

It was not a double portion of Elijah's goods that Elisha wanted but a double portion of his *spirit*. In material things, the principal heir received a double portion of his father's goods. Elisha wanted the principle of primary inheritance to apply to spiritual things. Nearby were all sorts of prophets.⁵ All of them would be his heirs. Any one of them might become the leading successor of Elijah. We may assume from the life he lived that Elisha's request was not due to pride. He simply wanted to be the man of God who would follow Elijah's model. Far from being a selfish request, Elisha's petition reflects his humble acknowledgement that if Elijah's ministry were to continue through him, it would take specially God-given spiritual power.⁶

2 Kings 2:11 Then it came about as they were going along and talking, that behold, there appeared a chariot of fire and horses of fire which separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven.

1. There are two events that occur simultaneously in verse 11: **(1)** “a chariot of fire and horses of fire” and **(2)** “a whirlwind.”
2. This was not the first occurrence of a person being translated into heaven. This phenomenon originally occurred in the dispensation of the Gentiles to Enoch in:

Genesis 5:24 Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

3. This verse has been referenced and expanded in the New Testament by the writer of Hebrews. We will cite the King James Version because of a specific word used in the verse:

Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated [aorist passive indicative of μετατίθημι (*metatíthēmi*): “to transpose, transport, transfer, translate”] that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated [aorist active indicative of *metatíthēmi*] him: for before his translation [μετάθεσις (*metáthesis*): to move from one place to another] he had this testimony, that he pleased God. (KJV).

⁵ See 2 Kings 2:7a above.

⁶ *The Nelson Study Bible: NKJV*, gen. ed. Earl D. Radmacher (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, Inc., 610n2:9).



4. The definition of the English words, “translation” and “translate” are usually assumed to refer to the conversion of text from one language to another, for example, from Hebrew to English or from Greek to English. However, this term has other definitions. We will note definitions pertinent to the King James translation from four dictionaries that define the terms in Hebrews 11:5:

Translate: to remove or convey to heaven, as a human being, without death. Translation: the removal of a person to heaven without subjecting him to death.⁷

Translate: to change from one place to another. To remove to heaven—originally implying without death.⁸

Translation: transference; removal or conveyance from one person, place, or condition to another. Removal from earth to heaven, originally without death, as the translation of Enoch.⁹

Translate: to move from one place or condition to another; to convey (someone, typically still alive) to heaven.¹⁰

5. Enoch’s translation occurred in the dispensation of the Gentiles while Elijah’s happened in the dispensation of Israel.
6. Elijah’s transfer from time into eternity was accompanied first by a golden chariot pulled by a team of horses which separated Elijah from Elisha. Then, a “whirlwind” pulled Elijah into its vortex and he went up in it to heaven.
7. The word, “whirlwind,” in 2 Kings 2:1 is the noun, סַעַר (*sha‘ar*), which refers to a “strong wind” or “windstorm.” It is to be distinguished from the tempest the Lord described taking place in Israel in:

1 Kings 19:11a So the Lord said, “Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord.” And behold, the **Lord [the Holy Spirit]** was passing by! And a **great and strong wind** was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind.

⁷ Noah Webster, *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language* (San Francisco: Foundation for American Christian Education, 1995; repr. Noah Webster, *An American Dictionary of the English Language* (New York: S. Converse, 1828), s.vv. “translate,” “translation.”

⁸ *Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary*, 2d ed. (Springfield, Mass.: G & C Merriam Co., Publishers, 1953), s.v. “translate.”

⁹ *The Oxford English Dictionary* (New York: The Oxford University Press, 1971), s.v. “translation.”

¹⁰ *The New Oxford American Dictionary* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001), s.v. “translate.”



8. Two adjectives are used to describe this wind. The first is “great”: גָּדוֹל (*gathol*): “overpowering” and the second is “strong”: חָזָק (*chazaq*): “tenacious.” These words characterize a category 5 hurricane which is in excess of 157 miles per hour according to the Saffir-Simpson Wind Scale.
9. The “whirlwind,” noted in 2 Kings 2:11, refers to a “windstorm” whose winds never acquire hurricane force. This is the system that captured Elijah and transported him up to heaven.
10. Elijah’s evacuation from the earth and universe left Elisha as the resident major prophet for the Lord. He immediately displayed his powers to the priesthood and observers who had gathered at the Jordan River:

2 Kings 2:13 Elisha took up the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and returned and stood by the bank of the Jordan.

v. 14 He took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and struck the waters and said, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” And when he also had struck the waters, they were divided here and there; and Elisha crossed over.
11. Elisha’s duty, once he picked up that mantle, was to continue the work Elijah began back in 1 Kings 17:1. The Northern Kingdom now had new rulership and the mission was to assist in the restoration of divine guidance while diminishing the demonic influences of Baal and Asherah.
12. There was a period of time when the crown of Israel sat on the head of Jehu. His reign and the ministry of Elisha resulted in the Northern Kingdom lasting another 120 years.
13. However, the stench of idolatry was entrenched within the souls of the people and because the Pivot could no longer hold, it fell.
14. **Principle:** No client nation can endure without the presence of two assets: (1) the presence of doctrinally oriented pastors who teach the truths of Bible doctrine and (2) the presence of a Pivot powerful enough to overcome the propaganda and deceit that accumulate within the population.
15. A client nation can withstand the presence of poor political leadership as long as the foundational principles of divine establishment can be maintained. But when civic order is overcome by the doctrines of demons, then the Pivot at some point can no longer hold.
16. Client Nation America is teetering on the brink of this circumstance and the next two months will give great insight into which direction the body politic will go.



