

Where is the God of Elijah?
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2 Kings 2:1-14

I. Introduction – Elijah known as the PROPHET of FIRE

A. Foundation Information

1. Lived in the northern kingdom of Israel during the reign of Ahab
 - a. Ahab was the **WORST** of all the evil kings of Israel
 1. Married **Jezebel**, daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Zidonians
 2. He was **BAAL WORSHIPPER** and did **MORE** to **PROVOKE God to ANGER** than **ALL the KINGS** of Israel before him
 - b. **CONFRONTED Ahab** and **REBUKED him** on more than one occasion for **FORSAKING God and PROMOTING Baal WORSHIP**
2. His **QUALITIES** as a **PROPHET**
 - a. Fearless **REFORMER**
 - b. Powerful **PRAYER WARRIOR**
 - c. A **MAN** like all of us with **FALLIBILITIES**
 - d. Divinely **HONORED** by **GOD**

B. God also performed MANY MIRACLES through Elijah (16 in all)

1. **Three times** fed by **DIVINE SUPPLY**
 - a. By the **RAVENS**
 - b. By the **WIDOW**
 - c. By the **ANGEL**

2. **SPOKE** a **drought** into **existence** and then **PRAYED** for its **END**
(1 Kings 17:1 and James 5:17)
3. **RESURRECTED** the **widow's SON** from the **DEAD** *(2 Kings 17:22)*
4. **Divided** the **JORDAN RIVER** with his **COAT** *(2 Kings 2:8)*
5. **Called** down **FIRE** from **HEAVEN** to **CONSUME** the **SACRIFICE** on **CARMEL** *(1 Kings 18:38)*

It was the **VERY FIRST** *Call Down Fire Conference*

6. **Called** down **FIRE** to **consume** the evil king's **CAPTAINS** and **MEN** who sought to **SLAY HIM** *(2 Kings 1:10)*

C. Elijah ALSO LED a **SCHOOL** of the **PROPHETS** – *Sons of the Prophets*

1. Not to be **CONFUSED** with **SAMUEL's SCHOOL** of the **PROPHETS**
2. This group was **TRAINED** by **ELIJAH**

II. The SPIRITUAL MEANINGS for US within this PASSAGE

A. Elijah is going to be RECEIVED into HEAVEN in a whirlwind

1. He **FIRST** goes to **Bethel**

V 2 - And Elijah said to Elisha, Tarry here, I pray you; for the Lord has sent me to BETHEL . And Elisha said unto him, as the Lord lives, I will NOT LEAVE YOU. So, they went down together.

a. Why Bethel?

1. It was the **HOUSE OF GOD** with the **OPEN HEAVEN**
2. It is where **Jacob met God** and saw the **ANGELS ascending and descending**
3. It is where **GOD reminds and rehearses COVENANT** with **JACOB** and **ALL GENERATIONS** of the **EARTH**
 - a. It is the **PLACE of REVELATION** that you are a **COVENANT SON or DAUGHTER**

2 Corinthians 5:17 – Therefore if any man be IN Christ Jesus, he is a NEW CREATURE; old things are passed away; behold ALL THINGS are become NEW

New- kainos – new in quality - not impaired by time or use

Creature – ktisis – original formation

In **CHRIST**, we are **NOT IMPAIRED** by our **PAST**, but have been **RESTORED** into the **QUALITY** of Father's **ORIGINAL DESIGN** and **INTENT**

His **INTENT** is that we **BECOME MATURE SONS** and **DAUGHTERS** and **IMPACT** the **EARTH** by **BRINGING MANY OTHERS** into **THEIR TRUE IDENTITY**

2. **Second**, Elijah goes to **Jericho**

V4 - And Elijah said unto Elisha, tarry here (in Bethel) I pray you; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho. And Elisha said, as the Lord lives, and as my soul lives, I will NOT LEAVE you. So, they came to Jericho.

a. Why **Jericho**?

1. Jericho was the **STRONGMAN** city that **ONLY GOD** could **CONQUER**

When Israel was **COMING INTO CANAAN** to **OBTAIN** their **INHERITANCE**, they had to **FIRST CONQUER** the **STRONGMAN CITY**

2. It was **TOO BIG** for **THEM**, but it was **NOT TOO BIG** for **GOD!!**

It was **HERE** that the **COVENANT SONS** and **DAUGHTERS** of **GOD** had to **LEARN** that they were **NOT THE CONQUERERS**, but that **GOD IS !!!**

Zechariah 4:6 This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by MIGHT, nor by POWER but by MY SPIRIT, says the Lord of hosts. Who are you O great mountain (Strongman); before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain.

b. It is the **PLACE** where **YOU** learn **FAITH** and **TRUST** to **BECOME** an **OVERCOMER**

c. It is a **PLACE** where you **REALIZE** that **ONLY** through **Christ**, you are **MORE** than a **CONQUERER** through **YOUR RELATIONSHIP** with the **FATHER** through the **SON**

READ *Romans 8:31-39* – We are **MORE** than **CONQUERERS** through **HIM** who loved us!

