

Brief on the Two Witnesses of the Apocalypse ¹

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“And I will give unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.” (Apoc. 11:3)

My two witnesses: These are two Catholics, filled with the spirit of the law (the Catholic faith) and the prophets (of prophecy), whom God chooses to restore the Catholic Church and faith, oppose the Antichrist, defend the Catholic Church, preach and preserve the Catholic faith, edify and protect Catholics, protect good-willed unbelievers, and enlighten and convert unbelievers. One of the witnesses will most probably be a pope.

The necessity of the two witnesses is one proof that there will be no active Catholic hierarchy at this time or there would be no need of the two witnesses to restore the Catholic Church and faith. In fact, there have been no popes or cardinals since 1130. All of the so-called popes and so-called cardinals from Innocent II (1130-1143) until today were and are apostate antipopes. And as time progressed in the Great Apostasy, which began in 1033, there eventually were no Catholic bishops and Catholic priests, as is the case today in 2021.

The opinion that the two witnesses will be Enoch and Elias, or Moses and Elias, or Elias and the apostle St. John, is not probable for several reasons. It would mean these holy men never died, as men only live and die on this earth once and hence will not die again: St. Paul says that “it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment:” (Heb. 9:27) And because the two witnesses will be killed, it would mean that these men would have to die a second time.

If one believes these men never died, then that would be a most unjust and cruel punishment from God to leave them alive in this wicked earth, hiding out somewhere for so long a time and thus be deprived of heaven. And the Bible teaches that Moses and Elias had died. During the Transfiguration of Jesus, they came from the Limbo of the Fathers (Abraham’s Bosom) to appear with Jesus. (Mt. 17:3) The Limbo of the Fathers is the place where holy men went when they died during the Old Testament era.

And some may say that the following Bible verses teach that Elias will come in person at the end of the world and thus be one of the witnesses. “Behold I will send you Elias the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come, and strike the earth with anathema.” (Mala. 4:5-6) During his first coming, Jesus said that St. John the Baptist fulfilled this prophecy: “And his disciples asked him, saying: Why then do the scribes say that Elias must come first? But he answering, said to them: Elias indeed shall come, and restore all things. But I say to you, that Elias is already come, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they had a mind.” (Mt. 17:10-12) “For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John: And if you will receive it, he is Elias that is to come.” (Mt. 11:13-14) Hence the spirit but not the person of Elias came by way of St. John the Baptist. In the same way near the end of this world, one of the witnesses will be filled with the spirit of Elias but he will not be Elias. And he will prepare the way for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

For the glory of God; in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Michael, St. Joseph, Ss. Joachim and Anne, St. John the Baptist, the other angels and saints; and for the salvation of men

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