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We're ready now to resume our study in Malachi chapter 4 verses 5 and 6 looking at the identity of Elijah we have decided That the fulfillment of this Prophecy is going to be in the first half of the tribulation period Which comports with what God says at the end of Malachi? that this will come before the great and dreadful day of the Lord and that Pertaining to Israel turning the hearts to the fathers and so on is Israel it makes sense that it would be in the age of Israel and not in the age of the church you and I cannot expect to see Elijah And the appearance of the two witnesses at the beginning of this Seven year period is going to be a signal to those who know their scriptures and those who realize that they should have Come to faith in Christ they are going to hear and heed so again in Revelation chapter 11 looking at the Details of what takes place here You notice that the two witnesses are announced and They begin this ministry of Testimony and witness and they are impervious to attack their impervious to opposition but then they are killed and The Upshot of this is their dead bodies lie in the street 11 8 of Revelation of the great spirit of the city Which is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt where also our Lord was crucified Very clearly. This is Jerusalem Once again the last seven years prior to the Millennial Kingdom our age of Israel this ministry is in Israel to Israel by Individuals who evidently are Israelites are Jewish and they prophesy in Jerusalem and It is in my estimation probably a result of their death the death of these two witnesses that the covenant with many is broken in the middle of the week and Sacrifice an offering that had been permitted in Jerusalem is now cut off and this is the beginning of the Judgments to follow the time of Jacob's trouble Then in verse 9 Those from people's tribes tongues and nations will see their dead bodies Gnosis notice all different kinds of Confederation whether people are bonded together by what nation they dwell in what language they speak what Tribe they are from and the word for tribe here It's kind of the same one. We get the word phylum from it's it is and and they initially identified biological phyla by Similarities in appearance and so people who are bonded together because they Share the same predilections the same perversities the same Interests of whatever nature whether they are legitimate or priori and You get the idea that people who associate in various groups on the internet because of common interests Are all whether they are people's Related genetically whether they are tribes related by interest whether their tongues related by language Nations related by geography and political affiliation They see the dead bodies Three and a half days and they will not allow the dead bodies to be put into graves There will be some in Jerusalem who have responded who are sympathetic who are fellow believers and see these And would like to Do what was done for the Lord Jesus after his crucifixion to honor the body and give it a fitting burial It will not be allowed Those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them make merry and send gifts to one another because these two prophets Tormented those who dwell on the earth and you see forms of celebration anytime Traditional Judeo-Christian values are overcome and extinguished and pushed out of the way you see great reaping weeping and anger and Knights of rage and so on anytime those values seem to make any kind of resurgence and there is this unreasoning Kind of bitter violent pushback hatred rebellion That is completely Unreasonable you can't reason with it.

You can't talk to it It is visceral it is rooted in darkness and there is no Negotiating with it It thinks it's right because it feels like it's right. And if you start trying to say well How is this right? Why is it right? Let's let's talk details No, no, it is rooted in something with other underpinnings people either establish their righteousness based on biblical values or they do as Paul describes the Jews who Not understanding the righteousness of God and seeking to establish their own My rituals my traditions my rules my fastidious attention paid to Unimportant things this makes me righteous today. We have people who establish their righteousness on no end of things.

I'm a social justice warrior I'm I'm a fan of Combating climate change. I'm you know, let's hear it for the endangered Species whatever it may be. I'm I'm For rights for this kind of animal or this group or all animals or all groups or I'm a fan of one side in Conflict somewhere else in the world.

I'm Partial to this that and the other it has only gotten worse. This started. This is not new I was reading a sermon that was preached just in the week before Easter in 1963 by WA Criswell and he was talking about the signs of the times His theme for the week Was the signs of God so he has the sign of Jonah You know the the various signs but the first Monday service was The signs of the times and he was reading headlines and decrying The fallen condition and this was 1963 this is What is that 50 years ago? Or more 60 years ago.

I was an English major. Yeah 60 years ago And he couldn't believe the disintegration of American culture and American values and American morals So this is going to be at the upper end of a hockey stick graph by the time these witnesses are deployed by God After three and a half days the breath of life from God enters them They stand on their feet great fear falls on those who see them. They hear a loud voice from heaven saying to them come up here Put a star by that Command they ascend to heaven in a cloud their enemies see them In the same hour there's a great earthquake tenth of the city falls in the earthquake 7,000 people are killed.