3. **Thirdly**, Elijah goes to **Jordan**

V 6 And Elijah said to him, tarry, I pray you, here for the Lord has sent me to Jordan. And Elisha said, as the Lord lives, and as my soul lives, I will NOT LEAVE you. And the TWO went on.

a. Why **Jordan**?

1. **FIRST**, it is the **PLACE** of **MIRACLES!!**

V 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

2. **SECOND**, it is the **PLACE** of **SPIRITUAL BLESSING**

V 9a And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said to Elisha, ASK WHAT SHALL I DO FOR YOU before I be taken away from you.

a. It is always the **CUSTOM** for **FATHERS** to **BLESS** their **SONS** before their **DEATH**

b. It is the **BLESSING** of their **SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE**

c. And **HOW MANY** know that the **ELDEST SON** always received the **DOUBLE PORTION**

*V 9b And Elisha said, I pray you, let a **DOUBLE PORTION** of your SPIRIT be upon me*

*Spirit – Ruach – Wind - **BREATH** of God's **LIFE** – compares to *Pneuma* in NT Greek*

ELISHA was asking for a **DOUBLE PORTION** of the **BREATH** of **GOD'S LIFE** that was **resident** within **Elijah!**

3. **THIRD**, it is the **PLACE** of **INHERITANCE MANIFESTATION**

*V 10 And Elijah said to Elisha, you have asked a **HARD THING**; nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so unto you; but if **NOT**, it shall not be so*

SEE – means to **SEE EYE TO EYE with me**

Elijah was saying, *if you have received my instruction and caught the Spirit of God in me, then the same Spirit will be in YOU!*

- a. He **SAW Elijah** get caught up in the chariot of fire
- b. He cried *My Father, My Father!*
- c. He **TORE OFF** his **OLD GARMENT**
- d. He **PUT ON** the **NEW MANTLE**

He took off his **OLD IDENTITY** and put on his **NEW IDENTITY!**

When **WE** receive Jesus, we put off the **OLD MAN** and we **PUT ON** the **NEW MAN**

We are **NO LONGER SLAVES**, we are **SONS!**

4. **FOURTH**, it is the **PLACE** of the **WHIRLWIND**

V 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

Whirlwind – Windstorm – Violent tempest

- a. It represents a **VIOLENT LAUNCHING** into a **NEW DIMENSION** of **LIFE** in the **SPIRIT**
- b. **Elijah** was **LAUNCHED** into **HEAVEN**
- c. **Elisha** was **LAUNCHED** into his **DOUBLE PORTION DESTINY!**

V 14 And Elisha took the mantle of Elijah that FELL from Elijah, and smote the waters, and said, where is the Lord God of Elijah? And when he did this, the waters parted hither and thither; and Elisha went over.

SIDE NOTE: The MANTLE of Elisha is a HEALING MANTLE! Read *2 Kings 2:19-22*

III. The Word of the Lord to KL – *Where is the God of Elijah?*

A. When God asks a QUESTION, He isn't looking for an answer, He is making a STATEMENT

He isn't asking where the God of Elijah is, He is saying to US, the God of Elijah IS HERE!!

B. We have ARRIVED at our MANIFESTATION of our WHIRLWIND INHERITANCE

1. We have **FAITHFULLY SOWN** to the **WIND of GOD**; now we are going to **REAP** the **WHIRLWIND** of His **HARVEST!**

Hebrews 2:10 – For it became Him (Jesus), for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing MANY SONS UNTO GLORY, to make the CAPTAIN of their SALVATION perfect through sufferings.

Sam Brassfield – *It's activation time! This will not be an outward, orderly activation, but a VIOLENT LAUNCHING into a NEW ORBIT of Spirit-controlled, Spirit-filled atmosphere. There has been much prayer saturation, NOW there will be HOLY FIRE IGNITION! A TORCH I have given to you, to SET FIRE in FOUR DIRECTIONS of Frisco, of REVIVAL FIRES that will spread quickly in all four directions! I will BEAM the light of my GLORY all over this North Texas region!!*

C. A HEALING GOVERNMENTAL MANTLE has been given us TODAY!

1. I am not quite **SURE JUST YET** what **ALL** that **LOOKS LIKE**
2. But I am **VERY SURE** of the **ONE Who** has **GIVEN IT**

Abraham was convinced that what God had promised him, he was also able to perform

Paul said, *being confident of this very thing, that he who has begun a GOOD WORK in you WILL PERFORM it until the DAY of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6)*

D. We must be WISER than the SONS of the PROPHETS

1. **Notice** their **POSTURE**
 - a. They were **TRAINED by Elijah** just like Elisha was
 - b. They had **PROPHETIC GIFTING** just like Elisha did
 - c. They **FOLLOWED Elijah's JOURNEY** like Elisha did

But, they **WATCHED** from a **DISTANCE**, they **DID NOT ENGAGE** like Elisha did

ELISHA was pursuing the **RELATIONSHIP** – The **Sons of the Prophets** were
observing the **EVENT!**

It is **NOT ENOUGH** to **WATCH FROM** a **DISTANCE**; You **MUST ENGAGE!**

TODAY WE BEGIN !!