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HOW Elijah will Restore all Things!

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Here is How Elijah will restore all things (Matthew 17:11), Before the coming of Jesus-Christ (Mal 4:5-6; Act 3:19-21)!

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God says in the Bible: *“Do not keep the prophetic words of this book (the Bible) a secret, because the time is near.”* (Rev 22:10).

With the help of the Holy Spirit (Jn 14:26; 16:13-14), God shows us today, the work Elijah has to do, just before the coming of the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord!

(A) What are the Things to be restored, according to the Bible?

1) The Kingdom of God on the earth

Since the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, God’s Kingdom governs no more the mankind.

***Gen 3: 22-23:** *“Then the Lord God said, ‘now the man has become like one of us and has knowledge of what is good and what is bad. He must not be allowed to take fruit from the tree that gives life, eat it, and live for ever. So, the lord God sent him out of the garden and made him cultivate the soil from which he had been formed.”*

NB: So, God’s Kingdom has been removed from the earth after the sin of Adam; but very soon, God will restore it through His Nation which will be born in a day, like a mustard seed, after the coming of the son of man who is Elijah (Ez 2:3-5; Luke 17:22; Mal 4:5).

***Matthew 13 :31,38 :** *« The Kingdom of the heaven is like a mustard seed that a man takes and sows in his field...The field is the world; the good seed is the people who belong to the kingdom.”,*

***Isa 66:8:** *“Has anyone ever seen or heard of such a thing? Has a Nation ever been born in a day? Zion will not have to suffer long, before the Nation is born.”*

***Dan 2:44:** *“At the time of those rulers the God of heaven will establish a kingdom that will never end.”*

***Luke 12:32:** *“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom.”*

***Matthew 10:7,23:** *“Go and preach, ‘The Kingdom of heaven is near...you will not finish your work in all the towns of Israel before the Son of man comes.”*

NB: It’s clear here that, the Kingdom of God will come, when the Son of man, who is Elijah, will come!

The coming of God’s Kingdom is closely linked at the coming of Elijah, who must restore all things Before the day of the Lord.

2) One Language

***Gen 11:1:** *“At first, the people of the whole world had only one language and used the same words.”, but God mixed up their language at the Tower of Babel, so that they couldn’t understand one another (V7).*

Since there, the whole world has many and many languages; but as it occurred the day of Pentecost, at the foundation of the Church of God (Act 2:1, 4), a miracle of language will happen the day the Nation of God will be born: All those of the little flock who will belong to the Nation of God, will talk only one language, the language of Millennium!

***1 Pet 2:9-10:** *“But you are the chosen race, the King’s priest, the Holy Nation, God’s own people...at one time you were not God’s people, but now you are his people.”*

***Hos 2 17:** *“I will remove from her mouth the names of Baal.”*

***Zep 3:9:** *“Then I will give to the people – it will be a change – a pure language, so that they all pray to me, and serve me by mutual consent.” (N.W.T.)*

: “On that day I will purify the lips of all the people, so, that everyone will be able to worship the Lord together.” (N.L.T).

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3) Israel's kingdom or the House of David

After the death of Solomon, son of David, Israel's kingdom fell into two kingdoms, as God announced to the prophet Ahijah (1 Kings 11:29_36 ;12:12-19).

However, God has promised David that, at the end of the times, one of his sons (descendants) will restore his kingdom like it was long ago:

***2 Sam 7:12-13:** *"When you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will make one of your sons king and will keep his kingdom strong. He will be the one to build a temple for me, and I will strengthen the throne of his kingdom for ever."*

***2 Sam 7:18-19, 25:** *"Then the king David went into... Lord's presence...and prayed: '...yet now you are doing even more, Sovereign Lord: you have made' promises about my descendants in the years to come...And now, Lord god, fulfil for all time the promise you made about me and my descendants, and do what you said you would."*

***Am 9:11:** *"The Lord says: 'A day is coming when I will restore the kingdom of David, which is like a home fallen into ruins...? I will rebuild it and make it as it was long ago.'"*

***Ps 89:33-35:** *"I will not stop loving David or fail to keep my promise to him. I will not break my covenant with him or take back even one promise I made him. Once and for all I have promised by my, holy name: I will never lie to David."*

NB: So, the descendant of David, who will restore his kingdom at the end of the times, would only be Elijah, the son of man who will restore the kingdom of God; because, in fact, God's Kingdom is and will be always in the hands of David's descendants:

***2 Chr 13:8:** *"Do you really think you can stand against the Lord's kingdom that is given to David's descendants?"*

***1 Kings 28:5:** *"...He (the Lord) chose Solomon to rule over Israel, the Lord's kingdom."*

So, the coming of God's kingdom is the restoring of Israel's kingdom, which will be ruled, for a short time by Elijah, the son of the man, a descendant of David, until the coming of Christ.

***Zec 6:12-13:** *"Tell him that the Lord Almighty says, 'Here is the man (son of man) called the Branch. He will branch out where he is and build the Temple of Lord. He will build the Lord's Temple and receive royal honour and will rule as a king from his throne. He will also serve as a priest from his throne, and there will be perfect harmony between the two.'"*

NB: Elijah, the son of man, the descendant of David, will be both king and priest; he will hold two offices that must not get interruption:

***Jer 33:17-18:** *"I, the Lord, promise that there will always be a descendant of David to be a king of Israel and that there will always be priests from the tribe of Levi to serve me...?"*

NB: The throne of David is at the present time occupied by Queen Elisabeth II of England (Ephraim), and the Stone of crowning is in Scotland.

