

The 2 Witnesses: Elijah & Enoch OR Elijah & Moses?

Many want to know what the Scripture states about the subject of “The 2 Witnesses” regarding who they are.

The Bible has much to say on this subject! Contrary to what most people think, in fact!

First, let’s identify what the Bible has to say about Elijah and the end times:

Malachi 4:5-6

- (5) Behold, **I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:**
- (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.

Jesus had this to say about John the Baptist:

Matthew 17:10-13

- (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.**
- (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 spake unto them of John the Baptist.**

Interestingly, that would seem to negate that Elijah was to come again as being one of the two end-time Witnesses, right?

OK, maybe that is what would APPEAR to be so, but let’s look at THE REST of the evidence of Scripture to ascertain that, or falsify that:

Elijah went up into Heaven in a whirlwind. See here:

2Kings 2:1-14

- (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.
- (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 today?** And he said, Yea, I know *it*; hold ye your peace.
- (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 today?** 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.

- (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.
- (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.
- (13) He took up also **the mantle of Elijah** that **fell from him,** and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;
- (14) And **he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him,** and **smote the waters,** and said, Where *is* the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, **they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.**

What we can learn from this is that the Lord, Himself, brought Elijah up into Heaven within a whirlwind, and, to evidence that, Elijah's earthly garment fell out of the sky to the ground where Elisha was, and Elisha was able to see it happen, and so were fifty other prophets!

THEY ALL OBSERVED ELIJAH GO UP IN A PILLAR OF CLOUD, JUST LIKE THE LORD DID IN EGYPT:

Exodus 13:21

- (21) And **the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud,** to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:

Exodus 14:24

- (24) And it came to pass, that in the morning watch **the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud,** and troubled the host of the Egyptians,

Numbers 12:4-8

- (4) And the LORD spoke suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.
- (5) And **the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam:** and they both came forth.
- (6) And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, *I* the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, *and* will speak unto him in a dream.
- (7) **My servant Moses** *is* not so, who *is* faithful in all mine house.
- (8) **With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently,** and not in dark speeches; and **the similitude of the LORD shall he behold:** wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

Numbers 14:14

- (14) And they will tell *it* to the inhabitants of this land: *for* they have heard that **thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face,** and

*that **thy cloud standeth over them**, and **that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.***

Deuteronomy 31:15

(15) And **the LORD appeared** in the tabernacle **in a pillar of a cloud**: and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle.

Job also spoke of this:

Job 38:1

(1) Then **the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind**, and said,

Job 40:1-6

(1) Moreover **the LORD answered Job, and said**,

(2) ***Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproveth God***, let him answer it.

(3) **Then Job answered the LORD**, and said,

(4) **Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee?** I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

(5) Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.

(6) **Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind**, and said,

So then, it is apparent that the Lord is able to travel IN a whirlwind, and THAT is what He did to Elijah when He took Elijah up into Heaven, too!

So, Moses saw the Lord apparently, face to face, when He came down to him in the whirlwind/pillar of cloud.

However, what of Elijah?

Elijah's garment fell down when he was taken up, right? So, that means that he was made naked in the whirlwind! WHY?

Jesus explains that He was returning to the Father and being re-given the Glory that He had with the Father before the world was ever even created by Him! See here:

John 17:5

(5) And **now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.**

John 17:24

(24) Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; **that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.**

Ephesians 3:9

(9) And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which **from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ**:

John 1:3

(3) **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

John 1:10

(10) **He was in the world**, and **the world was made by him**, and the world knew him not.

Colossians 1:16-17

(16) For **by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible**, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created by him, and for him**:

(17) And **he is before all things**, and **by him all things consist**.

Therefore, **Jesus was given a glorified body like the body He had before He created** the world and all that is in it, and the Heavens, and all that is in them, and even the invisible things, also!

How do we KNOW, then, that He had a glorified body when He was risen from the dead? The answer is in these biblical citations:

John 20:14-17

(14) And when **she** had thus said, she turned herself back, and **saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus**.

(15) **Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener**, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

(16) **Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master**.

(17) Jesus saith unto her, **Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God**.

So then, Mary thought Jesus was the gardener because HE APPEARED DIFFERENTLY AND DID NOT RECOGNIZE HIM – and THAT was BEFORE Jesus had ascended to the Father!

