



THE BOOK OF

MALACHI

A verse by verse study

Malachi Speaks Today!

- God has delivered us from our captivity
- Do we now think we can just live and worship in the way we please?
- Have we become apathetic?
- Have we entered into mixed marriages with the things of this world?
- Have we withheld from God that which we should have given Him?
- Maybe God is speaking to us one last time before our 'big day'?

Malachi - Overview

- Introduction 1:1
- God's unchanging love for His own 1:2-5
- The total failure of the priests 1:6-2:9
 - The priests should preserve knowledge!
- Their failure to value covenants 2:10-16
 - Their covenant with God, symbolised by the covenant of marriage
- The Messiah's coming in judgment 2:17-3:6
- Israel's sin yet future restoration 3:7-18
- The coming & mission of Elijah 4:1-5

Malachi

- Key phrase: “you say...” x12
 - “how shall we return to the LORD?” 3:7
 - They have become so absorbed into the world that they had forgotten their way home – even worse, they had made this world their home
 - “how have we robbed You?” 3:8
 - In tithes and offerings – that which should have been given over and consecrated to the LORD
 - “what have we said about God?” 3:13
 - They had been arrogant and presumed to speak about God – thinking they know Him
 - “It’s vain to serve God” 3:14
 - “You need to be sensible, God doesn’t expect you to do that... you should slow down...”



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Chapter 3

¹ Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 3:1

- The messenger = John the Baptist

- 7 And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?
- 8 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.
- 9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

Matthew 11:9-10

10 For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

Matthew 11:10

13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

14 And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.

15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Matthew 11:13-15

- Was John the Baptist Elijah come again?

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

19 And **this is the record of John**, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. **Art thou that prophet?** And he answered, No.

Deut 18:18

John 1:19-21

The Messenger

- John was the promised herald announcing the coming of the Messiah
- He came in the spirit and power of Elijah
- ...yet he was not Elijah reincarnated
- The prophecy regarding Elijah has yet to be fulfilled
- The Jews expected both Elijah and 'that prophet' to return before 'the Day of The Lord'
 - Each Passover an empty chair is left for Elijah!

11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Matthew 11:11

- The Old Testament concluded with John
- Jesus reveals here that God was going to do a new thing...
- The Church!

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Malachi 3:1

- This prophecy begins with the coming of John ...
- But then omits the 1st coming and 'church age' jumps straight to the 2nd Coming in power and glory!

2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

Malachi 3:2-3

- In the previous chapter the sons of Levi had been rebuked for breaking their covenant with the LORD
- Here God restores them!

4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 3:4-5

- Righteousness will prevail throughout the earth!

6 For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Malachi 3:6

- It is because of God's faithfulness that Israel are not destroyed for their iniquity..
 - It is the same for us!

A God of Mercy

¹ Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Psalm 115:1

A God of Mercy

- ⁹ For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.
- ¹⁰ Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.
- ¹¹ For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.

Isaiah 48:9-11

7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts.

8 But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God?

Yet ye have robbed me.

But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee?

In tithes and offerings.

Malachi 3:7-8

- God says 'Return'...
- Israel say 'what do you mean, 'return'?'

Tithes & Offerings

- It had been because Israel had robbed God of every seventh year that they had brought upon themselves the 70-year Babylonian captivity (2 Chron 36:21)
- It had been because they had offered sacrifices to idols that God had brought judgment upon them
- They had become so desensitized to the things of God they couldn't see the offense they had caused to God

Tithes & Offerings

- Typically, 10% was given as a tithe
 - But this was of all their increase
 - The tithe of the land
 - The tithe of the herd
 - The tithe of the flock
 - The tithe of the corn / seed / wine / oil /
 - *“that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always”* Deut 14:23

Tithes & Offerings

²⁸ At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates:

Deuteronomy 14:28

Tithes & Offerings

²³ Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Matthew 23:23

Tithes & Offerings

42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Luke 11:42

Stop! Thief!

“At the end of the service, rather than giving the benediction, I want to cry out ‘Stop! Thief!’”

J Vernon McGee



- Do you come to church to take or give?
- When you leave church on Sunday, have you brought your offering before the throne?
- ...or have you found that bringing an offering is just too costly for you?
 - Pareto Law: 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people

9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Malachi 3:9-10

- Some cite this as a unique 'dare' on God's part...
- Yet this promise of blessing for obedience is echoed throughout scripture...

