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Revelation 11:4-19



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Two unusual witnesses of God



Two of God’s witnesses come onto the scene who draw attention to themselves through their mighty miracles. They are invulnerable until their task is completed (chapter 11:3-6). After that the beast from the abyss, the European dictator, will kill them. This causes men to have a great celebration (vv7-10). But after three and a half days the two witnesses come back to life, and God takes them up to heaven (vv11-13).

The seventh trumpet is sounded (the third woe) marks the commencement of the reign of the Lord Jesus in His kingdom on this earth – for some a reason for joy, for others a reason for terror (vv14-18)!



29. Which persons in the Old Testament are the two witnesses similar to?

30. Which city is compared to Sodom and Egypt? Do you know why?



The two witnesses are called „the two olive trees“ and „the two lampstands“. This is a hint to the same words in Zechariah 4:2-3.

The comparison to olive trees and lampstands speaks of the two men being a witness to God in the power of the Holy Spirit.



The Lord Jesus is looking for witnesses to the truth – also today.



29. They bear resemblance to Elijah, who also destroyed his enemies by fire and who caused the rain to stop, and to Moses who changed water in to blood. 30. The city of Jerusalem is compared to Sodom (because of their corruption and sin) as well as to Egypt (because of their proud independence from God) (v8).