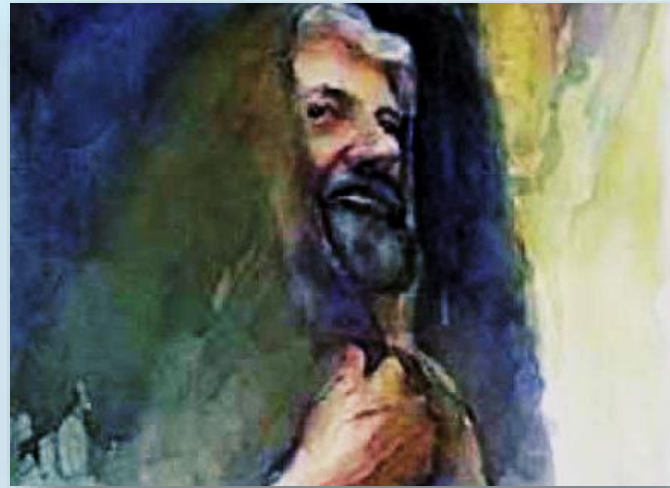




Welcome to Rehoboth New Life Center

Tuesday Study
September 1st 2015

The Ministry of Elijah



Malachi 4:5 Behold, I will send you
Elijah the prophet before the coming of
the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

Elijah's Time



1 Kings 16:30 And **Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him.**

31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, **and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.**

32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

Confronting Sin!



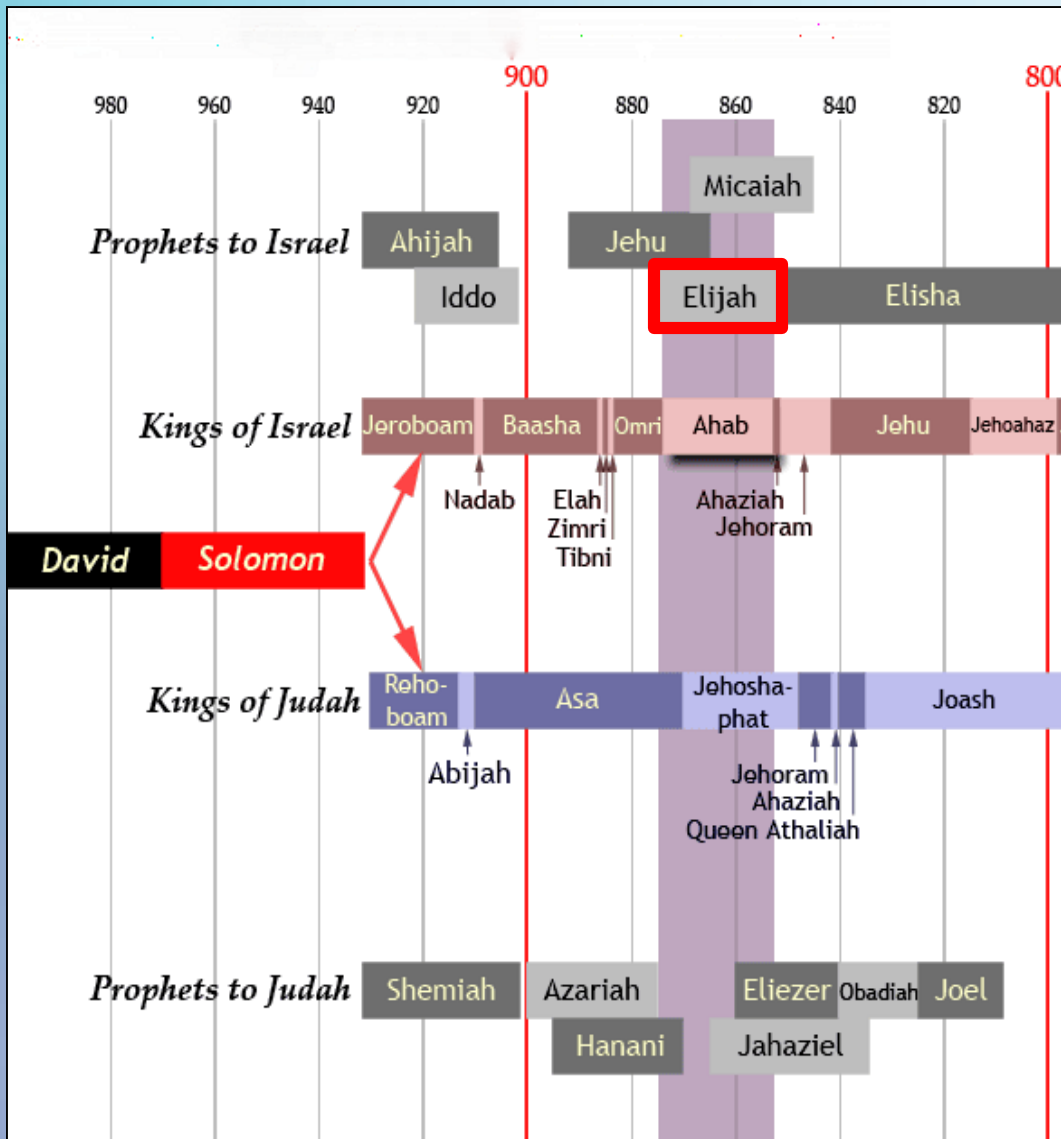
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Elijah : אליה “My God is Jehovah”