Blessed is the man...

- Psalm 1:1
 - ...that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly
- Psalm 32:2
 - ...in whose spirit there is no guile
- Psalm 34:8
 - ...whose strength is in Thee
- Psalm 84:12
 - ...that trusteth in Thee
- Psalm 112:1
 - That fears the Lord and delights greatly in his commandments
- Psalm 119:1
 - ...Blessed are the undefiled in the way
- Psalm 119:2
 - ...who walks in the Law of the LORD

The Spiritual Laws

- You sow what you reap
 - If you sow to the flesh, you will reap corruption
 - If you sow to the Spirit, you will reap everlasting life
- Obedience brings blessing
- Disobedience brings chastisement
 - See Deuteronomy 28

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 3:11-12

Haggai's Challenge

³ Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

⁴ Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?

⁵ Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

Haggai 1:3-5

Haggai's Challenge

⁶ Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

Haggai 1:6

Haggai's Challenge

⁹ Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

Haggai 1:9

13 Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee?

14 Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts?

15 And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.

Malachi 3:13-15

16 Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.

17 And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

Malachi 3:16-18

The Bema Seat

- 10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.
- 11** Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

2 Corinthians 5:10-11



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Chapter 4

¹ For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

² But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Malachi 4:1-2

- Fire and burning are consistent idioms of the coming Tribulation
 - See Daniel ch3 / Matt 13:30; 40-43

3 And ye shall tread down the wicked;
for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet
in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts.

4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which
I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the
statutes and judgments.

Malachi 4:3-4

- Malachi reminds us of Moses... who gave the Law
- This is the first of two significant OT characters Malachi will reference

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

Malachi 4:5

- There is a curious relationship between Moses and Elijah.
- Together they represent the counsel of God to man... the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah)
- For something to be established it requires two witnesses! **Deut 17:6 / 19:15**

