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 sand two hundred and threescore |#undred and threescore   
 days, clothed in sackcloth. \* These days, clothed in sackcloth.   
 , are the two olive trees, and the| 4 trees, are the two candle-   
 % two candlesticks which stand before | sticks standing before the   
   
 + mm. the + Lord of the earth, 5 And if} God of the earth. % And   
 tna MSS, ane if any man will hurt them,   
 cings "any fire one is minded of their mouth, | fire proceedeth out of their   
 Jer... enemies: and if any man   
 &y, and devoureth their enemies: ™ an will hurt them, he must   
 Ezek. 8. if any one is minded to hurt them, |in this manner be Killed.   
 Afonea Be he must in this manner be killed.   
 m Numb. xvi.   
   
 (this has generally been taken to mean, of the earth (the whole from ref. Zech.,   
 shall preach repentance. Yt may be so: to which the article the refers. But it is   
 but in ch. x. 11, verb is used in its later to be observed that while in Zech. we   
 and stricter sense of events, asin have the two olive frees, and spoken of   
 1 Pet. i.19; Jude 14. If their testimony in the same terms as here, there is but one   
 consisted in denouncing judgment, the other candlestick, with its seven lights, which   
 would necessarily be combined with it) a very seven lights, as there interpreted in   
 thousand two hundred and sixty days(Diis- ver. 10, are referred to in our ch. iv. 5,   
 terdieck remarks that the fact of a period v.6, So that it is somewhat difficult to   
 of the same length as the forty-two months say, whence the two candlesticks have   
 being now expressed in days, implies that come, ‘The most probable view is that   
 they will prophesy day by day throughout St. John has taken up and amplified the   
 it. The reader will of course see, that the prophetic symbolisin of Zechariah, carrying   
 two questions, of these days being days it on by the well-known figure of lights,   
 or years, and of the individuality or the as representing God’s testifying servants.   
 symbolical character of the witnesses, are ‘Who the two \* sons of oil” in the prophet   
 mutually connected together. He will also were, whether Zerubbabel and Joshua, or   
 bear in mind that it is a pure assumption the prophets Zechariah and Haggai, is of   
 that the two periods, the forty-two months no import to our text here); and if any one   
 aud the 1260 days, coincide over the same be minded to harm them, fire goeth forth   
 space of time. The duration of time is (the present tense, used of that which is   
 that during which the power of Elijah’s pro- habitual and settled, though yet future:   
 phecy shut up the heaven : viz. years see also on ver. 7 below) out of their   
 aud six months: see Luke iv. and more mouth, and devoureth their enemies (so   
 ‘on ver. 6 below), clothed in sackcloth (in Elijah, 2 Kings i. 10 ff.: and so ran the   
 token of need of repentance and of ap- word of promise to Jeremiah, Jer. v. 14,   
 proaching judgment: see Isa. xxii. 12 “Iwill make my words in thy mouth fire,   
 Jer. iv. 8, vi. Jonah iii. Certainly and this people wood, and it shall devour   
 this portion of the prophetic description them :” the two being here combined toge-   
 strongly favours the individual interpre- ther. Compare also Eeclus. xlviii. \* Then   
 tation. For first, it hard to conceive how stood up Elias the prophet as fire, and   
 whole bodies of men and churches could be his word burned like a lamp”): and if   
 thus described ; and secondly, the principal any one be minded to harm them, after   
 symbolical interpreters have left out, or this manner (see Kcclus. xlviii, 3, “ He   
 passed very slightly, this important parti- three times brought down fire”) he must   
 cular. One does not see how bodies of be killed (this whole description is most   
 men who lived like other men {their being difficult to apply, on the allegorical in-   
 the victims of persecution is another mat- terpretation; as is that which follows.   
 ter], can be said to have prophesied elothed And as might have been expected, the   
 in sackcloth. It is to be observed that allegorists halt and are perplexed ex-   
 such was the garment of Elijah; see ceedingly. The double announcement here   
 2 Kings i. 8, and compare Matt. fii. 4), seems to stamp the literal sense, and the   
 These are the two olive trees and the two words, if any and, he must be killed,   
 candlesticks which stand before the Lord are decisive against any mere national