The rest are afraid give glory to God. The second woe is passed. The third woe is coming quickly Notice the woes are not over This is in the middle of the week So who are these witnesses as I said the two leading candidates the Republican nominee and the Democratic nominee are Enoch and Moses So what are the arguments for Enoch? We everybody's agreed that one of them is Elijah.

No rain I will send Elijah got to be Elijah. He went up in a chariot of fire Everybody says so he didn't die. So he comes back.

It is appointed man wants to die. It's got to be Elijah He didn't die so that he can die in this context so the other one Enoch Nominated for the same reason he was not God took him. He hasn't experienced physical death yet.

He needs to come back and die Seems to me somewhat of a weak argument but Genesis 524 is the notice of his the nature of his departure he is said in the Bible to be a prophet of judgment Did you remember that? the Bible says Enoch prophesies judgment Turn back from Revelation

to the book that just precedes it Jude it's only got one chapter You get down to verse 14 now Enoch the seventh from Adam prophesied about these men who foam up their shame wandering stars for whom is reserved blackness of darkness and so on everything that Jude's been describing up above in terms of gross black dark insidious evil Enoch seventh from Adam prophesied about these men also saying Behold the Lord comes with 10,000 of his saints to execute judgment on all to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds Which they have committed in an ungodly way and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him This is Jude quoting Enoch seventh from Adam Whose words are also preserved in the book of Enoch? interesting relationship between what is considered to be Non-scripture and scripture when a scriptural canonical book quotes a non-canonical supposedly unscriptural book the book of Enoch there's some other hair-raising things in Enoch, but these words are in the book of Enoch and they're Quoted by Jude Whether he got them from the book of Enoch or an independent source doesn't really matter If Jude says it and it's inspired scripture that pretty much makes it true and scripture So Enoch is a prophet of judgment. This argues in favor of him being the second witness along with Elijah, right? this would be a good message for somebody to preach as they Bring down fire and shut up the heavens from rain and so on So this argues in his favor, Jude 14 and 15 and of course the sackcloth that the two witnesses are wearing would also comport with a message of judgment as We've already seen In back to Revelation chapter 11 verse 4 these are the two olive trees and the two lampstands Standing before the God of the earth It says they are standing present tense when John writes the book of Revelation This is thought to argue again for these witnesses Occupying an unusual status If they did not die and they are standing in God's presence at the time that John writes these words 2,000 years ago or really more like 1950 years ago It doesn't say who stood before the God of the earth or the Lord of the earth or who will stand before the Lord of The earth it says standing present tense So they like to think that this is Enoch who? Walked with God and was not God took him the last picture we have of Enoch is he was with God here he is standing in the presence of God along with Elijah who went up in the It's amazing out everyone if you go to the the Barnes notes and read those two pages of early church fathers All of them quote Elijah as having gone up in the chariot of fire So this argues for Enoch as being translated and a dead standing in God's presence like a tree in a lampstand However, the arguments against it being Enoch if you're following my Very general outline here Who is Elijah at the first advent? It was John the Baptist at the second advent By common consent it is these two witnesses So who are the two witnesses if we want to know who is Elijah? We know when they're gonna prophesy first half of the 70th week of Daniel the twelve hundred sixty days Preceding all of the judgments to follow the time of Jacob's trouble So one of them is thought to be Elijah himself. This would make sense I will send you Elijah before the great dreadful day.

Who is the other one Enoch? We've given the arguments for him. Here are the arguments that suggest maybe it's not Enoch in Hebrews chapter 11 verse 5 you remember the roster of the faithful there in Hebrews Paul who wrote Hebrews in my book says by faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death and Was not found because God had taken him For before he

was taken. He had this testimony that he pleased God and if you Translate this carefully out of Greek by faith Enoch was taken so that he would not see death so that he did not see death and the idea is If he it doesn't say he was taken so that he would see death later This is the argument against well, it doesn't say so that he could die later on it's so that he wouldn't see death at all He skips death as it were So that's thought to be an argument against a more persuasive argument in my view is These are witnesses to Israel in Jerusalem in the last seven years of the age of Israel Right and for three and a half years, they're going to prophesy There are prophets from Israel to Israel in Israel in Jerusalem So why would you grab a pre Israelite pre Abrahamic? antediluvian Ante meaning before you know, an ante room is the room you're in before you get to the room And the anti-nicene fathers are the ones who wrote before the Nicene Creed was formulated etc anti means before so antediluvian diluvian meaning the deluge the flood Enoch is before that.

