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Chapter 1

Who are the Two Witnesses?

In his article, “Who Are the Two Witnesses?“, Mr. Gerald Flurry described the two witnesses of Revelation 11, and yet he cut short on what their job description really would be and the real reason why there has been a need for them. Their specific identity and the work that they shall perform which has long been prophesied through the pages of the Bible, will now be made plain for all to see.

For a better understanding of these bizarre characters from the book of Revelation, let us begin our quest for answers with the vision of the prophet Zechariah in chapter 4 which was given to him by God through an angel;

“And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,” (v. 1)

The word *angel* here comes from the Hebrew word, *mal'ak* (from which the name *Malachi* came from – Malachi 1:1).

According to Strong's Concordance: H4397 *mal'ak, mal-awk'*; from an unused root mean. to despatch as a deputy; a messenger; spec. of God, i.e. an angel (also a prophet, priest or teacher):– ambassador, angel, king, messenger.

So the Hebrew word *malak* refers to a messenger of God whether it is an angel, a prophet, an ambassador, etc.

The principle of God's government by which He operates is found in Revelation 1:1; "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto *his servants* things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John."

THE REVELATION OR FLOW OF GOLDEN OIL COMES FROM GOD THE FATHER, THEN HE GIVES IT TO HIS SON JESUS CHRIST AND CONVEY IT THROUGH AN ANGEL THEN GIVEN TO A HUMAN MESSENGER.

““The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John” (Revelation 1:1). This book was not revealed by John, or an angel, or even Jesus Christ! It was revealed by God the Father, who gave it to His Son. Christ gave it to an angel, who gave it to John.

The book of Revelation CAME FROM A SOURCE HIGHER THAN JESUS CHRIST. IT CAME FROM THE SUPREME AUTHORITY IN THE UNIVERSE – GOD THE FATHER!

This means the book of Revelation has to be more important than ANY other book in the Bible!

No other book is introduced in the same manner

as the book of Revelation. This book provides a time frame or time sequence for all prophecy. Without that understanding, we wouldn't know WHEN prophecies of the Bible are to be fulfilled. It has the big overview. That is why this book is so crucial to understand.

“Only the Father knows the ‘day and hour’ when these prophecies are to be fulfilled. ‘So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.... But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only’ (Matt. 24:33, 36). These are Christ’s own words. He teaches us to understand that the Father is His superior. The Father has greater understanding, *and that includes His knowledge of prophecy.*

“WHAT KIND OF MIND UNDERSTANDS THE DAY AND THE HOUR THAT THESE PROPHECIES ARE TO BE FULFILLED? Only the Father has that depth of understanding and foresight. This means we can trust Him implicitly. He is the ultimate royalty! The first verse of Revelation demonstrates God’s royal family government.” (*Unveiled at Last: The Royal Book of Revelation*, pp. 2, 3)

Let’s go back to verse 1 of Zechariah 4 when the prophet has been awakened by an angel “as a man that is wakened out of his sleep”. Then comes the vision of the golden candlestick –

“And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof.” (v. 2)

There are actually several weird interpretations about this vision which the prophet Zechariah received. Even the visual

representation of the candlestick was oftentimes likened unto the Jewish menorah. Yet if we look closely, it's quite different; notice the components that has be included:

- candlestick
- bowl
- seven lamps
- seven pipes

The typical Jewish menorah does not have a bowl to begin with. It's description is found in Exodus 25:31-40. As for the interpretation of this candlestick, let the Bible interpret itself:



 The golden candlestick of Zechariah 4

“The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.” (Revelation 1:20)

The seven pipes represent the seven angels of the seven eras of the Church of God. The seven lamps represent the seven eras of God's Church – from Ephesus to Laodicea. Here is what Mr. Flurry

wrote about the seven Church eras:

Seven Eras

The book of Revelation is the only book of the Bible that gives us the time sequence of when a prophecy is to occur. Revelation 2 and 3 tell us the true Church history from the time of Christ's first coming to His Second Coming. The critics sometimes challenge this belief. But even common sense tells us this account is in the book of Revelation because it is prophecy for that 2,000-year period. There were to be seven Church eras in that 2,000 years. Most eras would turn away from God. Each time that happened, He would raise up another era, or Church.

The "Rock," or Foundation, of all those eras is Jesus Christ. "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea" (Revelation 1:10-11). Here we see the name of each era. Christ started the New Testament Church—the Ephesus era. "And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks" (verse 12).

The seven eras were symbolized by golden candlesticks, or lamps—lamps is a more accurate translation. The lamp would be the only light in a very dark world. God's people clearly see this glorious light. The world is often oblivious to it. "And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as

the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; the mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches” (verses 16-20).

God placed an angel over each Church era. The angels are called stars. Jesus Christ is in the “midst” of each era (verse 13). (Unveiled at Last: The Royal Book of Revelation, p. 14-15)

Looking at just the first two verses of Zechariah 4 with the interpretation from the book of Revelation, we could already see what the vision is all about – it is all about the Church of God in this end time. Very much like in Revelation 11 – where it is also about God’s temple or God’s Church. Continuing from Zechariah’s vision in verse 3:

“And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.”

Then the prophet Zechariah enquired:

§ “So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?” (v. 4)

Take a closer look at Zechariah 4, THREE TIMES did Zechariah make a query like this – in verses 11 and 12 as well.

§ “Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the

candlestick and upon the left side thereof?” (v. 11)

§ “And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? (v. 12)”

This could mean that *three times* could this vision be applied:

(The number THREE being a FINALITY) – more specifically, the so called Zerubbabel inset. In discussing verses 6 through 10, here is what Mr. Flurry wrote (emphasis mine):

The Anchor Bible Commentary says that the Zerubbabel inset “is not extraneous to understanding the whole.” In other words, while the Zerubbabel inset is an entirely separate thought from the surrounding scriptures, understanding it is critical to comprehending these two chapters. The inset is called a “glaring interruption.” That means it interrupts for an essential reason: When you include the inset, you can understand what it takes to continue being a Philadelphian after Mr. Armstrong died. You must follow what Christ established through Herbert W. Armstrong!