The Bible predicts a fourth and last reversal of this throne at the end of the times:

***Isa 28:1-3:** *"Ephraim (the kingdom of Israel) is doomed! Its glory is fading like the crowns of flowers on the heads of its drunken leaders...The Lord has someone strong and powerful...who will come like a hailstorm... The pride of those drunken leaders (of Ephraim) will be trampled underfoot."*

***Jer 13:18:** *"Say to the king and his mother, 'Come down from your thrones and sit in the dust, for your crowns will soon be snatched from your heads.'"*

***Ez 21:26-27:** *"I, the Sovereign Lord, have spoken. Take off your crown and your turban. Nothing will be the same again."*

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Raise the poor to power! Bring down those who are ruling! Ruin, ruin! But this will not happen until the one whom I have chosen...Then I will give it to him.”

NB: So, the throne of England (Ephraim), which is David’s throne, will be given for a moment to a man, Elijah (Zec 6:12-13) before Christ comes and takes it definitively (Luke 1:32-33).

This throne of David will be snatched from England, and given to the descendant of David, Elijah, who will sit on it at the Safety Place, in the upper mountains of Galilea, especially in Mount Hermon:

***Ez 34:11-14:** *“I, the Sovereign Lord, tell you that I myself will look for my sheep and take care of them...I will bring them back from all the places where they were scattered... I will...gather them together... I will let them graze in safety in the mountains...and in all the green pastures of the land of Israel.”*

***Ex 15:13-17:** *“Faithful to your promise, you led the people you had rescued...you bring them in and plant them on your mountain, the place that you, Lord, have chosen for your home...”*

***Joel 2:31-32:** *“...Before the great and terrible day of the Lord arrives...there will be people on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem who escape.”*

***Isa 4:5-6:** *“Then over Mount Zion and over all who are gathered there, the Lord will send a cloud in the daytime and smoke and bright flame at night...covering the glorious land...It will be a shelter from daytime heat and a place of safety from storms and rain.”*

***Ps 133:** *“How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God’s people to live together in harmony! It is like the dew on Mount Hermon, falling on the hills of Zion. That where the Lord has promised his blessing – life that never ends.”*

***Isa 65:9:** *“I will arise from Jacob descendants and from Judah an heir of my mountains; and my chosen people will possess my land of mountains.”*

NB: The Bible is very clear today! God’s Nation which will be born in a day will go to the Safety Place on Mount Hermon in Galilea, before the Great Tribulation, and will be led and ruled by Elijah, a physical descendant of David, until Jesus comes and establishes the millennium Reign on earth!

Salvation (God’s Kingdom) will be on Mount Zion, that is Mount Hermon (De 4:48), because God’s Nation will stay there; and in Jerusalem, because the Two Witnesses (Representatives of God’s Nation) will be there, during the Great Tribulation (Rev 11:3-8).

4) The Temple of God or Church of God

The introduction in the Church of God of pagan doctrines, especially the Trinity by false ministers, has been the main cause of dispersal in the Church of God, after the death of Mr. Armstrong, the messenger of Philadelphia Era (Rev 3:7).

The Good News about the coming of God’s Kingdom on earth, has been preached by him – as testimony- (Matthew 24:14).

After his death, here is what was to happen shortly afterwards, before the coming of God’s Kingdom:

***Matth 24:15:** *“You will see the abomination of desolation...standing in the Holy Place – reader, understand what this means.”*

***Ez 34:5-6:** *“Because the sheep had no shepherd (Mr. Armstrong), they were scattered...They were scattered over the face of the earth.”*

***1 Tim 4:1:** *“The Spirit says clearly that some people will abandon the faith in later times; they will obey lying spirits and follow the teachings of demons.”*

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***2 Tim 4:3-4:** *“The time will come when people will not listen to sound doctrine but will follow their own desires and will collect for themselves more and more teachers (ministers) who will tell them what they are itching to hear. They will turn away from listening to the truth and give their attention to legends (pagan myths).”*

***2 Pet 2:1-2:** *“False prophets appeared in the past among the people (physical Israel), and in the same way false teachers (ministers) will appear among you (Church of God). They will bring in destructive, untrue doctrines...Many will follow their immoral ways; and because of what they do, others will speak evil of the way of truth.”*

***2 Thes 2:2-3:** *“Not to be easily confused in your thinking or upset by the claim that the day of the Lord has come...for the day will not come until the apostasy takes place.”*

NB: The rejection of what one has first believed (apostasy), was to happen in the Church of God after the death of Mr. Armstrong, and before the day of the Lord (2 Thes 2:2-3).

Meanwhile, God says in the Bible that, He will send Elijah to restore all things before the day of the Lord (Mal 4:5; Matthew 17:11).

All this shows clearly that the Temple of God (the Church), which is today lying in ruins, abandoned, after the death of Mr. Armstrong (Hag 1:4,9; 2:3; Matthew 23:38-39; Luke 13:35), will be restored on its foundation (2 Tim 2:19 ;Hag 2:23), by Elijah, who is the son of man and the descendant of David (Zec 6:12-13 ;2 Sam 7:12-13).

It is in that spiritual Temple rebuilt by Elijah (Luke 1:16-17), that Christ will enter in his coming and our meeting with him (Mal 3:1; 2 Thes 2:1)

Christ cannot come today in an abandoned Temple, whose members are scattered (Hag 1:4, 9; Ez 34:5).

He must remain in heaven until Elijah comes and prepares a people very ready to him (Mal 4:6; Luke 1:16-17; Act 3:20-21), that is to say, a glory church – pure and faultiness, without a spot or wrinkle or any other imperfection (Eph 5:27).

