



## WHO IS THE ELIJAH TO COME AND "THAT PROPHET"?

*Many churches and assemblies are looking for the coming of Elijah or EliYah the prophet in order to fulfill Yahweh's promise in Mal. 4:5-6. Some men have laid claim to that title in the past and many are still laying claim to it today. Others are proclaiming that they are "That Prophet." What is the truth about EliYah? What is the truth about That Prophet? Is it possible for us to know who the real EliYah, as well as That Prophet are/is and detect the false ones? Yes it is! The real Prophets are openly revealed in the pages of Scripture! This article will reveal him to you.*

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Yahweh promises, "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of Yahweh: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse," Mal. 4:5-6.

I sat in a church for a little over eighteen years which had a pastor general who proclaimed, "I am the Elijah!" and he absolutely dared anyone to question his authority. While this work was important in many people's lives, including my own, concerning the teachings of basic Scriptural principles, the truth of the matter is that this man was claiming a position and authority that certainly did not belong to him.

The problem is that there are other men on the world scene today who also want to claim this title and authority and many of these men may have a great deal of Scriptural truths and understanding also, but if we allow the Scriptures to be our true guide, then we can be warned concerning these men and not allow them to exercise their misguided authority over us.

### JOHN THE BAPTIST

John the Baptist was raised up to do a special work in his day. The Jews of that day knew that they were living in important times. They understood that the One called the Messiah, or the One called That Prophet, or the One called EliYah was supposed to appear on the scene because of the prophecies of the Prophet Daniel

They sent priests and Levites to John questioning who he was, "And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who art thou?' And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Art thou Elijah?' And he saith, 'I am not.' 'Art thou that prophet?' And he answered, 'No'." Jn. 1:19-21.

According to the questions asked, they knew that it was the time for the appearance of the Messiah, the Elijah, and/or That Prophet!

Who did John say he was? "Then said they unto him, 'Who art thou? That we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness. 'Make straight the way of Yahweh,' as said the prophet Isaiah," vv. 22-23.

What did Isaiah proclaim? "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, 'Prepare ye the way of Yahweh, make straight in the desert a highway for our Elohim. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: **And the glory of Yahweh shall be revealed,** and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of Yahweh hath spoken *it*," Isa. 40:3-5.

Yahshua reveals that not only does Isa. 40:3-5 apply to John the Baptist, but that Mal. 3:1 applies to him also, "And as they departed, Yahshua began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, 'What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft *clothing* are in kings' houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is *he*, of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee'," Mt. 11:7-10.

Malachi proclaimed, "Behold, I will send My messenger, and **\*the Sovereign**, Whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to **His temple, even the messenger of the covenant**, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith Yahweh of hosts," Mal. 3:1.

(NOTE: "\*the Sovereign" is rendered as 'the Lord' in the English versions. It is translated from the Hebrew 'haAdon' which is interpreted as 'the Sovereign', 'the Master' or even 'the Lord.' It is not



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the usual cover up utilized for Yahweh's name.)

## THE GLORY OF YAHWEH

But let's analyze both Isa. 40:3-5 and Mal. 3:1 along with a review of applicable New Testament Scriptures. Isaiah encourages to prepare a way for Yahweh our Elohim. When this is done, the glory of Yahweh would appear. What is said about this glory in the New Testament? "And the Word was made (became) flesh, and dwelt among us, (and **we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,**) full of grace and truth," Jn. 1:14.

It is obvious from this scripture that Yahshua is the "glory of Yahweh."

"Now a certain *man* was sick, *named* Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was *that* Mary which anointed the Sovereign [Hebrew would be HaAdon]) with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Master, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. When Yahshua heard *that*, he said, "**This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of Yahweh, that the Son of Elohim might be glorified thereby...**Yahshua therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Yahshua said, 'Take ye away the stone.' Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, 'Master, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been *dead* four days.' Yahshua saith unto her, 'Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, **thou shouldest see the glory of Yahweh?**' Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Yahshua lifted up *his* eyes, and said, 'Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.' And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come forth.' And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. 'Yahshua saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go'," Jn. 11:1-4, 38-44.

