

THE ELIJAH ANOINTING

LESSON 4

READ Malachi 4:5,6 and 1 Kings 17

PART 1

1. Explain the significance of the underlined verse.

Malachi 4:5

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

What is the great day?

What is the dreadful day?

What is the main function of the Elijah anointing? (vs. 6)

Read Matt. 11:14 and John 1:21

Jesus says that John is Elijah. Is Jesus teaching reincarnation? How do you explain Jesus' statement?

What are the 3 manifestations of the Elijah anointing? How are/were these 3 manifestations attacked?

PART 2

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE APOSTOLIC PROPHETIC ANOINTING

1 Kings 17

What is the significance of Gilead?

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

1 King 17:1

1 And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word."(NKJ)

John 3:13

13 "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.(NKJ)

Eph 2:6

6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,(NKJ)

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

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

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

6. What are 2 main criteria to discern genuine apostolic ministry? (See vs. 21 –23)

1 King 17:24

24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth."(NKJ)

What is the meaning of Ahab?

What is the conflict between Elijah and Ahab?

List 5 characteristics of an Ahab House.

Explain Obadiah's delusion and illegitimate position.

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

IKing 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)

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

13. Explain the significance of the following verses.

IKing 18:30-32

30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Israel shall be your name."

32 Then with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed.(NKJ)

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

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

IKing 18:36

And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word.(NKJ)

Using the underlined verse explain recurring(nuisance) prayers.

IKing 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." And seven times he said, "Go again."(NKJ)

Explain the man's hand.

In vs. 46 Elijah overtakes Ahab – what does this convey in terms of the present move of God?

What principles of migration does vs. 11 and 12 of Ch. 19 convey?

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

What are the 3 requirements to access this anointing? (Ch. 19:19,20,21)

PART 3 - PURSUING THE ELIJAH ANOINTING

You have heard the statement, "I don't follow man". Refute this statement with scriptural support.

In Malachi God said that He would send Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord. Why did God not send Elisha, afterall, Elisha had a greater anointing than Elijah?

Elisha moved from Abel Meholah to 4 locations viz. GILGAL, BETHEL, JERICHO, AND JORDAN. What

are the meanings of these places and what truths do these places convey to those pursuing the anointing in terms of migration?

What defects are displayed by the prophets of Elijah?

What are the 2 signs of an emerging Elisha anointing?

Explain the significance of Elisha tearing his own mantle.

ANSWERS – THE ELIJAH ANOINTING

PART 1

Elijah is a sent prophet. An apostle is a sent one. Thus Elijah represents the apostolic prophetic dimension of the anointing.

2. The Great Day is the first coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Dreadful day is the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

4.

Mal 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 will turn the hearts of 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.

5. Jesus does not teach reincarnation. The scriptures declare:

Heb 9:27

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

Matt 11:14

"And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come.(NKJ)

John 1:21

And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."(NKJ)

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.

6. FIRST MANIFESTATION – THE MAN ELIJAH

SECOND MANIFESTATION – JOHN THE BAPTIST

THIRD MANIFESTATION – BONAFIDE LEADERS OF LOCAL CHURCHES i.e. SET MEN. THIS 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 2:20

20 "Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls

herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.
(NKJ)

PART 2

1. It 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(remember, John was a man sent from God-John 1:6) :

John 1:7

The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.(KJV)

John 3:30

"He must increase, but I must decrease.(NKJ)

Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."(NKJ)

Jesus is the ultimate focus. Ministry under the Elijah mantle causes men to cling to Him. 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.

2. 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

24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.(NKJ)

This operating system is intended to manifest heaven on earth -

Matt 6:10

10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

(NKJ)

It is in this realm that you behold his glory, are transformed into His likeness and manifest His will on the earth.

THIS IS THE THIRD DAY POSITION(third day from the cross), OPERATING FROM THE THIRD ROOM – THAT IS PROPHETICALLY TYPIFIED BY THE ARK OF THE COVENANT IN THE MOST HOLY PLACE.

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

TABLETS OF THE LAW - walking in revelation.

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.

AARON'S ROD – God appointment and favour, legitimate call demonstrated by fruitfulness.

SHEKINAH GLORY - the voice of God. When you know the voice of God, you will know His perfect will.

CROWN OF THE ARK – king-priest ministry. Although a priest you will rule as a king in the midst of your enemies.

4 CORNERS AND 4 RINGS – the message and penetration is global.

GOLD - divine nature manifested in "Ark of the Covenant"/ third day believers.

3. There is the word of the Lord and the word of His servants. Rain was attributed to Baal. By declaring a drought, Elijah was intimating 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.(NKJ)

The word proclaimed by his servants have creative or destructive force. Jesus gives clarity on this kind of declaration.

Mark 11:23

23 "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says.

(NKJ)

Job 22:28

You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; so light will shine on your ways.(NKJ)

The centurion understood this.

Matt 8:8

8 The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.(NKJ)

Paul and Peter also operated in declaration.

