

ELIJAH x 2 = ELISHA

2 Kings 2: 1-15 ... WE WALK BY FAITH There was one absolutely essential thing that happened for the above title to be achieved. Elisha had to walk with Elijah . . . and it was some walk!!! They hiked about 38 miles that day and Elisha had no thought of quitting. Motivated by what he saw in the older man, this young man persevered through to the accomplishing of what was asked of him. He had the word in his heart, he spoke that word when asked and he believed what he was told. It thus was a walk of faith.

We have an older 'Brother' in the Lord Jesus Christ. He has walked the road in all points, so is well able to give instructions that will not tease one or put before them an impossible challenge. I once heard the word 'IMPOSSIBLE' described as a word in which the speaker dropped his "h's" . . . thus the word should have been HIM-POSSIBLE! HE said, *'the things that I do, you will do greater!'* Come on now! Is that true or false?

So often I have come across Believers who do not have a clear picture of what 'grace' has provided for us . . . yes, without our having to DO anything . . . can you believe that? **GRACE IS THE GOD-GIVEN ABILITY TO DO THE GOD-REQUIRED ACT**. However grace does not and cannot stand alone; it is *"by grace through faith"* to the achieving of His will.

Elijah appeared in Elisha after the former was taken from the earthly scene. In the same way, the life of Jesus Christ appears in us, His Body, even though the Lord Jesus has ascended from this earthly scene. *"For me to live, is Christ"*. Is that true or false?

As we look at the contrast of these two Old Testament prophets, we can't help but see the parallel between the Lord Jesus and the Overcomers. I use the term 'overcomer' for it takes an overcoming to hike 38 miles — whether in the natural or in the spirit.

Back to our subject, let us look at the account in the book of Kings and list the **eight miracles** that Elijah did and then follow it up with the **sixteen miracles** that Elisha performed. (Page 3 shows these 24 miracles).

'WALKING THROUGH JORDAN' IS ESSENTIAL

Between the overcoming by Elisha and the first miracle that he did, there was a simple yet profound walk right through the river Jordan . . . on dry ground too! This river depicts the veil of the Tabernacle (or Temple) which was opened up for us by the Lord Jesus as He removed all of our sins and our sin-nature that produces the sins that so easily beset us.

First, **THE OVERCOMING JOURNEY** and the opposition that came against the younger and less experienced 'man of God'. The 'man' who is coming forth in the measure and stature of the fullness of Christ will also collect some opposition from those who speak from no experience of this journey in their life.

CONCERNING JOHN THE BAPTIST - THE TRAILBLAZER

Matthew 11:7-15

(7) *And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? (8) But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. (9) But what went ye out for to see? A PROPHET? YES, I say unto you, and MORE THAN A PROPHET.*

MORE THAN A PROPHET!

What does that entail? *'More than'* - Gk. = MORE SUPERABUNDANT IN NUMBER, DEGREE AND CHARACTER.

(10) *For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send MY MESSENGER BEFORE THY FACE, WHICH SHALL*

PREPARE THY WAY BEFORE THEE. (11) *Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there has not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.* (12) *And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.* (13) *For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.* Remember John had to lose his head (thinking) because the fulfilment had come forth. (14) *And if ye will receive it, THIS IS ELIJAH, which was for to come.* (15) *He that has ears to hear, LET him hear.*

Can you receive this spiritual truth that John the Baptist was fulfilling the prophetic picture that Elijah portrayed almost 900 years before. This was not a natural reincarnation, but John was fully moving in Elijah's spirit preparing the way for the coming of the Lord, the Messiah, the Anointed One. John the Baptist's message was one of repentance for the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand. **There had to come forth a new mindset** of not looking in the natural scene to one which was in the spirit. The people of today need a new thinking so that Christ can bring forth the Kingdom in all its fullness through these called-out ones.

Luke 1:17 *And he shall go before Him IN THE SPIRIT AND POWER OF ELIJAH, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; TO MAKE READY A PEOPLE PREPARED FOR THE LORD.*

A PEOPLE HAS TO BE MADE READY FOR THE COMING FORTH OF THE LORD.

Prophetic word from **Malachi 3**

(1) *Behold, I will send my messenger, and HE SHALL PREPARE THE WAY BEFORE ME: and the Lord, whom ye seek, SHALL SUDDENLY COME TO HIS TEMPLE, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.*

THE DOUBLE FULFILMENT OF PROPHECY

Elijah walked out his destiny naturally and it became the pattern for what would follow in due time. John the Baptist fulfilled the pattern some ... part naturally and part spiritually. NOW we can expect an Elijah Company of Overcomers to come forth spiritually to fulfil the given pattern. **In the spirit**, this people will be as Elijah was.

Malachi 4:5 *Behold, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD:* There is an 'Elijah Company' coming forth whose ministry is making ready God's hungry people to see Christ in all His fullness as He is revealed in His Body. Overcomers first and then *every man in his own order*. Jude 14 says that *the Lord will come in myriads of Himself* (Greek content). It is a great day for those who have been 'open' to His leading but a terrible day of regret for those who are missing out on their calling. (6) *And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.* A father has been around for a while ... children, on the other hand, have very small experience. God is bringing forth 'fathers' who will genuinely nurture the young ones in the faith. *You have 10,00 instructors but few fathers.* These fathers will impart to the younger on a heart-to-heart basis. If this does not happen — man (earth) will be restricted to wait before receiving such a release of life. Obviously this is BEFORE the Lord is unveiled in all His fullness. **THIS PEOPLE WILL MOVE IN THE SPIRIT AND POWER OF ELIJAH.**

Luke 3:4 *As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.* The true gospel of grace will need to be preached. (5) *Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;* Every low-lying falsehood will be filled with the content of the mountain top of no compromising for a highway of holiness is being constructed. (6) **AND ALL FLESH SHALL SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD.** The only hope for all flesh/carnal-thinking is for the provision of Christ to be declared. Jesus clearly showed that all would eventually come to know the Lord.

