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THE ELIJAH ANOINTING

INTRODUCTION

Scripture Reading: Malachi 4:5,6 and Kings 17



Part 2: Characteristics of the Apostolic Prophetic Anointing

Part 3: Pursuing The Elijah Anointing



AGENDA



Part 1: Key Questions In Relation to the Anointing of Elijah

- 1. Explain the significance of the underlined verse (Mal 4:5) "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD." (NKJ)
- 2. What is the great day?
- 3. What is the dreadful day?
- 4. What is the main function of the Elijah anointing? (vs. 6)
- 5. Read Matt. 11:14 and John 1:21. Jesus says that John is Elijah. Is Jesus teaching reincarnation? How do you explain Jesus' statement?
- 6. What are the 3 manifestations of the Elijah anointing? How are/were these three manifestations attacked?



Part 1: Key Questions Cont...

Answers to Part 1:

- 1. Elijah is a <u>sent</u> prophet. An apostle is a sent one. Thus Elijah represents apostolic prophetic dimension of the anointing.
- 2. The Great Day is the first coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3. The Dreadful day is the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 4. Destruction of clergy-laity barrier. (Mal 4:6) "And he will turn the hearts the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse." (NKJ)

This ministry will destroy the impersonal clergy- laity ministry, replacing it with the intimate father-children relationship.



Part 1: Key Questions Cont...

Answers to Part 1:

- 5. Jesus does NOT teach reincarnation. The scriptures declare:
 - Heb 9:27 "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"
 - Matt 11:14 "And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to
 - John 1:21 "And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."
 - John denies that he is Elijah yet Jesus says that John is Elijah. What Jesus meant was that John was operating with the same anointing as Elijah.
 - Jesus also mentions "he is Elijah who is to come", indicating a future manifestation of the Elijah anointing.



Part 2: Key Questions Cont...

Answers to Part 1:

- 6. Three manifestations of the Elijah anointing? How are/were these three manifestations attacked?
 - First Manifestation The Man Elijah
 - ii. Second Manifestation John The Baptist
 - iii. Third Manifestation Bonafide Leaders of local churches i.e. Set Men. represents a company of apostolic leaders.
 - Elijah was attacked by Jezebel.
 - John the Baptist was attacked by a spirit of Jezebel in Herodias' daughter.
 - Set men will be attacked by the spirit of Jezebel.
 - The woman Jezebel is a personification of a spirit that is called a Jezebel Spirit. (Rev

PART 2: CHARACTERISTICS OF THE APOSTOLIC PROPHETIC ANOINTING

1 Kings 17

Q1. What Is the Significance of Gilead?

GILEAD means "heap of witness". Anyone connected with the Apostolic Prophetic anointing is a RADICAL WITNESS of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- John the Baptist is a typical example, (John 1:6) "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John."
- John 1:7; John 3:30; Acts 1:8
- Jesus is the ultimate focus; ministry under the Elijah mantle causes men to cling to Him.

Part 2: Characteristics of the APA Cont...

• This anointing draws attention to the God of the house - not the miracles, signs and wonders. (Rev 19:10) "And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." (NKJ)

A passionate testimony of Jesus is the pre-eminent

focus of this mantle.



Part 2: Characteristics of the Apostolic Prophetic Anointing

Q2. What can you glean from the underlined verses regarding one's dual presence under this anointing?

- I King 17:1 "And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD God of Israel lives, <u>before whom I</u> <u>stand</u>, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word." (NKJ)
- John 3:13 "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven."
- Eph 2:6 "and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus," (NKJ)



- THE DUAL PRESENCE: Elijah was standing before Ahab, yet he declared that he was standing before God.
- The Elijah anointing brings this dimension into the life of the believer;
 he stands on earth, but operates from heaven.
- The believer recognizes that he lives in 2 realms earthly and heavenly.
 This enables him to execute heavenly purposes on the earth.
- Jesus said the same thing. He was standing before Nicodemus, yet declared, "Son of Man who is in heaven".
- Jesus desires his disciples to reach this position. (John 17:24)



Q2. Cont...

- This operating system is intended to manifest heaven on earth (Matt 6:10)
- It is in this realm that you behold his glory, are transformed into His likeness and manifest His will on the earth.

The components of the Ark of the Covenant and their typical significance for a third day believer are indicated below:

- a) Tablets of the Law walking in revelation.
- B) Manna represents accurate migration. When the cloud moved, the manna moved. To access the manna, you had to move with the cloud. Yesterday's manna was today's worms.