5) Revelation of All that is hidden in the Bible

***Rev 22:10:** *“Do not keep the prophetic words of this book (Bible) a secret, because the time is near.”*

***Luke 8:17:** *“For whatever is hidden away will be brought out into the open and whatever is covered up will be found and brought to light.”*

NB: So, everything that is sealed or secret in the Word of God must be brought to light for the last time, before the day of the Lord.

***Isa 44:28:** *“When I say of Cyrus, ‘He is my shepherd! He will certainly do what I say. He will command that Jerusalem be rebuilt and that the Temple (the Church) be restored.”*

***Isa 45:1-3, 6:** *“That is what the Lord says to Cyrus, his anointed one, whose right hand he will empower...I will smash down gates...And I will give you treasures hidden in the darkness – secret riches...so all the world from east to west will know there is no other God. I am the Lord, and there’s no other.”*

NB: **Cyrus** means = The Last time, or the Last time of God, or the Latest of God.

So, Cyrus, who is an anointed of God, and sent in the end of the times to rebuild and restore the Temple of God (the Church), is no one else than Elijah who must come to restore all things before the day of the Lord; and so, all that is hidden or secret in the Bible will be brought to light by Elijah, who is the spiritual Cyrus, because God will open all the doors to him, and they will never be shut again (Isa 45:2 ;Rev 3:7).

God’s secrets which are hidden in the prophetic Scriptures, will be totally revealed as God has commanded (Rev 22:10),

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and will be brought to all nations by Elijah, before the day of the Lord (Joel 2:1; Rom 16:25-26 ;Mal 4:5-6).

(B) The Prophetic Figures (Roles) of Elijah

The Bible says that God will send a man in this end of the times to restore all things and fulfil all his Will (Isa 44:28); that man is Elijah, the prophet, who will hold several prophetic positions to accomplish his mission. God always works through (a mouth of) a man or son of man (Act 15:7 ; 2 Sam 23:2; Isa 50:10; Mal 2:7 ; 2 Pet 1:21):

1) The Son of man (Luke 17:22)

***Ez 7:2-3, 6-7:** *“Son of man, this is what the Sovereign Lord says to Israel: The end is here! Wherever you look – east, west, north, or south – your land is finished...I will unleash my anger against you...The end has come...The time has come, the day of trouble is near...”*

***Ez 2:3, 5:** *“Son of man he said, ‘I am sending you to the nation of Israel ...And whether they listen or not...at least they will know they have had a prophet among them.”*

***Mal 4:5:** *“Look, I am sending you (people of Israel) the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord.”* (See Mal 1:1).

NB: The son of the man, a prophet who is sent by God to the spiritual Israelites at the end time, before the day of the Lord, and Elijah, the prophet who is also sent by God to those Israelites, are the only and the same person.

It is why Jesus said that, Elijah who will come to restore all things, should first suffer much as the son of man, and be rejected, and die in this generation of the end (Mark 9:12; Luke 17:25; Job 14:13); then, God will raise him from the dead to the physical life, to fulfil his mission (Ps 30:2-3; 40:1-3; Matthew 24:27):

***Luke 17:24:** *“For when the Son of man returns (in physical life), you will know it beyond all doubt. It will be as evident as the lightning that flashes across the sky.”*

2) Cyrus (Isa 44:28)

Cyrus, as it has been said, means the Latest of God or the Last time of God. Because, for the last time, God will restore all things and warn the whole world before his terrible day comes.

We have seen that all things in the Bible will be brought to light by Cyrus (Isa 45:1, 3), who will also rebuild God’s Temple (Isa 44:28). So, Cyrus is no one else than Elijah who will rebuild the spiritual Temple, in which Christ will enter at his coming –Mal 3:1; 4:5; Luke 1:17).

3) Joshua (Zec 3)

***Zec 3:8:** *“Listen to me, O Josuah the high priest...Soon I am going to bring my servant, the Branch.”*

***Zec 6:12:** *“...Here is a man (son of man) called the Branch. He will branch out where he is and build the temple of the Lord.”*

NB: God will rise up and bring in the forefront, a man or son of man who will be a high priest and will build God’s Temple. That son of man is called Josuah!

So, the son of man, Elijah will hold the position of spiritual Josuah, the high priest who will build God’s Temple; and, as his physical namesake, who led the physical Israel across the Jordan River into Canaan (the land of promised), the spiritual Josuah who is Elijah will lead the spiritual people of God into the Safety Place in Galilea!

4) The Descendant of David (2 Sam 7:12-13)

We have proved above that the descendant of David, who will rebuild his kingdom (Am 9:11), is Elijah, the son of man who will restore all things and bring the kingdom of God (Matthew 17:11; 10:7, 23).

Since the kingdom of God is led by the sons of David (1 Chr 28:5 ; 2 Chr 13:8), the descendant of David who will restore

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his kingdom, and Elijah the son of man, who will bring the Kingdom of God, are the same and only one person!

5) The second Blacksmith and the second Angel or Messenger (Zec 1:20-21; Rev 14:8; 18:1-2)

The Bible clearly speaks of four (4) Blacksmiths or God’s servants, who will come at the end of the times, in order to throw down Babylon (Zec 1:20-21):

- **The First Blacksmith**: is the first Angel or messenger of Revelation 14:6-7; his work corresponds to what Christ foretold to his disciples: *“This Good News about the Kingdom will be preached through all the world for a witness to all mankind; and then the end will come.”* (Matthew 24:14).