There is another such occurrence written for us:

Luke 24:13-32

(13) And, **behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus**, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs.

(14) And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

(15) And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned, **Jesus himself drew near, and went with them**.

(16) **But their eyes were holden that they should not know him**.

(17) And he said unto them, **What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?**

(18) And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

(19) And he said unto them, **What things?** And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

(20) And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

(21) But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done.

(22) Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulcher;

- (23) And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.
- (24) And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulcher, and found *it* even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.
- (25) **Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:**
- (26) **Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?**
- (27) And **beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.**
- (28) And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.
- (29) But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.
- (30) And **it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and broke, and gave to them.**
- (31) **And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.**
- (32) And they said one to another, **Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures?**

Thus, the two men didn't recognize Him AFTER He had been given His glorified body and had appeared to them, and spoke to them also, after He had arisen.

Did John the Baptist have this experience?

NO!

He was buried:

Matthew 14:8-12

- (8) And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, **Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.**
- (9) And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded *it* to be given *her*.
- (10) And **he sent, and beheaded John** in the prison.
- (11) And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought *it* to her mother.
- (12) And **his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it,** and went and told Jesus.

He was NOT glorified, did not go up into Heaven in a whirlwind - nor in any other manner - and he was BURIED!

Was JOHN the Baptist one of the Witnesses? Undoubtedly, this tells us, "NO!"

Well then, let's look here at the rest of the verses that precede what Jesus said in Matthew, Chapter 17 about John the Baptist being Elijah which was to come:

Matthew 17:1-13

- (1) And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart,
- (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 Elijah talking with him.***
- (4) Then answered **Peter**, and **said unto Jesus, Lord**, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, ***let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.***
- (5) ***While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud,*** which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.
- (6) And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.
- (7) And Jesus came and touched them, and said, **Arise, and be not afraid.**
- (8) And **when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.**
- (9) And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, **Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.**
- (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.***
- (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 spake unto them of John the Baptist.***

Let's understand that John the Baptist turned the hearts of the children of Israel back to the patriarchs, and he also turned the patriarchs of that time to the younger ones among them, to turn them ALL to the Lord in penitence! IN THAT, John the Baptizer was the fulfillment of the Malachi prophecy.

Furthermore, the name "Elijah" comes from two separate words:

"God" of "Yahh" (or "Jah" ... which is short for "YHWH" [Yehovah/Jehovah]).

Believers are all participants of the "Divine Nature;" look here:

2Peter 1:1-4

- (1) Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and **our Savior Jesus Christ**:
- (2) Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,
- (3) **According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain unto life and godliness***, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
- (4) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: ***that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature***, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Also, there are these verses to confirm that precept:

Ephesians 1:3

- (3) Blessed *be* the God and Father of our ***Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:***

Ephesians 1:20-23

- (20) ***Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,***

- (21) **Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named**, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:
- (22) **And hath put all *things* under his feet, and *gave him to be the head over all things to the church,***
- (23) ***Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.***

Ephesians 2:6

- (6) ***And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:***

So then, Moses and Elijah were both in glorified bodies when they appeared on the mountaintop with Jesus, Peter, James, and John (the Apostle John, not John the Baptist).

Peter wanted to make Tabernacles for each one of the three of them: Jesus, Moses, and Elijah – why?

Answer: because they had the glory of God emanating from them, very apparently – and THAT is what clothed Adam and Eve before they disobeyed God and “knew that they were naked,” and so they were, therefore, “ashamed,” inasmuch as that they then “sewed fig leaves” to cover themselves with!

See here:

Genesis 2:21-25

- (21) And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;
- (22) And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.
- (23) And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.
- (24) Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.
- (25) And **they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.**

Genesis 3:6-7

- (6) And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.
- (7) **And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.**

Genesis 3:10-11

- (10) And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and **I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.**
- (11) And he [that is, The Lord God] said, **Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?**

So, therefore, Adam and Eve were both naked and were unashamed until... they'd disobeyed God's command not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and of evil; but, when they did so, their spirits died, prohibiting them from being partakers of the glory of God, and they'd resultantly seen their own fleshly nakedness, which had been covered

WITH LIGHT until that very time; NOT THAT they'd also become FEARFUL OF God and hid themselves from Him – all because of their apparent nakedness!