- C) Aaron's Rod God appointment and favour, legitimate call demonstrated by fruitfulness.
- D) Shekinah Glory the voice of God. When you know the voice of God, you will know His perfect will.
- E) Crown of the Ark king-priest ministry. Although a priest you will rule as a king in the midst of your enemies.
- F) 4 Corners and 4 Rings the message and penetration is global.
- G) Gold divine nature manifested in "Ark of the Covenant"/ third day believers.

⁴⁸Q3. Using the underlined words and other examples explain the validity of proclamation prayers.

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PROCLAMMATION PRAYERS: There is the word of the Lord and the word of His servants.

- Rain was attributed to Baal therefore by declaring a drought, Elijah was signifying that his words were more powerful than the principality called Baal.
- The Apostolic-Prophetic anointing demonstrates that. (Prov 18:21) "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit."
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- The word proclaimed by His servants have creative or destructive force; Jesus gives clarity on this kind of declaration. (Mark 11:23)
- Job 22:28 "You will also <u>declare a thing, and it will be established</u> for you; so light will shine on your ways." (NKJ)
- The centurion understood this, (Matt 8:8).
- Paul and Peter also operated in declaration, (Acts 13:11-12).
- Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I
 do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise
 up and walk." (NKJ)

Q4. Using 1 KI 17:2 & Luke 3:1,2 explain the similarity between John the Baptist and Elijah.

- JOHN THE BAPTIST & ELIJAH: Both have the word of the Lord the proceeding word (the now word, the applicable word, the Rhema(Greek), the Dabar(Hebrew).
- IKI 17:2 "Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying," (NKJ)
- Luke 3:2 "while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness." (NKJ)
- Those covered by the Apostolic -Prophetic anointing, have the timeous or relevant word of the Lord.

Q5. What is the significance of Cherith and Zarepath in terms of the Elijah anointing?

- Cherith means separation, Zarepath means refining.
- Both these places were places of supernatural sustenance.
- They symbolize holiness for supernatural sustenance.
- False apostles and prophets may <u>duplicate</u> the word, **but will not** exhibit the holiness and refining of God.
- They will not enjoy supernatural sustenance; they kill the raven and plunder the widow.

Q6. Discerning Genuine Apostolic-Prophetic Ministry (V21-24)

IKI 17:21-24 "And he stretched himself out on the <u>child</u> three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray, let this <u>child's soul</u> come back to him." ²²Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the <u>child</u> came back to him, and he revived. ²³And Elijah took the <u>child</u> and brought him down <u>from the upper room into the house</u>, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!"

Under genuine apostolic-prophetic ministry 2 things happen:



6.1 The Child Dies and the Son Lives

- The thrust of apostolic-prophetic ministry is to cause believers to move from childhood to maturity.
- Childhood symbolizes immaturity which is characterized by ignorance, gullibility, a love for amusement, digestive problems, lack of discerning, lack of goals and vision, inconsistency, etc.
- Mature believers have passed these limitations; mature believers are called sons.
- This event in Elijah's ministry symbolizes the transition from immaturity to maturity.

6.1 Cont...

- The Bible calls maturity perfection. (Heb 6:1) "Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God," (NKJ)
- Paul spoke of his growth into maturity as a putting away of childish things.
- This maturity involves transition in one's speaking, understanding and thinking. (1Cor 13:11) "When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things." (NKJ)



6.2 Migration from the Upper Room to the House Occurs

- The upper room is symbolic of manifestations the Pentecostal experience.
- The house is symbolic of lifestyle; this is a transition from entertainment-based Christianity to practical lifestyle.
- The believer now recognizes personal responsibility in his lifestyle witness; he is now functional in the Body of Christ.
- Genuine apostolic ministry will bring these two dimensions to full manifestation in the Body of Christ. This is an area in which pastoral ministry is deficient.

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- 7. What is the Meaning of Ahab?
- Ahab means uncle.

8. THE CONFLICT BETWEEN ELIJAH AND AHAB

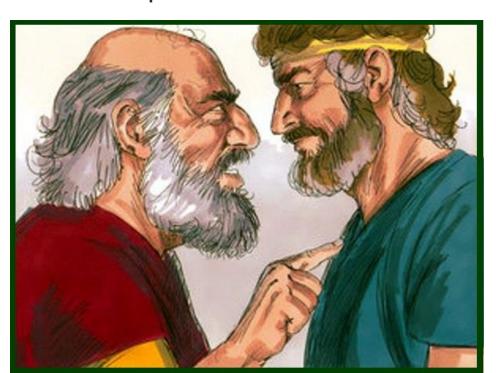
What is the conflict between Elijah and Ahab?