This first messenger of God at this end time was **Mr. Armstrong**, the spiritual Moses (Mal 4:4), and the spiritual Zerubbabel (Zec 4:9-10), who has preached at the Philadelphia Era, as testimony, the Good News of the coming of God’s Kingdom on earth. The mission God gave him came to its end on 16th January 1986, the day he died (Rev 3:7; Isa 48:3, 6-7).

- **The Second Blacksmith**: is the second Angel or Messenger of Revelation 14:8; 18:1-2).

Since the end was to come after the mission of testimony of the first messenger, Mr. Armstrong (Matthew 24:14), it means that the next verse (Matthew 24:15), marks the beginning of that end:

***Matth 24:15**: *“The time will come when you will see...the sacrilegious object that causes desecration standing in the Holy Place –reader understand what this means.”*

NB: So, after the Good News of the coming of God’s Kingdom had been preached all over the world, as testimony by Mr. Armstrong, pagan doctrines, who’s main is the Trinity, were introduced by Mr. Tkach in the Church of God, which is the Holy Place (Eph 5:27); this situation caused the apostasy and the desolation which scattered God’s people (2 Thes 2:3; Ez 34:5-6).

Before the fall of Babylon and the day of the Lord, God will send his second messenger or servant to prepare to the Lord, a people ready for him, gathered and not scattered:

***Rev 14:8**: *“Then a second angel followed the first one, saying: “She has fallen! Great Babylon has fallen!”* (See also Rev 18:1-2).

***Mal 4:5**: *“Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the lord arrives...”*

***Luke 1:16-17**: *“And he will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God...he will turn disobedient people back to the way of thinking of the righteous; he will get the Lord’s people ready for him.”*

NB: So, the second Angel or messenger of Revelation 14:8 and 18:1-2, is no one else than Elijah, the son of man, who will warn people of the fall of Babylon, and ask God’s people to come out from her (Ez 7:2; Joel 2:1; Rev 18:2, 4).

- **The Third and Fourth Blacksmiths**: are the Third Angel of Revelation 14:9-10. We only see one angel instead of two, because one of them (Rev 11:3-12), will be the Spokesman of the Duo, as Aaron and Moses (Ex 4:14-16; 7:1-2; Am 3:3; Ecc 4:9-12), as Theos (the Father) and Logos (Christ) – John 1:1-3. They will be the Representatives of God’s Nation during the Great Tribulation.

In conclusion, the second Blacksmith of Zechariah 1:20-21, the second Angel of Rev.14:8 and 18:1-2, are no one else than Elijah, who will come before the Great Tribulation and the Fall of Babylon to warn the whole world and bring God’s Kingdom!

(C) The Mission of Elijah has Two Stages

Talking about the descendant of David who will restore his Kingdom, God has said:

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***2 Sam 7:12-15, 19:** *“I will raise up one of your descendants...He is the one who will build a house (a Temple) for my name...If he sins, I will punish him as a father punishes his son...But my unfailing love will not be taken from him...Sovereign Lord; you have made promises about my descendants in the years to come.”*

***Isa 57:17-18:** *“I was angry with them (him) because of their (his) sin and greed, and so I punished them (him) and abandoned them (him)...I have seen how they (he) acted, but I will heal them (him). I will lead them (him) and help them (him)...”* – In the Bible in French, it’s a person (in the singular), and not several persons (in the plural)!

***Ps 118:17-18:** *“I will not die, but I will live to tell what the Lord has done. The Lord has punished me severely, but he has not handed me over the death.”*

NB: According to the prophecy about the house of David at the end of the times, and according to the typology (foreshadowing of events to come) which is frequently woven through the Psalms of David (2 Sam 23:2,5), we are here in the face of a descendant of David that God will punish by a disease (2 Sam 7:14 ;Isa57:17), but God will heal him (Jer 33:6 ;Isa 57:18), because God supports him (2 Sam 7:15).

But how God will heal him?

***Job 14:13:** *“I wish you would hide me in the world of the dead; let me hidden until your anger is over, and then set a time to remember me.”*

***Ps 30:2-3:** *“I cried to you for help, O Lord my God, and you healed me; you brought me up from the grave, O Lord. I was on my way to the world of the dead, but you restored my life.”*

***Ps 40:1-3:** *“I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. He pulled me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground (rock) and steadied me as I walked along...Many who see this will take warning and will put their trust in the Lord.”*

NB: So, God will heal the descendant of David that he has punished, by a resurrection to the physical life; this means clearly that he was dead before, owing to the disease God inflicted on him!

Job’s prayer (cry) foreshadowed the physical suffering that the descendant of David had to endure before his death, and his return in physical life. The prayer of Job was a prophecy for the time of the end, for today!

It’s clear that all those verses above concerning the descendant of David cannot be applied to Job, or to David himself, and nor to Jesus, another descendant of David; that is why:

- **Job** healed from his disease, without passing through the death (Job 42:10)
- **David** didn’t die from disease (1 Kings 2:10; 1 Chr 29:28)
- **Jesus** was never sick and didn’t die from sickness (Jn 19:17-18.)

To sum up, the descendant of David who will restore his kingdom at the end of the times, had to suffer much like Job and die; but he will return soon in the physical life, to fulfil the second part of his mission, at the time set by God!