Two Witnesses

¹⁵ ...at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

Deuteronomy 19:15

Moses & Elijah

3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

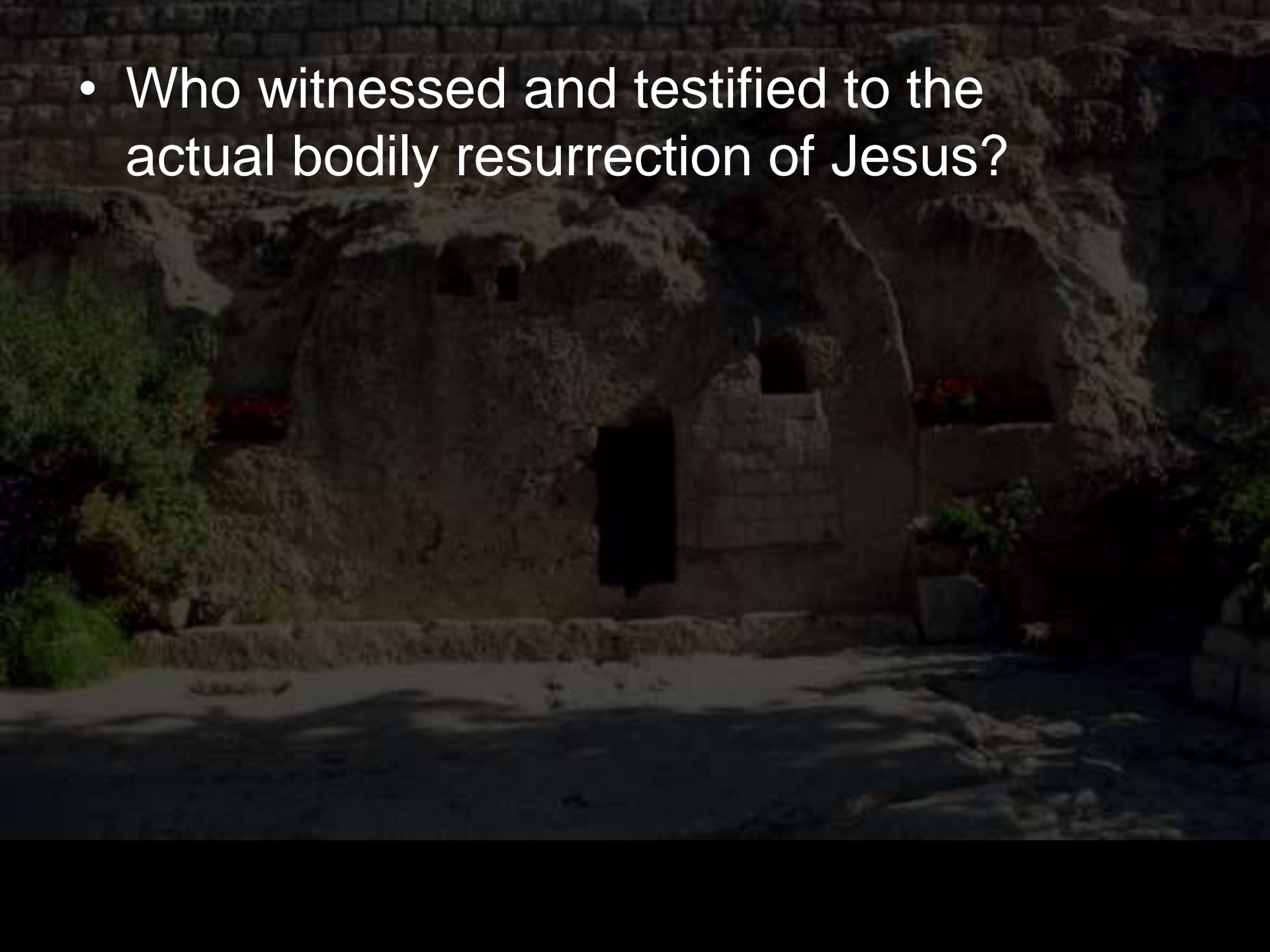
Matthew 17:3

Moses & Elijah

- 30 And, behold, there talked with him **two men** which were Moses and Elias:
- 31 **Who appeared in glory** and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.
- 32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the **two men** that stood with him.

Luke 9:30-32

- Who witnessed and testified to the actual bodily resurrection of Jesus?



Moses & Elijah

- At the garden tomb...

³⁰ And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, **two men** stood by them in shining garments:

Luke 24:4

Moses & Elijah

- At the ascension...

³⁰ And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, **two men** stood by them in white apparel

Luke 24:4

The Law and the Prophets

- 27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:
- 29 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.
- 29 Abraham saith unto him, They have **Moses and the prophets**; let them hear them.

Luke 16:27-29

'Without Excuse'

- God has given His two witnesses: 'Law & the Prophets
- The **Law** convicts men - **Psalm 19:7**
- The **Prophets** convince men
- All men are without excuse if they reject God