(p. 59 Malachi’s Message 2008 edition)

It was first thought that the Zerubbabel inset is just “a *glaring interruption*” as it has been written in *Malachi’s Message*. And as also quoted from the Anchor Bible Commentary that it “is not *extraneous* to understanding the whole.”

Yet as we shall see later, this Zerubbabel inset is not “a **glaring interruption**”, but it is actually a **concealed continuation of God’s Work** in this end time – that is, from the end time Zerubbabel, down to the end time Eliakim, and finally to the two witnesses of Revelation 11. Well, that inset is in fact the ESSENTIAL KEY to understanding the whole chapter of Zechariah 4.

The whole vision of Zechariah 4 *revolves around verses 6 through 10*, which is very much like in Revelation 10 wherein the whole chapter actually revolved around verse 7;

“But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.”

This verse was first thought that it should not have been included in the theme of the little book being discussed. Yet, here is what Mr. Flurry wrote after it was revealed unto him by God:

Read Revelation 10:7 again: “But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he [is about to sound], the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.” In the past, I wondered how verse 7 even belonged in chapter 10—now we see that the entire emphasis in chapter 10 is on that verse! Here is a mystery in the context of a little book, of prophesying again, of no more delay, of rising up and measuring, of the two witnesses—all just before it’s over and the seventh trumpet sounds. There is only one book on this Earth that truly explains the mystery, and that is Herbert W. Armstrong’s book *Mystery of the Ages*. That is why we fought for it in court...

THE WHOLE VISION OF CHAPTERS 10 AND 11 REVOLVES AROUND MYSTERY OF THE AGES, NOT THE LITTLE BOOK. The little book just tells you what happened to God’s Church and *Mystery of the Ages*. It’s not about the little book; it’s *about the great mystery of God which this world must be taught*. (*Unveiled at Last: The Royal Book of Revelation*, p. 31, 33)

The *first* application of the so called Zerubbabel inset would be to the end time Zerubbabel himself – Mr. Herbert W.

Armstrong, then a second time to his righteous successor, and finally, to the two witnesses. In its *first* application, the two olive trees in verse 3 could refer to God the Father and Jesus Christ, while the recipient of the golden oil is the golden candlestick (the WCG) *through* the end time Zerubbabel – Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

He did the work of God through His Holy Spirit:

“Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.” (v. 6)

Through many *great mountains or obstacles* – the rebellion of the 70’s, the attack of the California state against the Church, even in the presence of kings, presidents, prime ministers, etc.:

“Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the *headstone* thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.” (v. 7)

The “**headstone**” refers to **Jesus Christ**;

“The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner” (Psalms 118:22; also in Ephesians 2:20).

And Mr. Armstrong did *level* the *great mountains* in his time and did bring forth the *headstone*, Jesus Christ – “thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it” – by getting the Church back on track, and by being bold for God against the attack of the attorney general of California then, by building God’s house in Pasadena, California, and by proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom of God before the world leaders in his time (Matthew 24:14).

Mr. Armstrong has STARTED AND FINISHED the Philadelphia era of God’s Church:

“The Hands of Zerubbabel”

When the Bible refers directly to Christ doing the building, it is usually stated as “not made with hands” (2 Corinthians 5:1), or something is accomplished “without hands” (Daniel 2:45), or “a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands” (Hebrews 9:11).

“The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it...” (Zechariah 4:9). It is clearly talking about a hands-on operation. This verse twice mentions hands, designating a starting and finishing of a project. The Anchor Bible Commentary says hands is literal, and expresses participation in temple building (book of Zechariah). That is, it was built through a human being with “hands,” not built “without hands”—as Christ does it directly.

Mr. Armstrong started and finished an era that “restore[d] all things.” He started it and finished it before he died, with the power of God’s Holy Spirit (Zechariah 4:6). His hands laid the foundation and his hands finished the house—the Philadelphia era.

Mr. Armstrong wrote a letter to the Church on March 19, 1981. It said, in part: “Zerubbabel built the second temple to which Jesus came the first time. John the Baptist prepared the way before the first coming. But who was to build the spiritual temple to which Christ shall soon come the second time? Who was to prepare the way before His Second Coming?”

“Remember, God does things in dual stages. As

Zerubbabel built the first temple of material stone, wood and other materials, he was a forerunner or type of one through whom Christ would raise up or build the spiritual temple—His Church of our time, prior to the Day of the Lord and Christ's Second Coming. As John the Baptist prepared the way in the physical wilderness of the Jordan River for the first coming of the human Jesus (both man and God), then coming to His material temple, and to His physical people Judah, announcing the Kingdom of God to be set up more than 1,900 years later, so God would use a human messenger in the spiritual wilderness of 20th-century religious confusion, to be a voice crying out the gospel of the *Kingdom of God* about the SPIRITUAL CHRIST, coming in SUPREME POWER AND GLORY to His SPIRITUAL TEMPLE, to actually ESTABLISH that spiritual KINGDOM OF GOD.

“Brethren, has that been done by this Church? “Did God raise up a one-man leadership to be used by Him in building this spiritual TEMPLE and in proclaiming after 1,900 years the true GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD in ALL THE WORLD—to even go to kings and heads of nations (Revelation 10:11) - *in bringing the Church back to the faith once delivered?* (Jude3)

“HAS THIS HAPPENED, IN YOUR DAYS, AND HAS GOD BROUGHT YOU INTO THIS PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT AS A PART OF IT? “HAS ANYONE ELSE DONE IT?” (emphasis his).

Did Mr. Armstrong think one man would and did fulfill this prophecy? Absolutely! He speaks of “one,” “a human messenger,” “a voice,” “a one-man leadership”—and then ends by asking, “HAS ANYONE ELSE DONE IT?”

