



Who doesn't love a comeback?

In an obscure passage in the book of Revelation, two unidentified men step on to the scene and garner the world's attention, in a most unpopular way.

They wield what appear to be "superpowers," proclaiming God's truth to a world that doesn't want to listen. Yet there they are – strong, in control, doing what they were sent to do.

They are said to do at least 4 things:

1. Preach truth. 11:3
2. Eliminate enemies. 11:5
3. Control weather. 11:6
4. Torment the world. 11:6

In a horrible turn of events, things go south. 11:7-8

When defeat seems to be imminent, God often enters the situation.
11:11-13

Principles to live with:

Human comebacks require man's competency, demonstrating man's ability.

Supernatural comebacks require God's working, demonstrating His power.

Comebacks are one of God's specialties.

You and I are on target for the ultimate comeback!

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Growing Notes:

1. Why does it seem like God sometimes waits to act until the situation looks hopeless?

Isa. 36-37 – God often waits for us to call on Him, and when all looks hopeless, He will deliver in a way that is entirely His power, not our ingenuity.

2. Why does it seem like God sometimes allows us to experience failure, or suffering?

Matt. 14:22-33 – We seem to need regular reminders to look to Him, not simply the circumstances we are in.

1 Peter 1:6-7 – Our faith grows the most in times of testing.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 – His strength is most clearly seen in our weakness.

3. How is it possible for the believer to negotiate the difficulties and setbacks of life, maintaining the "joy of the Lord?"

1 Peter 1:6-13; Philippians 3:7-14; Revelation 22:12 – Keeping our eyes on all that awaits us when Christ returns or takes us home.

