REVELATION 69 TWO WITNESSES LIVE!

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CONTEXT: KEEP EVENTS IN <u>THEIR</u> PERSPECTIVE

- These events must be viewed in their Biblical and Historical perspectives
 - Earth's tectonic plates merging with dramatic volcanic-earthquake activities
 - Famine, diseases, wars and general societal breakdowns with dramatic death tolls
 - Sun-Moon darkened and atmospheric-magnetospheric disrupt AI communications
 - Sixth Trumpet released demons who began preparing men for Armageddon (Re 9:13-21)
 - Gabriel descended from Heaven announcing Christ's coming and saying *All mysteries will be revealed with the Seventh Trumpet* {Phial Judgments} (Re 10:1-7)
 - People will demand security, order, food, medicine from government(s) which will consolidate into four regional powers Reject God though they acknowledge Him
 - Two Witnesses testified these events occurred because people rejected God; they are given the opportunity to Repent before He returns: They kill the messengers

GRAMMATICAL PERSPECTIVE CHANGES: PRESENT TENSE TO AORIST TENSE

- Events surrounding the Two Witnesses discussed in Present Tense in relation to the participants though future to us
- Events now switch back to Aorist Tense {Past tense generally} emphasizing these events decided in eternity past by God's and Sin's natures (Ep 1:3-14)
- Two Witnesses *hear* the Father's voice calling, *Come up here;* they arise in full view of the World
 - Their ministry demonstrated sin's impotence over the *empirical* {Nature}
 - Their resurrection demonstrates vanity of the World, and Satan, in the *non-empirical*
 - While Christ ascended privately into the cloud, these ascend publicly into the cloud

CLOUD: INDICATIVE OF THE FATHER

- Father is Spirit and those who worship Him must do so in Spirit (Jn 4:23-24)
 - Father descended on Mt Horeb in Cloud with thunder-lightening (Ex 19:9-16)
 - Cloud surrounded Christ at Transfiguration when Father said, *Well pleased!* (Mt 17:1-5)
 - Cloud surrounded Christ at His Ascension emphasizing Father approval (Ac 1:9)
 - Saved who died associated with a Cloud showing Father's approval of Christ's saving work in their lives (He 12:1-2)
 - Gabriel *wrapped* in a Cloud showing he was speaking from the *Father's Authority* (Re 10:1-2)
- Cloud: *Empirical* reaction to Father's *non-empirical* Spirit in the World
 - Two Witnesses will ascend into a Cloud showing Father's approval of their ministry
 - Cloud is Father's righteousness *shared* with Saved; i.e., <u>clothed</u> in His Righteousness (Ge 1:3-5; Jn 1:1-5; Ro 13:11-14; Ga 3:25-29; Col 3:1-17)

FATHER EMPHASIZED HIS APPROVAL: SIMILAR TO CHRIST'S PASCHAL WORK

- Emphasizes Father's-Christ's righteousness in Two Witnesses as their ministry demonstrated *False* Jews, and Antichrist's, unrighteousness
 - These events occurred in Jerusalem like when Christ died on stauros (Mt 27:50-54)
 - Tremendous earthquake will *shake* Jerusalem culling out some unrepentant Lost
- They will give God *glory*; i.e., acknowledge His work but not necessarily repent, look to Christ for salvation (Re 6:15-17)
 - Ahab-Jezebel-Israel acknowledged God lit the evening sacrifice from Heaven, yet promised to kill Elijah rather than repent and seek salvation (1Ki 18:36-19:2)
 - Entire World will see this and have final opportunity to repent and be saved
 - Thus, Two Witnesses <u>final</u> testimony is their public resurrection punctuated by warning of judgment

HOW DOES TODAY'S WORLD REACT: REPENTANCE OR REJECTION?

- How does the World react to today's natural calamities which unmasks their impotence and warns of coming judgment?
 - Some do repent; not because of catastrophes but hear the *small* voice of Truth (1Ki 19:9-13)
 - Some resort to Christendom thinking they can sneak in; they cannot (Mt 7:21-23)
 - Most more firmly embrace Hermetic-Gnostic-Dialectic Satanic faith seeking Control over Death via Transhumanism's Promise {Posthumanism never attained} (1Co 15:54-57)
- When **you** encounter Meribah's in your life, and you will, what do you do?
 - Do <u>you</u> rail against God, blaming Him for reminding you of your need to repent?
 - Do <u>you</u> humbly bow thanking Him for showing you your sin and offering Truth?
 - This is Christ revealing The Lie {Delusion} in our lives so no one can say, *I never knew!* (Ro 1:18-28; 2Th 2:3-12)