(pp. 11-13, Zechariah: The Sign of Christ's Imminent Return, 2012 edition)

Then on January 16, 1986, the end-time Zerubbabel, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was taken away by God:

“For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.” (2 Thessalonians 2:7)

With God's end-time Work done through Mr. Armstrong of *bringing forth the headstone, Jesus Christ*, he was even called by God the staff BEAUTY:

“And I took my staff, even **Beauty**, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people. And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the Lord.” (Zechariah 11:10-11)

Chapter 2

The Two Olive Trees

With Mr. Armstrong's removal from the scene which ended the Philadelphia era of God's Church, the *second* application of the two olive trees in verse 11 would then be applied now to two prominent men in God's Church – Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Gerald R. Flurry, while the recipient of the golden oil is God's Church in the Laodicean era – the Philadelphia Church of God, which represents the bowl with seven pipes to the seven lamps, on top of the golden candlestick. – (which we can also call, a *candelabrum*)

Regarding the symbolic trees – one on the right side and the other on the left of the golden candelabrum, those trees are actually **TWO PROMINENT MEN IN GOD'S CHURCH** in this end time (more like Elijah and Moses in Christ's transfiguration in Matthew 17).

In biblical symbolism, a tree according to the prophet Daniel, symbolizes a man of stature or prominence as it reads in Daniel 4:4-22 regarding King Nebuchadnezzar's second dream about a great tree that grew strong even reaching the heavens. The prophet Daniel explained its meaning:

“The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth; Whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation: It is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth.” (vv. 20-22)

In verse 22, Daniel told King Nebuchadnezzar that the tree in his dream was him. Even in Psalms 1:3, and 37:35, a blessed man or a wicked man in power is pictured as a tree.

Therefore the two trees in Zechariah 4 are the two men involved in *pouring out revelation to God's Church* in this end time – the end time Zerubbabel and the end-time Eliakim – *the two sons of fresh oil!* And they represent two different eras. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Gerald R. Flurry are the two olive trees in Zechariah 4! The two of them can also be called the *two witnesses*. (Even Christ was called the faithful and true witness – Revelation 3:14)

CHRIST IS COMING IN THE FLESH through the two of them – the reason God's Holy Spirit (golden oil) flow abundantly THROUGH them.

The *second* application of the Zerubbabel inset can now be applied to Mr. Gerald R. Flurry – the end-time Zerubbabel's rightful successor:

“And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah: And

I will clothe him with thy [Shebna's] robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah” (Isaiah 22:20-21).



Mr. Flurry explained these verses in the *Isaiah* booklet:

According to these verses, I was given Shebna's authority—his priestly vestments. When did that happen? It must have happened that very night when I was fired—December 7, 1989. Joe Tkach Jr. was given a final chance to repent. He did not, and God stripped him of his authority. From that time to the present, God has been using me to resurrect and do His Work! The fruits prove that statement absolutely! (p. 53, *Isaiah's End-Time Vision* 2011 edition)

When Mr. Flurry was given Shebna's authority on December 7, 1989, from that point on, he has also done God's work – “Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.”

And through many *great mountains or obstacles* – the Church

split (from WCG to PCG), the court battle for Mr. Armstrong's books and booklets, etc. – “before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the *headstone* thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.” (The Zerubbabel context here can now be applied to Mr. Flurry since he has assumed the Zerubbabel office after Mr. Armstrong's death and he has continued the work of the end-time Zerubbabel.)

He also did *level* some *great mountains* and did bring forth the *headstone*, Jesus Christ – “thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it” – by writing the little book *Malachi's Message*, by establishing the Philadelphia Church of God, by leading God's Church in winning the court case battle for God's revelations through His end-time Elijah, and by building God's house in Edmond, Oklahoma.

With God's last end Work being done through Mr. Flurry of *bringing forth the headstone, Jesus Christ*, he was even called by God the staff BANDS:

“Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even **Bands**, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.” (Zechariah 11:14)

God gave to Mr. Flurry the *remnant of Edom* (Amos 9:12) – the *temple vessels* of Isaiah 22:24 – the *books and booklets of Mr. Armstrong* through the court case victory – which is the flow of *golden oil* that God channeled through Mr. Armstrong in his time – being his representation now as the other olive tree in Zechariah 4 of pouring out the golden oil to God's Church.

The Philadelphia Church of God, God's Church (the golden candelabrum), is giving light to the world through the golden oil that flows from the two olive trees – the revelations that God gave to Mr. Armstrong and to Mr. Flurry: “...These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.” (Zechariah 4:14) – which in effect made these two, as the two sons of oil – the two witnesses in this end time, so to speak.

When the **end-time Eliakim (Mr. Gerald Flurry)**, shall be removed as a “*nail in a sure place,*” *it will be the end of the*

Laodicean era as well:

“And I will *fasten him as a nail in a sure place*; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father’s house. And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father’s house, the *offspring and the issue*, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons. *In that day*, saith the Lord of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be **removed**, and be **cut down**, and **fall**; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the Lord hath spoken it.” (Isaiah 22:22-25)

Chapter 3

The Two Olive Branches – Bring Forth the Headstone

With Zechariah's *third* query (v. 12) IMMEDIATELY after the second one (v. 11) about the two olive trees, he now took notice of the two olive branches – “which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?”

At this juncture, the two olive branches shall then become the two witnesses – they will become the *two sons of fresh oil*, through whom the repentant Laodiceans will get their supply of oil during the Great Tribulation. The two olive branches shall then represent the two trees. The oil coming from the two branches is conveyed to the bowl through the *two golden pipes*.

The *two golden pipes* in verse 12 are the two books *Mystery of*

the Ages and *Malachi's Message* – i.e., those two books written by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Gerald R. Flurry are the two major pipelines to ensure the continuous flow of fresh oil to be fed to the Church for it to give light to the world.

“The testimony of Jesus Christ is the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. If you have the spirit of prophecy, that means you are given new revelation by God – to build on the old revelation. **You must keep what God has already revealed, or you will be given no new revelation.** If we don't understand prophecy, we don't have **the testimony of Jesus, which is the Spirit of Prophecy.**

(pp. 4-5, Unveiled at Last: The Royal Book of Revelation)

For the *third* application of the Zerubbabel inset, it would in fact now refer to the two witnesses' *job description* – that they must continue and finish the end time Zerubbabel's work – “Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.”

“Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain...” (verse 7).

The *great mountain* here could now refer to Babylon the great,

“And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the LORD. Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.” (Jer. 51:24-25).

During the course of the ministry of the two witnesses, they will be INTRODUCING THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST – “he shall BRING FORTH THE HEADSTONE thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto *it* (the *headstone* – *Jesus Christ*).”

“O you who bring good tidings to Zion, get up to the high mountain. O you who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; say to the cities of Judah, Behold your God!” (Isaiah 40:9, Amplified Bible)

This expression is more like in Revelation 19: 1, 6-7;

“And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: ...And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him:”

And also in Revelation 11: 15-17;

“And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.”

The prophecies in Zechariah 4 and Revelation 11 are COMPLEMENTARY to each other – which discusses the completion of God’s spiritual temple. They will prepare the Bride of Jesus Christ through the fulfillment of duality of the **the 70 weeks prophecy in Daniel with the Book of Remembrance**. In verse 9, the two witnesses are being reminded what their job really is all about – *to finish building God’s spiritual temple*,

“...*his hands shall also finish it;*”

According to Strong’s Concordance, the word *hands* here comes from the Hebrew word,

yad: 3027. yad, yawd; a prim. word; a hand (the open one [indicating power, means, direction, etc.].

The two witnesses could be likened to the two hands of the end time Zerubbabel finishing God’s spiritual temple. It must be done according to the way Mr. Armstrong built – *power, means, direction* as Strong’s Concordance suggests.

“For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.”(v. 10)

The seven eyes in this verse and the seven pipes to the seven lamps in verse 2 are the seven angels to the seven churches in Revelation 1:20. Those seven angels in charge of the Ephesus era up to the Laodicean era shall be rejoicing when the ministry of the two witnesses commences. Why? Because the two witnesses shall “*bring forth the headstone*” – Jesus Christ! At the end of the short and predetermined time of their ministry is the return of the King of kings – our Husband, Jesus Christ! Who could not be more excited about that?

The two witnesses, just like Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Flurry would also have to start small as indicated in verse 10 – “For who hath despised the day of small things?” Almost everybody in God’s Church thinks that the *two witnesses* will be coming from the high ranking ministers or must be a minister at the minimum. Well here is what Mr. Flurry wrote (emphasis mine in bold):

During the Tribulation, the two witnesses will be the only ones doing God’s Work—supported by God’s Philadelphians in a place of safety. But remember, the two witnesses represent God’s

Work in the Tribulation—that is where God’s lamp is glowing to the world. It is simply the Elijah Work continuing in these two men.

How do we do God’s Work? “Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts” (Zechariah 4:6). **It is a hard lesson for men to learn that God’s Work is done not by high-ranking evangelists or money, but by God’s Holy Spirit! God’s Holy Spirit flows through the two witnesses.**

Source: <https://www.pcog.org/article/916/who-are-the-two-witnesses>

Furthermore he wrote this:

“And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth” (Revelation 11:3). Here are two witnesses clothed in sackcloth. **I have no idea who they’re going to be, but I know they will be two very humble men, and one of them will be in charge. If God sent two of these “senior evangelists,” they would be fighting over who was to be in charge! What do you do with a government like that? It fails every time!** (p. 71, *Unveiled at Last: The Royal Book of Revelation*)

But one may ask, WHY IS THERE A NEED FOR THOSE TWO WITNESSES ANYWAY? Surely Mr. Gerald Flurry and the Philadelphia Church of God could have just finished God’s work until Christ’s Second Coming. What could have happened that warrants the need for those two witnesses? And what do they have to witness in the first place? They became witnesses because of the Ezekiel 4 siege and an evil group of 25 men of

Ezekiel 8 who has turned their backs on God! The people has turned to graven images and has made the molten images (PCG ministers) as their gods because God's servant has become blind and deaf during the Ezekiel 4 siege due to the IRON WALL.

*“I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once... They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods. Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see. **Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the Lord's servant?**”*
(Isaiah 42:14, 17-19)

Mr. Gerald Flurry is even under the spirit of deep sleep that needs to be awakened and be told once again to measure the inner court of God's Church – the Philadelphia Church of God. He is also to be reminded not to measure the outer court because it will be the job of the two witnesses (Revelation 11:1-4). The same is true when the prophet Zechariah has been awakened from sleep and he was shown the golden candelabrum (which symbolized the Church) and the two olive trees / two branches (Zechariah 4). Now while Mr. Flurry is asleep, this is what happened: a GRAVEN IMAGE (i.e., Edstone Hall college campus in England) has been set up by the 25 men of Ezekiel 8. They have also set up their own two witnesses:

“They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and **they are their own witnesses**; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed. Who hath formed a god, or molten a **graven image** that is profitable for nothing? **Behold, all his fellows** shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear,

and they shall be ashamed together.” (Isaiah 44:9-11)

“Behold, all his fellows” – this points us specifically to Joshua and his fellows who chose contrary to what God wants – the Eternal has chosen Jerusalem (Zechariah 3:2, 8); yet they led God’s Church to turn away from the Jerusalem work and replace it instead with a GRAVEN IMAGE – the Edstone property in Warwickshire, England.

THERE IS ALSO THE MOST WONDERFUL GOOD NEWS THAT WE COULD HEAR! JOSHUA’S FELLOWS ARE A SIGN THAT CHRIST’S RETURN IS VERY NEAR (Zechariah 3:8). The Soncino Commentary says, “FOR THEY ARE MEN THAT ARE A SIGN.” The Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary also translates it “sign.” It could also read “wondrous sign,” because of what follows almost immediately – CHRIST’S RETURN! (verses 8-10). (p. 30, Zechariah: The Sign of Christ’s Imminent Return 2012 edition)

THEY WILL HAVE THEIR OWN TWO WITNESSES WHICH SHALL BRING FORTH EDSTONE (RICH, PROSPEROUS RULER) in England, while GOD’S TWO WITNESSES SHALL BRING FORTH THE HEADSTONE (JESUS CHRIST) in Jerusalem!