The Bible shows clearly the two stages of the mission of Elijah at the end of the times, throughout the prophetic persons he will represent:

- **Primo** = First stage – First appearance – First fulfilment
- **Pause** = Absence in the scene
- **Segundo** = Second stage – Second appearance – Last fulfilment

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1) As the Son of man

NB: Jesus is not yet the Son of man since his resurrection from the death (Rom 1:3-4; 2 Cor 5:16; Jn 3:6; 1 Cor 15:50).

a) - **Primo:** He must first suffer must, be rejected and his message scorned (Mark 9:12; Luke 17:25)

- **Pause:** He must disappear for a moment (2 Thes 2:7)

b) - **Segundo:** He will rise from his hiding-place (Job 14:13; Ps 30:2-3). He will be revealed (Luke 17:30), and his day (Luke 17:24) will be the starting point of a worldwide upheaval, as it was in the times of Noah and Lot (Luke 17:26-29)

c) – **Primo:**

*Undermined by the sickness, he won't be able to warn the spiritual Israelites, but whenever God gives him a message, he loosens his tongue and lets him speak (Ez 3:26-27)

*Because of his sickness, he must be retained in the house, so he cannot go out among the people of God (Ez 3:24-25)

- **Pause**

d) - **Segundo:**

*At a day set by God, he will get back the power of speech which he had lost, and he will talk again. He will be a sign to the people (Ez 24:26-27)

*In this day, he will not be tied again, he will stand up, and God will send him this time, to the spiritual Israelites, and they will know that a prophet is among them (Ez 2:1-5; Ps 40:3; Isa 29:23-24).

2) As the Spiritual Josuah

- **Primo:** He is a high priest, but he wears filthy clothes of the Laodicean 'own-way' (Zec 3:3 ;Rev 3:17); he must be striped of this condition by a physical (severe) punishment, inflicted by God (Zec 3:4 ;Isa 57:17 ;Rev 3:18 ;Ez 3:24-27), and then, he must wear new clothes of God's understanding and Justice (Zec 3:5)

- **Pause**

- **Segundo:** At a day set by God, he will germinate (appear, rise from dead) with great authority to rebuild God's Temple (Zec 6:10-13).

3) As the Second Angel (Blacksmith-Messenger)

- **Primo:** He says (preaches): "*She has fallen! Great Babylon has fallen*", in an undertone, like a murmur (Rev 14:8), in contrary to the first and third angels who say (preach) their messages in a loud voice (Rev 14:7, 9)

- **Pause**

- **Segundo:** In Revelation 18:1-2, the angel who comes down from heaven with great authority, preaches in a loud voice, the same message that the angel of Revelation 14:8 has preached in undertone: "*She has fallen! Great Babylon has fallen!*"

To sum up, we see clearly that the angel of Revelation 14, and the one of Revelation 18, are the same messenger, because they have the same message, but which is only proclaimed in two different lapses of time, and with a different density or tone: firstly, in an undertone – secondly in a loud voice.

This shows clearly that the angel of Rev 14 has disappeared at a certain moment, before coming back in the forefront with great authority (Rev 18:1-2).

4) As the Descendant of David

- **Primo:** He is a shepherd, but he is punished by God (2 Sam 7:14; Isa 57:17; Ps 118:18; Jer 17:16), and rejected by people (Ps 118:22)

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- **Pause**: He is hidden by God in the grave (Job 14:13; Isa 49:1-3)

- **Segundo**: He is saved and healed by God (Ps ,118:14-17; Isa 57:18 ;Jer 33:6), who brings him back to the physical life, at a day set by him (Ps 30:2-3 ;40:1-2 ;118:23-24), so that he restores the kingdom of David (2 Sam 7:12-13 ;Am 9:11).

5) As Cyrus (the last time)

- **Primo**: He is sent by God to announce the birth of God’s Nation (Isa 44:26; 66:7-8). God gives him new revelations which are treasures hidden in the darkness (Isa 45:3; Matthew 13:44; Isa 48:6-7). He passes it on the Laodiceans who are in captivity in Babylon today (Ez 11:24-25) – They reject the message and the messenger!

- **Pause**

- **Segundo**: The earth will open wide, so he returns in physical life; it will be like childbirth (Isa 45:8; 66:7), so that the entire world, from east to west will know there is no other God (Isa 45:6). He will rise from the dead to rebuild Jerusalem and restore the Temple (Church of God) – (Isa 44:28; 45:13).

(D) **From what we know now, Can we Identify Elijah today?**

1) Mr. Armstrong was not Elijah to come

Mr. Armstrong, the first messenger or servant of God at this end of the times could not be Elijah, because:

- He came before Laodicea Era which has brought Apostasy in the Church of God (Rev 3:10 ;2 Thes 2:3 ;1 Tim 4:1 ;2 Tim 4:3-4; Matthew 24:15), and caused the dispersal of God’s people, after he was dead (Ez 34:5-6 ;2 Pet 2:1-2; Act 20:29-30).

- He didn’t prepare to God a people ready to him, not scattered, as Elijah to come will do it (Luke 1:16-17)

- He has revived the Church of God in Babylon (Rev 3:1-2, 7-8), but he didn’t bring it out of Babylon, as Elijah to come will do it, before the day of the Lord (Joel 2:1; Rev 18:1-4; Luke 1:16-17)

- He didn’t restore the kingdom of David, as Elijah to come, a descendant of David will do it (2 Sam 7:12-13; Am 9:11).

In short, Mr. Armstrong was not Elijah to come; on the contrary, he was the spiritual Moses who has restored the Law in the Church (Mal 4:4), the spiritual Zerubbabel who has built the spiritual Temple of God (the Church) in this end of the times (Zec 4:9-10), and the Angel or Messenger who has preached, as testimony, the Good News of the establishment of God’s Kingdom on the earth (Matthew 24:14 ;Rev 14:6-7), by Elijah (Matthew 17:11; Act 3:20-21).