So it seems odd to send a Pre-patriarchal prophet to Israel not impossible, but it just it would be kind of a head-scratcher. Why Enoch? Thirdly Even though Elijah Enoch had a different means of entrance into Eternity they don't have a different position upon entrance They have a different means of entrance than the rest of the Old Testament Saints But there's nothing in the Bible that says they have a different position After their entrance, they're not in a special ante room You know, where did he not go when God took him there was no bosom of Abraham because there was no Abraham You know that and there's nothing to indicate that they ended up in any different place Unless you want to read something into Revelation 11 for that. They're somehow standing in God's presence uniquely and alone Waiting for the time of their return.

So none of these are really strong arguments for or against but they are interesting Enoch you can see why he's a candidate. He's a prophet of judgment according to Jude and he had this Unusual exit that Hebrews 11 5 says so that he did not see death and would not see death Maybe he's waiting to see it later. That's a possibility One thing we know is that the witnesses And this is something to put a star by the witnesses have mortal bodies They are killable.

This is why they have to protect themselves with fire and with curses during the time of their ministry Eventually that doesn't work and they are overcome and they are slain and their dead mortal bodies lie in the streets of Jerusalem for For a symbolic length of time Indicating The length of their ministry they minister three and a half years. They lay in the streets three and a half days and and as their Vocal ministry their verbal ministry and their sign ministry persists for three and a half years twelve hundred sixty days their dead bodies testify in the streets for three and a half days, but This Impinges on Elijah what we thought was the first witness and that was pretty well settled Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration did not have a mortal body He came and he went in In some sort of a glorified state as did Moses. We know that Moses died and was buried God buried him and hid his body so that it wouldn't become some sort of a object of veneration But he died and he was buried right and That's explicitly stated elsewhere So that brings us to Moses is the second witness Moses shut up the sky no rain Elijah water turned to blood Moses.

This is attractive for a number of Reasons not the least of which is the Mount of Transfiguration which you can read among other places in Matthew 17 verse 3 Moses and Elijah appearing with the Lord Jesus the Lord Jesus suddenly shines brightly and he is viewed in his glorified state and Moses and Elijah appear with him Moses of course turned water to blood as it is said of the two witnesses in Revelation 11 6 Moses famously is a part of this in Exodus chapter 7 verses 19 and 20 associated with the first sign plague Exodus 7 19 and 20 along with Revelation 11 6. This is what the two witnesses do So transfiguration appearance in Matthew 17 3, that's one reason to think it's Moses secondly water to blood Just gave you the references thirdly Deuteronomy 18 15 through 19 The argument is made that if there's another prophet like me who is coming They think well the like me is me Deuteronomy 18 15 through 19 God says I will send you God is going to send you another prophet like unto me and That's emphasized twice that he is he is sort of another Moses. Well, maybe it is Moses is the argument fourth Moses body was mysteriously preserved by God. You've had this detailed in Deuteronomy 34 5 and 6 Deuteronomy 34 5 to 6 and mentioned again by Jude in Jude verse 9 remember the dispute about the body of Moses and There's not a railing accusation made but the Lord rebuked you and so on when the devil was disputing about the body of Moses the body of Moses not Moses trying to get to glory and hang out in You know standing there as a lampstand in her tree This also is appealing at a conceptual level because it would be the testimony of the law and the prophets Moses representing the law Elijah representing the prophets.

So these two witnesses sort of embodying The witness of the law and the prophets of Moses and Elijah as on the Mount of Transfiguration. It seems to make sense Those are the arguments in favor Why would we think maybe those don't hold water and it's not Moses Well when you go to that Deuteronomy 18 argument another prophet like unto Moses It says like me that's not the same as me if he's like Moses. He's not Moses Moses doesn't say I'm coming back Johnny Carson, I'll be right back No secondly Just because the miracles are similar withholding water in the sky or turning water into blood or calling down fire from heaven Doesn't necessarily mean that the same individuals are involved Jesus talked about the miracles that he had done and he told his disciples you will do these and greater than these Jesus raised the dead the Apostle Paul raises the dead They healed the cripples Peter and John heal cripples there's The similarity of the signs doesn't mean the same individual has to come back to perpetrate them or perform them or or inaugurate them so similarity Doesn't require the same same guy.