“*Ye are my witnesses*, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God.” (Isaiah 43:10-12)

“Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told

thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.” (Isaiah 44:8)

And God shall be the one to ordain His two witnesses:

“Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?” (Isaiah 43:13)

In verse 13, the original Hebrew word for “work” can also mean “ORDAIN”; while “let” can also mean “take back, say nay, withdraw,” thus it can be read this way:

“Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will ORDAIN, and who shall TAKE IT BACK (SAY NO TO IT, WITHDRAW IT)?”

If someone will argue with God about ordaining His two witnesses, this is His reply:

“Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? **let them bring forth their witnesses**, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth.” (Isaiah 43:9)

Do you want to know who will be the most probable TWO WITNESSES of the PCG? That would be Evangelist Stephen Flurry and Regional Director Brad MacDonald who will both reside in the Edstone Hall estate.

Chapter 4

The Two Olive Trees, The Two Candlesticks of Revelation 11

What will happen to God's servant who has become blind and deaf (Isaiah 42:19) during the Ezekiel 4 siege due to the IRON WALL?:

“In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken it.”

The Hebrew word for “remove” is *muwsh*, which means – cease, depart, remove, *take away*. While the word “cut down” is *gada'*, which according to Strong's Concordance: a prim. root; TO FELL A TREE (capitalized for emphasis); gen. to destroy anything:–cut (asunder, in sunder, down, off), hew down.

The “*nail that is fastened in the sure place*” is the end time Eliakim and being such, Mr. Flurry is not one of the two olive branches, but he is one of the two olive trees in Zechariah 4 together with Mr. Armstrong. And as the Hebrew words suggest that that “*nail in a sure place*” shall be REMOVED – TAKEN AWAY, and CUT DOWN as TO FELL A TREE. *So the end time Eliakim being the other olive tree SHALL BE CUT DOWN AS A TREE just like Mr. Armstrong.*

God’s Words Abide Forever

Then Zechariah asks a penetrating question: “Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?” (verse 5). Why did God inspire Zechariah to ask this? One, two or three prophets died; but the people who heard their messages were still alive. God wanted the people to think deeply about what they had witnessed. Do prophets live forever? No, they do not.

ZECARIAH 1:5 SHOW THAT GOD PLACES A GREATER RESPONSIBILITY ON THOSE PEOPLE WHO LIVE AT THE SAME TIME AS THE PROPHET OR APOSTLE. God sends His prophets onto the scene; they deliver their God-inspired message, then they die like everyone else. So we had better take heed when we hear one of God’s prophets or apostles speaking to us.

In this end time we must also recognize this fact. Herbert W. Armstrong was God’s chosen apostle and a type of God’s end-time Elijah (Matthew 17:11). He delivered God’s message, which you can prove from your own Bible, and now he is dead. He didn’t live forever—and that actually upset a lot of people! Look at what happened to the Church when he died. Even the commentaries say this verse is talking about the recent past. We know that is true.

Apostles die—that is the nature of physical life.

So why should things be so radically different after Mr. Armstrong died? Why did God's Church simply go spiritually crazy after he was gone? Clearly, the people had some weaknesses that they didn't deal with. This verse certainly implies that they were looking to a man.

Zechariah wants us to ask this question and to realize that time is short. Human beings don't live long. We need to take advantage of the short span of time we've been given.

Prophets don't live forever, and neither do apostles. But does that make the message null and void? God wants us to gain a certain perspective here. Although a prophet or an apostle does not live forever, something does live forever. "But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? ..." (Zechariah 1:6). Prophets or apostles do not live forever; God's message or words, however, do live forever. When one of God's leaders delivers a message, we must learn to put our focus in the right place. We should not look to the men who die, whose breath is just like the animal—they lose their breath and they are gone. We must look to God's words that live forever. That is where we must focus.

Most people make the serious mistake of not focusing on God's words. That is the problem within the Laodicean Church today. Herbert Armstrong is dead and gone. Many believe the words he spoke and wrote should have died with him. But they are God's words! (*pp. 2-3, Zechariah: The Sign of Christ's Imminent Return 2012 edition*)

In this last end, have we focused on God's words through

Mr. Flurry being *That Prophet*? He is more like the end time type of Moses, and being such, Deuteronomy 18:15 somewhat applies to him as well (although the *main* fulfillment of this verse has been applied to Jesus Christ – yet He also *comes in the flesh* through Mr. Flurry):

“*The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;*”

Have we focused on God’s words through Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Gerald R. Flurry? They are TWO VERY IMPORTANT MEN IN THIS END TIME! The transfiguration of Jesus Christ in Matthew 17 together with Moses and Elijah (whom Mr. Armstrong is the end time fulfillment of) strongly suggests that prospect of Mr. Flurry being a *type* of the end time Moses.

“And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.” (vv. 1-3)

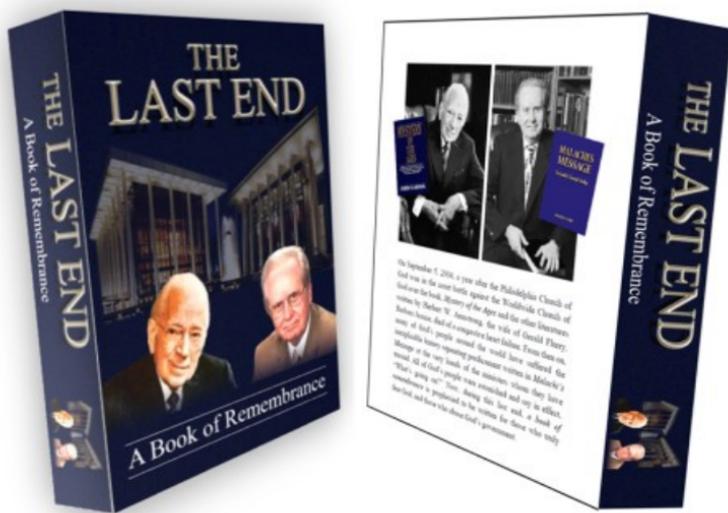
The two olive trees shall be both represented by the two olive branches – the two witnesses of Revelation 11;

“*These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.*” (v. 4)

With Mr. Flurry being the end time type of Moses and Mr. Armstrong being the end time type of Elijah – and they being the *two olive trees* will both be epitomized by the revelations God has given to the two of them – through the little book, *Malachi’s Message and Mystery of the Ages*.

