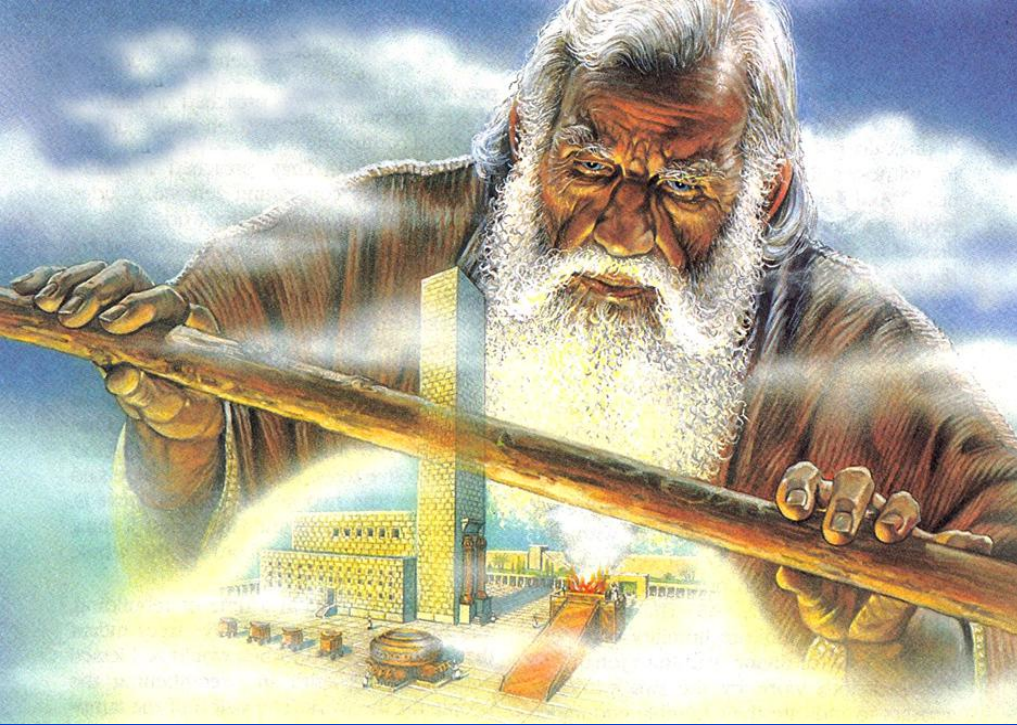


NUMBERS AND WORD PHRASES

- 42 months, 3 ½ years & 1260 days are equivalents
- Precise times were not as important as the events they foretold
- “The main thing is the main thing”
- 3 ½ is symbolic and means not complete or not whole
- “Time, times, and half a time” is a way to say 3 ½, but without the symbolism





JOHN MEASURES THE TEMPLE

- This is NOT the Millennial Temple that Christ will occupy
- Court of the Gentiles is for non-Believers, and it is against God
- The 2 witnesses will be protected and prophesy for 1260 days, then killed



WHO ARE THE 2 WITNESSES?