- Tishbe: a village or town in the mountainous region of Gilead
- “Galeed” : Witness.

Elijahs Time



Luke 11:49 Therefore also said the wisdom of God, **I will send them prophets and apostles**, and some of them they shall slay and persecute:

Luke 11:50 That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation;

Mark 1:2 As it is written in the prophets, **Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.**

Old Testament Operation

The four Elements

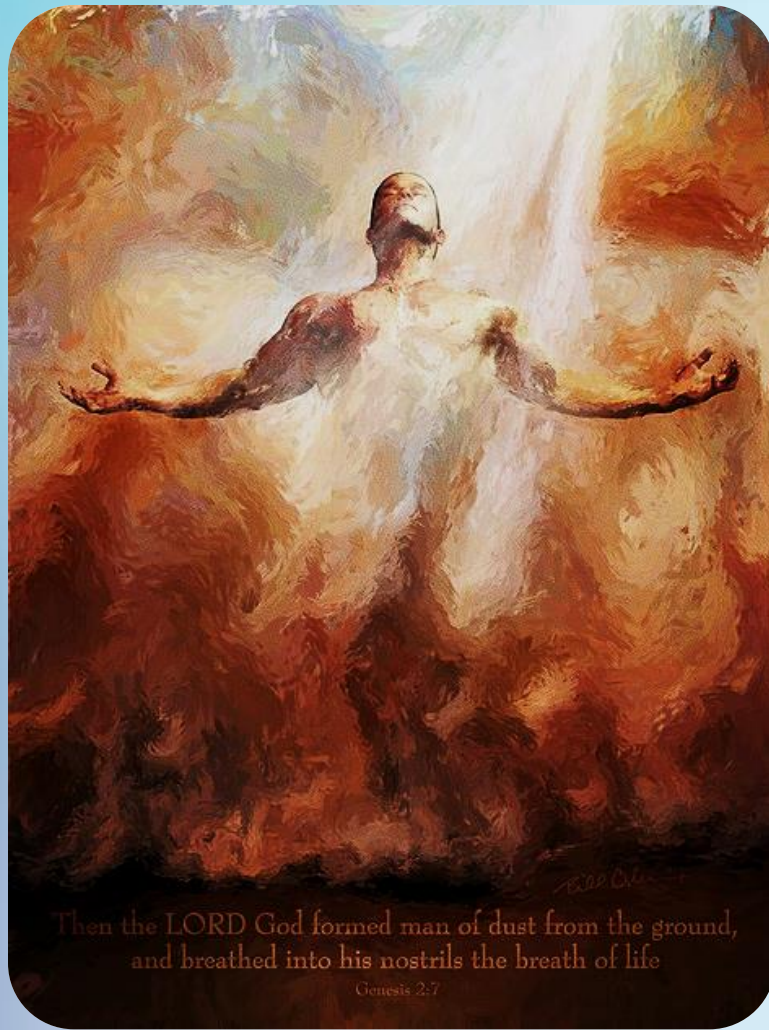
2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Element 1: Fire



