



# Watching & Ready Column (Matthew 24:42-44)

*“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near; at the doors.” Mark 13:28-29*

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### Rapture – Horror Movie?

*“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood is not able to inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.” 1st Corinthians 15:50*

**Reader Question:** “I was listening to a Baptist Pastor and I thought he had an interesting point. Wanted to get your opinion, he says when the rapture happens we get a new body and the Bible clearly says flesh and blood in this world can not enter heaven. He said he has a position unlike the movies like left behind, when the rapture happens we will leave our current bodies and the clothes of our body will be drenched in our blood on the ground because our blood in our bodies are left behind. He said image that picture how horrifying that will be for people to potentially see. Our clothes will drop on the ground we will fly in the sky towards heaven and our former bodies flesh will be gone but every person 6 pints of blood will be on the ground. He said this will look like a horror movie to the lost.

I found this very interesting. Would like your opinion.

He said plus those who awake during the rapture seeing them briefly walk. He said imagine being in a church and he said you see people all around you disappearing in front of your eyes and the pulpits are covered with stained blood? I have never heard this before. I thought it was very interesting.

He said our soul is in our blood like the VW says which I have always agreed. He said but if you think he theorized he says the blood of our bodies will be left on the ground when the pre-tribulation rapture occurs.

When our souls enter a new glorified body. Because he says our blood, DNA is sinful so that will be left behind.

He even used an analogy imagine going to a true Christian Church like a Fundamental Baptist Church and he said let’s be generous – 80% of them are saved while attending church. Imagine seeing clothes of the ground covered in blood. He said that would be horrifying to many people. He said the average person has 6 pints of blood. He said it would look like a war zone.”

**(Editor: Further Reader Follow-up)**

Ok thanks, I found it interesting stand point. He had more verses I will need to look at my notes. But I found that interesting. He

said when a person dies the blood stays in the body and it dries up and goes into the ground (decaying) he said why? Because the

soul left the blood (life is removed) he said theoretically if we leave our bodies with our souls our flesh would vanish and the blood would decay. I find that interesting when he said when we will be changed in a moment of an eye. He said God requires a blood sacrifice that is why the blood of Jesus saves (sinless – Blood) he said when we leave that blood stays because our soul is put in a new body. Thereby the blood dies in us as humans.

Just let me know, I find this interesting. If we took only 1% of the global human population and declared them saved base on current human population globally that would equal 840,000,000 pints of blood all over the world when the rapture happens – our bodies are changed (blood left???) and the dead in Christ rises while we float up in the air. This would look like an alien invasion with an attack on the globe. That is theorizing only 1% of the entire population being saved. That is using 10.5 pints of blood. Not 6” **(Editor: sic via series of text messages...)**

Certainly an interesting concept, one that I have never heard of before. Let’s take a look at what we can gather from the Word of God to regarding such an ordeal.

*“For we brought nothing into this world, and it is evident that we can carry nothing out.” 1st Timothy 6:7*

*“Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell down upon the ground and prostrated himself; and he said: Naked I have come from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. Jehovah has given, and Jehovah has taken away; blessed is the name of Jehovah.” Job 1:20-21*

So to begin, let’s address the two people who were ‘caught away’ or Raptured by God throughout all of history, Enoch and Elijah.

*“And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God carried him away.” Genesis 5:24*

*“By faith Enoch was translated so that he did not see death, and was not found, because God had translated him; for before he was translated he had this testimony, that he pleased God.” Hebrews 11:5*

Pay close attention regarding Enoch to what it says in *Hebrews 11:5* ‘was not found’. God had ‘carried him away’ or ‘translated him’.

*“2Ki 2:1 And it came to pass, when Jehovah was about to take Elijah up into Heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah and Elisha went from Gilgal.*

*2Ki 2:2 Then Elijah said to Elisha, Stay here, please, for Jehovah has sent me on to Bethel. But Elisha said, As Jehovah lives, and*

as your soul lives, I will not leave you! So they went down to Bethel.

2Ki 2:3 And the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, Do you know that Jehovah will take away your master from over you today? And he said, Yes, I know; keep silent!

2Ki 2:4 Then Elijah said to him, Elisha, stay here, please, for Jehovah has sent me on to Jericho. But he said, As Jehovah lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you! So they came to Jericho.