Here was Yahshua, the glory of Yahweh, performing the glorious act of resurrection from the dead on behalf of Lazarus so that the people of His day might behold Him as Yahweh's glory.

"And now, O Father, **glorify Thou Me** with Thine own Self **with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was,**" Jn. 17:5.

According to Yahshua's own words, He shared this glory with the Father before the world came into being.

"But we speak the wisdom of Yahweh in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which Yahweh ordained before the world unto our glory: which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified **the Sovereign of glory,**" 1 Cor. 2:8.

Yahshua was the Sovereign (HaAdon, Master, Lord) of glory. The leaders of that world, both civil/political and **ecclesiastical** didn't know nor understand who He was.

"Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: And not as Moses, *which* put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: **But** their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which *veil* is done away in the Messiah. **But** even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Sovereign, the veil shall be taken away. Now **the Sovereign** (Yahshua) is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of **the Sovereign is**, there *is* liberty. **But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Sovereign,** are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Sovereign," 2 Cor. 3:12-18.

Those who are Yahshua's true followers will eventually share in His glory, but in today's world we must **DECLARE IT!**

"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; **But** have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of Yahweh deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of Yahweh. **But** if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the elohim of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest **the light of the glorious gospel of the Messiah, who is the image of Yahweh,** should shine unto them. **For we preach not ourselves,** but the Messiah Yahshua the Sovereign; and ourselves your servants for Yahshua's sake. For Yahweh, Who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, **to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh in the face of Yahshua the Messiah,**" 2 Cor. 4:1-4.



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It is obvious from these and many, many other Scriptures that Yahshua was the glory of Yahweh. To see Yahshua and the glory that He revealed was to see the Heavenly Father and the glory that is in Him.

## MORE ON JOHN THE BAPTIST

John the Baptist came before, ahead of Yahshua, in order to prepare a way in the hearts and minds of the people so they could not only receive the Messiah, but see the glory of Yahweh.

So many fail to realize who John really was. His father was a priest who served in the temple of Yahweh. John had every right to wear the ephod and enter into the temple to do the service of a priest.

While John's father was a righteous priest, many in the priesthood had corrupted. Also, the Pharisees had established Rabbinic Judaism because of this corruption. They were beginning to teach that they were also priests because of their own supposed righteousness and that they also were able to have entrance into the holy of holies in the heavens, thus overthrowing the priesthood established by Yahweh.

This error is continuing to be taught and followed by modern day Rabbinic Judaism which testifies that they are the descendants and inheritors of the Pharisees of old. They also continue to deny Yahshua as the Messiah.

John was not only preparing the way for Yahshua, but announcing that One greater than himself, and the Levitical priesthood of which he would have been a member, was to appear which was Yahshua the Messiah, the High Priest of the Melchizedek Priesthood!

## ANALYZING MAL. 3:1

Again, Mal. 3:1 states, "Behold, I will send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me: and the Sovereign, Whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith Yahweh of hosts."

The interesting thing about the name Malachi is that, in the Hebrew, it means "My messenger or messengers." Malachi comes from the Hebrew word "malak" which is defined as, from an unused root meaning to despatch as a deputy; a messenger; specifically, of Elohim, i.e. an angel (also a prophet, priest or teacher). (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*)

Several messengers are dealt with in the book of Malachi. First there is the prophet Malachi who wrote the book. Then there are the priests (2:1). Notice in the definition that the priests were messengers (malak [im]). Then there is the messenger in 3:1 who prepares the way before the messenger of the covenant. Finally EliYah the prophet is spoken of in 4:5-6.

John was the messenger of Mal. 3:1 according to Yahshua. John prepared the way for Yahshua and the work that He was to do. Notice that it says, "...he shall prepare the way before Me." Who is this Me? He is the one inspiring the prophecy to be written as the last words of the verse indicate, "...saith Yahweh of hosts."

Furthermore, He is the Sovereign (haAdon) who is coming to His temple. Which temple is primarily being spoken of here? Wasn't it the temple in Jerusalem? To Whom did the temple belong? Wasn't it Yahweh?