Their naked bodies “told on them” that they had sinned against the Lord, as they had no longer been covered with light to veil their flesh! Instead, they hid from God!!!

See here for explanation:

1 Timothy 6:14-16

- (14) That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of **our Lord Jesus Christ**:
- (15) Which in his times he shall show, *who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;
- (16) **Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see:** to whom *be* honor and power everlasting. Amen.

Again, we have this testimony from Matthew:

Matthew 17:1-4

- (1) And after six days **Jesus** taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart,
- (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 Elijah talking with him.**
- (4) Then answered **Peter**, and **said unto Jesus, Lord**, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, **let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.**

And there is this account, from Paul:

Acts 26:13-15

- (13) At midday, O king, ***I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.***
- (14) And when we were all fallen to the earth, ***I heard a voice speaking unto me,*** and saying ***in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.***
- (15) And ***I said, Who art thou, Lord?*** And ***he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.***

Look at Moses' Tabernacle that he'd erected in the wilderness for the Israelites:

(Read this on your own in context, but take note of these citations of Exodus, Chapter 40 to understand what Peter had meant by “make three tabernacles”:

Exodus 40:1-3,17,33-36

- (1) And **the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,**
- (2) On the first day of the first month **shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.**
- (3) And **thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony,** and cover the ark with the veil.

...

(17) And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first *day* of the month, ***that the tabernacle was reared up.***

...

(33) And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. ***So Moses finished the work.***

(34) ***Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.***

(35) And ***Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.***

(36) And ***when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys:***

See then, by way of these explanations, that the Lord, Himself, came to Moses and to the Israelites within the cloud that rested upon the Tent of Meeting - that is, the Tabernacle - and then THE LORD'S GLORIFIED LUMINESCENCE FILLED THAT TENT SO THAT MOSES COULD NOT ENTER INTO IT!!!

Thus, when Peter saw Jesus in His glorified form, and Moses and Elijah also appeared with Him, alongside Peter, James, and John, Peter wanted to make THREE "GLORY-FILLED TENTS" TO CONTAIN EACH OF THEM!!!

(Incidentally, this is what each one of us is promised in God's Word: that we, too, will share that same glorified body:

1John 3:2

(2) Beloved, ***now are we the sons of God,*** and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, ***when he shall appear, we shall be like him;*** for ***we shall see him as he is.***

and:

Romans 5:1-2

(1) Therefore being justified by faith, ***we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:***

(2) ***By whom also we*** have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and ***rejoice in hope of the glory of God.***

and:

Colossians 1:27

(27) To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is ***Christ in you, the hope of glory.*** .)

Have we, therefore, come to see that MOSES AND ELIJAH were BOTH revealed to the Apostles as being seen having GLORIFIED BODIES? ...

... MOSES: SEEN IN GLORY **AFTER HE DIED:**

... AND ELIJAH: SEEN IN GLORY AFTER HE WAS TAKEN TO HEAVEN - **AND DID NOT DIE?**

THIS account of Moses and Elijah on the Holy Mount (2Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:2-3; Mark 9:2-5) makes me believe that THESE TWO ARE "The 2 Witnesses!"

So said, is there yet more to support that?

Yes! The following Scriptures validate that very consideration and supposition:

Revelation 11:3,6

(3) And I will give *power* unto **my two witnesses**, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

...

(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.***

Elijah is known to have prophesied/spoke into being the dearth that took place during the reign of King Ahab:

1Kings 17:1,7

(1) And **Elijah** the Tishbite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gilead, **said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.**

...

(7) And it came to pass after a while, that **the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.**

The New Testament also tells us, as recorded by the author of James, that this was so:

James 5:17-18

(17) **Elijah** was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he **prayed earnestly that it might not rain:** and **it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.**

(18) And **he prayed again,** and **the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.**

So, it is almost incontrovertible that Elijah will be one of the Two Witnesses.

But, what about Moses (see Mark 9:4-5)? What does the Scripture say about HIM?