A Reckoning

1. First of all, definitions of this word are required. Here are a few:

Reckoning: The act or fact of accounting, as to God, for one's conduct.¹¹

Reckoning: *day of reckoning*; (a) a time when accounts must be settled.¹²

Reckoning: The action of rendering to another an account of one's self or one's conduct. The settlement of accounts or differences between parties.¹³

Reckoning: The avenging or punishing of past mistakes or misdeeds.¹⁴

Reckoning: A settlement of accounts: *a day of reckoning*.¹⁵

2. The noun "reckoning" is clearly defined in English dictionaries as a divine analysis of a client nation in decline associated with the five cycles of discipline.
3. Several events, coordinated by the dark side or by sheer happenstance, have sequentially occurred over the course of 2020 leading to the potential overthrow of the United States as it was founded.
4. One is caused to seriously consider the latter based on the assertions of the revolutionaries. Several advocates openly support the elimination of foundational absolutes contained in the United States Constitution and its Bill of Rights.
5. Even before the recent election, some went on record with declarative statements that Joe Biden must never concede a loss in the national election for president.
6. If an apparent loss was indicated, then Mr. Biden was to staunchly remain in the race.
7. Then, incredibly, several states ceased counting votes, shut down the process, and turned out the lights while dismissing those assigned the duties of overseeing the vote counting process.

¹¹ *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*, 2d ed. (1953), s.v. "reckoning."

¹² *Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary of the English Language*, 2d ed. (1962), "reckoning."

¹³ *The Oxford English Dictionary* (1971), s.v. "reckoning."

¹⁴ *The New Oxford American Dictionary* (2001), s.v. "reckoning."

¹⁵ *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, 5th ed. (2016), s.v. "reckoning."



8. Once the rooms were cleared, late into the night of the election, incredible numbers of mail-in ballots were shipped into the counting rooms and what was before a commanding lead by Trump had vanished by daybreak and the gap continued to enlarge in Biden's favor.
9. Once a commanding lead was considered sufficient to ensure victory, Biden declared he was the "president-elect" and even opened up an office referred to as the "Office of the President-Elect." Ergo, the Biden-Harris ticket was declared the victor.

Principle: In presidential elections, the Constitution requires that the following procedure be observed to confirm the winners for president and vice-president:

Article II: Section 1. Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in Congress.

The Electors shall meet in their respective States, and vote by Ballot for two Persons. And they shall make a List of all the Persons voted for ...; which List they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the Seat of Government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate.

10. But the theft of these two offices were so obviously suspect, the Trump-Pence ticket and its campaign began to smell rats. Some, although not all, decided to investigate the shenanigans of how something so obviously illogical could have occurred in the dark of night.
11. Into this assumption came three individuals that have done in depth investigations into the whole sorted affair. This triumvirate consists of Rudi Giuliani, Sidney Powell, and Jenna Ellis. They contend to have enough evidence to challenge the vote counts in Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin, and possibly Georgia.
12. If their efforts are successful in court, then the U.S. Supreme Court will ultimately be called on to rule on their evidence.
13. At this writing, the current status quo of the 2020 election, regardless of what the media may say or write, is still up in the air. It is the legislatures of the affected states that will decide the electors for their state.
14. According to the Constitution, neither a state's governor, supreme court justices, attorney general, or a federal judge, may declare an election over. That decision is assigned to the legislature of each individual state.



15. Presently, the electoral votes for Joe Biden are 290 and for Donald Trump are 232. The electoral votes under investigation include Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Arizona, a total 47 electoral votes which would invert the election over to Trump. It is unlikely that all four of these will provide corrected vote totals that would overturn the original ballot count.
16. Consequently, the United States is on the precipice of being converted away from a free, constitutional republic over to a totalitarian nanny state. How rapidly this process is able to develop is dependent upon the outcome of two Georgia senate races scheduled for January 5.
17. If both should fall to Democrats, the United States Senate will be tied between the two parties at fifty-fifty. None other than Kamala Harris, as vice-president, will break all legislative ties according to the Constitution:

Article I: Section 3. The Vice President of the United States shall be President of the Senate, but shall have no Vote, unless they be equally divided.
18. At this point there will be a gradual trend to totalitarian tactics imposed upon those who do not toe the party's line. Such a situation will challenge every believer to know how to make decisions in such a hostile environment.
19. Within the chaos and upheaval within several states this year, two major terrorist organizations threatened innocent people to kowtow to their demands or face violent consequences.
20. This is where we are in danger of going politically. Believers with doctrine will know what to do, yet it will require not only doctrine but the finesse of knowing how to function within a dictatorial environment.
21. The democrat states that ignored these types of violence and intimidation will not be shy in support of their tactics again.
22. Consequently, the one major problem-addressing device we will continue to exclusively possess is the power of prevailing prayer. Pray for the two senate races in Georgia, pray for Giuliani, Powell, and Ellis in their legal efforts, and pray for the Lord's divine intervention into this sorted mess.
23. Client Nation America is now face-to-face with the imposition of a divine reckoning. It is the Pivot of mature, positive-volition, and spirit-filled believers who now are tasked to hold the line by applying doctrine and engaging in prevailing prayer behind the Lord's FLOT Line.
24. We will conclude next week with a study of the Pivot and a review of the five cycles of discipline.

(End Reck-20.16. See RECK-20.17 for continuation of study at p. 161.)