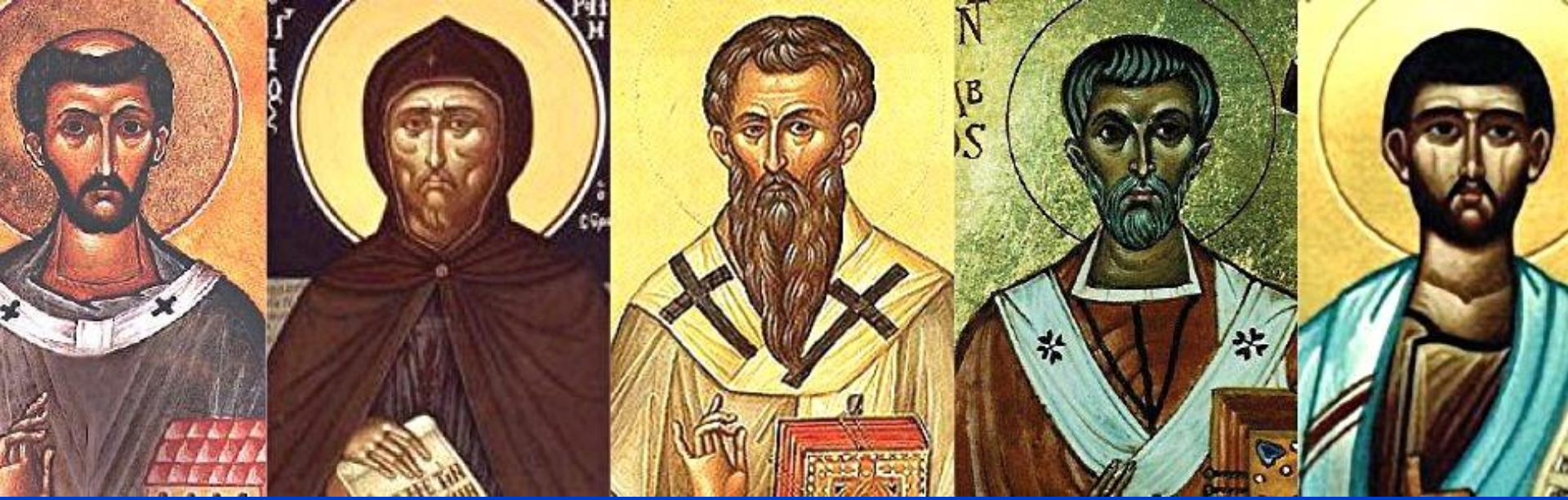


- Dressed in sackcloth, can kill with fire to protect, stop the rain, & strike the earth with plagues
- The Law requires 2 or 3 witnesses to testify against the accused for a capital crime
- Sackcloth + mourning are related to repentance
- Early Church Fathers addressed the identity of the 2 witnesses

EARLY CHURCH FATHERS

- Oecumenicus 900 A.D. “..the glory of the Father will be announced by Elijah and Enoch....”
- Hippolytus 200 A.D. “..John also will return...with Elijah and Enoch..”
- Victorinus 250 A.D. “..Jeremiah along with Elijah returns....”
- Tyconius 300 A.D. “..the two witnesses symbolize...the two testaments...”
- Primasius 550 A.D. “..the two witnesses....represent one church...formed of..Jews and Gentiles..”

