

SHOW NOTES - Episode 027 - The Transfiguration

Song

All You Need Is Love by The Beatles

<https://music.apple.com/us/album/all-you-need-is-love/1441164525?i=1441164531>

Links

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Tabor

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Hermon

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temples_of_Mount_Hermon

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/mount-hermon>

<https://whc.unesco.org/en/tentativelists/6432/>

<https://donnagawell.com/2020/01/31/caesarea-philippi-the-gates-of-hell-will-not-prevail/>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/transfiguration.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Mount-of-Transfiguration.html>

<https://theopolisinstitute.com/additional-reflections-on-the-dew-of-hermon/>

<https://engediresourcecenter.com/2015/07/02/tal-the-dew-of-unity/#gsc.tab=0>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/mount-Hermon.html>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/encyclopedia-of-the-bible/Book-Ruth>

<https://www.icr.org/content/mount-hermon-was-flood-formed> ICR scientist Jeffrey Tomkins wrote this article about how Mount Hermon was formed by the flood. He uses this belief as a basis for saying it's not possible that the fallen angels took an oath on this mountain. However, what he fails to recognize is that it doesn't matter if it was formed pre-flood or post-flood. What matters is that by the time of the transfiguration, people had believed for over 2000 years that Mount Hermon was the holiest of places for pagan worship, and it was the gate to the underworld. And as a result, Jesus made it a central focal point for his ministry by revealing himself as the one true God at that location. Not to mention, other Biblical authors agreed with the assessment of that location being where the fallen angels were in chains, awaiting their judgment. It appears Dr Tomkins' pursuit of knowledge and proof regarding the flood is drawing him away from the spiritual significance of what happened on Mount Hermon. We need to remember that Paul became like his audience, using their culture to reach them. Similarly, if the audience of Jesus believed that Mount Hermon is where the great forces of evil resided, then why wouldn't Jesus use that piece of their culture to make the statement he did at that very location? Please see the following article for someone else's response to Dr. Tomkins.

<https://www.derekgilbert.com/2022/11/16/mount-hermon-was-flood-formed-so-what/>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Nephilim-demons.html> This is a good article to read for an evangelical perspective, but there are also several things wrong with this article, especially the mention of the "word" of God and inerrancy...Enoch is only "extra-Biblical" because men decided later on that it was. God did not tell anyone to leave Enoch out of the "Bible."

Book of Enoch

<https://ia800903.us.archive.org/25/items/TheCompleteBookOfEnochStandardEnglishVersionJayWinter/The%20Complete%20Book%20of%20Enoch%2C%20Standard%20English%20Version%20-%20Jay%20Winter.pdf>

List of Scripture Mentioned (ESV):

Matthew 17:1–13

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.” And the disciples asked him, “Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?” He answered, “Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands.” Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

Mark 9:2–13

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. And they asked him, “Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?” And he said to them, “Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him.”

Luke 9:28–36

Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and

his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, reflecting the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Exodus 34:30-35

Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel

would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Malachi 4:5

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

Matthew 27:49

But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

Mark 6:15

But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

Mark 8:28

And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets."

Luke 9:19

And they answered, "John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen."

Luke 1:17

"and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

Romans 2:27

Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law.

Romans 7:6

But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

2 Corinthians 3:7

Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory?

Matthew 7:12

So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:40

On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Luke 16:14-17

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. "The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it. But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.

Romans 3:21-22

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

Jeremiah 31:33

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Hebrews 8:10

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Matthew 16:13-18

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Genesis 6:4

The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

Genesis 5:18

When Jared had lived 162 years, he fathered Enoch.

2 Peter 2 (Look it up!)

Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Matthew 23:12

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.