnesses are and every single person that claims to know is fantasizing and creating fables in their minds.

If one was to speculate it is Moses and Elijah that does pose some problems with Moses as we are told in Deut 34 (*reference below*) that Moses died and YHWH buried him. Does that mean Moses is coming back as a man to die all over again? All things are possible with YHWH but this does not align with how we know YHWH works, but does not rule out that it could be Moses and Elijah.

As to the two witnesses being the Old and New Testament, that is not even logical given the miracles they will preform and the very FACT they are prophets and die.

These two witnesses are described as **two olive trees, two candle sticks** and **two prophets**, which can be compared to the **two olive trees, the two sons of clarified oil** in Zech 4 and most likely are the same thing. However, Revelation gives us a third description of them as **two candlesticks**, which is not in Zech 4.

What we do know is that these two witnesses will preform miracles and will destroy any that come against them AND will be killed by **the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit**. The Anti-anointed one will NOT come from among men, he is coming out of the bottomless pit. Prophecy is given so we as believers can know that the time is at hand, when we see these two witnesses, we KNOW there will be at least 1260 days until the culmination of events. YHWH has given us many signs as to the coming of Yahusha and this is just one of them. If you have an ear let the ear hear.

Rev 11:3 And I will give [power] unto my **two witnesses**, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred [and] threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Rev 11:4 **These are the two olive trees**, and **the two candlesticks** standing before Elohaym [YHWH] of the earth.

Zech 4:11 Then answered I, and said unto him, **What [are] these two olive trees** upon the right [*side*] of the candlestick and upon the left [*side*] thereof?

Zech 4:12 And I answered again, and said unto him, **What [be these] two olive branches** which through the two golden pipes empty the golden [*oil*] out of themselves?

Rev 11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these **two prophets** tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

Zech 4:14 Then said he, **These [are] the two anointed ones**, that stand by the Adonai of the whole earth.

- Side track here a little as this is very interesting, Zech 4:12 is a false translation and should read **two olive tree branches**, a **BIG** difference. This author believes this is a trinitarian slant.

This would be the most correct translation:

Zech 4:11 Then I answered and said to him, What are these **two olive trees** on the right of the lampstand and on its left?

12 And I answered a second time and said to him, What are the **two olive tree** limbs which by means of the two golden conduits are emptying the golden oil from above them?

13 And he spoke to me, saying, Do you not know what these are? And I said, Not, my lord.

14 And he said, These are the **two sons of clarified oil** who are standing by the Adonai of the entire earth.

עַל-	הָאֵלֶּה	הַזֵּיתִים	שְׁנֵי	מָה	אֵלָיו	וְאָמַר	וְאָעַן	4:11
- ol	e-ale	e-zithim	shni -	me	ali-u	u-amr	u-aon	
on	the-these	the-olive-trees	two-of	what?	to-him	and-I-am-saying	and-I-am-answering	

יָמִין	הַמְּנוֹרָה	וְעַל	שְׂמֹאלָהּ	:
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right-of	the-lampstand	and-on	left-of-her	



4:12 וְאָנֹכִי שְׁנִית וְאָמַר אֵלָיו מַה - שְׁתֵּי שִׁבְלֵי הַזַּיִתִּים
 e-zithim shbli shthi - me ali-u u-amr shnith u-aon
 the-olive-trees limbs-of two-of what? to-him and-I-am-saying second and-I-am-answering

אֲשֶׁר בְּיַד שְׁנֵי צִנְתְּרוֹת הַזָּהָב הַמְרִיקִים מִעֲלֵיהֶם הַזָּהָב :
 : e-zeb m-oli-em e-mriqim e-zeb tznthruth shni b-id ash
 the-gold from-on-them the-ones-empting the-gold conduits-of two-of in-hand-of which

4:14 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלֶּה שְׁנֵי בְנֵי - הַיִּצְתָּר עַל-אֲדוֹן כָּל -
 - kl adun - ol e-omdim e-itzer - bni shni ale u-iamr
 all-of lord-of on the-ones-standing the-clarified-oil sons-of two-of these and-he-is-saying

הָאָרֶץ :
 : e-artz
 the-earth

Rev 11:1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of YHWH, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

Rev 11:2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty *[and]* two months.

Rev 11:3 And I will give *[power]* unto my **two witnesses**, and they shall **prophecy** a thousand two hundred *[and]* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Rev 11:4 **These are the two olive trees**, and **the two candlesticks** standing before Elohaym *[YHWH]* of the earth.

Rev 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceeds out of their mouth, and devours their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

Rev 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

Rev 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, **the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit** shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Rev 11:8 And their dead bodies *[shall lie]* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Master was crucified.

Rev 11:9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

Rev 11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these **two prophets** tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

Rev 11:11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from YHWH entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

Rev 11:12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

Rev 11:13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to YHWH of heaven.

Zech 4:1 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,

Zech 4:2 And said unto me, What see you? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all [of] gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which [are] upon the top thereof:

Zech 4:3 And **two olive trees** by it, one upon the right [side] of the bowl, and the other upon the left [side] thereof.

Zech 4:4 So I answered and spoke to the angel that talked with me, saying, What [are] these, my lord?

Zech 4:5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Know you not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

Zech 4:6 Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, This [is] the word of YHWH unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says YHWH of hosts.

Zech 4:7 Who [are] you, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel [you shall become] a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone [thereof with] shouting, [crying], Grace, grace unto it.

Zech 4:8 Moreover the word of YHWH came unto me, saying,

Zech 4:9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and you shall know that YHWH of hosts has sent me unto you.

Zech 4:10 For who has despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel [with] those seven; they [are] the eyes of YHWH, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

Zech 4:11 Then answered I, and said unto him, **What [are] these two olive trees** upon the right [side] of the candlestick and upon the left [side] thereof?



Zech 4:12 And I answered again, and said unto him, **What [be these] two olive tree branches** which through the two golden pipes empty the golden [oil] out of themselves?

Zech 4:13 And he answered me and said, Know you not what these [be]? And I said, No, my lord.

Zech 4:14 Then said he, **These [are] the two anointed ones**, that stand by the Adonai of the whole earth.

Matt 17:1 And after six days Yahusha takes Peter, James, and John his brother, and brings them up into an high mountain apart,

Matt 17:2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

Matt 17:3 And, behold, **there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with him.**

Matt 17:4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Yahusha, Master, it is good for us to be here: if you will, let us make here three tabernacles; one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.

Matt 17:5 While he yet spoke, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear you him.

Deut 34:4 And YHWH said unto him, This [is] the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto your seed: I have caused you to see [it] with your eyes, but you shall not go over thither.

Deut 34:5 So **Moses the servant of YHWH died** there in the land of Moab, according to the word of YHWH.

Deut 34:6 And **he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab**, over against Bethpeor: but no man knows of his sepulcher unto this day.

Deut 34:7 And Moses [was] an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.