NB: Even in the Jewish Canon, Moses represents the Law, and Elijah the Prophecy. The salvation comes from the Jews (Jn 4:22).

Moses cannot be Elijah and vice-versa; so, the end time Moses (Mal 4:4) cannot be at the same time the end time Elijah (Mal 4:5-6)!

Moreover, a space of time separates their arrivals on the scene:

- The first has come **before** Laodicean Era (Rev 3:7) to build the end time Church of God (Zec 4:9-10), and to restore the law in the Church (Mal 4:4),

- The second will come soon **in this Laodicean** era, before the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord (Mal 4:5-6; Matthew 17:11), to get the Lord’s people ready for him (Luke 1:16-17), because God’s people were scattered after the death of the spiritual Moses (HWA) –Ez 34:5.

2) Who is Elijah today?

Taking about Cyrus, another representation of Elijah, here is what God says:

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***Isa 45:3:** “...I will give you treasures hidden in the darkness – secret riches. I will do this so you may know I am the lord...who calls you by name.”

***Isa 49:1:** “...The Lord called me before my birth; from within the womb, he called me by name.”

NB: If God calls Cyrus (Elijah) by name, that name must be mentioned in the Bible!

Talking about the Prince of Tyre, a representation of the Man of sin, who will also come before the day of the Lord (2 Thes 2:2-4), God says:

***Ez 28:1-3:** “...Son of man (Elijah), give the Prince of Tyre this message from the Sovereign Lord: In your great pride you claim: ‘I am God! I sit on a divine throne...you boast that you are like a god. You think you are wiser than Daniel, that no secret can be kept from you!’”

NB: A dead person cannot talk to a living (Ecc 9:5,10); so, the son of man who will talk to the man of sin or Prince of Tyre, and to the spiritual Israelites (Ez 2:3-5), will be a living, after his return in physical life (Ps 30:2-3 ;40:1-2 ;Luke 17:30).His name in the Bible is Daniel (Ez 28:3).

The prince of tyre, the man of sin, will regard himself wiser and representative than Daniel, the son of man that God will send (Ez 2:3-5; 28:2).

So, two forces or supermen will be in the forefront before the day of the Lord: the son of man, Elijah the prophet (Ez 2:3-5; Mal 4:5), and the man of sin, prince of Tyre the false prophet (2 Thes 2:3-4):

- **The Man of the sin, the False prophet:** will represent Satan, the devil (2 Thes 2:8-11; Rev 13:11-17)

- **The Son of man, Elijah the prophet:** will represent God (Ez 2:3-5; Mal 4:5; Matthew 17:11).

Daniel, the son of man named by God, who will talk to the man of sin at this end time, cannot be Daniel the prophet of the Old Testament, who died long time ago, and is still waiting in the grave, the resurrection of the saints (Dan 12:9,13; Heb 11:39-40).

Daniel, the son of man who is Elijah, is also the descendant or son of David; his name, then, is literally: “Daniel-Son of David” or “Daniel Dawson”, as God has called him before his birth (Isa 49:1; 45:3-4).

Jesus, another descendant of David, was also called: Jesus-Son of David (Dawson) – (Matthew 15:22; 20:30-31; Mark 10:47-48; Luke 1:32; 18:38-39).

So, the name of Elijah to come is DANIEL DAWSON (Judge of God-Son of David)!

CONCLUSION

Some people (the Jews), in the first century didn’t accept a truth that Hebrew Scriptures revealed clearly: the Identity of the Messiah. Jesus of Nazareth had complied with all criterions, fulfilled all the prophecies on him.

However, a thick string of lies and preconceived ideas stopped many of his compatriots understanding the Word of God (Rom 10:2-3; Eph 4:18).

It’s the same thing today (1 Cor 10:11). The spiritual Jews of the end of the times, refuse to admit that, **after** the dead of Mr. Armstrong, Elijah who is the son of man, will come **before** the day of the Lord, and **before** the advent of Christ, to restore all things (Mal 4:5; Matthew 17:11; Act 3:20-21).

It is important to read the Bible without preconceived ideas, because as a veil, they darken the understanding and the intelligence of biblical truths (2 Cor 4:3-4)

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We must take example of the people of Berea, who listened to the message with great eagerness, and searched the scriptures day after day to see if what Paul preached was really true (Act 17:11; Jn 17:17 ;1 Thes 5:21).

The Bible declares clearly that the son of man, Elijah and descendant of David who will come at the end of the times, before the day of the Lord:

- Had to suffer much physically and be rejected (Ps 118:18, 22; Luke 17:25)
- Had to die, after suffering much (Job 14:13 ;2 Thes 2:7)
- Will return in physical life by resurrection Ps 30:2-3; 40:1-2; 118:23-24; Isa 45:6, 8; 52:10; Zec 6:12).

But Jesus himself has predicted that, some people will remain hermetic to God's Truths and Revelations "*Even if someone were to rise from death*" (Ez 2:5; Luke 16:30-31). So, when the son of man will rise from death, other people will say that he is a devil embodied (Hos 9:7; Matthew 10:25).

On the other hand, many of God's people will wake up; when they see this miracle occurred, because they have taken seriously this warning and testimony:

***Ps 40:3:** "...*Many who see this will take warning and will put their trust in the Lord.*"

***Isa 29:23-24:** "*When his (Jacob) sons see among them the work of my hands, they will recognize the Holiness of the Holy one of Israel. They will stand in awe of the Lord of Israel. Those in error will then believe truth, and those who constantly complain will accept instruction.*" – "*They will know that a prophet has been among them.*" (Ez 2:5)

So, it is urgent that we come out from our Laodicean attitude, and anoint our eyes, in order to recognize God throughout his Work (Rev 3:18).