Look here:

Exodus 7:19-21

(19) And **the LORD spoke unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt,** upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, **that they may become blood;** and *that* there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *vessels of wood,* and in *vessels of stone.*

(20) **And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded;** and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that *were* in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; **and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.**

(21) And the fish that *was* in the river died; and the river stank, and **the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.**

Okay, that covers the prophecy that the 2 Witnesses will have “power over waters to turn them to blood” (Revelation 11:6); but what of their ability to “smite the earth with all plagues” (same verse)?

What did Moses do by the Hand of the Lord, at the Lord's command, to the land and people of Egypt, which was under the Pharaoh's rule?

Exodus 9:13-15

- (13) And **the LORD said unto Moses**, Rise up early in the morning, and **stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews**, Let my people go, that they may serve me.
- (14) For ***I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people***; that thou mayest know that *there is* none like me in all the earth.
- (15) ***For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence***; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

And there were this and all the other plagues that Moses foretold and prophesied would come from God - that he, himself did by the Lord's power - written in the accounts of Exodus 7:1-3,6,14-17,24-25; 8:1,16,21; 9:1-3,8-9,18-19,22-25; 10:4-6,21-22; 11:1,4-5.

(Read all of the plagues enumerated above in those citations from the book of Exodus, in context of Chapters 7 through 12, for further comprehension. You'll note that what God referred to all of them as being was that they were His "judgments" - see Exodus 7:4.)

Therefore, Moses was LIKEWISE the fulfillment of the prophecy of the Apostle John in Revelation 11:6 that God's Witnesses would be able to "smite the earth with all plagues," even as he, Moses, was able also to turn the waters to blood.

THUS, I ATTRIBUTE THE 2nd WITNESS TO BEING MOSES, SINCE HE FULFILLS THESE 2 PROPHECIES IN REVELATION 11:6, AS WELL AS HAVING BEEN SEEN IN GLORIFIED FORM, ALONGSIDE ELIJAH, NO LESS, WHEN JESUS WAS TRANSFIGURED ON THE MOUNT!

HOWEVER:

There IS the POSSIBILITY that the 2nd Witness COULD BE Enoch, based on the following Scriptures:

Acts 15:18

- (18) ***Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.***

Jude 1:14

- (14) And ***Enoch also, the seventh from Adam***, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

Hebrews 9:27

- (27) And as ***it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:***

Gen 5:24

- (24) And ***Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.***

Hebrews 11:5-6

- (5) By faith ***Enoch was translated*** [A VERY IMPORTANT TERM] ***that he should not see death***; and was not found, ***because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.***

(6) But ***without faith it is impossible to please him***: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

What am I drawing out of these verses, then?

Point one:

Enoch existed in the beginning AND foretold what God would do at the very end of time; he was revealed to have been alive at the beginning: the 7th person in Adam's progeny.

Point two:

Enoch was taken into Heaven, without having to die a physical death.

Point three:

Enoch had to have had faith, a faith such that pleased God, for God to have taken him off the earth and to, thus, have spared him the natural death.

Point four:

Enoch, therefore, is one of only two human beings who have been recorded in writing that were "taken up"/"caught away"/"caught up"/"snatched" into Heaven by God and that did not die physically!

Point five:

If Elijah and Enoch are the only two humans that were spared dying in the flesh, does this mean without question that they ARE the 2 Witnesses, in fact?

Answer to Point 5:

It is NOT impossible that that COULD BE so; however, that one fact - that they did not die naturally – does NOT undo ALL OF THE EVIDENCES I'VE CITED THAT SUPPORTS THAT MOSES MAY ACTUALLY BE THE 2nd WITNESS, INSTEAD!

Herein is my own conjecture...

...my own hypothesis about Enoch, according to what the Scriptures have to say:

Again:

Acts 15:18

(18) Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

Jude 1:14

(14) And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam ...

Enoch was the "forerunner" that foreshadowed the Raptures that will take place during the very ends of the Ages, **right before** Christ's 2nd Coming, when He will physically stand upon the Mount of Olives (i.e., Mount Olivet) (Zechariah 14:4) on the earth again.

KNOWN unto God ARE ALL HIS WORKS...FROM THE BEGINNING!