Finally, it says, "...even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in..." What covenant is he speaking of? Both Israel and Judah had transgressed the covenant that they had made with Yahweh in the wilderness. They were overthrown, destroyed and cast out of the land of promise.

Zechariah reveals that Yahweh **BROKE HIS COVENANT THAT HE MADE WITH ISRAEL**, "10And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that **I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.** 11And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of Yahweh," Zech. 11:10-11.

Yet, Yahweh had promised to make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah (Jer. 31:31-34).

This is what the people of that day were looking for. Yahweh had given Israel and Judah into the power of the Gentile kingdoms. The Jews of that day were under the yoke of the Romans. They expected the Messiah to appear, the One Anointed to bring in a new covenant and restore Israel and Judah to world prominence, power and influence. They expected the kingdom to be restored to Judah and Israel at that time.

The Pharisees, Sadducees and Scribes were expecting that they would be the rulers along with this Messiah, this Anointed One as they were already exercising the power of religious government over the people and some civil authority. The truth of



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the matter is that John the Baptist was sent before the Salvation of Yahweh, or Yahweh the Savior (the meaning of the name Yahshua) to prepare a people who could receive Him. Yahshua, in essence, was Yahweh manifested in the flesh!

## A NEW BEGINNING

John the Baptist was born to a Levitical priest named Zechariah. The priesthood was divided into 24 courses which served for a specific period during the year. Zechariah was of the course of Abia (Lk. 1:5) which, according to Biblical commentaries, was the eighth course. His lot was to burn incense in the temple (v. 9).

The incense was burnt in conjunction with the offering of the morning and evening sacrifices, the trimming of the Menorah (in the morning), the lighting of the Menorah (in the even) and the hour of prayer (See Ex. 29:38-41; 30:1-8; Acts 3:1; Mt. 27:46; Mk. 15:33-34; Lk. 23:44-46).

An angel appeared to Zechariah while the people were outside praying and he was performing his office of burning the incense. He announced that he was to have a son by his wife Elizabeth and that he should name the son John (Lk. 1:8-13).

John was to be filled with the Holy Spirit even while he was in his mother's womb and he was to turn many of the people's hearts to Yahweh their Elohim, going before Him (Yahweh) in the spirit and power of EliYah to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and make ready a people prepared for Yahweh. (vv. 15-17).

Yahweh had made a covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob promising that He would cause their descendants to inherit the land of Canaan. During Moses' life, Yahweh remembered His covenant with them (Ex. 2:24) bringing them out of bondage to Egypt and eventually delivering them into the land.

During their sojourn in the wilderness, Yahweh made a covenant with Israel that if they would obey Him, then He would greatly bless them, but if they disobeyed, then they would become accursed. (See Ex. 19:24; Dt. 28-29.)

Israel failed to fulfill their part of the covenant and eventually had to be cast out of the land, but Yahweh had promised to make a new covenant with the house of Israel and Judah through the Prophet Jeremiah (Jer. 31:31-34).

The amazing thing is that the names of Zechariah, his wife Elizabeth and their son John tell us an

awesome truth. Zechariah means "Yahweh has remembered." Elizabeth means "the oath or promise of El." John means that Yahweh has bent or stooped in kindness to an inferior. In other words, the real meaning of these names when placed together is "Yahweh El has remembered His promise to have favor, grace or mercy!"

Yahweh was beginning to bring about a new thing in the earth. John was of priestly lineage and had every right to serve in a priestly capacity in the temple of Yahweh. Yet, the scriptures reveal that when the word of Yahweh came to him to begin his mission, he didn't go to the temple, but rather was in the wilderness and performed his ministry in the countryside.

Had a person sinned under the Levitical priesthood and the Old Covenant, he was to take his sin offering to the priests at the temple, make that offering and his sin would be forgiven. But John's message was to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins.

John warned the Pharisees, Sadducees and Scribes that their system was going to be hewn down and cast into the fire, "In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, <sup>2</sup>And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. <sup>3</sup>For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of Yahweh, make his paths straight. <sup>4</sup>And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, <sup>6</sup>And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>**But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?** <sup>8</sup>Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: <sup>9</sup>And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that Yahweh is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. <sup>10</sup>**And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.**" Mt. 3:1-10.