2Ki 2:5 And the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, Do you know that Jehovah will take away your master from over you today? And he answered, Yes, I know; keep silent!

2Ki 2:6 Then Elijah said to him, Stay here, please, for Jehovah has sent me on to the Jordan. But he said, As Jehovah lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you! So the two of them went on.

2Ki 2:7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood in view of them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan.

2Ki 2:8 And Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

2Ki 2:9 And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, Ask! What shall I do for you, before I am taken away from you? And Elisha said, Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.

2Ki 2:10 And he said, You have asked a hard thing. If you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so.

2Ki 2:11 And it happened as they continued on and talked, that behold, a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into Heaven.

2Ki 2:12 And Elisha was watching and crying 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.

2Ki 2:13 He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.

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

2Ki 2:15 And when the sons of the prophets from Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah rests upon Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him.

2Ki 2:16 And they said to him, Behold now, there are fifty strong men with your servants. Please let them go and search for your master, lest perhaps the Spirit of Jehovah has taken him up and cast him upon some mountain or into some valley. And he said, You shall not send.

2Ki 2:17 And when they pressed him till he was ashamed, he said, Send! So they sent fifty men, and they searched for three days but did not find him.

2Ki 2:18 And when they came back to him (for he had stayed in Jericho), he said to them, Did I not say to you, Do not go?"

Now these two accounts are the only two accounts recorded in the Bible, both of Old Testament saints, that did not see death, but God 'raptured' them out of this world. I left the verses numbers

up talking about Elijah, so that we might take a look and see what truths that we might be able to glean to not only perhaps for our curiosity of what might happen for those of us who are Saved when the Rapture occurs (1 Thes. 4:16-18), but also to try and address this concept of a 'horror movie' type-rapture that this Baptist preacher is suggesting.

I recall Paul Becker (A Voice in the Wilderness ministry) wondering if the clothing that would be left behind after the Rapture would still have some sort of 'shape' left to it. Perhaps a little puffiness in the legs of the jeans that would still show some sort of 'shape'. Would not the socks still be in the shoes, etc.?

My line of thought regarding such things has always been that once the Rapture happens the clothing will be left where the Believer was, never once had I considered otherwise. Those two opening verses to this answer would have been the basis. Let's take a look at what we can from Enoch and Elijah, considering those two verses.

First in 1st Timothy 6:7, it says 'we can carry nothing out' and the we will go ahead to Job 1:21 'naked shall I return there'.

So I had mentioned to pay close attention to Hebrews 11:5 where the Bible says of Enoch 'was not found'. Were there people searching for Enoch, wondering 'where' he went or if he was really 'caught up' by God?

Certainly seems like this is the case and we can see from Elijah being 'caught up' that even the 'sons of the prophets' asked Elisha to go and search (verse 16) 'lest perhaps the Spirit of Jehovah has taken him up and cast him upon some mountain or into some valley'.

After Elisha was pressed he allowed them to send the search party. What was their result 'and they searched for three days but did not find him'.

Now if both people had been searched for, that being Enoch and Elijah, after they were 'caught up' then we have nothing recorded of any 'evidence' being found regarding their search.

Oh...here my lord, here is one of Elijah's sandals that must have fallen off, oh...here is his 'fill in the blank'. No...there is nothing recorded of any evidence of anything being found -except- that which Elijah was 'carrying' and was NOT ABLE to carry it out (1 Tim. 6:7).

Speaking of Elisha:

"He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan." verse 14

Had Elisha left the mantle on the ground, then certainly the search party would have reported that they had found it. Also would they have even 'searched' if all of the clothing, soaked in blood was left on the ground?

This pastor asks what the world will think, a war zone, a horror movie, etc., regarding the blood all over. We can also think of the suggestion from this pastor of the altar stained with blood, as well

as the pews, well something just doesn't seem right about such a concept.

*"Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed; in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." 1st Corinthians 15:51-52*

Continuing on with the next two verses of *1st Corinthians*, after the verse that opened prior to this reader question and we can see that we are learning of a 'mystery'.

This 'mystery' is not yet unveiled and guess what, we will not be able to 'guess' or to know exactly what is going to occur at the Rapture. It could very well be that those clothes will be left behind as a testimony to the world of what had just occurred, but we should also note that there is no evidence that the clothing was left behind when Enoch and Elijah were Raptured, though we do see that Elijah was able to carry nothing out.

