

# Chapter 18

*"A Way Out"*

As in times before, God provides a way out to escape eternal death for His chosen people and those who will accept Christ during the Tribulation. To accomplish this, God will send two groups of His appointed evangelists. The first group are Jewish virgins, protected by God Almighty Himself, and a total of 144,000 who are sealed from harm. [Revelation 7:4](#) “And I heard the number of them which were sealed, and there were sealed an hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.” They will be sent out across the globe to preach the gospel of Christ as the Messiah. They reappear in the presence of God in [Revelation 14:1-5 \(NIV\)](#) “<sup>1</sup> Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads. <sup>2</sup> And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. <sup>3</sup> And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. <sup>4</sup> These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as first fruits to God and the Lamb. <sup>5</sup> No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.” They are made up of 12,000 from each of the original tribes, including the 10 lost tribes captured by Assyria. They began their ministry at the start of the Tribulation period. [Revelation 14](#) seems to indicate that they were somehow transported back to heaven as they were “purchased from among mankind.” Through their work, there will be potentially millions who come to a saving knowledge of Christ. [Revelation 7:14](#) “And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, “These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” These 144,000 will be rewarded and remembered by all as the stars shining in the night sky. [Daniel 12:3](#) “And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.”

The second group are two Jewish witnesses. They were prophesied in [Zechariah 4:11-14](#) “<sup>11</sup> 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? <sup>12</sup> 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? <sup>13</sup> And he answered me and said, “Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. <sup>14</sup> Then said he, “These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the LORD of the whole earth.” It is pretty universally agreed that one of them will be the return of Elijah. [Malachi 4:5](#) “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.” The other one could be either Enoch or Moses. The case for Enoch [Genesis 5:21-24](#) “<sup>21</sup> And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: <sup>22</sup> And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: <sup>23</sup> And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: <sup>24</sup> And Enoch walked with God: and he was not (vanished); for God took him (raptured).” Enoch and Elijah reached heaven but not through death. [2 Kings 2:11](#) “And it came to pass, as they (Elijah and Elisha) still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.” Could they still be alive and in heaven, ready to return? Maybe. The case for Moses. Moses is the other one most often suggested since Moses performed the several of the same plagues and wonders against Pharaoh and Egypt, particularly turning the water to blood, shutting off the rain, and calling fiery hail down from heaven which forced the Exodus. Also, according to [Luke](#), Elijah and Moses joined Jesus on top of a mount for the transfiguration where the heavenly radiance covered all three participants showing the world that Jesus was from this world and the heavenly world. [Luke 9:28-31 \(NIV\)](#) “<sup>28</sup> About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> They

spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.” The two witnesses will have supernatural powers. They will bring Exodus like plagues as they hold back the rain for 3 ½ years as their length of service is only for the first half of the tribulation. [Revelation 11:3-6](#) “<sup>3</sup> And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. <sup>4</sup> These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. <sup>5</sup> And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. <sup>6</sup> These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.” [Daniel 12:5-7](#) “<sup>5</sup> Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. <sup>6</sup> And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, “How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? <sup>7</sup> And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.” Just before the midpoint of the Tribulation, the Antichrist will convince the world that they are to blame for the world’s ills and have the two killed. Their bodies will lie in the streets for three days for all the world to see. People will think the worst is over and celebrate with exchanges of gifts as if it was Christmas. [Revelation 11:7-10](#) “<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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.” On the fourth day, God will breathe life back into them and they will ascend to heaven, witnessed by all and shown across the world on the internet and/or satellite TV. [Revelation 11:11-12](#) “<sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.” The survivors of the Tribulation thus far were wrong to think that the worst was over, but the worst was not over, the worst was yet to come. The first half closes with more earthquakes and 7,000 people are killed before they realize the Antichrist’s deceit. [Revelation 11:13](#) “And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city (Jerusalem) fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.”