They are going to have the same target, which is a witness primarily to Israel that Expands to testify to the Gentile nations The plagues were designed to assure Israel that their God had come to rescue them And it was a testimony to the Egyptians You need to pay attention and join with the people of God or you're going to be destroyed And people as far away as Canaan heard what God had done. This is the testimony of Rahab We've heard of the sign miracles and and the power of your God. That's why we want to join you She marries in and becomes David's great-grandmother, so These are signs while the individuals aren't the same the purpose and the target of those signs is the same and Whether it's withholding rain Remember this was a part of the the blessings and curses on Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim God said if you're not

obedient, I will withhold rain and all kinds of other bad things so How about the transfiguration Moses Elijah wouldn't make sense they would come back maybe that's a preview of coming attractions if you think about it Moses and Elijah Accompany the Lord Jesus Christ in his glory and it is a picture of his coming This is not prior to his coming They picture the glory of the Millennial Kingdom where the Old Testament saints are raised those who listen to the law and listen to the prophets and Responded under the Hebrews 11 6 picture those who come to God believe that he is and he rewards those who seek him diligently This the transfiguration is a picture of the glorified Lord Jesus after the judgment is complete and the Millennium begins and you find this out when you When you read it and you can flip back from Revelation to 2nd Peter chapter 1 verses 16 through 19 Peter talks about this We don't always remember that he makes reference to it but 1st Peter chapter 1 verse 16 Peter says I'm sorry 2nd Peter 1 16 through 19.

Can't read my own writing, especially when I don't have my glasses on 2nd Peter 1 16 We did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus the power and coming we were eyewitnesses of his majesty For he received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to him from the excellent glory This is my beloved son in whom I'm well pleased. This is a direct reference from an eyewitness to the Transfiguration who's up there? Peter James and John Peter says We saw his glory in his coming and we heard the voice which came from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain Unless there's any doubt. So the Transfiguration pictures the Millennium not the tribulation according to Peter and those bodies at the Transfiguration were obviously something other than Earthly because Moses died and was buried and yet he appears.

This is some sort of symbolic Apparition type appearance much as Samuel had with Saul at the Witch of Endor incident And the same could be said of Elijah We know this because in terms of resurrection Christ is the firstfruits and After him those who are Christ's at his resurrection Then the Old Testament Saints are raised at the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom, it's the Old Testament rapture after The seven years of Daniel 70th week are complete so in the Few minutes that remain to us If it's not Enoch or at least very questionable that it would be Enoch. It's questionable that it would be Moses who could these two witnesses be a lot of speculation a lot of Scholarly inquiry has been made into this question. I And Most of you know this already, but I believe the two witnesses are James and John the sons of Zebedee I believe this Based on Mark chapter 10 verse 36 and its parallels turn back to the gospel of Mark in Chapter 10 verse 35 James and John the sons of Zebedee came to him saying and you have the parallel that we recently saw in Matthew chapter 20 Teacher we want you to do for us.

Whatever we ask. He said what do you want me to do for you? They said to him grant us that we may sit one on your right hand and the other on your left in your glory now Who had they seen on the Mount of Transfiguration At his right hand and at his left in his glory Moses and Elijah James and John basically want to serve a function like that of Moses and Elijah What does Jesus reply? You do not know what you ask Are you able to drink the cup that I drink and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They said to him we are able so Jesus said to

them you will indeed drink the cup that I drink and With the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized He doesn't say this to the 12 Peter is not present. Jesus says this uniquely to James and to John But to sit on my right hand and on my left is not mine to give but for whom it is prepared It's not mine to give Not to say it won't happen, but it is not mine.

Whose is it to appoint the right and left hand spots? Adjacent to Jesus God the Father This is part of your Trinitarian understanding God the Father has that authority turn to John Chapter 21 John chapter 21 After the resurrection and before the Ascension Jesus has a conversation with Peter beginning in verse 15 Simon son of Jonah. Do you love me more than these? Verse 16. Do you love me verse 17? Do you love me? Peter was grieved in verse 17 because he said to him the third time.