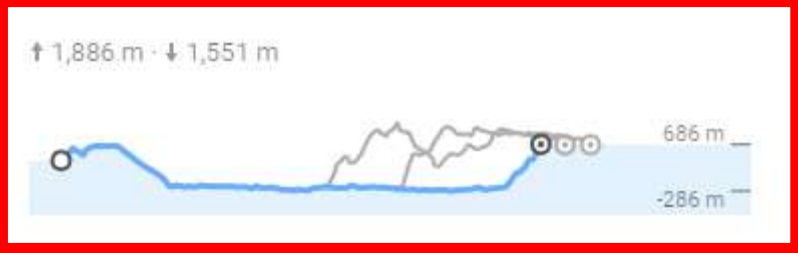
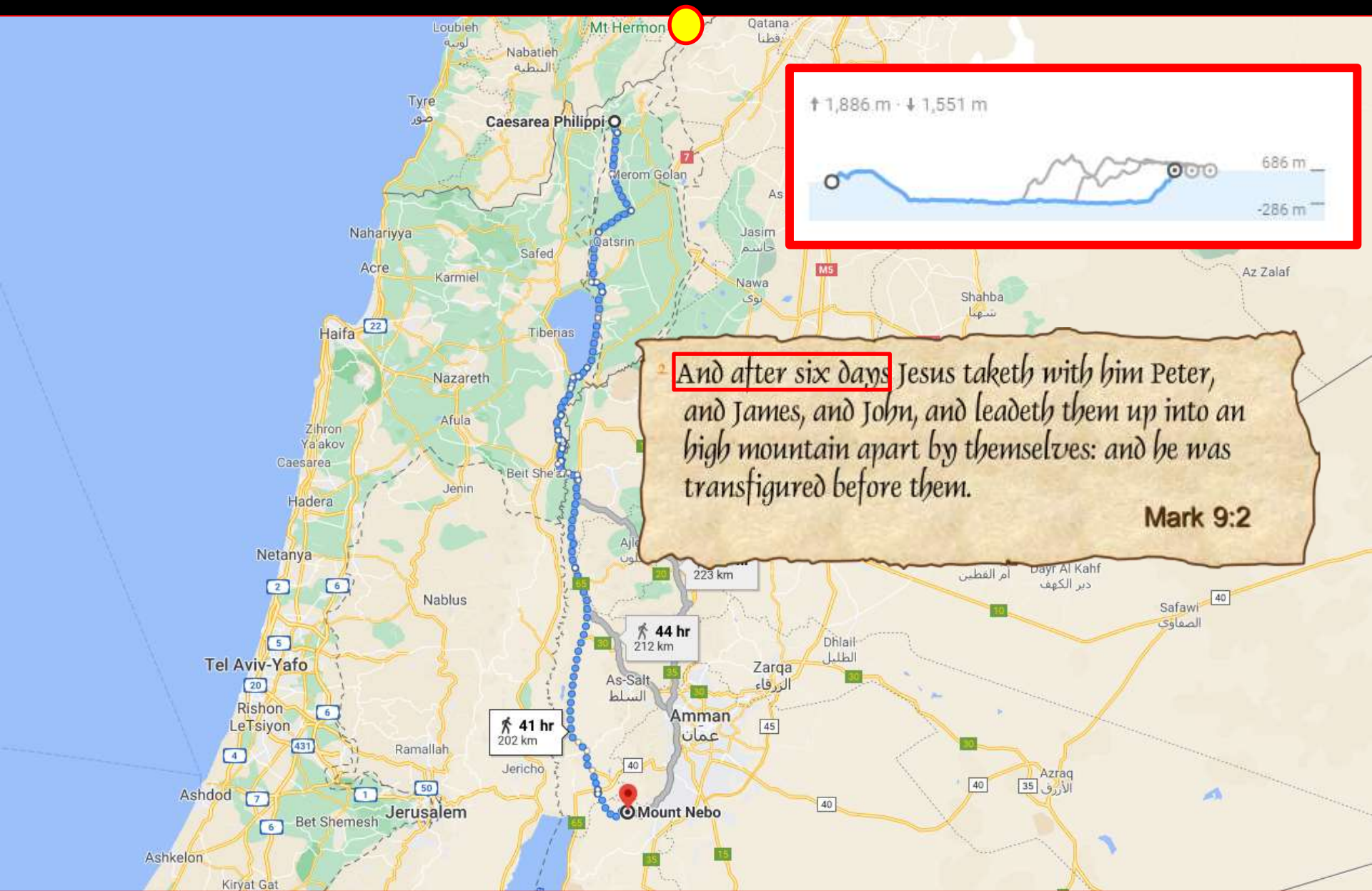
- What is significant about Moses and Elijah?
- The manner of their 'deaths'

Mt Hermon or... Mt Nebo

¹ And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an **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.