The animal sacrifices and various offerings were no longer going to be acceptable. Neither was the Levitical priesthood to be the legitimate priesthood, nor the temple at Jerusalem Yahweh's dwelling



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place on earth. John prophesied that they were going to be cast into the fire, and such is the case. The temple was destroyed by fire at the hand of the Roman army in 69-70 C.E. The Levitical priesthood was also destroyed as well as those who were in power.

The Book of Hebrews declares that the Levitical priesthood, tabernacle, appurtenances and sacrifices were only “figures” or “parables” for the time of their existence.... “in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; <sup>10</sup>Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. <sup>11</sup>But the Messiah being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; <sup>12</sup>Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. <sup>13</sup>For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: <sup>14</sup>How much more shall the blood of the Messiah, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to Yahweh, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living Elohim? <sup>15</sup>And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament (covenant), that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament (covenant), they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance,” Heb. 9:9-15.

“<sup>1</sup>For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. <sup>2</sup>For then would they not have ceased to be offered? Because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. <sup>3</sup>But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. <sup>4</sup> For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins,” Heb. 10:1-4.

The Old Covenant with its Levitical priesthood, tabernacle, temple and sacrifices had become obsolete. Yahweh was bringing a New Covenant and New Priesthood with new sacrifices, as well as a new dwelling place into existence, “In that He saith, ‘A new covenant,’ He hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to van-

ish away,” Heb. 8:13.

A new covenant, a new and living way was beginning to be initiated.

## THE PREPARATION

John’s own father Zechariah the priest had prophesied of John’s mission, “<sup>66</sup>And thou child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for **thou shalt go before the face of Yahweh to prepare His ways;** <sup>77</sup>to give knowledge of salvation unto His People by the remission of their sins, <sup>78</sup>Through the tender mercy of our Elohim; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us. <sup>79</sup>To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace,” Lk. 1:76-79.

When confronted by the priests and Levites concerning his authority, John declared, “**I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of Yahweh,’** as said the prophet Isaiah,” Jn. 1:23.

Mark witnesses of John’s ministry, “<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the evangel of Yahshua the Messiah, the Son of Elohim; <sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophets, **Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. <sup>3</sup>The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of Yahweh, make his paths straight. <sup>4</sup>John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. <sup>5</sup>And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>And John was clothed with camel’s hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; <sup>7</sup>And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. <sup>8</sup>I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, 1:1-8.**

Yahshua declared concerning John, “<sup>2</sup>Now when John had heard in the prison the works of the Messiah, he sent two of his disciples, <sup>3</sup>And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? <sup>4</sup>Yahshua answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: <sup>5</sup>The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the evangel preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me. <sup>7</sup>And as they departed, Yahshua began to say unto the multi-



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tudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? <sup>8</sup>But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup>But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>**For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.** <sup>11</sup>Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. <sup>14</sup>And if ye will receive it, this is Eliyah, which was for to come. <sup>15</sup>He that hath ears to hear, let him hear," Mt. 11:2-15.

John's ministry was a ministry of preparation for the people to receive the messenger of the covenant, Yahshua the Messiah. It was a fulfillment of the prophecies of Isaiah and Malachi.

Years after both John's and Yahshua's beginning ministry, Paul found certain disciples at Ephesus and asked them, "Have ye received the Holy Spirit since ye believed?" And they said unto him, 'We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Spirit.' And he said unto them, 'Unto what then were ye baptized?' And they said, 'Unto John's baptism.' Then said Paul, 'John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the People, that they should believe on Him Which should come after him, that is on the Messiah Yahshua.' When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Sovereign Yahshua.' And when Paul had laid his hands upon them the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve," Acts 19:2-7.

Even though John was filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb and went about preaching repentance and baptism, he did not have the ability to give the Holy Spirit. That was reserved for Yahshua's ministry and for His disciples. These men had to be re-baptized in Yahshua's name and then the Holy Spirit was given with the laying on of Paul's hands.