Do you love me? He said Lord, you know all things, you know, I love you. Jesus said to him feed my sheep Then he predicts the manner by which Peter is going to die Then Peter verse 20 turning around saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following we know Who this is it is the author of this gospel John the son of Zebedee? Had leaned on his breast at the supper and said Lord who is the one who betrays you? Says John very clearly Peter seeing him said to Lord, what about this man Jesus said to him if I will that he remain till I come What is that to you? You follow me of all of the possible things that Jesus could have said about John. This is what he says If I will that he remain until I come remain until I come John is the one who gives us the full book of Revelation that describes the coming of the Lord Jesus but these words certainly resonate if you imagine that one of these two witnesses is indeed John and He has remained and he is present and he is witnessing at the time of the coming of the Lord Jesus and prophecies that Impending great and dreadful day of the Lord if you turn to the early chapters of Acts You find that James is Martyred in the early years James John's brother he dies and the the church age is Barely underway, right? Let's think about James and John for a moment This is in Acts chapter 12 verses 1 and 2 if you want to write it down Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church.

He killed James the brother of John with the sword And because he saw it pleased the Jews he proceeded to seize Peter During the days of unleavened bread and you have that incident where Peter is freed from prison God allowed James and he is Identified here specifically and explicitly as the brother of John. He is slain Peter is not this is before the rise of the Apostle Paul, but Stephen was martyred back in Acts chapter 7 and now James the brother of John is Slain by Herod and you think this is an individual that Jesus spent three and a half years training teaching He is one of the three that goes to the inner sanctum With the Lord Jesus. He's in the upper room when the little girl is Talitha Kumi raised from the dead She's not dead, but sleeping there on the Mount of Transfiguration and James it seems that all of that training is wasted He did there's no record that James did anything in the book of Acts except get killed and Of the twelve he is the first to die of the twelve his brother John is the last to die now.

Who's the older brother? Who's the firstborn of Zebedee? It is James. What is James in? the original Jacob I don't know why they translate Yakobu as James except that it was the King

James Bible. They were trying to haven't checked the earlier versions They translated James for some reason But if you look at the original the elder brother of Yohanan John is Yakov Jacob his name is Jacob Jacob dies early and Is out of the picture Yohanan The Lord is gracious Lasts to the end.

He's the last to go and he gives us the book of Revelation You think about this theme of reversal in Scripture the elder will serve the younger This is my closing point. So don't miss it The elder will serve the younger. Where did we first see this? Esau and Jacob We always say Jacob and Esau and that's really unbiblical because you always give the oldest first we should say Esau and Jacob Esau is the firstborn Jacob is the second but the elder will serve the younger before they'd even been born.

God told Rebecca this Esau is the older but he will serve Jacob You think about the twelve brothers The the twelve tribes and the eleven brothers end up serving Joseph who is the youngest but one except for Benjamin Who has his own role to play? Joseph is the picture of the Savior for his eleven brothers all of whom were born before he was Benjamin is a is a unique symbolic element there because Joseph has an affinity for him because they are the two sons of Rachel Anyway, we don't have time to cover that you think about the sons of Amram and Yoshebel Amram and Jacob it I just had a lady sing me a song that she wrote about Jacob it yesterday It's really a great song to Amram and Jacob ed for purposes of instruction are the parents of Two sons, who are they? Moses and Aaron, why don't we say Aaron and Moses who's the oldest? Aaron is older than Moses. He was already on the scene when Moses was born. That's why he didn't get put in the bulrushes He had already been born before Pharaoh gave the edict Aaron is the elder who ends up serving the younger Moses is the leader of the nation Aaron is the priest But Aaron serves Moses You think about our study of Zechariah, I got to speed up here a little bit there's a lot I'm skipping you remember the witnesses in Revelation 11 are are described as The olive trees and the lampstands.

Where's the last place we saw all the trees and lampstands Before Revelation in the Old Testament, where did we see it? Book of Zechariah remember the visions And you who who are the two olive trees in Zechariah's vision There's there's that one lampstand with the seven lamps who are the trees One is the rubble bell One is Joshua. One is the civil leader like Moses and the other is the priest But there is a reversal because later on Zerubbabel disappears and you just have Joshua Joshua's dirty robes are taken away and he's given clean runs and Zechariah says put a turban on his head to complete the outfit and Later on Joshua is given the crown Zerubbabel disappears and Joshua takes on the leadership role that initially was occupied by Zerubbabel. So you have this idea of supplanting and replacing James is the older brother but let me just offer you this thought when you think about the two witnesses and We've talked about this when we did Revelation Remember when the when the the scroll is eaten John eats the scroll and then he weeps.