- The ministry of Elijah and Ahab are contradictory.
- The Elijah anointing destroys the distinction between clergy and laity - it turns the heart of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers, (Malachi 4:5-6).
- The heart of this ministry is intimacy between leadership and congregation. It is in the context of this culture that impartation and maturity occurs.



Conflict between Elijah and Ahab Cont...

- Ahab on the other hand represents an "uncle spirit" that has invaded the church.
- Uncles are deficient in intimacy; they wait for sons to leave home.
- Uncles cannot produce sons only fathers can produce sons.





9. CHARACTERISTICS OF AN AHAB HOUSE (CHURCH)

List 5 characteristics of an Ahab House.

- i. It has an "uncle spirit", not a father spirit.
- ii. Jezebel is in charge. Obadiah thinks he is in charge, but he is under Ahab's control and Ahab is under Jezebel's control.
- iii. It has no spring or brook (1Ki 18:5). It has no Spirit.
- iv. It has no grass (1Ki 18:5). It has no word to nourish God's people.
- v. The strong survive at the expense of the weak. (The livestock are killed to keep the horses and mules alive (1Ki 18:5).



Characteristics of an Ahab House, Cont...

- vi. It will not gain access to the Elijah anointing the apostolicprophetic anointing. In 1 Kings 18:8 - 14, Obadiah laments his difficulty in finding Elijah. Obadiah is a set man in Ahab's house -1 Kings 18:3)
- vii. The House of Ahab considers Elijah a troublemaker (1Kings 18:17).
- viii. The House of Ahab believes that the apostolic prophetic anointing brings trouble to the church This is the truth it troubles religious and ungodly positions.



10. OBADIAH'S ILLEGITIMATE POSITION

Explain Obadiah's delusion and illegitimate position.

- Obadiah is a set man in Ahab's house. In vs. 3 we read that he is in charge of Ahab's house.
- This is a serious delusion for any minister whose church is under outside control (i.e. not self-governing). He is unable to implement any instruction from God without the approval of headquarters.
- He has the position but not the power because Jezebel controls the vision of the house. He is merely Jezebel's eunuch.



Obadiah's delusion and illegitimate position, Cont...

- Obadiah felt that he had an inside ministry as he had saved 100 prophets. He hid the prophets in caves. Actually he was hiding prophetic ministry; the prophetic ministry does not require protection.
- It was never meant to be hidden in a cave. Prophets understand that the death sentence is attached to their messages.
- Obadiah thought he was doing a good thing. Sadly, his good deed cut off the prophetic voice in Ahab's house.
- If Obadiah wanted to do a good thing, he should have resigned and asked Ahab to take charge of his own house.



11. ANTAGONISM TO AMBIGUITY AND COMPROMISE

What does the following verse tell you about the anointing of Elijah?

1KI 18:21 "And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word." (NKJ)

- This anointing is intolerant of ambiguity and compromise. There is no in- between position in commitment and service to Jesus Christ.
- REV 22:11 "He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still." (NKJ)



This anointing demands public revelation of your identity and allegiance. It demands a rejection of amalgamation of good and evil or light and darkness.

Apostle James demanded the same kind of commitment. (JAM 3:11-12) "Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring can yield both salt water and

fresh."





12. CHARISMATIC SUPERSTITION AND TRUTH

The prophets of Baal applied the blood to no avail. Explain the Charismatic superstition of Blood application.

- The prophets of Baal applied the blood to no avail. Charismatics applied the blood on the house, car, business etc. This is a superstitious practice.
- Protection is the result of a sanctified walk. (1Jn 5:18)
- The Blood deals with sin. It is in the context of a sin-cleansed life that we have victory over the devil. (1Jn 1:7-9)
- The prince of this world can find nothing in a clean vessel no door for access. (John 14:30)



- In the Old Testament the life of the flesh was in the blood. (Lev 17:11)
- On the cross, blood and water issued forth from the side of Jesus.
 BLOOD ENTERED THE WATER. The life of the blood is in the water i.e. THE WORD OF GOD.
- John 6:63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing.
 The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life." (NKJ)



13. GOVERNMENTAL ORDER

Explain the significance of the following verses.