## THE VISION OF GLORY

Yahshua took Peter, James and John up into a

high mountain (Mt. 17:1). While there, He was transfigured before them. His face was shining as the sun and His clothing was white with light (v. 2). This vision is extremely important for any modern day believer to understand. There appeared also to them Moses and Eliyah talking with Him (v. 3).

"Then answered Peter, and said unto Yahshua, 'Master, it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Eliyah.' While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, 'This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him.' And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Yahshua came and touched them and said, 'Arise, and be not afraid.' And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Yahshua only. And as they came down from the mountain, Yahshua charged them, saying, 'Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead,' vv. 4-9. (See also Mk. 9:2-13; Lk. 9:28-36)

The question now is, Why did Moses and Eliyah appear with Him in the transfiguration? Moses had warned the children of Israel, "**Yahweh thy Elohim will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto Him ye shall hearken;** according to all that thou desiredst of Yahweh thy Elohim in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of Yahweh my Elohim, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. And Yahweh said unto me, 'They have well spoken that which they have spoken. **I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put My words in His mouth; and He shall speak unto them all that I shall command Him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto My words which He shall speak in My name, I will require it of him,**" Dt. 18:15-19.

The Apostle Peter, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, declared, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of Yahweh; and He shall send Yahshua the Messiah Which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which Yahweh hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. **For Moses truly said unto the fathers,**



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**‘A Prophet shall Yahweh your Elohim raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that Prophet, shall be destroyed from among the People,’** Acts 3:19-23.

Yahshua is THAT PROPHET like unto Moses. Any other man who claims to be “THAT PROPHET” is a liar and the truth is not in him! He is on the verge of practicing blasphemy because he has elevated himself to take a position that belongs to Yahshua and Yahshua alone!

According to Deuteronomy 18, what had the people desired? Wasn’t it a mediator, a go between Yahweh and themselves so that they wouldn’t perish because of the fiery voice of Yahweh?

## MOSES’ ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I know that many men in the modern-day world have a tendency to also liken themselves to Moses. Again, if any man does such he is only a deceiver who is seeking the lime-light.

What were some of the accomplishments of Moses?

- 1) Knowledge of Yahweh’s Memorial Name (Ex. 3:14-15). Yahshua declared the Father’s name to His disciples (Jn. 17:6, 26).
- 2) Deliverance from bondage to Egypt which was a type of our slavery to sin, false worship and death through the Passover (Ex. 6-15). Yahshua is our Passover (1 Cor. 5:7) and deliverance from sin, false worship and death.
- 3) The giving of manna in the wilderness in order to sustain the lives of the children of Israel (Ex. 16). Yahshua is the true bread from heaven (Jn. 6).
- 4) The restoration of the knowledge of the seventh day Sabbath rest (Ex. 16). Yahshua is the true rest of Yahweh’s people (Mt. 11:28-29). The seventh day Sabbath is a type of the seventh period of 1,000 years (the millennium) when the earth shall have rest (Isa. 11:10) under Yahshua’s Kingship.
- 5) Water came from the rock in order to satisfy the people’s thirst (Ex. 17). Yahshua is identified as the Rock Who was with the People in 1 Cor. 10:1-4). Water is a type of the Holy Spirit (Jn. 7:37-39. Yahshua (the Rock) was smitten in order to provide the Holy Spirit for the People (Acts 2).
- 6) The covenant and commandments were made

and given through Moses’ mediation (Ex. 20). Through Yahshua, Yahweh now has the power to make a new covenant with His people and write His law in their hearts and minds (Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:8-12).

- 7) The tabernacle, its vessels and appurtenances were made through Moses’ mediation so that Yahweh could dwell among His people (Ex. 25). Yahshua provides a new tabernacle, a new dwelling place for Yahweh for He now lives in His people (Jn. 17:17-23) who are tabernacles made without hands.
- 8) The Levitical Aaronic priesthood was established through Moses’ mediation (Ex. 28). The heavenly Melchizedek Priesthood came through Yahshua (Heb. 7, 8).
- 9) The sacrifices were instituted through the mediation of Moses (Ex. 29; Lev. 1-7). Yahshua offered the better sacrifice than that of animals. (Heb. 9:23-28, 10:12-18).
- 10) The Torah, the first five books of the Bible, were written by Moses. Moses was writing of Yahshua (Jn. 5:39-47). Yahshua is the living Torah.