I Think he cries Perhaps with the knowledge that his brother James is returning and then he and James are going to be the witnesses You think about this they bracket James is like His

name is Jacob he represents Israel Israel has to die so that John Can give the church the gospel of John 1st 2nd and 3rd John and the book of Revelation Second only to the Apostle Paul in New Testament output James dies Jacob is out of the way and the younger brother John ends up Giving the apostolic ministry for the sons of Zebedee But wouldn't it be great if this is the case and I it's a speculation on my part, but James comes back Remember when they wanted to I've given you all of my reasons for this identification before When there's difficulties and people criticizing the Lord James and John come to Jesus say shall we call down fire and consume them? And Jesus says You sons of thunder. What am I going to do with you? They are sons of thunder They are going to drink Jesus cup of martyrdom. They're going to be baptized with his baptism Their dead bodies are going to be a witness the way the dead body of the Lord was a witness and they're going to be raised As he was raised.

They're gonna ascend as he ascended and The thing I had you put a star by in Revelation chapter 11 The two prophets torment those who dwell on the earth they do not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves they are going to be a witness in life, but their death and Resurrection is an even greater witness and it is an echo it is a testimony to the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and This is the last great testimony that fulfills Malachi chapter 4 Verses 5 and 6 I will send you Elijah the prophet. I think I think Elisha and John correspond I think Elijah and James Correspond Elijah came first but you can't think of Elijah for long without thinking about Elisha who had twofold the ministry twofold the spirit and James was a wonderful disciple. He was with the Lord Jesus and all of those private moments with John and Peter but John his younger brother ends up being twofold the Apostle Because James is necessarily set aside and so to answer the question Who is Elijah in my opinion and it is just an opinion you can take it or leave it could be Enoch could be Moses Could be two individuals who just come in the spirit and power But if I was putting money on the table, I would put it on James as Elijah and John as Elisha and this is Elijah and Elisha It is the final fulsome testimony that you have at the end of first Kings in the beginning of second Kings Which was the last full prophetic witness to northern Israel before they were taken out in a time of judgment They were prophets of judgment They were also prophets of deliverance And that twofold opportunity We're declaring judgment, but we're also declaring opportunity.

That's why there's two of them They come in the spirit and power of Elijah. It's a twofold doubled witness John the Baptist came the first time as a single witness. I would submit that maybe James and John come as a Twofold witness Elijah comes the first time you've got sort of an Elisha witness Elijah and Elisha together and It's immaterial, you know appointed a man wants to die and after that the judgment God can bring anybody back for any purpose and I don't find that there are many people whose deaths are not recorded in Scripture And and it doesn't mean because it's not recorded.

It didn't happen So my money's on James and John this is my view now, what is the application for us? They are enabled and empowered by the Spirit of God and even with these setbacks ultimately their victory is dwarfs and And completely outshines their defeat. There's a temporary celebration where they seem to be defeated But when they are raised and they

ascend and the entire world sees it that dwarfs to insignificance that Momentary light affliction that works for them and for us an eternal weight of glory if we take it to heart and realize that whatever we Experience God is working it together for a greater glory and a more permanent blessing and an eternal reward for us What an opportunity To be faithful to be obedient Faithful in that which is least Will be faithful also in that which is much you've been faithful in a few things I will make you ruler over many things James was a faithful disciple and in my opinion look at what he's going to get to do He's gonna have one of the most spectacular prophetic ministries of Any individual in human history just before the glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ Can't think of anything better or anything that would more Fully complete the words of the Lord Jesus. You will indeed drink my cup and Experience my baptism where you end up after that is up to my father Well, if they do this job, well, I have a feeling they may well occupy that right and left hand spot.

What a What a great potential and in spiritual terms we can do the same we can be the same It's all a matter of faithfulness and obedience close here in a word of prayer father Thank you for the wonderful study that we have enjoyed in these post-exilic prophets in Haggai and Zechariah and in Malachi thank you for the inspiration of the Examples that we see in these revelations in these visions and in these prophecies We pray that your Holy Spirit will impress them on our hearts minister their truth to our souls and as a result we will be found motivated encouraged strengthened and Fully equipped for every good work. We ask it in Jesus name. Amen