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- Moses and miracles.
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- Two witnesses' and miracles.
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Moses, Isaiah, Elijah, and Jeremiah are all good examples of speaking God's word and having miracles come to pass.

OLD TESTAMENT MIRACLES

MOSES AND MIRACLES

By the words Moses spoke he turned water to blood and brought about many plagues. This does not mean that his words had the power, but due to his intimate relationship with God, and the reality, God was using him to bring about His plans and purposes for His people, God responded to the words Moses spoke by bringing to pass what he said and commanded, for it was in God's will that these immense miracles and enormous plagues would bring about His purposes.

ISAIAH AND MIRACLES

Isaiah prophesied that the LORD would strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of his lips kill the wicked. (Isaiah 11:4). Obviously, no one believes God has a literal rod in His mouth, but understand that that the rod symbolizes the power of His word to bring judgment, and that the breath of his lips kill the wicked, symbolise His great power to destroy the enemies of His people.

ELIJAH AND MIRACLES

Elijah stops rain: Elijah said to Ahab, "As the LORD the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." (1 Kings 17:1). Elijah by his spoken word had the power to stop the rain, but the power was not in his word, but because of his close relationship with God, and his word was in accordance with the will of God, and God, by His power responded to it accordingly.

Elijah and fire: by the words of his mouth Elijah had power call down fire from heaven to consume the companies of fifty men who the king sent to take him (2 Kings 1:10-14), literal fire fell and consumed them. Obviously, the fire did not come out of Elijah mouth, but from heaven, however, though Elijah never had any power within himself, he had a great hatred for false prophets, and such a close relationship with God, that he was able to call down fire from heaven. Likewise, the fire in Johns vision that is said to proceed out of the mouth of the two witnesses, does not mean the fire come out of their mouth, but from God in heaven.

JEREMIAH AND MIRACLES

Jeremiah and fire: the LORD said to Jeremiah, "Because you have spoken this word, behold, I am making my words in your mouth a fire, and this people wood, and the fire shall consume them. (Jer. 5:14). Obviously, Jeremiah did not have a literal fire burning in his mouth. He was speaking God's judgment against rebellious Israel, and because they did not heed what Jeremiah spoke what he said came to pass, and brought Israel to utter ruin. However, they were not destroyed and devoured by fire, but by the armies of Babylon. Fire in the context of Jeremiah's prophetic words signify Babylon's mighty and fierce armies because armies devour all in their path as does fire.

Jeremiah and a hammer: in the book of Jeremiah, the LORD declares that His word is like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? (Jer. 23:29). Obviously, this does not mean that God's word is a hammer, but that when God's judgment, condemnation and wrath falls upon those who are hostile toward His people, it will crush them as a hammer crushes a venomous insect.

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Jeremiah's power to pluck up and pull down: the LORD said to Jerimiah, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth, see, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." (Jer. 1:9-10). Obviously having the words of God in his mouth does not mean he had a scroll of Scriptures in his mouth, but that the words he spoke were the words of God, it is because of this that his words had power to pluck up and break down kingdoms, meaning according to the words Jeremiah spoke God will guard His faithful witnesses, and cut down the wicked.

CONCLUSION OF OLD TESTAMENT MIRACLES

Moses, Elijah, Jeremiah, the two witnesses' and their words do not have supernatural power within them, it is because of the love they had for God and their faithful relationship to Him, and the fact He was using them to bring about His plans and purposes for His people, that He responded to the words they spoke by bringing to pass what they said or commanded. Their words were in accordance to the will of God and therefore God responded by His power accordingly.

Turning water to blood, bringing about many plagues, stopping rain, calling down fire from heaven all have the following two things in common:

1. They are a result of God's judgment upon the wicked and against His people who rebel against Him and turn to other gods,
2. They all bring about widespread destruction.

It is very likely that these disasters and plagues are mentioned to show that the witnesses spoken of here in Revelation are held by God in the same high honour as the Old Testament prophets were, and that God will respond by His miraculous power to whatever they speak and ask for as He did for Moses, Elijah, and Jeremiah.

The power of their words and the miracles and wonders they performed, is not in their word or their own strength and might, but by the LORD'S Spirit. (Zech. 4:6).

NEW TESTAMENT MIRACLES

JESUS AND TWELVE LEGIONS OF ANGELS

After one of Jesus disciples had cut off the ear of a servant of the high priest, Jesus said to him:

- Put your sword back into its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword, do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? (Matt. 26:51-53).

This shows that the power of Jesus word was not contained in the words themselves, but in his heavenly Father. It was because of his intimate and devoted relationship with his heavenly Father that the words he spoke had power. Whatever he spoke was according to God's will and therefore God responded accordingly. The miraculous power that surpasses the laws of nature are not contained in words spoken, but are a response of God, to what is spoken.

JESUS AND A TWO-EDGED SWORD

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In Revelation chapter one we read:

- In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. (Rev. 1:16).