Mr. Flurry and Mr. Armstrong are the two olive trees here in verse 4, and it seems to indicate that the TWO CANDLESTICKS – THE TWO WITNESSES – ALONE CANNOT IN ITSELF GIVE

LIGHT WITHOUT THE TWO OLIVE TREES. So they are dependent on the oil that is flowing from the two olive trees. The two witnesses will have to use the revelations that God has given to the two olive trees through *Mystery of the Ages* and *Malachi's Message*. For emphasis, let us read again what Mr. Flurry wrote:



“The testimony of Jesus Christ is the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. If you have the spirit of prophecy, that means you are given new revelation by God – to build on the old revelation. **You must keep what God has already revealed, or you will be given no new revelation.** If we don’t understand prophecy, we don’t have THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS, WHICH IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY!” (pp. 4-5, *Unveiled at Last: The Royal Book of Revelation*)

Since Mr. Flurry fulfills the end time type of Moses and Mr. Armstrong being the end time type of Elijah – this is the very reason the prophecy in Revelation 11 regarding the power and

authority of the two witnesses are those of Elijah and Moses – of withholding the rain from heaven and of turning the waters into blood. Even in the book of Malachi, two prominent servants of God has been mentioned – Moses and Elijah. And notice the time sequence – “before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD”

“Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet **before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:**” (Mal. 4:4-5)

Mr. Gerald R. Flurry being the fulfillment of Moses and Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong being the fulfillment of Elijah in this end-time are the two olive trees in Zechariah 4 and Revelation 11! While the two olive branches – the two witnesses shall finish God’s spiritual house just like the two hands of Zerubbabel:

“The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.” (Zechariah 4:9)

So as it has been stated earlier, the Zerubbabel inset is not in actuality an inset but it was inspired by God to be the main theme of Zechariah 4 – THE WHOLE VISION OF ZECHARIAH 4 REVOLVES AROUND THAT SO CALLED INSET!

Again, for emphasis; the two prominent men of the last two eras, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong (Philadelphia era) and Mr. Gerald R. Flurry (Laodicean era) are the two olive trees in Zechariah 4. The two olive branches are the two witnesses of Revelation 11 who shall prophesy for three and a half years.

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

Look at the word “power” in this verse, it is in italics, which means it is not in the original thought; while the word “give” in Strong’s Concordance also means, “bring forth, yield.” The verse could then be rendered as:

*“And I will **bring forth** my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth*

Why will God **bring forth** His witnesses? Because “there was the hiding of His power” (Habakkuk 3:4). Even the word “sackcloth” indicates a concealment (emphasis mine in bold).

Thayer Definition: sakkos

garment like material, and clinging to the person like a sack, which was wont (**accustomed**) to be worn (or drawn over the tunic instead of the cloak or mantle) by mourners, penitents, suppliants and also by those who like Hebrew prophets, lead an **austere** life

Austere in the dictionary means:

- § Having no adornment or ornamentation; bare:
- § without excess, luxury, or ease: an austere life.
- § without ornament or adornment; severely simple:
- § severely simple or plain:

Therefore, the two witnesses are to be clothed in severe simplicity; without excess, luxury, or ease; without ornament or adornment. Compare that with what Mr. Flurry wrote:

“And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth” (Revelation 11:3). Here are two witnesses clothed in sackcloth. **I have no idea who they’re going to be, but I know they will be two very humble men, and one of them will be in charge. If God sent two of these “senior evangelists,” they would be fighting over who was to be in charge! What do you do with a**

government like that? It fails every time! (p. 71, *Unveiled at Last: The Royal Book of Revelation*)

How do we do God's Work? "Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6). **It is a hard lesson for men to learn that God's Work is done not by high-ranking evangelists or money, but by God's Holy Spirit! God's Holy Spirit flows through the two witnesses.**

Source: <https://www.pcog.org/article/916/who-are-the-two-witnesses>

Moving on, Mr. Flurry has been tasked by the Almighty God to measure ONLY the inner court. Consider Revelation 11:1,

"And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein." (Read also Ezek. 3: 1-6)

The outer court, where the Laodiceans are shall be measured by the Gentiles. Further in Thayer's, the word "give" in verse 3 is also defined as "**to commission.**" And God shall **commission** His two witnesses:

*"But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. And I will **commission** my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth."* (v. 2-3)

The outer court, where those Laodiceans are, has not been given to him by God. Therefore, in all probability, *Mr. Flurry is still around when the ministry of the two witnesses has started and already measuring the outer court.*

Both Mr. Flurry and Mr. Armstrong BEAR those two branches – THOSE TWO BRANCHES SHOULD NOT DEVIATE EVEN ONE IOTA from the revelations (golden oil) given to those two olive trees by the Living God! That is why they let Christ come in their flesh to remind the people of the revelations that God gave through the two olive trees, and have it written in The Last End – A Book of Remembrance. They ought not to even boast against the tree, because they are just branches – much like what Paul has written:

“And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; **Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.** Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off...

“For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.” (Romans 11:17-22, 25)

As the apostle Paul intimated, that this is the mystery of the Gentiles, which is actually being revealed now. The two witnesses are the grafted wild olive trees being mentioned by Paul. The two witnesses are to be “clothed in sackcloth” – cloth in humility (also worn as a sign of grief – for those 25 men of Ezekiel 8 who has turned their backs on God and also for those

people who followed them).