- Judgement
- 2 Thessalonians 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,
- 8 **In flaming fire** taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:
- 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

Element 2: Wind/Breath



Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground,
and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life

Genesis 2:7

- **Breath of Life**
- Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, **and breathed** into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Element 3: Earth/Dust



Genesis 37:10, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed **come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?**

- **Worship**
- Philippians 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
- Isaiah 49:23 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they **shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth**, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

Element 4: Water



- **The Blessing.**
- John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow **rivers of living water.**
- Isaiah 45:8 ¶“**You heavens above, rain down my righteousness;** ¶let the clouds shower it down. ¶Let the earth open wide, ¶let salvation spring up, ¶let righteousness flourish with it; ¶I, the LORD, have created it. (NIV)

The Elemental Prophet: Withholding the Blessing



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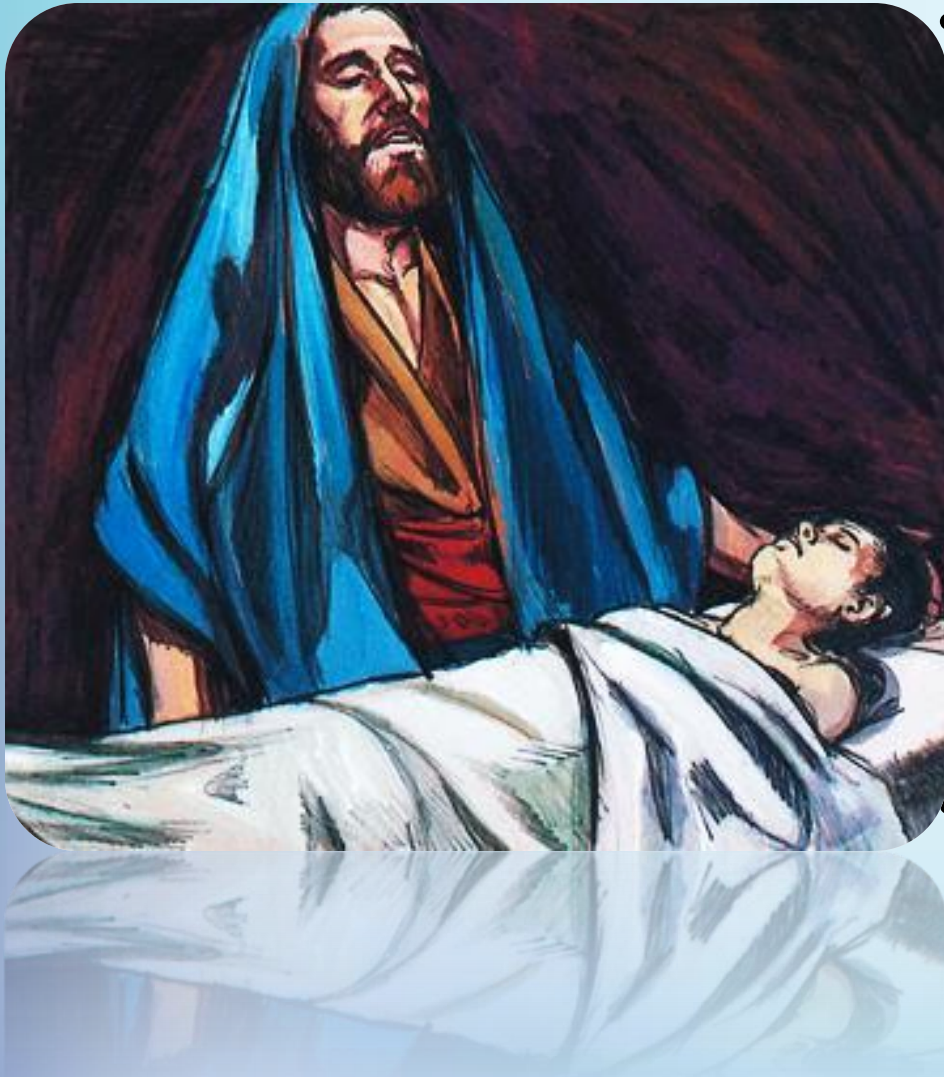
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The Elemental Prophet: Bringing Down the Judgment



