

# Lifted away!

The Bible records these unique and startling disappearances –

**First**, “Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal . . . Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.” 2 Kings 2.11.

Space travel in the Bible! *How up-to-date!!*

**Second**, earlier in history, “Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.” Genesis 5.24.

Here is a fuller explanation of this event – “By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not see death, 'and was not found because God had taken him'; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.” Hebrews 11.5.

**Third**, Christ's return will be even more spectacular: departed Christians will first rise from the dead into the air! Then living believers will be lifted to join them –

“The Lord himself will descend from heaven . . . the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.” 1 Thessalonians 4.16-17.

If this were to happen tomorrow, will you be a participant?

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**“The dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” 1 Corinthians 15.52.**

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