

# Elijah's future work of Restoration

## Malachi 4: Armageddon and God's judgment on the nations. Elijah leads the Second Exodus.

**v1** Armageddon is described as a heap of sheaves in a valley for judgment, a day of fire and burning: **Rev 16:16; Joel 3:13-16; Mic 4:12-13; Isa 30: 27; Ezek 38:22.**

**v2** Christ (like a sunrise) comes to **heal** the brokenhearted, **Isa 61:1-2, Luke 4:18.** The saints will heal the nations in the future: **Rev 22:2.** We need to heal our ecclesias today, providing "meat in due season": **Matt 24:45.** That's what the angel did for Elijah: **1 Kings 19:5-8.** That's what Elijah should have been doing for the ecclesia. That's the lesson God taught him. The same for us: **Rev 3:2.**

**v3** Jehu treading down Jezebel (**2 Kings 9:33**) is a type of Christ and the saints treading down the Roman Catholic system, **Rev 10:1; 19:15.**

**v4** Moses and Elijah often mentioned together eg. **Matt 17:1-5.** **Moses** was a true shepherd of Israel, one who gave his life for the sheep, **Isa 63:11; Exod 32:30-32.** Moses was a wonderful type of Christ, making **atonement** for Israel's sin.

**v5-6** Elijah is best equipped for the work of turning Israel to God. This was Elijah's earnest prayer and desire: **1 Kings 18:37.** The lesson Elijah learnt is the one Israel will **also** learn. That is to eliminate self-sufficiency and put all their trust in God. Elijah learnt to be **a father**, a true **shepherd** of the flock. God worked with him. He learnt to be like Moses!

**Historical background:** **1 Kings 19:1-14** Elijah fled from Jezebel. He ran to Horeb (Mt Sinai) in a state of depression, wanting to run away from it all. When he came to Sinai he pleaded for God to bring about the "great and dreadful day of Yahweh". He fled to "the cave" that Moses had been in many years before. He wanted God to bring judgment upon Israel. Elijah "made intercession **against** Israel" at Sinai, **Rom 11:2.** But God taught him a very important lesson. The power God has to change people lives in the gentle spirit of persuasion, the still small voice.

**Lesson for us:** God is going to send Elijah **BEFORE** the day of Yahweh, not to bring it about. To **save**, not destroy! We cannot force people to follow God's ways. But we can gently lead them to God by **the love of Christ.** If we earnestly seek to **save others**, then God will give us the desire of our hearts in the future age: **Psa 37:4.** We can save others in the Kingdom, bringing them to Christ: **Rev 14:6-7.** John the Baptist came in the Spirit and power of Elijah: **Lk 1:17.** He prepared the way for Israel's Messiah, who cares for his lambs like a father: **Isa 40:11.** John was the still small voice: **Lk 3:4.**

## MALACHI 4.

1 God's judgment on the wicked, 2 and his blessing on the good. 3 He exhorteth to the study of the law, 4 and telleth of Elijah's coming and office.

**F**OR, behold, <sup>1</sup>the day cometh, <sup>2</sup>that shall burn as an oven; and all <sup>3</sup>the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, <sup>4</sup>shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither <sup>5</sup>root nor branch.

<sup>2</sup> ¶ But unto you <sup>3</sup>that fear my name shall <sup>4</sup>the Sun of righteousness arise <sup>5</sup>with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and <sup>6</sup>grow up as calves of the stall.

<sup>3</sup> And <sup>4</sup>he shall tread down the wicked; for <sup>5</sup>they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that <sup>6</sup>the LORD of hosts, saith the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup> ¶ Remember ye <sup>5</sup>the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him <sup>6</sup>in Horeb for all Israel, with <sup>7</sup>the statutes and judgments.

<sup>5</sup> ¶ Behold, I will send you <sup>6</sup>Elijah the prophet <sup>7</sup>before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

<sup>6</sup> And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, <sup>7</sup>lest I come and <sup>8</sup>smite the earth <sup>9</sup>with a curse.