- 2 Kings 1:9 ¶Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of an hill. And he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down.
- 10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, **then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee** and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

The Elemental Prophet: Wind , The breath of life.



- 1 Kings 17:17 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. 17:21 And **he stretched himself upon the child three times**, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.
- 22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; **and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.**

The Elemental Prophet: Earth, Worship



Psalms 95:6 O come, **let us worship and bow down**: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

1 Kings 18:41 ¶ And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain. 42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; **and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees**, 43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. 44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand....

The Change from Old to New

1 Kings 19:11

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



**MT Horeb IS
Mount Sinai !**

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.

The Age of Grace



Luke 9:51 ¶ And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.

53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

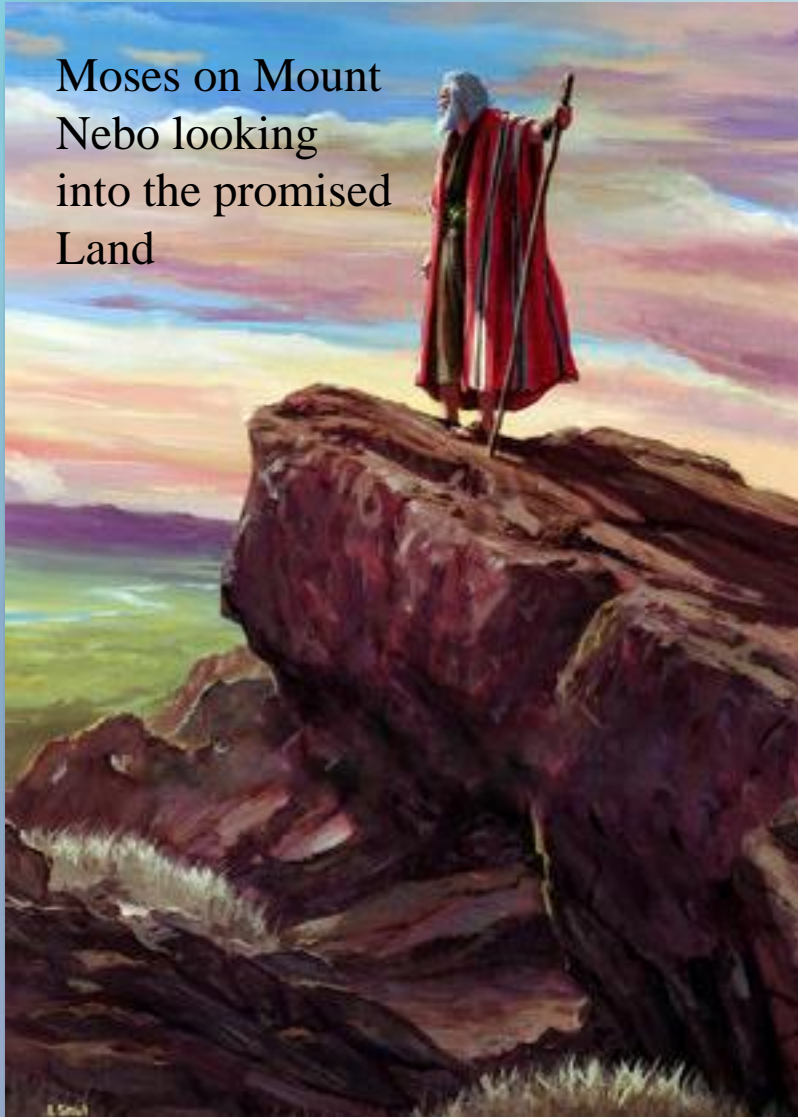
54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, **wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?**

