



“2026 – The Year of the Mantle”

Sunday January 4, 2026

I. ***II Kings 2:1-15***

A. The Mantle....What it Is and What it can do

1. Robe, Covering, Outer Garment that is Specific in Purpose. Two Things the Mantle Represents: ***Identity and Power***
2. Understanding the O.T. laws is vital to receive the N.T. Promises...
 - Who is Elijah?
 - Who is Elisha?

B. Chosen By God.....to understand II Kings 2, we must understand ***I Kings 19:19-21***

1. Elijah was the great prophet...everyone knew who he was.
2. Elisha was chosen by Elijah by his own mantle. Elisha knew what this meant, but notice that He asked for time to bid his family farewell.
3. Bible Scholars agree that Elisha served Elijah for around 6 years before Elijah was taken into heaven.

C. The Double Portion Request.....and.... ***“Where is the Lord God of Elijah?”***

1. Elisha asked for the double portion for the task of the greater good....he knew the shoes he was about to fill, the mission at hand, and the requirement to fulfill that demand.
2. Elisha was only given this opportunity AFTER he did not waver or fall prey to distraction.
3. Elijah went up and the mantle came down. Once Elisha picked up the mantle....he picked up someone else’s identity and he knew it! He recognized the power of humility and submission when he asked this question... ***“Where is the Lord God of Elijah?”***
4. What did everyone notice about Elisha? The Spirit of ELIJAH rested on him.

II. ***Malachi 4:1-6*** (Bringing it all together)

A. The Return of Elijah

1. 2 days (2 different days) – Great Day and Dreadful day (when Jesus was born and when He returns).
2. John the Baptist – ***John 1:19-23 / Matthew 17:10-13***
 - John the Baptist did not know His Identity (He did not pick up the full mantle of God).
 - There is no record of anyone picking up the mantle after Elisha’s death; in other words, it was left (spiritually) for someone to pick it up; John picked it up partially.....because he prepared the way, but remember, the mantle

represents 2 things that John was missing in his life: Identity and Power
(There were no recorded miracles by John).

B. The Mantle and The Holy Spirit

1. Jesus was baptized by John and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. It was only after the Holy Spirit came upon Him, that miracles began to come forth.
2. When Jesus departed this earth, the Holy Spirit came down. Jesus said in **John 16:7** "*It is expedient....*" (to your advantage).
3. Elijah went up, the mantle came down / Jesus went up, the Holy Spirit came down. What did Jesus say about the Holy Spirit in **Acts 1:8** "*You shall receive POWER....*"

C. The Prophetic Parallel of Truth

1. The mantle was cast upon Elisha and he went and bid his family farewell; the mantle is cast upon one in **Luke 9:61-62** and there is no time for farewell (It is not by coincidence that Jesus said, "*No man having put his hand to the plough...*" – what was Elisha doing when Elijah came to him? PLOWING!
2. You have been chosen by God (2025, the year of His chosen)....and we finished the year by prophetic utterance of the Covering of God. We must be properly clothed and willing to pick up the mantle before the return of the Lord. There is a stirring in the Spirit for the people of God; who will pick up the mantle; when Jesus came into your heart, He revealed to you who He was....but when the Holy Spirit came upon your soul, He reveals to you who YOU ARE! There is no time to bid our family's farewell; there is no time to distract our minds with the satisfaction of the way society wants us to act, to talk, to be....for ***In Him I live, I move, and I have my being!***
3. When you find pick up the mantle of truth, the mantle of promise and power, you pick up the identity of Jesus Himself. The very embodiment and anointing of His Glory become yours; BUT REMEMBER, you must hold fast and not be moved; you must stand sure and not be distracted. The winds and the waves still know His name.....just as Elisha was able to ask, you will be able to ask....for Jesus said in **John 16:24** "*Ask and you shall receive...*"
4. "*Where is the God of Elijah?*" Submission, Reverence, and Respect.....**James 4:7** "*Submit yourself to God....*" – What did they recognize about Elisha....What do people recognize about you? Who will be the Elisha carrying the identity of Elijah? Who will stand up and speak the truth in this generation? Who will make a difference before the return of the Lord?

Prophecy