Acts 13:11-12

11 "And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.(NKJ)

Acts 3:6

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)

4. Both have the word of the Lord - the proceeding word(the now word, the applicable word, the rhema(Greek), the dabar(Hebrew).

IKing 17:2

2 Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,(NKJ)

Luke 3:2

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.

5. 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 duplicate 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.

6. Discerning genuine apostolic-prophetic ministry.

IKing 17:21-24

21 And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him."

22 Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.

23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to

his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!"

Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth."(NKJ)

Under genuine apostolic-prophetic ministry 2 things happen:-

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. The Bible calls maturity perfection.

Heb 6:1

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.

1 Cor 13:11

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)

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.

7. Ahab means uncle.

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. The heart of this ministry is intimacy between leadership and congregation. It is in the context of this culture that impartation and maturity occurs.

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

CHARACTERISTICS OF AN AHAB HOUSE(CHURCH):

It has an "uncle spirit", not a father spirit.

Jezebel is in charge. Obadiah thinks he is in charge, but he is under Ahab's control and Ahab is under Jezebel's control.

It has no spring or brook (1Kings 18:5). It has no Spirit.

It has no grass (1 Kings 18:5). It has no word to nourish God's people.

The strong survive at the expense of the weak. (The livestock are killed to keep the horses and mules alive(1Kings 18:5)

It will not gain access to the Elijah anointing – the apostolic-prophetic 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) The House of Ahab considers Elijah a troublemaker (1Kings 18:17). 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.

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 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, I think he should have resigned and asked Ahab to take charge of his own house.

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 renunciation of amalgamation of good and evil or light and darkness. The Apostle James demanded the same kind of commitment.

James 3:11-12

11 Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening?

12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring can yield both salt water and fresh.(NKJ)

12. 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.

I Jn 5:18

We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.(NKJ)

The Blood deals with sin. It is in the context of a sin-cleansed life that we have victory over the devil.

I Jn 1:7-9

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.(NKJ)

The prince of this world can find nothing in a clean vessel-no door for access.

John 14:30

"I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.(NKJ)

In the Old Testament the life of the flesh was in the blood.

Lev 17:11

'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'(NKJ)

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. 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.

14. Water is symbolic of the Word of God.

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

And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.(NKJ)

The Elijah company know how to say "it is written".

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.

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 constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.(NKJ)

1Thes 5:17

pray without ceasing(NKJ)

1 Sam 12:23

"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way.(NKJ)

Also see Luke 18:1-7 and 1 Kings 18:42,43

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.

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

Migration from manifestation to the voice of God. Mt. Sinai(Horeb) is the site of manifestation.

Heb 12:18-20

18 For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest,

19 and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore.

20 (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow."(NKJ)

Heb 12:22-25

22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,

23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things

than that of Abel.

25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven.(NKJ)

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 to access the voice of God.

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."

LEAVE, FOLLOW AND SERVE.

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 that must be abandoned by those who desire the apostolic prophetic mantle.

FOLLOW

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

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

There are several examples of man/men following man:

1.1 Elisha followed Elijah.

II Ki 2:2

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, I will not leave you!" So they went down to Bethel.(NKJ)

II Ki 2:4

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, I will not leave you!" So they came to Jericho.(NKJ)

II Ki 2:6

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)

The Israelites committed themselves to follow Joshua as they followed Moses.

Josh 1:16-17

16 And they answered Joshua, saying, "All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

17 "Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you. Only the LORD your God be with you, as He was with Moses.(NKJ)

1.3 Gideon's army had to follow Gideon.

Judg 7:17-18

17 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)

Paul called on the Corinthian Church to follow him.

1 Cor 11:1

1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.
(KJV)

God's method is a man. God struck Paul blind on the road to Damascus. God sent a man Ananias to deliver him from blindness (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. 1 Cor 11:1

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 (2 Sam. 11:15-18). There is personal responsibility for every believer to discern that the person he is following is a man of God, a "sent one".

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.

ABEL MEHOLAH - MOURNING OF DANCING

GILGAL - ROLLING : A WHEEL

JERICHO - PLACE OF FRAGRANCE

JORDAN - DESCENDING

(see Nelson's Bible Dictionary/ Dictionary of Scripture Proper Names - J.B. Jackson)

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.

GILGAL - ROLLING

(SEE JOSH.5)

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. You are following because of the purposes of God.

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 of eating unleavened bread.

Feed on the set man's revelation - the word of God.

It was the place where Agag was slain (1Sam . 15:33). Saul failed to obey clear instructions from the man of God. 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

Then the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." Therefore the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day.(NKJ)

3.3 BETHEL - HOUSE OF GOD

The house of God for you that 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).

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.

JERICO - 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.

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.

DEFECTS OF 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).

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

SIGNS OF AN EMERGING ELISHA ANOINTING:

Elisha knew of the many counterfeits. He wanted to make sure that he had the right God (2 Kings 2:14). This demonstrates that he was following Elijah because of Elijah's God.

He split Jordan in two - the anointing to rightly divide the Word of God.

TEARING OF THE MANTLE (2 Kings 2:12)

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