Key words: "before" and "lest"

**Ezekiel 20:33-38: The final showdown between Elijah (Zion) and Jezebel (Rome). The Jews return to Zion to meet their Messiah with joy.**

**v33-34** Return of Jews to Zion after Armageddon. The Saints (Yahweh) will rule over Israel.

**v35-36** The one other reference to a "wilderness of people" is in **Rev 17:3,14-15.** That is a vision of Europe after Christ's return when Catholicism prepares to fight Christ. Elijah brings the Jews through Europe to teach them what God has done for them, to change them.

God will **allure** Israel like Hosea did with his wife Gomer: **Hos 2:14,19; 3:5; Isa 40:1-3.** Hosea brought her into a "**wilderness**" and spoke comfortably to her (**to her heart**). That is the spirit and power of Elijah, to gently persuade with love.

**v37** The rod of correction, also judgment on Rome: **Rev 2:27; 19:15** ("rule" = Gk. *shepherd*). It is also the shepherd's rod. With Elijah, the saints will be shepherds for Israel, to bring them home to Zion: **Jer 3:15-18; 51:9; Mic 7:14-15.** Jesus is the good shepherd who gives his life for the sheep: **John 10:1-15.** At the end of his life, Elijah learnt to be **a father**, a true **shepherd** who **nurtures** his children: **Hos 11:3; Isa 40:10-11** (context! **20:1-10**). Key verses: **2 Kings 2:12; 1 Cor 4:15.**

"Bond of the covenant" explained in **Jer 31:31-34.**

**Two stages in Israel's restoration:** **1. Armageddon** - Jews in the land saved by Christ; **2. Winepress of God's wrath** - Elijah brings Israel home to Zion through Europe.

**World Jewry returns to Zion after Christ's victory at Armageddon:**

**Gen 45:1-7** Joseph and his brethren a type of Israel's future repentance.

**Gen 50:17-21** Joseph's brothers plead for forgiveness. He shows love and grace to them.

**Isa 11:11-16; 27:12-13** Israel's route back into the land

**Isa 40:1-2** Speak to the heart of Jerusalem - She is forgiven, her warfare is accomplished.

**Isa 51:2-3,11,17,22-23** Jews have been persecuted for 1900 years. This will be reversed!

**Jer 3:12-18; 30:3-5,10-11; 31:31-34** Jews return, new covenant with Israel and Judah.

**Jer 33:6-9** Israel to be cured, cleansed, forgiven. God gives them prosperity.

**Hos 2:14-19** Hosea "allured her" - as Elijah was allured out of the cave by Yahweh's voice.

**Micah 2:12; 5:2; 7:14-20** Jesus is Israel's shepherd. Israel's exodus from Egypt to Zion was 40 years through the "wilderness". This is a type of the 2nd exodus under Elijah.

**Zech 9:12-14** Judah go to scattered Jewry after Armageddon to help bring them back.

**Zech 12:7-14** Jesus saves the tents of Judah first. Jesus comes to Jews in the land first.

**Matt 24:30-31** Saints sent out with Elijah to save Israel. **Matt 17:11** Jesus confirms **Mal 4.**

**Rom 11:2-5** Elijah tried to force Israel to respond. This is not the way.

**Rom 11:24-27** Quoting **Isa 59:19-20.** Israel grafted again into the olive tree.

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**33** ¶ <sup>1</sup>As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely <sup>2</sup>with a mighty hand, and <sup>3</sup>with a stretched out arm, and <sup>4</sup>with fury poured out, will I rule over you:

**34** And <sup>1</sup>I will bring you out from the people, and <sup>2</sup>will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, <sup>3</sup>with a mighty hand, and <sup>4</sup>with a stretched out arm, and <sup>5</sup>with fury poured out.

**35** And I will bring you into <sup>1</sup>the wilderness of the people, and there will <sup>2</sup>I plead with you <sup>3</sup>face to face.

**36** ¶ Like as <sup>1</sup>I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so <sup>2</sup>will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD. Europe called "Egypt" in Rev 11v8.

**37** And <sup>1</sup>I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the <sup>2</sup>bond of the covenant:

**38** And <sup>1</sup>I will <sup>2</sup>purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: <sup>3</sup>I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and <sup>4</sup>they shall not enter into the land of Israel: <sup>5</sup>and ye shall know that I <sup>6</sup>am the LORD. Elijah's aim in 1 Kings 18v39.