One other thing to point out is the fact that Moses was singled out to not only deliver the children of Israel out of Egypt, but to bring them into the land that Yahweh had promised to the Patriarchs. Moses was utilized to deliver the children of Israel into the wilderness, and did bring them close to the land, but failed in the ability to bring them into the land of Canaan. That function was left to one named Yahshua Ben Nun, a man who possessed the same name as the Messiah.

## ELIJAH’S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Elijah was a prophet to the northern kingdom of Israel under the Ephraimite kings. Jeroboam the first king of the northern kingdom of Israel, in order to keep the people from returning to the Judaic dynasty of David, set up golden calves in Bethel and Dan, made priests of the lowest of the people rather than the Levites and changed the observance of the feast of tabernacles to the eighth month in lieu of the commanded seventh month (1 Ki. 12:26-33).

The kings of Israel waxed worse and worse until King Ahab came on the scene. He had married Jezebel, daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians whose holy city was Tyre. Ahab did even greater evil in the eyes of Yahweh (1 Ki. 16:29-34).

Elijah’s accomplishments were:



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- 1) He shut up heaven so that there was no rain nor dew for three years (1 Ki. 17:1; 18:1). Once again, rain, water is a type of the Holy Spirit. Yahshua has the power to open and no man can shut and He has the power to shut and no man can open (Rev. 3:7).
- 2) During the drought Elijah was fed for a time by ravens which brought him bread and flesh while he drank from the brook Cherith. (1 Ki. 17:2-6). Interestingly “Cherith” comes from a Hebrew word “karath” which has to do with a covenant. When Yahshua dueled with Satan the devil, after having fasted for forty days and forty nights, overcoming him and sending him away, He was ministered to by angels. Note the types. Ravens, of course, are birds which fly through the heaven. Angels are spirits who are able to do the same only they are able to travel past the heaven of the earth into the heaven of heavens. Yahshua, in overcoming the devil, now has the power to administer a “new covenant” to His people.
- 3) Elijah, the Sidonian widow and her son were sustained by a handful of meal and a little cruse of oil which didn’t fail until the day Yahweh sent rain on the earth (1 Ki. 17:10-14). Interestingly, he first asked her for a drink of water (v. 10). Yahshua fed five thousand men besides women and children with five barley loaves and two fishes. When the excess was taken up, it filled twelve baskets (Mt. 14:15-21; Mk. 6:35-44; Jn. 6:5-13). In another instance He fed four thousand with seven loaves and a few little fish. When the excess was taken up there were seven baskets of fragments left over (Mt. 15:32-38; Mk. 8:1-9).
- 4) EliYah restored the widow’s son to life (1 Ki. 17:17-24). Yahshua restored several back to life and now has the power over death and the grave to restore all back to life (Mt. 9:18-26; Lk. 7:11-16; Jn. 11:1-45).
- 5) Elijah called fire down from heaven (1 Ki. 18:37-39). John witnessed that One was coming after himself Whose shoes he was not worthy to bear, He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Mt. 3:11).
- 6) Elijah restored knowledge to the children of Israel that Yahweh, rather than Baal, was the true Elohim (1 Ki. 18:37-39). Even though Elijah restored this knowledge, Israel didn’t turn to worship Yahweh and eventually had to be

- cast out of the land. Yahshua declared Yahweh’s name to His disciples (Jn. 17:6, 11-12, 26).
- 7) Elijah slew 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of the groves (1 Ki. 18:19, 40). Yahshua will slay His enemies upon His return (Lk. 19:11-27, esp. v. 27). Who will this entail or include? Obviously, after the fashion of Elijah, He will slay the false prophets and priests, but Psa. 110:5 reveals that kings and rulers will also be included.
- 8) Elijah was taken up into heaven by a whirlwind (2 Ki. 2:1, 11). Yahshua was taken up into heaven (Acts 1:9).