God doesn't look at the flesh, he uses His Spirit to do His Work with the man that he wants and chooses (Rom 1:14; 1 Cor 12:13; Gal 3:27-29), as he has predicted before the creation of the world:

***Isa 37:26:** "*Have you never heard that I planned all this long ago? And now I have carried it out...*"

***Heb 12:25:** "*Be careful, then, and do not refuse to hear him who speaks. Those who refused to hear the one who gave the divine message on earth did not escape.*"

NB: All in this document was translated from French!

Iron Sharpening Iron
New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17)
As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

In regard to: A Little Here and A Little There
Article by Laura Lee
Comments by Dwight Fleming (Oroville, California)

To add to your answers to Mike Hillyard regarding the destruction of Satan. Hebrews 2:14 reads, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he [Jesus] also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might **destroy** him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." Mike hits me with the same statements. I like your comments. Mike is a great guy. We've had some very good times in the past. But the last few years, he has been reading material from "Concordant Publishing Concern" which teaches universal salvation including Satan and his demons.

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Editor's Note: Thank you for this information. I don't think Mike liked our answers, he unsubscribed a few days ago.
Laura Lee

In regard to: No One Knows The Day

Article by Dwight Fleming

Comments by Dwight Fleming (Oroville, California) and Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

Dwight Fleming writes:

I hate to bother you with this, but it needs to be addressed for the sake of clarity. By your comments last week on my article, "No One Knows The Day," it seems that I failed to fully explain a point that you, and perhaps other readers, took exception to. Let me quote some of your comments:

"I am pretty sure this is how false doctrines get started. First you quote the scripture which says "...the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a Shout, with the voice of an Archangel..." And in the next paragraph you have Christ being an Archangel. This is miss leading to everyone.

The verse says that Christ Shouts with the voice of an Archangel not that He is an Archangel. So where is the scripture that shows that the apostle Paul shows that Christ will come as an Archangel?

If I talk like a baby, am I then a baby? If I meow like a cat, am I a cat? If I bark like a dog, am I now a dog? If I sing like an angel, am I now an angel? Of course not, I am not a baby, a cat, a dog, or an angel. So, if Christ shouts with the voice of an Archangel that does not make Him an Archangel.

None of the verses Dwight uses to show that Christ is an Archangel say that at all."

Here is the confusion: I cannot find in my article where I actually said, "Christ IS an archangel." Read it carefully, please. I know you are very busy and may not have had time to think it through. And I should have spent more time explaining why I said what I actually did say to help the reader understand my conclusion.

Laura Lee writes:

This is what you said: "The apostle Paul shows that Christ will come as an ARCHANGEL..."

Dwight Fleming writes:

Your statement: "And in the next paragraph you have Christ **being** an Archangel." I did say that. It seems that you replaced "AS" with "IS." You then made a very good point with your illustration: "If I talk **like** a baby, am I then a baby? . . ." This is true. If Christ, as Paul said, comes with the voice of an archangel, it does not make Him an archangel. But did you catch what you said?

Laura Lee writes:

Sorry, I did not replace "As" with "Is". You said Christ was coming as an Archangel and so did I when I said you have Him coming as an Archangel. I did use "as" and "is" interchangeably here:

"The verse says that Christ Shouts with the voice of an Archangel not that He **is an Archangel**. So where is the scripture that shows that the apostle Paul shows that Christ will come **as an Archangel**?"

The overall idea that is derived from all that you say is that Christ is coming as an archangel which is to say He pretty much is an archangel or why would He come as one. It is just a disputing of words between "as" and "is".

Dwight Fleming writes:

If you talk **like** a baby, you are not a baby, but you would be speaking AS a baby. Would you not? Am I making any sense?

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Laura Lee writes:

Some of the things you say are not real clear. I would agree that when things are not clear they do not always make sense.

I have no problem with the verse which says:

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

The verse clearly says "...with the voice of the archangel..." but the verse does not say that Christ is an archangel or that he is coming as an archangel, whether you want to use "is" or "as".

Dwight Fleming writes:

If Christ comes with the voice of an archangel, this does not make Him an archangel, but it does indicate that He will be speaking AS an archangel. Would that be a logical conclusion to make? Indirectly, then, did Paul **show** (not say or write) by his simple statement, "with the voice of an archangel" that Christ will come AS an archangel? Think it out, please. Will Christ be speaking or acting AS an archangel by His actions or commands? Will He be giving any commands or directions to any angels similar to (AS) an archangel?

Laura Lee writes:

Your explanation sounds like you are disputing words with yourself. Why do you want to read things into the verse that it does not say? The verse is very simple, it says:

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

I believe Christ will be coming as Himself and not as an archangel. Please think about that before you read things into scripture that are just not there.

Dwight Fleming writes:

And do other scriptures support this if we carefully consider them? Matthew 24:30-31, "... They will see the Son of Man [Jesus] coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send out His **angels** with a loud trumpet call, and **they** will gather His **elect** from the **four winds**, from one end of the heavens to the other."

Laura Lee writes:

Mat 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. **Mat 24:31** And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Nothing here that says Christ is an archangel.

Dwight Fleming writes:

This appears to be the resurrection taking place where Christ sends out His angels to gather together the elect. Now, will Christ be giving these angels any directions, or orders, or commands? It does not say. But would it be wrong to make that assumption? And if Christ is giving them any directions, then would He be speaking or acting AS an archangel? Not that He IS one but that He will be acting AS one.