“And I will fasten him (end time Eliakim) as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father’s house. And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father’s house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons.” (Isaiah 22: 23-24)

Mr. Flurry has been given by God all the glory of Mr. Armstrong – the books and booklets he wrote, God’s Church, God’s College, and God’s physical house – indeed he is *a nail in a sure place!* Since the PCG has been involved in the archeological dig in Jerusalem, God has also given the physical temple vessels to Mr. Flurry which is being displayed in Armstrong Auditorium before he would be taken away by God.

“And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father’s house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons. In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken it.” (Isaiah 22: 24-25).

Chapter 5

The Two Witnesses and The Outer Court

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. (Revelation 12:17)

Who could the “remnant of her seed which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” be referring to?

“The testimony of Jesus Christ is the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. If you have the spirit of prophecy, that means you are given new revelation by God – to build on the old revelation. You must keep what God has already revealed, or you will be given no new revelation. If we don’t understand prophecy, we don’t have THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS, WHICH IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY!”

(p. 5, op. cit.)

Do the Laodiceans outside of the PCG keep the commandments of God, better yet possess or take hold of the *testimony of Jesus Christ* which is the *spirit of prophecy* (Rev. 19:10)? Well, it could be the Laodiceans inside the PCG that is being referred to in Revelation 12:17. They are the only ones that has kept the commandments of God and has the spirit of prophecy.

During their ministry, the two witnesses will be the only ones who will have the testimony of Jesus Christ which is the spirit of prophecy. Apart from the two trees, they are also the only ones who know how to measure God's way – how to measure the outer court where the other Laodiceans are. The two witnesses would be the only source of oil during that time. They will be the only source of light in the darkest time in the history of God's Church.

In the first century, there were already *precursors* of the two witnesses – the Apostle Paul and Barnabas. (the same principle of God's government administered by the Apostle Paul will be in effect to the two witnesses.)

“Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, **I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.**” (Acts 13:46-47).

Verse 47 was quoted from Isaiah 42:6 and 49:6;

“I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, **and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;**”

“And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of

Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a **light to the Gentiles**, that thou mayest be **my salvation unto the end of the earth.**”

THE TWO WITNESSES ARE THE TWO LAMPS STANDING BEFORE THE GOD OF THE EARTH (Rev. 11:4) – THEREBY GIVEN BY GOD FOR A **LIGHT TO THE GENTILES** AND HIS SALVATION UNTO THE END OF THE EARTH. THEY ARE ALSO FOR A COVENANT OF THE PEOPLE (as in Daniel 9:27).

The word *Gentiles* here refers to the innumerable multitude or the great multitude (Rev. 7:9)

Take careful notice of the phrase “to restore the preserved of Israel” in Isaiah 49:6–this could only refer to the Philadelphians who has been carried away by the Ezekiel 4 siege. The two witnesses’ main job is to make God’s people turn back to God – make them to finally repent toward Him which is being done primarily through *The Last End – A Book of Remembrance*. They shall be responsible in measuring the outer court. The Gentile beast power knows not how to measure God’s way, nor how to repent toward God, but they will be used by God to punish the rebellious Laodiceans.

The two witnesses shall finish the last *midst of the week* (the other three and a half days) of the SEVENTY WEEK PROPHECY – of confirming the covenant with many for three and a half years which is being fulfilled through *The Last End – A Book of Remembrance*

They shall be killed by the beast and to remain dead for three and a half days – even their dead bodies shall be laid in the very location where Christ was crucified – (picking up from the very fulfillment of the *Daniel 9:27 midst of the week* prophecy)

“And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great

city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.” (Rev. 11:7-11)

The conclusion of the work of the two witnesses is: when they shall have finished building God’s spiritual house which includes the 144,000 repentant Laodiceans, and also have brought forth the *headstone, Jesus Christ* in Jerusalem (Zechariah 4:7; Revelation 11:15-17), at that time, the Messiah shall have finished confirming the covenant with many (Daniel 9:27), including the innumerable multitude of Revelation 7 – *because Christ comes in their flesh* – (the BRANCH, represented by the two olive branches);

The two witnesses are still part of the Elijah work, and look how it all culminates: “The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever” (verses 14-15). Here is the Elijah work, preparing for the Kingdom of God, continuing right on down to the return of Jesus Christ. (pp. 30-31, *Unveiled at Last: The Royal Book of Revelation*)

Chapter 6

Understanding Between the Two Offices – Joshua and the Two Witnesses

In Zechariah chapter 6, there is a prophecy about the BRANCH that shall grow up out of his place and a peaceful understanding between the two offices – the Joshua office and that of the BRANCH (*Christ coming in the flesh* through the two branches). Just like in the first century with the Apostle Peter's *office* and with that of the Apostle Paul's; (also like with John the Baptist's and with Christ's). They all have a peaceful understanding between their offices.

“And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose

name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.” (Zechariah 6:12-13)

The New American Standard Bible renders the latter part of verse 13 this way:

“...and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices.”

While in the Revised Standard Version it reads:

“...with peaceful understanding between the two of them.”

Since Mr. Gerald Flurry now holds the Zerubabel office (which previously was Mr. Armstrong’s), it then follows that his son, Stephen Flurry becomes the fulfillment of the last-end Joshua. Some inside the PCG will argue: this Joshua is referring to none other than Joseph W. Tkach and not to Stephen Flurry. Well let’s consider what the context of this Joshua really is:

“And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even **the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem** rebuke thee: is not this **a brand plucked out of the fire?**” (Zechariah 3:2)

First, the failure of this Joshua revolves around choosing another estate (i.e., Edstone) apart from what God has already chosen – *“the Eternal has chosen Jerusalem!”* Second, this Joshua is *“a brand plucked out of the fire”*. He has to be plucked out of the Great Tribulation. Now, how can Joseph W. Tkach fit into this description? He has already been dead since September 23, 1995 which is prior to the Great Tribulation. So this last end Joshua has to be none other than Stephen Flurry! And God has a conditional promise to this last end Joshua:

“And the angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; **If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt**

keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.” (Zechariah 3:6-7)

The word *stand by* here comes from the Hebrew word, ‘amad. The same Hebrew word as written in Zechariah 4:14. According to Strong’s Concordance:

‘amad, aw-mad’ (5975); a prim. root; to stand, in various relations (lit. and fig., intrans. and trans.):—abide (behind), appoint, arise, confirm, continue, dwell, be employed, endure, establish, leave, make, ordain, (be) present (self), raise up, remain, repair, (make to, make to be at a, with-) stand (by, fast, firm, still, up), (be at a) stay (up), tarry.