Matthew 17:10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elijah must first come?
 (11) *And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elijah truly SHALL FIRST COME, AND RESTORE ALL THINGS.*
 Note here the tense. . . SHALL. . . future! Notice the 'ALL' things. (12) *But I say unto you, THAT ELIJAH IS COME ALREADY, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.* (13) *Then the disciples understood that he spoke unto them of JOHN THE BAPTIST.*

ELIJAH'S 8 MIRACLES

Elijah = My God is Jah. Tishbite = recourse (= a turning & seeking for aid)

1. I Kings 17:1 NO RAIN FOR 3 1/2 YEARS Authority with nature.
2. I Kings 17:14 MEAL AND OIL FAILED NOT Food supply to sustain life.
3. I Kings 17:22 RAISED THE DEAD - WIDOW'S SON. Healing and restoration.
4. I Kings 18:38-40 Mt. CARMEL. CLEANUP OF THE PROPHETS OF BAAL. Religion has to go!
5. I Kings 18:41 RAIN RELEASED After 'Baal' cleaned up.
6. II Kings 1:10 ANTI-GOD ARMY - FIRST 50 CONSUMED BY FIRE. False (in spirit) revivals!!!
7. II Kings 1:12,14 SECOND JUDGMENT OF 50.
8. II Kings 2:8 JORDAN OPENED. Veil split so that all may enter into the land of promise.

Amazing how such a man of faith was left out of the 'hall of faith' - Hebrews 11. Was it because his work was not then finished as was the others mentioned there?

Elijah's life, spirit and provision was in the younger, Elisha ... but with a 'double portion' of the first-born spirit.

2 Kings 2:9 A DOUBLE PORTION OF ELIJAH'S SPIRIT. There are **24** areas where the FIRST-BORN OVERCOMERS are called to exercise authority in these days. Each of these individual actions is worthy of as a message of encouragement!

ELISHA'S 16 MIRACLES

1. II Kings 2:14 JORDAN RIVER OPENED. Veil crossed through on natural ground.
2. II Kings 2:20 HEALED THE WATERS.
3. II Kings 2:24 42 CURSING MOCKERS DESTROYED.
4. II Kings 3:17 VICTORY THRU WATER IN A TRENCH.
5. II Kings 4:5 OIL FLOWED ON TO PAY OFF DEBTS.
6. II Kings 4:16 SON GIVEN TO SHUNAMITE.
7. II Kings 4:35 DEAD SON RAISED — SNEEZED 7 TIMES.
8. II Kings 4:41 POISONED POT PURIFIED.
9. II Kings 4:43 FOOD MULTIPLIED.
10. II Kings 5:14 NAAMAN HEALED OF LEPROSY.
11. II Kings 5:27 LEPROUS JUDGMENT ON GEHAZI
12. II Kings 6:6 THE AXE-HEAD (IRON) SWAM.
13. II Kings 6:17 SERVANT'S EYES OPENED TO SEE IN THE SPIRIT.
14. II Kings 6:18 ARMY DEFEATED BY BLINDNESS.
15. II Kings 6:20 ARMY'S BLINDNESS REMOVED.
16. II Kings 13:21 DEAD MAN RAISED VIA ELISHA'S BONES. Resurrection-life; victory over death.

Looking again at **ELIJAH**, we see **HE IS A TYPE AND SHADOW OF JESUS CHRIST.**

As we look at Elijah in the Old Testament, we see a mighty prophet that did not see death . . . that was overcoming! **JESUS** fulfilled this pattern for He made the way through the VEIL into the Holiest of All by His blood. The River

Jordan equates with the veil of the Temple. Elijah made a way through that river and Christ Jesus made a way for us through the veil into the Holiest-of-all which equates with the Kingdom of God. John the baptist prepared the way for the coming of the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ and we are called to prepare the way prior to Christ coming forth in all His glory.

But there was still a **FUTURE** mention of his coming/manifestation/presence needing the way to be clearly shown and demonstrated for the Lord's appearing in His saints in all His fullness.

MORE THAN A PROPHET . . . He was a pattern . . . Elisha was an extension of Elijah. . . thus being more than "A" prophet. It was as if, after Elijah had gone on, Elijah was still performing the will of God with miracles etc. Yet this was seen to come through Elisha. What Elijah did, Elisha did more.

MORE NUMERICALLY . . . there is a **many-membered company of saints** who also have the **double anointing** of Elijah's spirit. JESUS SAID,

John 14:12 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believes on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and GREATER WORKS THAN THESE SHALL HE DO; because I go unto my Father.*

MORE SPIRITUALLY . . . These BELIEVERS are the 'Elisha-extension' to our "Elijah-Lord". It could also refer to this people in the Spirit of Christ becoming an extension of the PROPHET, PRIEST AND KING. . . THAT JESUS PORTRAYED AS OUR PATTERN and provided the means whereby we can experience it all.

Have you heard **the Elijah call** that will come forth with a double anointing? Are you believing to see the preparation abilities found in Christ in you manifest? *Faithful is He that has called you, for He will do it.* Amen.§