1Ki 18:30-32 (NKJ)

- Elijah repaired the altar with 12 stones; 12 is the number of government.
- The Elijah anointing brings accurate governmental order within a local church.
- The altar must hold the water the Word of God. This altar had a trench around that was filled with water.
- An accurate government is Word- based. It is this kind of government that exposes everything counterfeit - like the prophets of Baal.
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14. WATER IS SYMBOLIC OF THE WORD OF GOD

Explain the significance of Elijah's water application in terms of our current warfare.

- Eph 5:26 "that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the Word," (NKJ)
- The Word is the sword of the Spirit our offensive weapon.
- Elijah was calling for fire after he applied the water. He was making it very difficult for any counterfeit fire to work.
- In this anointing the fire of God will only fall after the WORD HAS BEEN APPLIED. (Mark 16:20)
- The Elijah company know how to say "it is written".



15. PROPHETIC PRAYERS

Using the underlined sentence explain prophetic prayer, giving other examples.

1Ki 18:36 (NKJ)

- Prophetic prayer is prayer following the revelation of the will of God;
 Elijah's challenging of the prophets of Baal was done "at Your word".
- God had already revealed to Elijah His will regarding the duel on Mount Carmel. Nevertheless, Elijah had to pray it through.
- Also see Dan. 9:2-4 / Acts 9:10-18
- Although the will and plan of God is known, human prayer is required to bring it to pass, because God's method is a human vessel.



16. NUISANCE PRAYERS

Using the <u>underlined</u> verse explain recurring (nuisance) prayers.

IKi 18:43 "and said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." <u>And seven times he said, "Go again</u>." (NKJ)

- This is the kind of prayer that harasses God. It is characterized by monotonous persistence.
- Acts 12:5 "Peter was therefore kept in prison, but <u>constant prayer</u> was offered to God for him by the church." (NKJ)
- 1Thes 5:17; 1 Sam 12:23; Luke 18:1-7; 1Ki 18:42,43



Explain the man's hand (1Ki 18:44)

- The man's hand is the picture of the five-fold ministry.
- It is the Elijah anointing, the apostolic prophetic anointing that will bring practical expression of the five-fold ministry into a local church.

18. FATHERS OVERTAKING THE UNCLES

In 1Ki 18:46 Elijah overtakes Ahab - what does this convey in terms of the present move of God?

 The fathers will overtake the uncles - in resources, in revelation, in purpose, in equipping, in excellence, in every spiritual endeavor.

19. MIGRATION FROM MANIFESTATIONS TO THE VOICE OF GOD

What principles of migration does 1 Kings 19:11 and 12 convey?

Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces 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.

- Migration from manifestation to the voice of God. Mt. Sinai (Horeb) is the site of manifestation.
- Heb 12:18-20; Heb 12:22-25

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Migration from manifestations to the Voice Of God

- The Elijah company recognizes that they have come to Mount Zion, where the voice of God supersedes any manifestation.
- They are not moved by earthquakes, wind and fire.
- This anointing cuts through the gullibility, manifestation and sign seeking preoccupation of the Charismatic movement.

This anointing is not satisfied with gimmicks but seeks to access the

voice of God



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20. A FACELESS MOVE

In 1Ki 19:13 Elijah "wrapped his face". What is the significance of this?

 This movement is a faceless move; its agenda is the supremacy and Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Like John the Baptist the Elijah company say, "He must increase, I

must decrease."



21. LEAVE, FOLLOW AND SERVE

What are the 3 requirements to access this anointing? (See 1Ki 19:19, 20, 21)

21.1 Leave

- Elisha had to leave every sentimental attachment his father, mother and his old occupation.
- This was a costly, decisive move he killed his oxen and burnt the implements of his trade thus disconnecting himself from the past.
- Elisha was at Abel Meholah (mourning of dancing). This geographical location depicts sentimentalism.
- It is a spiritual location those who desire the apostolic prophetic mantle must leave behind or walk away from it.



21.2 Follow

 This was no casual pursuit. The Bible says he ran after Elijah. His desire and thirst were clearly exposed.

21.3 Serve

- Elisha served Elijah; true followers serve. He washed the hands of Elijah.
- If you want access to the apostolic prophetic, you must serve this anointing through your prayer, giving, sacrifice, obedience and integrity.





