

THE TWO PROPHETS OF REVELATION 11

Two basic views:

1. They are Old Testament prophets:
 - a. Elijah
 - b. Moses or Enoch
2. They are two men of the time who have a prophetic ministry

EVIDENCE FOR ELIJAH

1. The Old Testament prophesied that Elijah would come (Mal 3:1-3; 4:5-6)
2. Elijah did not die (2 Kings 2:9-11)
3. Elijah did similar miracles as these men:
 - a. He called down fire to destroy his enemies (Rev 11:5; 2 Kings 1:9-15)
 - b. He stopped the rain for 3 ½ years (Rev 11:6a; 1 Kings 17:1; Lk 4:25; Jas 5:17)
4. Elijah appeared at the transfiguration (Matt 16:28-17:3)

EVIDENCE FOR MOSES

1. Moses appeared at the transfiguration (Mt 17:3)
2. Moses did similar miracles as these men:
 - a. He turned the water into blood (Ex 7:17-19; Rev 11:6b)
 - b. He brought various plagues on Egypt (Ex 7-11; Rev 11:6)
3. Moses' body was preserved by God (Dt 34:5-6; Jude 9)

EVIDENCE FOR ENOCH

1. Enoch did not die (Gen 5:24)
2. Enoch prophesied judgment and the coming of the Lord (Jude 14-15; Rev 11:3)

ELIJAH AND JOHN THE BAPTIST

1. An angel said that John would fulfill the prophecy about Elijah (Lk 1:16-17, 76; Mal 4:5-6)
2. Jesus said John could be the fulfillment of the prophecy regarding Elijah (Mt. 11:14)
3. Jesus identifies John with the prophecy of Elijah (Mt 17:10-13)
 - a. Elijah is coming (17:11)
 - b. Elijah came and they killed him (17:12)
 - c. Jesus will suffer the same fate (17:12)
 - d. The disciples understand He is talking about John (17:13)
4. Since John could fulfill the prophecy regarding Elijah, Elijah does not have to return

TWO PROPHETS OF THE TIME

1. The similarity of ministries does not mean identity of persons (cf. Joshua and Zerubbabel - Rev 11:4; Zech 4:14)
2. Moses and Elijah at the transfiguration look to His death and glorious kingdom, not the Tribulation
3. John came in the spirit and power of Elijah
4. Revelation 11:3 says God "will grant" (give) authority to two men in that time
5. These two prophets in Jerusalem have a ministry like the prophets in Israel's history
6. The prophets' ministry is a combination of grace and judgment