REVELATION 11:1-4; 5-9; 10-14 INTRODUCTION

In <u>Chapter 11</u>, we have the continuation of the subject of the Heralds – Heralds of the 2nd Advent. In 14 verses we have the story of TWO WITNESSES.

- At the First Advent, there were Angelic Heralds <u>Luke 2:9-15</u> and a human witness John the Baptist – <u>John 3:28-31</u>.
- At the Second Advent, there is one Angelic Herald <u>Revelation 10</u> and two human heralds (witnesses) <u>Revelation 11:1-14</u>.
- o These two are not specified by name Why? It's the Message not the messenger!
- God's Truth sustains not Christian friends, not the preacher. People can disappoint, but God always knows what's best.
- I. Conjecture relative to the two witnesses:
 - 1) Enoch A Gentile
 - 2) Elijah A Jew
- II. In the Jewish Age the Jews are responsible for the dissemination of the Gospel.
- III. Two names presented by Jesus in <u>Matthew 16:28-17:3</u> Mount of Transfiguration is a picture of the 2nd Advent. Christ is transformed as He will appear at the 2nd Advent. Moses and Elijah will be there.
- IV. What about John the Baptist? Malachi 4:5, 6 He is the human herald of the 1st Advent Moses and Elijah are the heralds of the 2nd Advent.
- V. Note: If Christ had been accepted at his 1st Advent, then John the Baptist would have been Elijah. Elijah cannot be the herald twice. There was a battle over the body of Moses when he died <u>Jude verse 9</u>.
- VI. Conclusion: Moses and Elijah are the two heralds of the 2nd Advent. Christ was rejected by Israel then He returns.
- VII. <u>Luke 1:16, 17</u> John was put on the level as Elijah, as a herald, having the spirit and power of Elijah, but John is saying in <u>John 1:21</u> "*I am not Elijah*." If Jesus would have been accepted at the 1st advent, Elijah would have been the herald, rather than John the Baptist (<u>Matthew 11:11-14; 17:10-13</u>).
- VIII. A final identification of the two witnesses is found in <u>Acts 3:21, 22</u> (Moses) and <u>Matthew 17:11</u> (Elijah).

REVELATION 11:1-14 TWO WITNESSES

- <u>Verse 1</u> John is given a reed (a surveyor's instrument to measure).
 - 1. Measure the TEMPLE
 - 2. Measure the ALTAR
 - 3. Measure the worshipping ones
- <u>Verse 2</u> Leave out the court (the place where the Gentiles could come). This is saying that in the last ½ of the Tribulation, the Gentiles would run Jerusalem. The dictator of the Revived Roman Empire is actually the ruler of Jerusalem his image is in the temple, in the Holy of Holies. Read Luke 21:24. These two witnesses will be preaching this entire 3 ½ years, minus two weeks (42 months is 3 ½ years Minus 2 weeks). In those two weeks they are killed, resurrected and then taken to Heaven.
- <u>Verse 3</u> "They shall prophesy" that's their ministry the preaching ministry of the two witnesses wearing "sackcloth", preaching every single day.
- <u>Verse 4</u> Analogy: Zechariah 4 God raised up the prophet to stir the spiritual leaders. God gave him 10 visions, all in one night (<u>Note the study of the Ten Visions of Zechariah</u>).
- <u>Verse 5</u> Protection and provision of these two witnesses.
- <u>Verse 6</u> God's Power at work.
- <u>Verses 7-9</u> Death of the two witnesses (World-wide coverage).
- Verse 10 CHRISTMAS FOR SATAN.
- Verse 11, 12 A GREAT SURPRISE (RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION of the two witnesses).
- Verse 13 JUDGMENT THE SAME HOUR.
- <u>Verse 14</u> THIRD WOE 6TH TRUMPET = BAPTISM OF FIRE.