With that we must also note that there is absolutely no kernel of truth in the two examples that we have of blood soaked clothing being left behind. Once again, let's go back to that 'mystery' of which it will remain a mystery, 'we shall all be changed' is in the next verse, after that opening one that this Baptist preacher uses as his evidence for this theory.

Who is to say that God doesn't just 'change' that 'flesh and blood' into 'flesh and bones'?

*"Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." Luke 24:39*

We are not going to have all of the 'answers' but with the way the world is looking, we will not have to wait long to find out. Are you ready? Are you watching?

Don't expect any 'blood' to be left behind. I would imagine that the world would declare that to be a massive 'crime' scene and just what would all of these 'government' authorities do once they had collected the DNA (blood) samples from the 'crime scenes'? Where would that evidence go?

Well I suspect that will not be an issue and whether or not our clothes are left in a neat pile where we were sitting/standing/laying or whether or not perhaps the coffee pot is left on, the cookies in the oven or in my case a vacuum cleaner running will perhaps be the small issue of the panic that should rightfully find anyone who will have heard an inkling of such 'mysteries' that the Bible speaks about, having realized that they will have been Left Behind!

Certainly there will be mass chaos ensuing, even though I bet that number of Believers Raptured is -much- less than anyone would suspect. Let me close my thoughts with this passage:

*"And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had*

*fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and were manifest to many." Matthew 27:50-53*

I suppose that the Rapture and what happens at the very moment will remain a mystery. There is possibly more than most have ever considered!

Amen!

### Moses – Disqualified from being one of the Two Witnesses?

*"And as it is appointed for men to die once, and after this the judgment,"... Hebrews 9:27*

I happened to a video of a 'brother' who was talking about the Two Witnesses and he gave that above verse for what honestly does appear to be a sound argument against that possibility. Let's take a peak back in history and see what the Bible says about this and then I am going to add another point to actual further why I would seemingly agree that Moses would not be qualified.

*"And Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And Jehovah showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western Sea, the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. And Jehovah said to him, This is the land of which I have sworn to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, I will give it to your seed. I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there. So Moses the servant of Jehovah died there in the land of Moab, according to the mouth of Jehovah. And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day." Deuteronomy 34:1-6*

Interesting indeed that God Himself buried Moses. I suppose there would probably be some who would make an argument against such a notion of Moses potentially being disqualified from the possibility of being one of the Two Witnesses, due to the following 'but no one knows his grave to this day' in the end of verse 6, but the Bible is quite clear in the same passage that 'Moses the servant of Jehovah died there'. Let's not allow an asterisk to be were there is no asterisk.

I thought about this for a bit after having heard his short video, of which I didn't finish as it did become clear that, despite what seemed to be sound teaching, turned into what was looking to be a post-tribulation Rapture error. Nonetheless, when thinking about this, I thought of yet another reason why I could agree with that statement about Moses not being one of the Two Witnesses.

In that same above passage you can also see that God says "I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Why?

*"Furthermore Jehovah was angry with me on account of your words, and swore that I would not cross over the Jordan, and that I would not enter the good land which Jehovah your God is giving to you as an inheritance. But I shall die in this land, I*

*shall not cross over the Jordan; but you shall cross over and possess that good land.” Deuteronomy 4:21-22*

If you are unaware of what happened take a look at *Numbers 20:10-13*. So the question would remain, until there is a new heaven and a new earth (*Rev. 21:1*), including a New Jerusalem (*Rev. 21:2*) would Moses still be under that same edict by God Almighty???

Well in all reality would it matter? Probably more so to someone of the post-tribulation point of view, but for those of you who appreciate these writings at AWS, you know that only a pretribulation Rapture is taught, no possibility of anything else.

Why are there many pastors who believe such things (especially Baptists), well they get it from the Transfiguration where Moses and Elijah appeared (*Matt. 17:1-9*). It was only several years ago that I even realized that there were a large group of pastors who thought it was Moses and Elijah. When I was younger, I just assumed it was likely Elijah and Enoch, because they didn't die, but were Raptured. Yet never once did that verse (*Hebrews 9:27*) enter my mind.

