Jn. 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

1Kings18:7 And as Obadiah was on his way, see, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, is that you my master Elijah? 8 And he answered him, I am: go, tell your master, See, Elijah is here. 9 And he said what have I sinned, that you would deliver your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me? 10 As יהוה your Elohim lives, there is no nation, or kingdom, where my master has not sent to seek you: and when they said, He is not there; he made the kingdom and nation take an oath, that they did not find you. 11 And now you say, go, tell your master; See, Elijah is here. 12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from you, that the Ruach of יהוה shall take you somewhere I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he shall kill me: but I your servant have feared יהוה from my youth. 13 Was it not told my master what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of יהוה, how I hid a hundred men of Yahweh's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water? 14 And now you say, go, tell your master; See, Elijah is here: and he shall kill me. 15 And Elijah said, As יהוה tzevaoth lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today. 16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah 17 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, Are you he that troubles and disturbs Israel?

Elijah was "translated" many times before! Look at V.10..... there is no nation, or kingdom, where my master has not sent to seek you:

I Kings 18:12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from you, that the Spirit of יהוה shall take you somewhere I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he shall kill me: but I your servant have feared יהוה from my youth.

II Kings 2:1 And it came to pass, when יהוה would take up Elijah into the heavens by a whirlwind that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

2 And Eliyahu said to Elisha, Stay here, I ask you; for יהוה has sent me to Beth-El. And Elisha said to him, as ilives, and as your being lives, I will not leave you. So they went down to Beth-El.

3 And the sons of the neviim that were at Beth-El came forth to Elisha, and said to him, Do you know that יהוה will take away your master from being over you today? And he said, yes know it; hold you your silence.

Passing over principle from Elijah to Elisha. A transference of responsibility a passing over of the mantle.

And again in II Kings 2:4-104And Eliyahu said to him, Elisha, stay here, I ask you; for יהוה has sent me to Yericho. And he said, as ilives, and as your being lives, I will not leave you. So they came to Yericho.

5 And the sons of the neviim that were at Yericho came to Elisha, and said to him, Do you know that יהוה will take away your master from being over you today? And he answered, Ken (Yes); I know it; be silent! Hold ye your peace. 6 And Eliyahu said to him, Stay here, I ask you, for יהוה has sent me to Yarden. And he said, as יהוה lives, and as your being lives, I will not leave you. And the two went on. 7 And fifty men of the sons of the neviim went, and stood far off

II Kings 2:9-11

9And it came to pass, when they had gone over, that Eliyahu said to Elisha, Ask me what I shall do for you, before I am taken away from you. And Elisha said, I ask you, let a double portion of your ruach be upon me. 10 And he said, you have asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so.

Elijah knew his "retirement" was nigh.

to view: and the two of them stood by Yarden.

2 Kings 2:11 11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, see, there appeared a mirkavah of fire, and horses of fire, and separated them; and Eliyahu went up by a whirlwind into the shamayim. II Kings 2:11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Eliyahu went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried my abba, my abba, the Mirkavah of Yisrael, and their horsemen. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and tore them in two pieces.

This is not YHWH's throne room - the third heaven....we know there are at least three heavens (2 Cor 12:2) Elijah was taken to the first heaven.

II Kings 2:16 And they said to him, See now, there are with your avadim fifty strong men; let them go, we ask you, and seek your master: if perhaps the Ruach of הוה has taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, you shall not send anyone. 17 And when they urged him until he was ashamed, he relented and said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought him for three days, but found him not. 18 And when they came again to him, for he tarried at Yericho, he said to them, did I not say to you, Go not?

Seven years later Elijah is still here and writing a letter to the King of Judah. (Seven yrs by comparing 2 Kings 3:1, I Kings 22:42, and 2 Kings 8:16) we find Eliyahu still on earth having written to the King of Judah, Jehoram.

2 Chronicles 21:12 And there came a written parchment to him from Elijah the prophet saying, this says יהוה Elohim of Dawid your abba, Because you have not had your walk in the ways of Jehosophat your father, nor in the ways of Asa King of Judah.

Even in Jewish historians were aware that Elijah hadn't died:

Josephus Antiquities Of 'The Jews 9:2:2 states' 'Now at this time it was that Eliyahu disappeared from among men, and no one knows of his death to this very day; but he left behind him his disciple Elisha, as we have formerly declared. And indeed, as to Eliyahu, and as to Enoch, who was before the Deluge, it is written in the sacred books that they disappeared; but so nobody knew that they died."

Philip was identically transported bodily through the air, from a spot between Jerusalem and Gaza, unto the city of Azotus a few miles away (Acts 8:26-28 and Acts 8:39, 40).

Malachi 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful Day of Yahweh.6 And he shall turn the lev of the ahvot to the children, and the lev of the children to their ahvot, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse through utter destruction.