PART 3: PURSUING THE ELIJAH ANOINTING

- 1. You have heard the statement, "I Don't Follow Man". Refute this statement with scriptural support.
- There are several examples of man or men following man



1.1 Elisha Followed Elijah

- 2Ki 2:2 "Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, <u>I will not</u> <u>leave you!</u>" So they went down to Bethel." (NKJ)
- 2Ki 2:4 "Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, <u>I will</u> not leave you!" So they came to Jericho." (NKJ)
- 2Ki 2:6 "Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So the two of them went on." (NKJ)



1.2 Israelites Committed Themselves to Follow Joshua as they Followed Moses

Josh 1:16-17 "And they answered Joshua, saying, "All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. ¹⁷"Just <u>as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you</u>. Only the LORD your God be with you, as He was with Moses." (NKJ)

1.3 Gideon's Army Had to Follow Gideon

Judges 7:17-18 "And he said to them, "Look at me and do likewise; watch, and when I come to the edge of the camp you shall do as I do: 18"When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then you also blow the trumpets on every side of the whole camp, and say, 'The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!" (NKJ)

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1.4 Paul Called On the Corinthian Church to Follow Him

- 1 Cor 11:1 "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." (KJV)
- God's method is a man. When God struck Paul blind on the road to Damascus, He sent a man Ananias to deliver him from blindness (see Acts 9:10-18.)
- God used a man for something He could have done on His own.
- God could have told Cornelius directly about the issues of salvation, instead He required Cornelius to ascertain the information from a man - Peter (see Acts 10:1-6).



- When you follow, listen or obey a God appointed man, then you are demonstrating your allegiance to God. (Matt 10:40) "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me." (NKJ)
- There is one important issue in following man follow him as long as he is following Christ. (1Cor 11:1) "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." (KJV)
- Uriah the Hittite blindly followed David, in the days of David's backslidden state, to his death (2Sam. 11:13-18).
- There is personal responsibility for every believer to <u>discern</u> that the person he is following is a man of God, a "<u>Sent One</u>".



PURSUING THE ELIJAH ANOINTING

2. Elijah Anointing Is A Leadership Anointing



In Malachi God said that He would send Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

- Why did God not send Elisha, after all, Elisha had a greater anointing than Elijah?
- The Elijah anointing is a leadership anointing. It is a set man's anointing.
- Those who successfully follow Elijah will emerge as Elishas. Thus a season will emerge where the follower will surpass his leader.
- If God sent Elisha, his followers will contract leprosy just like Gehazi.



PURSUING THE ELIJAH ANOINTING

3. Four Locations In Pursuing the Anointing

Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho, and Jordan



3.1 Abel Meholah

- This is a place of mourning.
- The moment you have been touched by the mantle of Elijah, this location with its stable career, sustenance, family attachments and kisses becomes a place of mourning and frustration.
- It is here that sentimentalism must be killed the oxen killed and the implements burned, otherwise you will not migrate into the higher purposes of God.



3.2 Gilgal – Rolling (See Joshua 5:9)

- It was a place of circumcision.
- Spiritually, this represents a growth phase in your pursuit, where every carnal reason for following is excised and rolled away.
- It was the place where manifestations ceased (the manna, cloud and fire stopped). You are not following because of manifestation, but because of the purposes of God.
- It was the place where Agag was slain (1Sam. 15:33). Samuel demonstrated complete obedience by executing Agag. This is a spiritual location where you obey the set man in the will of God.
- It was a place of celebration of the Passover. It is the beginning of a new season as you follow now for the purposes God. (Josh 5:9)



3.3 Bethel - House of God

- The house of God that you are following is the set man's house.
- The disciples that followed Jesus wanted to know where He was staying. (John 1:38) "Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?" (NKJ)
- Don't follow someone who has no home no local church. If you follow a
 vagabond all you will get is garbage.
- The set man's anointing will be seen in the house he is building; the Queen of Sheba was overwhelmed by the anointing manifested in Solomon's house.
- Is it a house where angels are ascending and descending (Gen.28) or is it a house of calf worship? (see Jeroboam).



3.3 Bethel - House of God Cont...

Is his house (local church) the gateway to heaven? Is it bringing heaven to earth or is it a place of idolatry? You have time to flee.