Laura Lee writes:

Why is it important to you to have Christ act or give orders like an archangel? Christ is over the archangels so if He acts like Himself and gives orders as He would then He would show His leadership over His creation. Christ does not have to come as an archangel, He is God.

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Dwight Fleming writes:

In the paragraph after the one that you commented on, I discussed Revelation 7:1-4 where an angel is described. I did state that this angel is an archangel by the fact that he gives a command to the other angels. However, you made no mention of Revelation 7:1-4. If this angel that ascends from the east is a depiction of Christ returning at the time of the resurrection, as I believe that it does, then it shows that Christ will return AS an angel. However, you may not agree that Revelation seven is depicting the resurrection.

Laura Lee writes:

Rev 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. **Rev 7:2** And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, **Rev 7:3** Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. **Rev 7:4** And I heard the number of them which were sealed: *and there were* sealed an hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Yes, I believe this is talking about the resurrection but there is still nothing in this set of scriptures that says Christ is an archangel. Read what it says:

Look at the end of verse 3 where it says: "...till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." That is a real angel shouting and saying what is said in these verses. There is nothing here proving that Christ is an archangel or even that He is coming as an archangel. Christ will come as Himself.

Dwight Fleming writes:

The main point that I was hoping to make with the article is the FALSE DOCTRINE that already exists in the church and that may cause some, if not many, to miss out on the first resurrection. You have agreed with my conclusion that Pentecost pictures the resurrection rather than Trumpets. Yet many COG members and other Believers do think and expect the resurrection to occur on a future Feast of Trumpets.

Laura Lee writes:

Yes, I believe scripture is clear that the First Fruits resurrection will be on Pentecost, but I also believe that if you are teaching that Christ is an archangel or that He is coming as an archangel, that is a false doctrine and if the scriptures you used to try to prove Christ was an archangel, proved that, the Jehovah's Witnesses would be clinging to them and going I told you so, but they don't even use what you are using. Christ is not an archangel whether you want to say "is" or "as". Christ is God.

Dwight Fleming writes:

And many also think that Christ will be riding a white horse at the time of the resurrection. If they don't see a white horse, then they may also have doubts which may also cause them to miss out. This is why I wanted to emphasize the fact that Christ will appear AS an archangel at the time of the resurrection rather than AS a conquering king on a white horse making war against the nations. It is my hope that no one gets left out as happened to those in previous generations because of a lack of faith or belief as I detailed in my article. You may not agree with anything that I have tried to explain above. But I do appreciate you allowing me to express my views even when we don't always agree. You do keep me on my toes.

Laura Lee writes:

It is more likely that people will miss the First Fruits resurrection because they are not keeping the right calendar with the right Pentecost on it than for them not to know who Christ is when they see Him even without a white horse and coming as Himself and not as an archangel.

Everyone should be on their toes and looking deeply into scripture. No one has to agree with me, but you all need to agree with Christ.

Dwight Fleming writes:

Side note: The name of the horse that Christ will be riding when He comes to make war is "Captain." Where is the

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scripture that says that? There is none. Why do I say that? Because Jesus is the **captain** of our salvation (Hebrews 2:10). Plus, I have a white horse whose name is "Captain." So, I can't help but think that Christ's horse is also named "Captain." Yes, I know, I'm a little weird sometimes. But it does keep things lively.

Laura Lee writes:

You are a good-natured guy, don't lose that. Possibly you are a little weird sometimes but aren't we all. You have a sense of humor that I like, and we all need to hear at times. I don't have my horse anymore, but I named mine "Wildfire" after the song. Perhaps not as creative as you.

And yes, we disagree on many things, but even so, it is good to do it publicly so all can see and learn.

I believe his point in saying that Christ will come as an archangel as in costume or really as an archangel is because he believes people will be looking for a white horse and will dismiss Christ altogether if He comes as only himself.

Many of the people being resurrected as First Fruits will be dead so they won't really care if Christ comes on a white horse or not at that point as they will come up out of graves and immediately be spirit. Those who are yet alive will be changed from flesh and blood to spirit in the twinkling of an eye. This whole thing happens so fast that all those being gathered will know Christ.

The ones that won't be there for that First Fruits resurrection are those who are not keeping Pentecost on the right day. That has nothing to do with Christ. It has to do with your depth of study and whether you are relying on your own ideas or letting the Holy Spirit lead you in all truth.

In regard to: HOW Elijah will Restore all Things!

Article by Paul Janvier Mbock
Comments by Darwin Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

Paul Mbock says in this article: Elijah to come will be resurrected to do what?

1. Paul Mbock says: Armstrong is not the Elijah to come. (Darwin says: agreed)
2. Paul Mbock says: Dead man to be resurrected named Daniel Dawson is the Elijah to fulfill Malachi 4:5. (Darwin says: seems a stretch, I can't prove it either way.)
3. Darwin says: Many scriptures Paul Mbock uses as I read them, look like they are not saying at all what Paul Mbock says they say. It is like Paul Mbock is reading into scripture his own interpretations.
4. Darwin says: Frankly, I think it would take a Bible "Scholar" to either refute or establish his doctrine. (I am not there yet.)
5. Darwin says: Does it matter that we actually know who the Elijah to come is going to be?
6. Darwin says: I think God's five wise virgins will recognize Elijah when he comes on the scene, just as they will recognize the beast and false prophet when he comes on the scene and also the two witnesses...

Malachi 4:5-6 says:

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: **Mal 4:6** 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.