

## ELIJAH'S RAPTURE II

### II KINGS 2:9

9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

11 And it came to pass, as they 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.

12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

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105 Elijah after he had give his prophecy. . . Elijah did not have to die; he was translated and was taken up into heaven, a type of the church at the end of this Elijah that will come.

At the end of his time, the church will go in the rapture, without going through the shadows of death. It'll be the rapture.

I believe the great Elijah, the great one that's to come, will be the anointed Elijah that's prophesied for the last day. Amen. I think he will be, when he comes, the angel, or the messenger to the church in the last days. . . . .

### I KINGS 19:8

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

#### II SAMUEL 21:1

1 Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites.

2 And the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them; (now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah. )

3 Wherefore David said unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of the LORD?

#### ROMANS 10:1

1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

#### GALATIANS 4:16

16 Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

17 They zealously affect you, but not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them.

PHILIPPIANS 3:5

5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

I KINGS 19:10

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I KINGS 18:4

4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water. )

I KINGS 19:11

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:

12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

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14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

#### I KINGS 19:15

15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

#### II KINGS 9:1

1 And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramothgilead:

2 And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber;

3 Then take the box of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not.

4 So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ramothgilead.

5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain.

6 And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, even over Israel.

#### I KINGS 19:18

18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

#### II KINGS 2:1

1 And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel.

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E-28 Notice, how Christians as soon as they become anointed, how they're tempted sometimes. But Elisha was a prophet, and he said. . . Elijah said, "You tarry here. The Lord's has called me to Gilgal. "

So he said, "As the Lord liveth and your soul liveth, I'll not leave you. " I like that. Going to stay right with him. He'd started and now he's going through.

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E-29 Now, notice. He went on and he. . . Then when he went with him to the city, he said, "The Lord has sent me up to the school of the prophets. " So he said, "You wait here. " Said, "As the Lord liveth and your soul liveth, I'll not leave you. " On he goes to school of prophets.

Second stage of the journey. Watch, to always hurrying through like this, you miss it. But as. . . If they're a type, then they had to follow in correctly with the plan of Christ and the Church in this age.

The second stage of the journey, they came to the educational, more spiritual group, than they had at Gilgal. The prophets, the school of the prophets, the educated. Although I never did think there was very much prophets about them.

One went out one day to find some peas and got some wild gourds. If the fellow didn't know the difference between peas and wild gourds, I don't know.

All right, that's about the way some of these school of prophets gets today, don't you think so? Can't discern the difference between spiritual things and spiritualist things. All right. Notice.

## II KINGS 2:1

3 And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

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E-30 Then when he went to the school of the prophets, he said, "You stay here now. The Lord has called me to Jordan. " He said, "As the Lord liveth, and your soul liveth, I'll not leave you. "

Now, if you will notice, after he had laid his mantel upon him, just threw it on him in the field, and said follow him, that was the blessing that Christ had give the Church, "Follow. " It's got a dual parable there, that. . . I'll just take this side of it for the night.

But notice, them stages where he went is the stages of the journey. When the Church came from the dark age, out of the dark age, the first stage of the journey was with Luther, Gilgal. The second stage was the Methodist age. John Wesley's age, the Methodist church, the second great reformation, as it was.

4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth,

and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

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E-32 Now, when they got down to the Jordan, time to cross over. He made the way. Then when he crossed over (the stage of the Holy Ghost church), said, "Now, I want to ask you something. ""So what do you want?"

He said, "That a double portion of your spirit come upon me. " That's the way to ask for it. Don't be scared. Ask for the whole lot. Jesus said, "You have not because you believe--ask not. You ask not because you believe not.

Ask abundantly that your joys may be full. " Ask a whole lot. "God, just don't make me a little bit better; make me all the way well. " Don't just let me have enough religion to make myself miserable; kill me out to sin that I can live in Christ. That's right.

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E-33 Don't make me so I can step back to maybe bow my head once in a while; make me so I can shout. Make me so I can open up my mouth and sing, and scream praises to God. Give me the whole thing. Let me have the baptism.

Kill me to the things of the world, where people's around me. When I go to church, let me worship You. That's right. No matter what anybody else thinks, just kill me out. That's what we need tonight, is a Jordan experience, is that right?

Many of us was like the school of prophets, stand over on the other side of the hill, looking off. Let's cross the river, tonight. Say, "Well, Miss So-and-so got healed; she had cancer. Mr. So-and-so was in the wheelchair; he walked. " What about you? Let's cross over tonight. Amen.

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.



8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.