

## **Why Were Enoch & Elijah Spared The Penalty of Sin: Death?**

### **Are Enoch & Elijah The Two Witnesses in Revelation 11?**

#### **Genesis 5:21-24**

Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. <sup>22</sup>Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had *other* sons and daughters. <sup>23</sup>So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. <sup>24</sup>Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

#### **Hebrews 11:5**

By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.

#### **Jude 1:14-15**

*It was* also about these men *that* Enoch, *in* the seventh *generation* from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, <sup>15</sup>to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

#### **2 Kings 2:1-14**

And it came about when the LORD was about to take up Elijah by a whirlwind to heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here please, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>Then the sons of the prophets who *were at* Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?” And he said, “Yes, I know; be still.” <sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, “Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The sons of the prophets who *were at* Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be still.” <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” And he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Now fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood opposite *them* at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Elijah took his mantle and folded it together and struck the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground. <sup>9</sup>When they had crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.” <sup>10</sup>He said, “You have asked a hard thing. *Nevertheless*, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be *so*.” <sup>11</sup>As they were going along and talking, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire and horses of fire which separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha saw *it* and cried out, “My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw Elijah no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. <sup>13</sup>He also took up the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and returned and stood by the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup>He took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and struck the waters and said, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” And when he also had struck the waters, they were divided here and there; and Elisha crossed over.

### **Malachi 4:1-6**

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze,” says the LORD of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.”<sup>2</sup> But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.<sup>3</sup> You will tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing,” says the LORD of hosts.<sup>4</sup> “Remember the law of Moses My servant, *even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel.* <sup>5</sup>Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>He will restore the hearts of the fathers to *their* children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.”

### **Matthew 17:1-13**

Six days later Jesus \*took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and \*led them up on a high mountain by themselves.<sup>2</sup> And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light.<sup>3</sup> And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.<sup>4</sup> Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!”<sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard *this*, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified.<sup>7</sup> And Jesus came to *them* and touched them and said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.”<sup>8</sup> And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone.<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.”<sup>10</sup> And His disciples asked Him, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”<sup>11</sup> And He answered and said, “Elijah is coming and will restore all things; <sup>12</sup>but I say to you that Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they wished. So also the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.”<sup>13</sup> Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about John the Baptist.

### **Revelation 11:3-13**

“And I will grant *authority* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”<sup>4</sup> These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.<sup>5</sup> And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.<sup>6</sup> These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.<sup>7</sup> When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.<sup>8</sup> And their dead bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.<sup>9</sup> Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations *will* look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.<sup>10</sup> And those who dwell on the earth *will* rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.<sup>11</sup> But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.<sup>12</sup> And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them.<sup>13</sup> And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

### **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. <sup>15</sup>For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore comfort one another with these words.