55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, **Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.**

56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

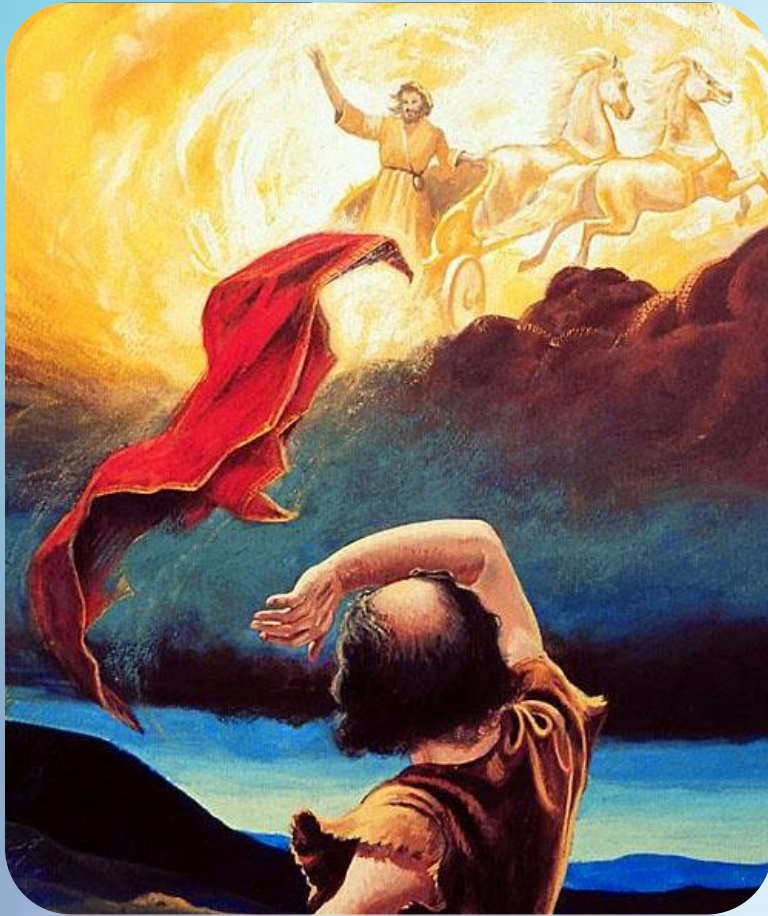
A strange meeting place!

Moses on Mount
Nebo looking
into the promised
Land



- Deuteronomy 34:1 ¶ And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, **that is over against Jericho**. And the LORD shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan,

A strange meeting place!



(Crossed over to the abarim mountains.....Mount Nebo)