Matthew 17:1-2



And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

Mark 9:2

41 hr
202 km

44 hr
212 km

Mount Nebo

Mt Nebo

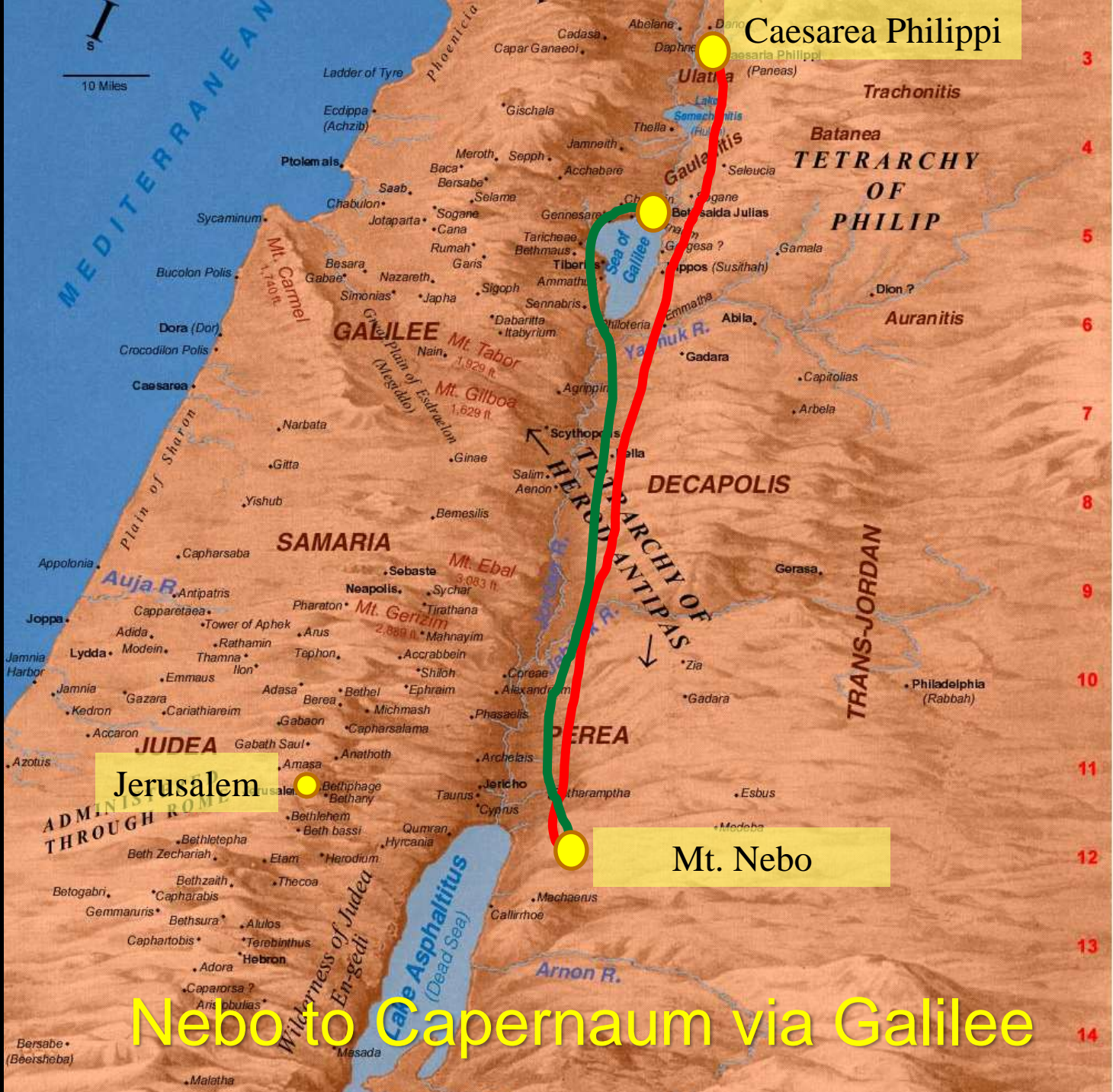
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Luke 9:30-31

*“And they departed thence, and **passed through Galilee**... **And he came to Capernaum**”* (Mark 9:30,33)





Caesarea Philippi

Jerusalem

Mt. Nebo

Nebo to Capernaum via Galilee

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Moses & Elijah

- Both Moses & Elijah ended their 'time on earth' at Mt Nebo
- Elijah was Raptured...
- Moses was 'buried by the LORD'
- Both men are 'called out of retirement' to meet Jesus on the same mountain... overlooking Jerusalem

The Rapture of Elijah

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.

2 Kings 2:11

The Death of Moses

5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

7 And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

Deuteronomy 34:5-7

The Death of Moses

9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Jude v9

Two Witnesses

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

4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

Revelation 11:3-6

Two Witnesses

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.

Revelation 11:3-6

- The miracles are specifically those done by Moses & Elijah
- Moses and Elijah will both return before the Great Tribulation (Day of the Lord)

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.

Malachi 4:5-6

- It may well be the ministry of Moses and Elijah during the first 3 ½ years of the Tribulation that convert 144,000 Jews
- They will be a witness to the world
- They will be killed , resurrected and then raptured (again?)



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