3.4 Jericho - Place of Fragrance

- This is a place of passion. It takes passion to shout before the walls come down.
- It takes passion to walk 13 x around the wall of Jericho.
- It takes passion to do the same thing for 7 days.
- It takes passion to go against an enemy with a foolish strategy.
- At Jericho you must internalize the set man's passion to do the will of God.



3.5 Jordan - Descending

- This is a place of descending a place of humility.
- Humble yourself as you follow.
- Jordan is a picture of the word of God.
- Follow the leader as he rightly divides the word of God.
- When you have pursued, then you can ask the hard thing the double portion.



4. DEFECTS OF THE PROPHETS OF ELIJAH

What defects are displayed by the prophets of Elijah?



- They went up to Jericho could not go all the way to Jordan.
- These are folk who are in the right house and have passion, but do not go all the way.
- They cannot descend into Jordan; they lack humility.
- They were accurate in knowing what God was going to do, but were not accurate in pursuit.
- They were content to stand at a distance and watch (2 Kings 2:7).



Defects displayed by the prophets of Elijah Cont...

- They saw Elisha emerging with the mantle, but decided to look for the body of Elijah.
- They were man-focused; in looking for the man, they missed the mantle.
- Elijah was now the past move; they pursued the past instead of embracing the present.



5. SIGNS OF AN EMERGING ELISHA ANOINTING

What are the two signs of an emerging Elisha anointing?



(2 Kings 2:14) "Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, "Where is the LORD God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over."

- 1. Elisha knew of the many counterfeits; he wanted to make sure that he had the right God
- This demonstrates that he was following Elijah because of Elijah's God.
- 2. He split Jordan in two the anointing to rightly divide the Word of God.



6. TEARING OF THE MANTLE

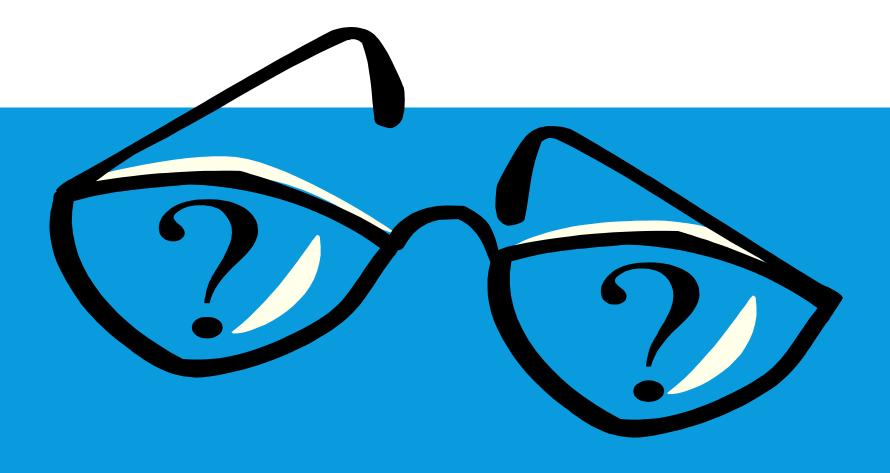
Explain the significance of Elisha tearing his own mantle

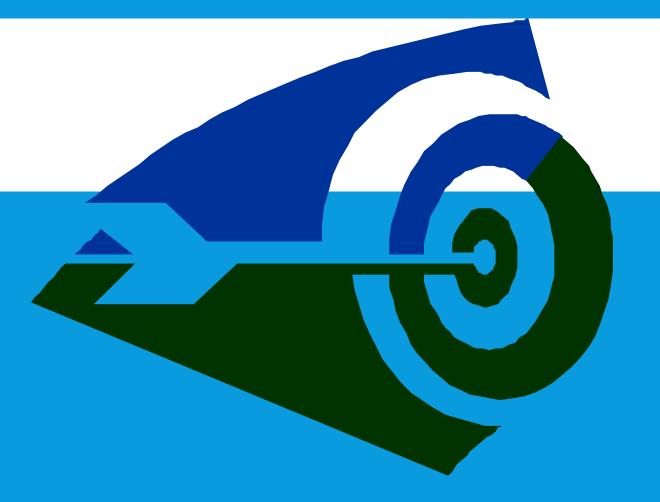


(2 Kings 2:12) And Elisha saw *it*, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces.

- Too many leaders want to wear the new mantle on the old; they want a mixture.
- ii. The only appropriate response is to destroy the old and wear the new.
- iii. New wine needs new wineskin.







Grace be to you !!!