These are the two witnesses—*these that stand by!* God has given the last end Joshua *places to walk among these that stand by* – among the two witnesses IF he will repent towards God!

“For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the Lord of hosts, and **I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.**” (v. 9)

Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote regarding this verse:

“[U]pon one stone shall be seven eyes.” That Stone is Jesus Christ, the Rock. There is a Stone that ruled every era of God’s Church. **But still, five out of those seven turned away from God. Just read the history in Revelation 2 and 3. That is a frightening statistic! The ratio is overwhelming. Anyone who thinks we don’t have the potential to make mistakes and to fall away needs to look at what has happened to God’s people through the ages!**

(p. 11, *Zechariah: The Sign of Christ’s Imminent*

Return, 2012 edition)

That is an inevitable prophecy that we cannot just brush aside. For emphasis, let's read it again – **“Anyone who thinks we don't have the potential to make mistakes and to fall away needs to look at what has happened to God's people through the ages!”** Yet the goodness of God will lead this last end Joshua to repentance (Romans 2:4), and He has already reserved unto him places to walk among the two witnesses – God shall give him the opportunity to work with the two witnesses during that time. What an exalted honor from God given to this last end Joshua! And as mentioned previously in Zechariah 6:13, God shall crown the last end Joshua – making him a crowned priest, and that will make him to hold two offices: that of a king and that of a priest – a king-priest – a priest sitting upon a throne!

“Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the LORD, and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne. Thus, He will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices.” (Zech.6:13, NASB)

That's the office of a king and of a priest! Thus the throne of King David through the last end Joshua shall be established in MERCY because of his repentance!:

“And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness.” (Isaiah 16:5)

The two olive branches that sprouted or “grow up out of his place”, will then become the two witnesses in Mr. Armstrong's and Mr. Flurry's stead, who eventually shall continue and finish the Zerubbabel work:

“The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you.” (Zechariah 4:9)

Zerubbabel's hands finishing the house in this verse could be implying here of the two witnesses continuing and finishing Mr. Armstrong's and Mr. Flurry's work – of finishing the building of God's spiritual house, i.e., of making the Bride of Christ ready through *The Last End – A Book of Remembrance*:

“Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified. Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me. Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.” (Isaiah 43:26-28)

God has instructed the two witnesses to PUT HIM IN REMEMBRANCE, thus their work revolves around the *Book of Remembrance*, and it is very much a part of the *double wonder* in Habakkuk 1:5 – their work being the *second wonder* – the *first one* being the work of the PCG in the last end. In Acts 13:41, even the Apostle Paul considered his work as that prophesied in Habakkuk 1:5 (his work in the first century being a precursor of the two witnesses' work). We can see this principle being illustrated in God's magnificent angelic vehicle in Ezekiel 1:

“And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and **a fire infolding itself**, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire...and their work was as it were **a wheel in the middle of a wheel.**” (vv. 4, 16)

“A fire infolding itself (a fire in the midst of a fire) ...a wheel in the middle of a wheel. (See also in Ezekiel 10:10, “...as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel.”)

A fire within a fire, a wheel within a wheel, a work within a work – this is the principle by which God inspired the apostle Peter and the apostle Paul applied. This is also the principle by

which the two witnesses must operate – their work must *revolve around* the work of the two trees – Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Gerald R. Flurry.

The apostle Peter's work was mainly focused to the scattered tribes of Israel while the apostle Paul's work was to the Gentiles. A *double wonder* indeed! A fire within a fire – a wheel within a wheel – a work within a work! And they have understanding between their offices.

Apparently, it was the apostle Peter who was the chief apostle over all the others, including the apostle Paul – that's how God's government works. But still Paul has a different *job description* than Peter's. Even one of those two witnesses shall be the leader – just like Paul to Barnabas, Zerubbabel to Joshua, etc.

Revelation 11 being a complementary chapter to Zechariah 4 is concluded with the vision of the temple of God in heaven, with the Ark of the Covenant in it:

“Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.” (v. 19, NKJV)

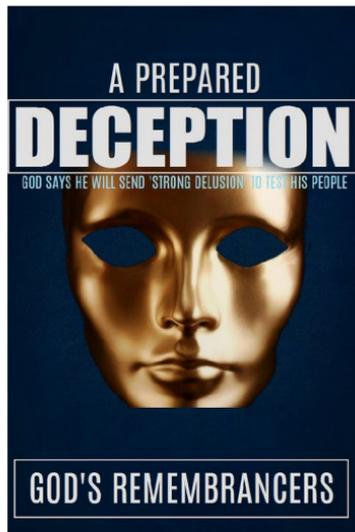
And this encapsulates the work of the two witnesses – which is about the temple of God – the Church of God – being symbolized by the golden candelabrum of Zechariah 4.

“And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.” (Zech. 4: 12-14)

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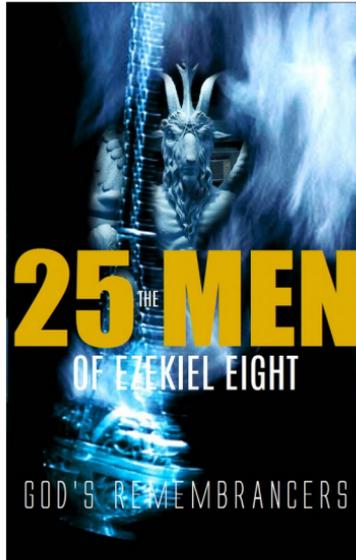
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