

## Matthew 17

King James Version (KJV)

**17** And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

<sup>2</sup>And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. (was transfigured - Jesus was changed into His spiritual body. HE appeared as the angels do)

<sup>3</sup>And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. (Many believe that these will be the two witnesses that will prophecy against antichrist in the end days) (Moses = the law giver; Elijah = the prophet)

<sup>4</sup>Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. (Peter is making a mistake. We don't make altars to people; only to God)

(It seems like Peter was ready to worship Moses and Elijah, along with Jesus)

<sup>5</sup>While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. (My beloved son = my begotten - Immanuel = God with us <Hebrew>) see Isaiah-7:14

(Direct from the Father Himself: hear ye him – listen to Him and learn. What is happening before your eyes is very important. Pay attention)

<sup>6</sup>And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. (They were overwhelmed by the presence of God. God, as the Father doesn't normally speak to people because His presence is overwhelming to us) see Exodus-19:12-25

<sup>7</sup>And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

<sup>8</sup>And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again

from the dead. (Jesus was giving them a look into the future; after He would be crucified and resurrected)

<sup>10</sup> And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? (They were confusing this time <the First Advent> with the end days <the Second Advent>; when Jesus will return as Lord of lords, King of kings)

(At that time Moses and Elijah will return as the two witnesses against antichrist. Neither of them has died yet. They were both taken alive to paradise. They will return to fulfill their destiny at the end of this Age)

<sup>11</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. (He will probably be one of the two witnesses spoken of in Revelation-11:2-12 and Malachiah-4, when antichrist is here)

<sup>12</sup> But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

Luke-1:17 (John the Baptist came in the spirit of Elijah. He was not Elijah, but he did as Elijah will do in the Second Advent)

(Elijah did not die yet; he was taken up before Elisha, and will return to testify against antichrist. Enoch also was taken up <See Genesis>. He might be the second witness. Some think the second witness will be Moses, who appeared with Elijah in this chapter verse-3)

<sup>13</sup> Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist. (They're starting to understand. John came before Jesus at the First Advent. The two witnesses will come before Jesus returns at the Second Advent)

See Revelation-11:1-5 (John shared this prophecy with the world after the resurrection of Jesus had occurred)

<sup>14</sup> And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying,

<sup>15</sup> Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. (Lunatick – of the moon; Satan works in the shadows and in the darkness of night. This is probably a sign of being possessed by Satan's spirit)

<sup>16</sup> And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.  
(They didn't have enough faith in the power that Jesus gave them)

<sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. (Jesus didn't argue with Satan. He told him to get lost. This is how the Elect must also deal with the devil. Cast him out in Jesus' name. Don't argue scripture with him)

Also see Mathew-4 (when Satan tempted Jesus)

<sup>19</sup> Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

<sup>20</sup> And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. (Mountains are symbolic for nations. Here Jesus speaks of the Kenite nation)

<sup>21</sup> Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. (This kind – Lunatick; when Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray, it was Satan who tempted Him; not just some evil spirit) see Amos-8

<sup>22</sup> And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: (Jesus is saying that Judas will betray Him into the hands of the Kenites)

<sup>23</sup> And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry. (Jesus is telling them ahead of time, so they will understand what is happening, when it does happen)

<sup>24</sup> And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute? (Tribute = taxes) (Does Jesus pay His taxes to the government?)

<sup>25</sup> He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?

<sup>26</sup> Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free. (The king's children don't have to pay taxes)

(Since Jesus is King of kings, His children <the Christians> are also free - on a spiritual level. The truth sets us free) see John-8:32

<sup>27</sup> Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee. (Jesus <king of kings> didn't have to pay taxes, although He did anyway)

(HE did it to teach us that we need to give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's. Obey the government, unless the government tries to come between you and God)