The point is that Yahshua’s accomplishments were far greater than those of Moses and Elijah combined. They were both seen in the vision with Yahshua which was given for Peter, James and John who are perceived to be the stronger and more faithful of the disciples. They, above all, understood Who Yahshua was. Yahshua had the power to fulfill both of the offices of Moses and Elijah and to do much, much more.

## GOING BACK TO MALACHI

Malachi was inspired to proclaim, “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of Yahweh; and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse,” 4:5-6.

Which great and dreadful day of Yahweh is he speaking of here? The day presented in verse 1, “For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith Yahweh of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.”

Verse 3 declares of the righteous survivors, “And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith Yahweh of hosts.”

The Psalmist David declared, “Thine hand shall find out all Thine enemies: Thy right hand shall find out those that hate Thee. Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of Thine anger: Yahweh shall swallow them up in His wrath, and the fire shall devour them,” Psa. 21:8-9.

The Apostle Peter was inspired to write, “But the day of Yahweh will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great



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noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and piety, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of Yahweh, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness," 2 Pet. 3:10-13.

Malachi, David and Peter understood the day that is coming. It is the period of time after the millennial kingdom rule. It is the period of time called the "GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT." This is spoken of in the book of Revelation, "And I saw a great white throne, and Him That sat on it, **from Whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.** And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before Yahweh; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire," 20:11-15.

Those who are not recorded in the book of life will be cast into the fires of hellfire or Gehenna. They will be destroyed, reduced to ashes so that there is no root nor branch that could be resurrected in any way. It is the second death and this death is complete destruction with no hope or promise of ever living again.

Yahshua had warned, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him Which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (Gehenna)," Mt. 10:28.

This is the hellfire that will burn at the end of the kingdom age. It will destroy all of the enemies of Yahweh. Even Satan will be cast into the fire and be destroyed (Rev. 20:10).

## ELIJAH'S WORK

Elijah the Prophet must be sent before this great and dreadful day in order to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the chil-

dren to the fathers. Therefore, we must ask the question, Who are the fathers? The answer is as simple as A, B, C, etc. The fathers are Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The promises of the covenant were made to Abraham and then passed on to Isaac and Jacob who was named Israel.

The children spoken of by Malachi are the children of Israel! This is what Yahweh has promised in His New Covenant, "Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which My covenant they brake, although I was a husband unto them, saith Yahweh: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; after those days, saith Yahweh, I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their Elohim, and they shall be My People. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know Yahweh:' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Yahweh: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more," Jer. 31:31-34 (See also Heb. 8:8-12.

How does Yahweh initiate this New Covenant? Through Yahshua the Messiah! How will He confirm this covenant with the fathers and the children? Through a resurrection, a restoration to life!

"The hand of Yahweh was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of Yahweh, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, <sup>2</sup>And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Sovereign Yahweh, thou knowest. <sup>4</sup>Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of Yahweh. <sup>5</sup>Thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am Yahweh. <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. <sup>8</sup>And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them



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above: but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. <sup>11</sup>Then he said unto me, Son of man, **these bones are the whole house of Israel:** behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh; Behold, O my people, **I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves,** and bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And ye shall know that I am Yahweh, **when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,** <sup>14</sup>**And shall put my spirit in you,** and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I Yahweh have spoken it, and performed it, saith Yahweh," Ez. 37:1-14.

This great resurrection will bring Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and their descendants, the children of Israel out of their graves.

Notice in Jeremiah 31 and Hebrews 8 that Yahweh is prophesying about His New Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. The significance of this is that the houses of Israel and Judah were divided after King Solomon's death and have never been joined back together.

The joining of the houses of Israel and Judah back together takes place after their resurrection from the grave according to the Prophet Ezekiel, <sup>15</sup>"The word of Yahweh came again unto me, saying, <sup>16</sup>Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions: <sup>17</sup>And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. <sup>18</sup>And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these? <sup>19</sup>Say unto them, Thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. <sup>20</sup>And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before

their eyes. <sup>21</sup>And say unto them, Thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: <sup>22</sup>And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all. <sup>23</sup>Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their Elohim. <sup>24</sup>And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. <sup>25</sup>And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. <sup>26</sup>Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. <sup>27</sup>My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people. <sup>28</sup>And the heathen shall know that I Yahweh do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore," Ez. 37:15-28.

