

# *Matthew's Gospel*

## Chapter 17b-18a

### **A Transfiguration & An Exorcism**

**(17:1-10)**

- **Mountain**
- **Alone**
- **“Sun”**
- **Moses & Elijah leave**
- **Disciples thwarted**
- **Proph. Death & Res.**
- **Q: Elijah?**

**(17:14-19)**

- Valley**
- Crowd**
- “Moon”**
- Demon leaves**
- Disciples thwarted**
- Proph. Death & Res.**
- Q: Demon?**

### Malachi 4:5-6

“Behold, I will send you **Elijah** the prophet before the great and awesome day of Adonai comes. And he will turn the hearts of **fathers** to their children and the hearts of children to their **fathers**, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

### Deuteronomy 32:5-6

They have dealt corruptly with Him; they are no longer His children because they are blemished; **they are a crooked and twisted generation**. Do you thus repay Adonai, you foolish and senseless people? Is not He your **Father**, who created you, who made you and established you?

### Matthew 17:14-15

And when they came to the crowd of people, a man came up to Him and, kneeling before Him, said, “Master, have mercy on **my son**, for he is struck by the moon and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water.”

## Matthew 3:11

“I immerse you in **water** for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I am, whose sandals I am unworthy to carry. He will immerse you with the Holy Spirit and **fire**.”

## Revelation 15:2

And I saw what appeared to be a **sea of glass** mingled with **fire**...

*The world too was created with peace. God created Heaven out of fire and water, though it is obvious that fire and water cannot normally abide together, God made peace between them, as we say everyday: “He Who makes **peace** in His heavens”. (Job 25:2)*

∞ The Zohar



## Exodus 9:14, 24

“For this time I will send all My plagues on you yourself, and on your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is none like Me in all the earth.” ...There was hail and **fire** flashing continually in the midst of the **hail**, very heavy hail, such as had never been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

**ADONAI Elohim**  
**= Mercy + Justice**



## Luke 10:17

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Master, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!”

### Two Aspects of Faith

- a) Belief that God **can** do something
- b) Belief in the true God



## Matthew 17:20

He said to them, “Is it because of the lack in your faith? For *amen*, I say to you, **if you have faith like a mustard seed**, and you tell this mountain, ‘Be Moved from here to there,’ it will be moved from its place. There is nothing that will be impossible for you.”

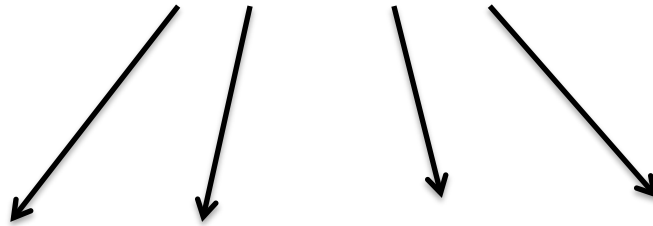
## Exodus 30:13

When you take the census of the people of Israel, then each shall give a ransom for his soul to Adonai when you number them, that there be no plague among them when you number them. Each one who is numbered in the census shall give this: **half a shekel** according to the shekel of the sanctuary ...

**“for his soul”**

(naph-sho)

נפשו



Hook (Shekel) Mouth Fish



## Matt. 5:23-24

So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

*This place is the abode of holy spirits, both those who have already come to this world and those who have not come to this world, as well as those who are going to come to this world. They are all spirits that are clothed in garments and bodies and faces similar to this world, and they behold the splendid glory of their Master until they come to this world. At that time they go out from there to come to this world... They make their dwelling place in this world, in this garment and body which is from a drop of seed.*

∞ The Zohar