

The Transfiguration of Jesus Mark 9:2-10

What is significance of Moses & Elijah on a Mountain with Jesus?

1) As Representative for Fulfilling 'Law & Prophets'?

Matthew 5:17 "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."

Matthew 7:12 "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the law and the prophets."

Matthew 22:40 "The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Luke 18:31 Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem and everything written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.

Luke 24:27 "Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures."

Luke 16:16 "The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John; since that time the gospel of the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.

Luke 24:44 "He said to them, "This is what I told you, while I was still with you, that all things which are written in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms, concerning me must be fulfilled.""

John 1:45 "Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth."

Acts 13:38-40 "You must know, my brothers, that through him forgiveness of sins is being proclaimed to you, and in regard to everything from which you could not be justified under the law of Moses, in him every believer is justified. Be careful, then, that what was said in the prophets not come about:

Acts 24:14 "Paul said, "But this I do admit to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our ancestors and I believe everything that is in accordance with the law and written in the prophets."

Acts 28:23 "From early morning until evening, he (Paul) expounded his position to them (Rome), bearing witness to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus from the law of Moses and the prophets."

Romans 3:21 "But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, though testified to by the law and the prophets."

An Interesting Note about the Holy Scriptures of Jewish Believers (Old Testament - Tanakh)

Torah-T Nevi'im- N Ketuvim-K TNK- Tanakh (Three Sections)

- 1) Torah: The Books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.
- 2) Nevi'im (Prophets): The Books of Joshua, Judges, I Samuel, II Samuel, I Kings, II Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habukkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.
- 3) Ketuvim (Writings): The Books of Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Daniel, Ezra and Nehemiah, I Chronicles, and II Chronicles.

2) As Validating 'Witnesses' of God's Claim 'My Son' Fulfilled?

Malachi 3:22-23 "Remember the law of Moses my servant, whom I charged at Horeb with statutes and ordinances for all Israel. Now I am sending to you Elijah the prophet, Before the day of the LORD comes, the great and terrible day;"

Amos 3:7 "(Indeed, the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets.)" THE PROPHETS KNOW!

Revelation 11:3-4, 6 "I will commission my two witnesses to prophesy for those twelve hundred and sixty days, wearing sackcloth." These are the **two olive trees** and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. If anyone wants to harm them, fire comes out of their mouths and devours their enemies. In this way, anyone wanting to harm them is sure to be slain. They have the power to close up the sky so that no rain can fall during the time of their prophesying. They also have power to turn water into blood and to afflict the earth with any plague as often as they wish."

Verse 12 "Then they heard a loud voice from heaven say to them, "Come up here." So they went up to heaven in a cloud as their enemies looked on.."

Transfiguration on Mount—Come up stand with God, in heavenly cloud

Moses and Plague of Water turn to Blood--Exodus 7:20 "So Moses and Aaron did even as the LORD had commanded. And he lifted up the staff and struck the water that was in the Nile, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants, and all the water that was in the Nile was turned to blood."

Elijah Causes Rain-- 1 Kings 18:1 "Now it happened after many days that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the face of the earth."

Two Witnesses required substantiating promise or claim!

Deuteronomy 19:15 "One witness alone shall not stand against someone in regard to any crime or any offense that may have been committed; a charge shall stand only on the testimony of two or three witnesses."

Matthew 18:20 "For **where two or three** are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Jesus sent out apostles on mission two by two (Mark 6:7"send them out two by two")

Two Olive Trees referring to Jewish and Gentile Believers as One in Christ

Romans 11:24-25 "For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated one, how much more will they who belong to it by nature be grafted back into their own olive tree. (verse 25 goes into wild tree being like Gentiles that are incorporated into or grafted into Judaism and its Covenant)

3) Are Moses & Elijah, types of Resurrection Figures?

Deuteronomy 34:5 "And **Moses** the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is."

2 Kings 2:10-11 "Elijah replied, "You have asked something that is not easy. Still, if you see me taken up from you, your wish will be granted; otherwise not." As they walked on still conversing, a fiery chariot and fiery horses came between the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind..."

Baptism-Transfiguration-Resurrection (Detail of two figures at resurrection-Moses, Elijah!)

Transfiguration stands between Two Points of Light - Baptism and Resurrection

Mark 1: 9-11 "It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Transfiguration Today Mark 9:2-10 (9:3 "his clothes became dazzling white"

Mark 16:4-8 "When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, **clothed in a white robe**, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.' Then they went out and fled from the tomb, **seized with trembling and bewilderment.**"

Relation to 40 Days (Jesus in desert Mark 1:13) as Retreat Encounter with Living God

Exodus 34:28 (also Exodus 24:18) "Moses was there with the LORD for **forty days** and forty nights, without eating any food or drinking any water, and he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten words."

1 Kings 19:8 "He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked **forty days** and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb" and verse 11 "the LORD said: Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will pass by."

Jesus in the desert 40 days pre-ministry (Matthew 4:2; Mark 1:13; Luke 4:1-2) *Early Church prayed with Jesus after Resurrection 40 days, and before Ascension*

Acts 1:3 "Jesus presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during **forty days** and speaking about the kingdom of God."

Other Significant 40 day periods

Numbers 32:13 "the Lord made them wander in the wilderness forty years"

Genesis 7:12 "For forty days and forty nights heavy rain poured down on the earth"

Jonah 3:4 Jonah preached, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be overthrown"

1 Kings 2:11 "David was king over Israel for forty years" (also 2 Sam 5:4)

1 Kings 11:42 "Solomon was king in Jerusalem over all Israel for forty years."

God lets the land rest for forty year periods several times in OT

Judges 3:11 "So the land was at rest for forty years.." Also see Judges 3:30; 5:31; 8:28.