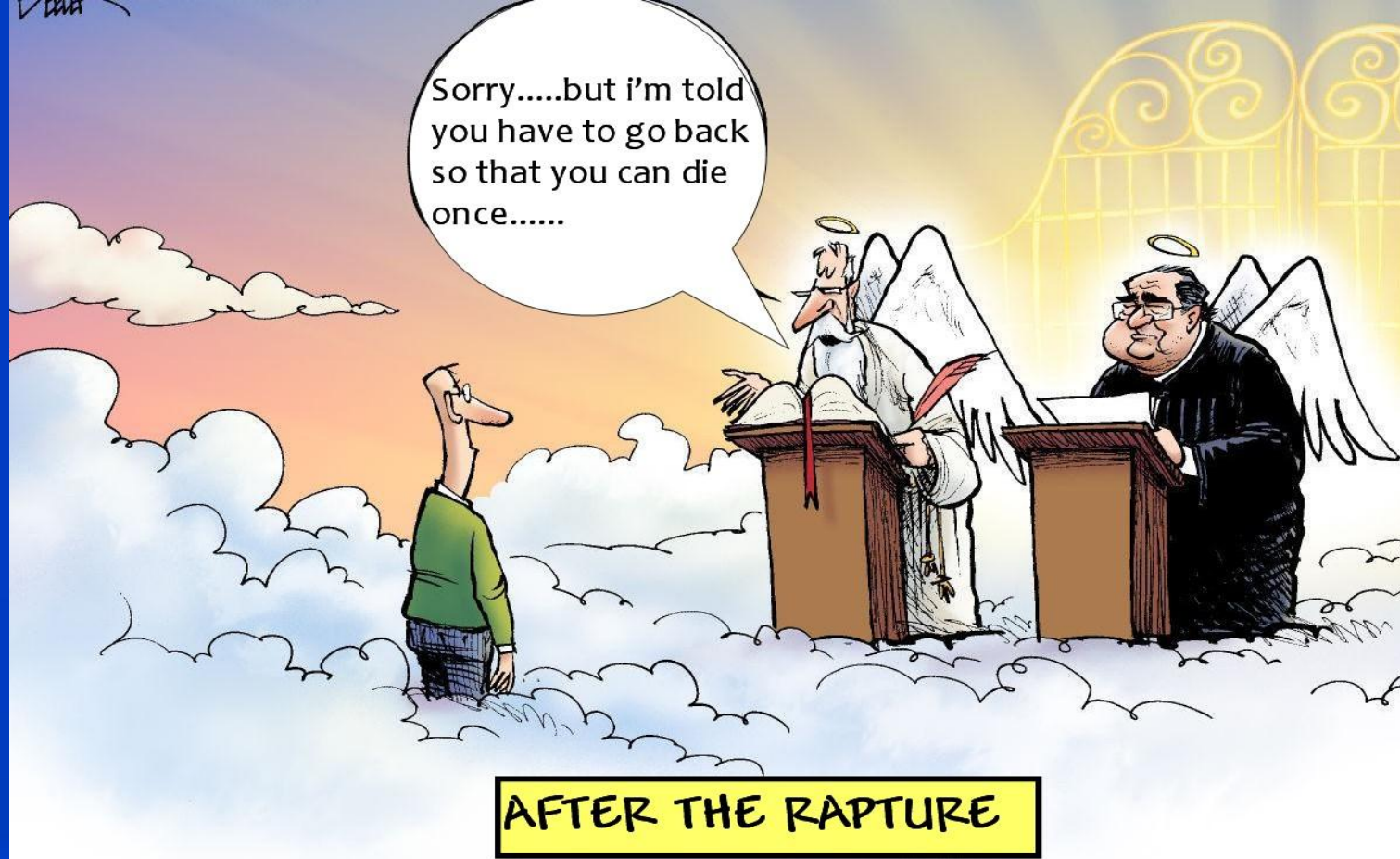




- Tyconius “..the church has the power of binding and loosing so that she can cause the rain of blessing to cease....”
- Oecumenicus “..two prophets...will promote truth and light...Anti-Christ by false signs....deceit and darkness...”
- Hippolytus “...the Anti-Christ...will exalt himself and glorify himself as God..” “..Anti-Christ will arise from the tribe of Dan and from the iniquitous hearts of the Jews..”

- Malachi 3:23
- Judaism believes Elijah will come at Passover
- Elijah didn't die, but went up to Heaven in a whirlwind
- Hebrews 9:27 *“Just as it is appointed unto men once to die....”*
- Hebrews 9:27 prefaces 9:28
- Messiah doesn't have to die an individual death for each person He saves





- To die once is a self-evident fact; not a rigid spiritual principle
- Raptured Believers seem to be avoiding death!
- Must the two witnesses have never died in the past, because they are going to be killed after prophesying?



EVIDENCE OF THE IDENTITY OF THE TWO WITNESSES

- Elijah to appear before Judgment Day
- Matt. 17:1 – 13
- Elijah and Moses appear with Yeshua
- Elijah is the chief of Prophets. Moses is the chief of the Torah and the Law. Yeshua is who they point to.
- Yeshua swears disciples to secrecy about what they just witnessed



ELIJAH IS COMING IN 2 SENSES

- 1st sense: the future at Judgment Day
- 2nd sense: symbolically he already came as John the Baptist
- Elijah will be one of the witnesses and likely Moses the other
- Rev. 11:4
- These two witnesses are already “standing before the Lord” in Heaven



WHY ARE THEY KILLED?

- No divine prophets after John until the 2 witnesses appear
- Deut. 18:14 – 16 Moses said: *“..Adonai will raise up for you a prophet like me...”*
- Beast from the Abyss will come up and kill the 2 witnesses only after their mission is complete
- Prophets took messages to God’s people that they didn’t want to hear
- 2 witnesses probably will prophesy about the Good News and the sins of mankind
- This takes place in Jerusalem, so the Jewish people are their primary target audience