Interesting tidbits that seem to go hand and hand in this issue, yet God will unveil things in His own time. If you are on earth watching the Two Witnesses prophesy and preach in Jerusalem then you were Left Behind. If you are reading this prior to the Rapture and you are not Saved, there is still time to accept the free gift (*Ephesians 2:8-9*). Visit [allwillstand.org](http://allwillstand.org) and click on the Salvation link or the *What Jesus Did on the Cross* tract at the top of the page.

... “testifying both to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.” *Acts 20:21*

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### **Antichrist Temple – Two Witnesses**

“And I was given a reed like a staff. And the angel stood, saying, Arise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who do homage there. But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. And I will give to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.” *Revelation 11:1-3*

From *O’Timothy Magazine*:

“Speaking at an Arutz Sheva conference at King David Hotel in 2018, Hegseth said, “1948 was a miracle; 1967 was a miracle; 2017—the declaration of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel – was a miracle; and there is not reason why the miracle of the reestablishment of the temple on the Temple Mount is not possible. I don’t know how it would happen; but I know it could happen.”

**Taken from *Way of Life* ([wayoflife.org](http://wayoflife.org)); *David Cloud; Magazine – O’Timothy; December 2024***

This is President-Elect Trump’s Defense Secretary nomination . Interesting to note in those opening verses from *Revelation*. This

will be the Antichrist false temple built in Jerusalem, of which I am well aware (and you should be also) that there are many who are waiting to very quickly get it built fast and have the preparations for many years now.

“Today, we see Orthodox Jews in Israel preparing to rebuild the Temple. They have blueprints, ritual vessels, and the red heifer (*Num. 19:2*). We see the push for globalization and the desire for a competent leader who can unite the world. We see the call for governmental regulation over individual identities so that even what people buy or sell is controlled.”

***The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, Inc. - Israel My Glory, Magazine – The Signal Event of the Day of the Lord – Randall Price - January/February 2025***

If there was EVER a time to be watching and ready, this is it! Pay attention!

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### **Peace and Safety**

From *Israel My Glory Magazine*:

“Posttribulational. First, if there were a posttribulational Rapture at the end of the seven-year Tribulation, would people be rejoicing because they have “peace and safety”? The answer is no.”

Good point made here, the author also goes over the midtribulational and pre-wrath points of views and wraps up with the pretribulational viewpoint given here:

“Pretribulational. However, if there is a pretribulational Rapture that precedes the beginning of the Tribulation, also called Daniel’s 70th week, would people think they had peace and safety? Quite possibly.

Why? Because Scripture speaks of the signing of a peace treaty between the Roman prince (Antichrist) and the nation of Israel (*Dan. 9:27*). Hence, people, especially those in Israel, may well be rejoicing because they think they finally have secured peace.”

***The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, Inc. - Israel My Glory, Magazine – The ‘Peace and Safety’ Test – Mike Stallard - January/February 2025***

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### **Abase Three Kings**

“And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings; they shall rise, and another shall rise after them. And he shall be different from the first, and he shall abase three kings.” *Daniel 7:24*

In a nutshell, as these things have been discussed prior and are in *The End* book available on the website (plus for space as this issue is getting a bit large) the revived Roman Empire has ‘ten kings’.

Why? Because it appears is that the world is broken into ten regions. Now we have ‘another shall rise after them’, this would

seem to be the Antichrist. Well guess what, *'he shall abase three kings'*.

Now this is a –BIG- question and certainly this ministry is not saying these things are so. However, when you look at soon-to-be President Trump, who must be a suspect of being the Antichrist, who would then, with the research of Brandon, appear to truly be running the 'revived Roman Empire' right here, America, well guess what, in the world right now we have problems with *'three kings'*.

There are wars and rumors of wars that could certainly become major problems overnight. Right now Russia, China and Iran are going against the dominance of the United States and even trying to create a monetary system, that if left alone for a couple more years might actually work, called the BRICS to replace the United States control of the reserve currency of the world through our fiat Federal Reserve system.

Well, interesting times are ahead. Trump has repeatedly said that he will be able to get a peace deal with Russia and Ukraine within the first 24 hours of being in office. Perhaps? Perhaps not? However, I will be watching this one and I certainly don't necessarily dismiss such a claim.

*"And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering, indeed in order to conquer." Revelation 6:2*

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