Obviously, Jesus does not have a literal sword coming out of his mouth, rather the sword symbolizes the power of his spoken word to convict of sin and save to eternal life.

TWO WITNESSES' AND MIRACLES

Two witnesses' call down fire: in the book of Revelation, we read, if anyone harm the two witnesses, fire would pour out from their mouth and consume their enemies, and that they have, power to stop the rain; power to turn waters to blood; power to strike the earth with every kind of plague. (Rev. 11:5-6). The reason God's word is spoken of as fire is because the words the witnesses speak are words of judgment, and if the people do not heed their warning, the judgment spoken will come upon them in the following ways:

- Literal fire and natural disasters that bring destruction, sorrow and grief.
- Invading armies destroying cities and their populations.
- Pestilence that destroys crops, fruits and vegetation, and diseases that kill livestock, causing extreme famine.

This, is why God's words of judgment and warning are likened to fire, because like fire they bring destruction, grief, and sorrow. The expression, "fire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes," (v5) carry the following two ideas:

1. The witnesses would have the power of destroying their enemies as if fire proceeded out of their mouth; meaning that the words of God's judgment and wrath that they spoke would come to pass and bring utter destruction upon those that attempt to harm them.
2. God will judge those who afflict harm on His witnesses by bringing all manner of calamity and adversity upon them. The, witnesses are said to have this power, like all other miracles, but the power like all other miracles, of these two witnesses did not come from within themselves, but from God, their relationship to God, was so intimate, that they knew His will, and spoke according to His word, and God responded to the words they spoke.

Two witnesses' stop the rain: (Rev. 11:6) the allusion here is to Elijah, a man with a nature like ours, who said to Ahab, "As the LORD the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." (1 Kings 17:1) and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three and a half years it did not rain. (James 5:17). This is the exact same space of time as the forty-two months, and the twelve hundred and sixty days, which are allotted for the prophesying of the two witnesses during the anti-Christian beast empire. It does not necessarily mean they will stop the rain for three and a half years, but is more likely stated to show that they have the same miraculous power as Elijah had.

Two witnesses turn water to blood: (Rev. 11:6) the allusion here is to what occurred in Egypt. Moses by the words he spoke turned water to blood and brought about many plagues. (Exod. 7:17). This, may literally mean the witnesses will turn water to blood, but it is not necessary to suppose that this is intended. It can represent any miracle of such great magnitude or to any great calamity that would come upon those who attempt to harm them, or try to stop them preaching the Gospel, or to any great calamity that comes upon the world in consequence of their great blasphemies.

In the book of Revelation an angel said to John, that the waters he saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages. (Rev. 17:15), which clearly show that the expression, "the witnesses have power over the waters," means they have power over those who attempt to do them harm. In this context turning the waters to blood most likely signifies bringing death upon those of the antichristian empire who attempt to harm, kill or hinder their ministry.

Two witnesses strike the earth with every kind of plague: (Rev. 11:6) this means that they will have power to strike the earth with all types of plagues, flood, famine, pestilences, afflictions, calamities, disasters, catastrophes, and destruction as often as they desire (as they will in KJV). The meaning is that great calamities would come upon those who attempted to harm them or kill them. The fact the witnesses are said to have the power to consume their enemies by fire; stop the rain; turn water to blood and strike the earth with every kind of plague, (Rev. 11:5-6) as Moses, Elijah and Isaiah did highlights the fact that these witnesses are of the same rank, and gifted with the same miraculous power as the great Old Testament prophets, but it does not necessarily mean that they will do the exact same miracles as Moses and Elijah did, but that they are able to call any kind of destruction upon those who attempt to harm, kill,

or hinder their ministry, because God will answer their prayer and respond accordingly. It should not seem so strange that in the latter days faithful believers would be gifted with such gifts, since the space of time that these witnesses proclaim the Gospel, is not only during the peak manifestation of the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan (Rev. 12:9) (Rev. 20:2), but also at the time of the end of this world as we know it, which prepares the way for the kingdom of this world to become the Kingdom of the Lord.

It is possible that God will literally work wonders such as have been mentioned, however, it would be foolish to be dogmatic, the wiser path is the rest in the knowledge that all prophecy will become much clearer as the time of the end draws near. What we can at this present time know for certain is that when God and His word are rejected, it opens the doors to His wrath. These plagues maybe, seen as a forerunner of the first four of the seven vials of God's wrath spoken of in chapter sixteen being fully poured out upon all the earth:

- The first of the seven vials brought harmful and painful sores upon those who worshipped the beast (Rev. 16:2)
- The second made the sea like blood (Rev. 16:3)
- The third turned rivers and springs of water to blood (Rev. 16:4)
- The fourth allowed the sun to scorch people with fire. (Rev. 16:8).

These plagues are poured out, because the inhabitants of the earth have for so long denied God and resisted the testimony of the witnesses that He has sent throughout the world.