

The Transfiguration
Mark 9:2-13
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Elijah – **The Prophets**

Moses – **The Law**

These represent the beginning and end of Israel. Moses, as the lawgiver, founded the nation and Elijah is to come back before the “great and dreadful day of the Lord.” (Malachi 4:5-6)

Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

Matthew 5:17

Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.”

Luke 24:44

-Moses was given the commandments on Mount Sinai.

-It was on Mount Sinai where Elijah heard the voice of Yahweh.

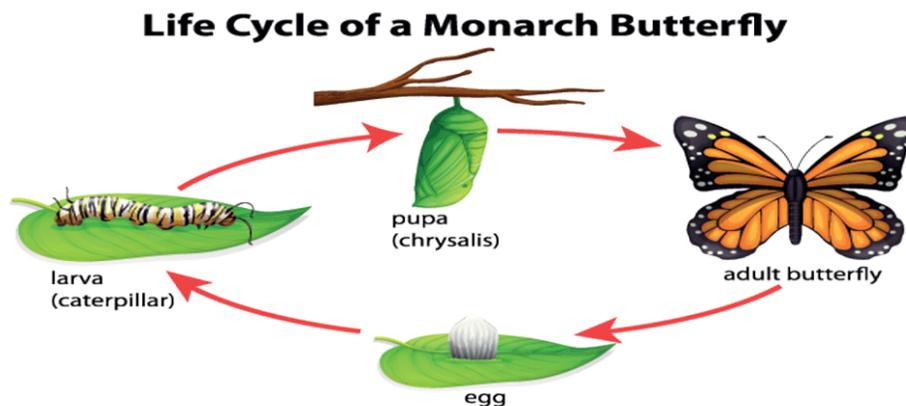
Revelation 11:3- Many believe that these are the 2 witnesses spoken of in this passage.

All of the law and the prophets pointed to Christ and were fulfilled in Christ. God was “connecting the dots” for Peter, James and John.

The Greek word “transfigured” is metamorphothe which in English is “metamorphosis”.

At its simplistic form this means, a “change.”

You may remember it as...



I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:1-2

As a believer:

1) **We have been changed (transformed)**

- From hell to Heaven
- From death to Life
- From Satan's grip to God's

2) **We are being changed**

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I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:3-6

We should be able to pray daily, "God, thank you that I'm not who I used to be, but make me what you want me to be."

3) **We will be changed**

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 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. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." **1 Corinthians 15:50-54**

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. **Revelation 21:4**

4) **All of our said change comes via God, not by us.**

Christianity is not a "do it yourself," "be all you can be," "dig deep within," program or 1,2,3 step deal but a relationship. It is not what I can do, but how and what does God want to do through me?

I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. **John 15:5-8**

I don't change myself, God changes me, I abide in Him!

Prayer Focus:

- **Have I been changed from death to Life? Do I know God?**
- **Is God constantly working/ changing me?**
- **AM I looking forward to the day when the Final Change will be made?**
- **Am I allowing God to work and make the change that is needed in me? Am I abiding in Him?**