

# Floating Axe Head Prefigures Rapture

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1 And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us. 2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye. 3 And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go. 4 So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood. 5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed. 6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast *it* in thither; and the iron did swim. 7 Therefore said he, Take *it* up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it. 2 Kings 6:1-7

In the account of this miracle of Elisha, we find an illustration foretelling the coming Christian rapture. To understand this, we need a basic understanding of the nature of the Hebrew alphabet. Their letters were pictographs. Every letter carried a meaning. One of the letters is called "Koff". It refers to the "hole of an axe". It is the means by which an axe head is wielded. A wooden handle attached is the means of driving an axe head. I could go on but to cut it short, that axe head represents God's people. We are

axe heads that need to be connected to that wooden handle for safe and effective use. That handle is the cross of Jesus. Through the cross, we are able to be of use in the hands of God.

Just here I need to cover another type found extensively through Scripture regarding the seas. It also has connections to the Hebrew letter "mem" for water. It is found in this manner throughout the Psalms. For brevity sake: in creation, the waters were originally one but God put a great divide between the waters, which He called "the firmament" (Genesis 1:6-8). From that we have the waters, which are bound to the earth. They cannot pass their coasts. We also have the heavenly waters above the firmament, the clouds above us are what remains of that.

These waters have very distinct characteristics. The waters of the sea represent humanity. Leviathan sports there and God walks through the courses of the seas (using King James expressions). They may rage against God, but they are earth bound. The waves may rise high and beat against the rocks, but they can go no further. They will always fall back to the earth. Such is humanity which will gather to rage against the coming Savior.

The heavenly water is not earth bound. It abides above. When we are converted, our nature is changed. We become part of the heavenly waters. God does a work in us and we are "evaporated" to have a new nature, one that is heavenly. We were part of those who raged against God and His waters above the firmament, now we become part of those who are raged against. Also remember, Christ will return in the clouds of heaven.

So, how does this work in with the account of Elisha and the axe head? Consider it this way, that lost axe head is us. As the axe heads, we are sunk in the waters of humanity. The concern is how to get us out of those waters. Through the miracle of the stick, representing the wooden cross, the miracle happens and we rise to the top. Next we see the axe head wielder reaches down to pick up the axe head from the waters. Who is the wielder of a Christian? We are servants of Jesus.

We are put to use, through the cross, in His hands. Now we see the time comes for Him to retrieve His axe heads. He reaches down, takes us up for further use in His hands. Ultimately, this speaks of the Rapture.

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