

# Revelation 11: Death and Resurrection of the Two Witnesses

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## OVERVIEW

Hal finishes the case he began the week before — that the two witnesses are Moses and Elijah — and then follows them to their deaths. The evidence is Malachi, where Elijah is promised before the great and terrible Day of the Lord, and Luke, where the two men talking with Jesus on the mountain as his appearance changes are Moses and Elijah, speaking of his departure. Hal calls it a preview of coming attractions: a look at how Jesus will appear when he brings the kingdom. Then a second argument — neither prophet finished his ministry. Moses never entered the land because he struck the rock instead of speaking to it; Elijah, after the contest on the mountain, ran from a woman and was told to appoint others to take up his work. Both are turned loose in Jerusalem, killed by the beast out of the abyss, left in the street for three and a half days while the world sends each other gifts, and then raised.

## KEY SCRIPTURES

**Verse 7** — Revelation 11 — when they have finished their testimony the beast out of the abyss makes war with them, overcomes them and kills them

**Verse 11** — Revelation 11 — after three and a half days the breath of life from God comes into them and they stand on their feet

**Malachi 4:4** — Remember the law of Moses my servant — behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible Day of the Lord

**Luke 9:28** — Peter, John and James on the mountain: Jesus praying, his face and clothing changed, and two men speaking with him

**Luke 9:33** — Peter offering to build three tents; the cloud, and the voice saying, this is my son, my chosen one, listen to him

## KEY TERMS

**The two portraits of the Messiah** — the lowly, humble, suffering Messiah who came to die for sin, and the conquering king coming to reign — which one you look for tests where your heart is

**The spirit and power of Elijah** — what John the baptist came in; had the nation received Jesus, Hal says, God would have counted him as the fulfilment of the Elijah prophecy

**A preview of coming attractions** — Hal's phrase for the scene on the mountain — Jesus shown as he will look when he comes to set up the Kingdom of God

**The beast out of the abyss** — the one who kills the two witnesses when they have finished their testimony; Hal identifies him as the Antichrist

**Sodom and Egypt** — the names given the great city where their bodies lie — Sodom for its immorality, Egypt for its lust for material things

**“Those who dwell on the earth”** — a phrase Hal says is used seven times in the book and always means unbelievers

**Two heralds** — why Moses and Elijah come — before Christ actually returns to the earth, prophets are sent to announce that he is coming

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

*Answer from the message itself. Every answer is in the teaching.*

1. What is the promise in Malachi that Hal builds on?

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2. Why does Hal point out that Moses is named in the same context?

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3. What had Jesus just said before the scene on the mountain, and why does Hal join the two?

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4. Who is on the mountain, and what are they talking about?

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5. How does Hal explain what the disciples were shown?

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6. Why does Hal say those two men in particular are there?

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7. What is Hal's second line of evidence, and how does it apply to Moses?

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8. How does it apply to Elijah?

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9. What does Hal imagine these two will say when they are turned loose?

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10. Who kills them, and when?

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11. What happens to their bodies, and how does the world react?

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12. What objection to a literal reading does Hal answer, and how?

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## DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION

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1. Hal says which portrait of the Messiah you look for tests where your heart is. Be honest — what have you mostly wanted God for?  

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2. Neither Moses nor Elijah finished his ministry, and God still used them. What does that do to the way you think about your own unfinished things?  

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3. Moses struck the rock when he was told to speak to it, because he was worn out with people complaining. Where does your frustration with people most endanger your obedience?  

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4. Elijah went from calling down fire to running from a threat. What has taken you from confidence to collapse that quickly, and what brought you back?  

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5. The two witnesses come knowing they will be killed, and do not care. What would it take for you to hold something that lightly?  

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6. The world throws a party over two dead preachers. What does that say about how the truth is received when nobody wants to hear it?  

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## MEMORY VERSE

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*“And after three and a half days the breath of life from God came into them, they stood on their feet; and a great fear fell upon those who were beholding them.”*

— Revelation 11:11, as Hal reads it in this message — he cites it only as “verse 11”