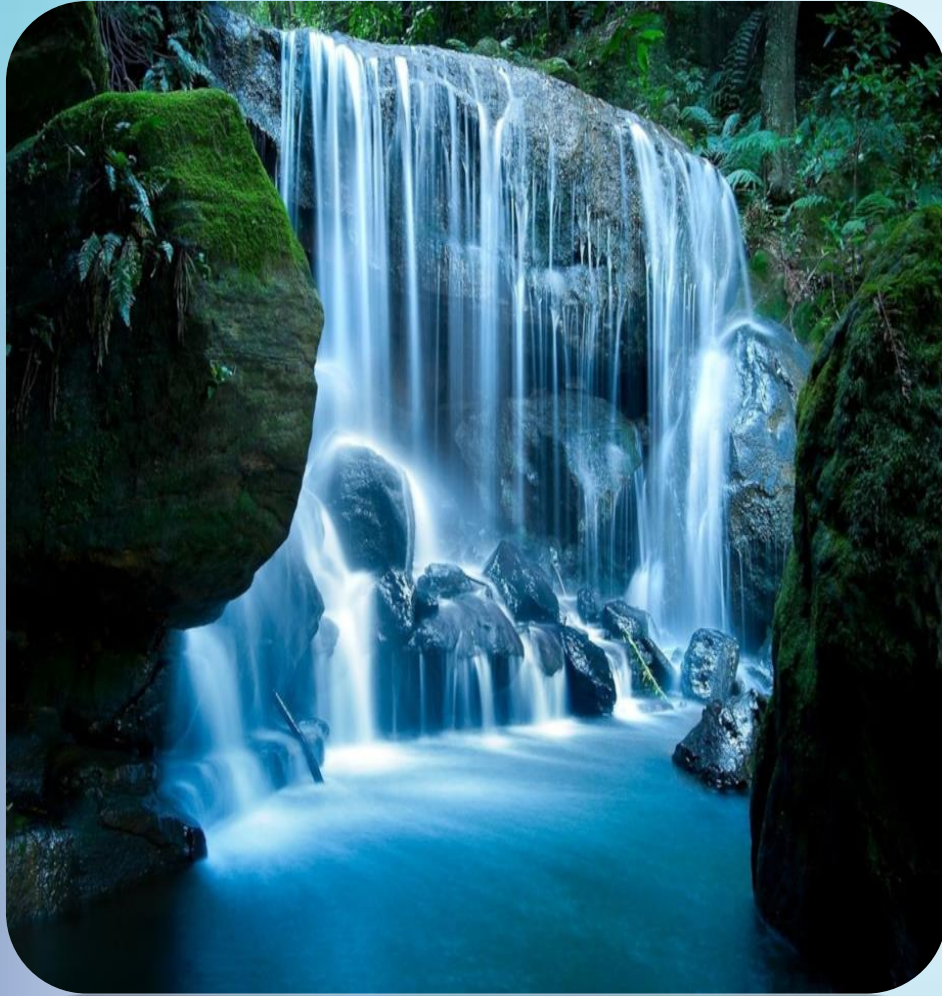
2 Kings 2:4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. **So they came to Jericho.**

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.

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.

The missing element!



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Spirit of Elijah in the age of grace

The element of water: Baptism!



John 1:26 John answered them, saying, **I baptize with water**: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

28 **These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan**, where John was baptizing.

“Bethany, beyond the Jordan”

According to the Gospel of John, John the Baptist was preaching and baptizing in “*Bethany, beyond the Jordan*” (John 1:28). The site Bethany (“Bethabara” in some ancient manuscripts) has been identified on the eastern side of the Jordan River opposite Jericho and extending 3 km (2 miles) east, up a dry river-bed called *Wadi el-Kharrar*. Father Féderlin of

A strange meeting place

Jesus: The Righteousness of God

The Law: Moses

The Prophets: Elijah!



Romans 3:21 But now **the righteousness of God** without the law is manifested, **being witnessed by the law and the prophets;**

1 Corinthians 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, **and righteousness**, and sanctification, and redemption:

Matthew 17:1 ¶ And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 17:2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

Luke 16:16 **The law and the prophets were until John:** since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

Romans 10:4 For Christ **is the end of the law for righteousness** to every one that believeth.

Who are the two witnesses?



- Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:
- Who has not died?

Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

2 Kings 2:1 ¶And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

Why two witnesses ?



- Deuteronomy 19:15
- One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: **at the mouth of two witnesses**, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

Preview to tribulation



Jude 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

Revelation 11:3 ¶ And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

6 These have **power to shut heaven, that it rain** not in the days of their prophecy: and have **power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.**

The First Ressurrection



Revelation 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

11 And **after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.**

12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.