## KINGDOM RESTORATION

Neither Moses nor Elijah had the power to keep Israel from wandering away from Yahweh, His covenant and ways. John the Baptist prepared the way before Yahshua in the spirit of Elijah, but did not turn the hearts of all of the children of Israel to their fathers nor the hearts of the fathers to the children. While there are also men in this day and age who are proclaimed to be Elijah the Prophet, none of them have that power.

The apostles understood that Yahshua would be the One Who would restore the kingdom of Israel, "When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, 'Master, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?'" Acts 1:6.

In another place, when Yahshua was making His approach to Jerusalem in order to fulfill the sacrifice for sins, the disciples expected that the king-



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dom would immediately appear (Lk. 19:11). Yahshua warned them in a parable that He, would be going into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return (v. 12). Yahshua was preparing His disciples for the fact that the kingdom age would be farther away in time than they had expected.

Therefore, when asked about the kingdom in Acts 1, He instructed them, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," Acts 1:7-8.

The disciples were to declare the good news to the house of Judah (Jerusalem and Judaea), to Israel (Samaria) and to the Gentiles (the uttermost part of the earth).

Under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Peter cried out, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of **refreshing** shall come from the presence of Yahweh; And He shall send Yahshua the Messiah, Which before was preached unto you (by John): Whom the heaven must receive until the times of **restitution** of all things, which Yahweh hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began," Acts. 3:19-21.

Notice that Peter says "times of **REFRESHING**." Refreshing is translated from the Greek word "anapsuxis" which is defined as, from 404; properly, **a recovery of breath**, i.e. (figuratively) **revival** (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, Greek Lexicon).

**RESTITUTION** is translated from the Greek word "apokatastasis" which is defined as, from 600; **reconstitution** (*IBID*).

Apokatastasis comes from another Greek word "apokathistemi" which is defined as, to reconstitute (in health, home or organization).

The times of refreshing have to do with the times of resurrection, a recovery of breath, a restoration to home, health and organization.

It is the understanding of most people that when the Savior returns, there will be a resurrection. Yahshua will resurrect His people Israel, Judah and the Gentiles who trust in Him. He will restore the

kingdom of heaven on earth. The kingdom that He will restore is promised to last one thousand years (Rev. 20:4).

He will finally resurrect the rest of the dead in the Great White Throne Judgment and will prepare the hearts of those who are able to receive Him and His kingdom.

Yahshua is the only One Who has the power to open the graves, restore the houses of Israel and Judah and the Gentiles to life. He is the only One Who can circumcise the heart and institute the New Covenant in one's life.

This has to be done before the present heavens and earth disappear. This has to be done before the new heavens and new earth and new Jerusalem descend from heaven wherein will dwell the Heavenly Father Yahweh.

Yahshua is the true Elijah the Prophet! Yahshua is That Prophet that the people were looking for like unto Moses.

The law came by Moses, but Moses couldn't write it on the hearts of the people. Yahshua can!

Elijah destroyed the prophets of Baal and of the groves, revealing that Yahweh was the true Elohim, but never turned the hearts of the people back to Yahweh. Yahshua can and will!

Yahshua is the greater law giver. He is the greater prophet. He must do the work of turning the hearts of the children (Israel) to the fathers (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob), and the hearts of the fathers to the children! He must come and do this work or the earth will be smitten with utter destruction (Mal. 4:6).

No man has the power to do this great work. Only Yahshua has the power to perform it and He certainly shall. He is the EliYah who has the power to prepare His people to receive the Heavenly Father Yahweh! He is the **TRUE ELIJAH!**

Let no man deceive you into thinking that he is the prophesied Elijah, nor That Prophet! The Scriptures undeniably witness to Yahshua. The prophets and apostles witness of Yahshua. The Heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit witness of Yahshua. Listen to what the Spirit says to the assemblies! Trust in and look to Yahshua Who will prepare the way for all people to see and glorify the Heavenly Father Yahweh in the spirit and power of Elijah the Prophet. HalleluYah!!!!

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