I BELIEVE THAT Enoch IS a foreshadower; BUT NOT OF THE 2 WITNESSES OF REVELATION, CHAPTER 11, AS WELL AS OF ZECHARIAH 4:11-14, but, rather, a foreshadower of what the Apostle Paul wrote, for us to know what we can be assured of, IF WE WAIT FOR IT, IN OUR HAVING FAITH...THE FAITH THAT PLEASES GOD UNTO EACH OF US BEING ACCOUNTED AS RIGHTEOUS IN HIS SIGHT:

1Corinthians 15:50-55

- (50) Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.
- (51) Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed**,
- (52) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and **the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed**.
- (53) For **this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality**.
- (54) So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
- (55) O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?

1Thessalonians 4:16-17

- (16) For **the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout**, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and **the dead in Christ shall rise first**:
- (17) **Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up [TRANSLATED] together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

This is the account of what is labeled, or coined, the “Rapture” – which is just a Latin word that means “to seize” or “to snatch” or “to catch” (away or up) = “translation.”

“Rapio,” that Latin word, has the same meaning as the Greek word “harpazo,” which Paul used in 1Thessalonians 4:17, being interpreted as “caught up.”

The term “Rapture” is just a word to describe, or relate about, what Paul described of his own experience – which occurred in advance of the actual events that will yet take place for all of the rest of us – as he had described in 2Corinthians, Chapter 12:

2Corinthians 12:2-4

- (2) **I knew a man in Christ** above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) **such a one caught up to the third heaven**.
- (3) And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)
- (4) **How that he was caught up into paradise**, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

(It is believed that Paul was speaking of himself, without drawing attention to himself by his incredibly awesome account!)

Scripture also tells of this occurring elsewhere, yet on the earth instead of one going into Heaven:

See here in the book of the Acts of the Apostles:

Acts 8:39-40

- (39) And when they were come up out of the water, ***the Spirit of the Lord caught away*** [TRANSLATED] ***Philip***, that ***the eunuch saw him no more***: and he went on his way rejoicing.
- (40) But ***Philip was found at Azotus***: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

So then, the same term is used to speak of this Apostle being “caught away,” as will be done with each one of us who have faith in – AND who likewise live unto and follow – Jesus in this life (the word “harpazo” is also utilized in Acts 8:39 by Luke): “Harpazo” literally means “to seize,” according to Strong’s Concordance...which is the primary interpreted meaning of “rapio,” from whence the term “Rapture” is derived, as is used in the English language.

I believe strongly that Enoch was “a living prophecy” of “The Rapture” (of which I believe there will be 3, according to the Scriptures – which you can learn the rest about in my Message “The 3 Raptures Revelation” and by the “Addendum to” it).

Enoch COULD, IN FACT, BE the 2nd Witness, I will assuredly state; however, I personally believe he is NOT the 2nd Witness, but rather, that Moses IS Witness #2.

I believe Enoch was God’s “FORETELLER” of “BEING CAUGHT UP TO MEET HIM [i.e., JESUS] IN THE AIR”...AND SO TO “EVER BE WITH THE LORD,” THEREAFTER!

I BELIEVE MOSES - WHO WAS ABLE TO SEE THE SIMILITUDE OF THE LORD, AND WHO DID THE LORD’S BIDDING, IN POURING OUT GOD’S JUDGMENTS (TURNING WATER TO BLOOD AND PRONOUNCING THE PLAGUES HE SPOKE INTO BEING) – IS THE MAN TO FULFILL THE PROPHECY OF JOHN IN REVELATION 11:6.

The ONLY question that remains is the one that is the basis for others to believe that Enoch IS “The 2nd Witness”:

According to Hebrews’ writer, presumed to be Paul by many scholars, the fact that this is what Scripture maintains IS mandatory of ALL humanity (besides all of us who WILL YET be “changed” into our “immortal” bodies, thus YET TO elude death)...

Hebrews 9:27

- (27) And as ***it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:***

...it is STILL DISTINCTLY POSSIBLE that Enoch MIGHT BE THE 2nd WITNESS.

THE TIMES AHEAD WILL TELL US, WHEN ALL HAS PLAYED OUT IN THE ETERNAL PLAN OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR!!!

The REAL question is NOT, “IS IT ENOCH OR MOSES?”

**THE QUESTION TO BE ASKED IS “ARE YOU READY FOR HIS COMING TO
‘CATCH YOU AWAY’?!!” AND FOR ETERNAL LIFE WITH HIM?!!**

Blessings2u!!

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