

# This is the EliYah Message

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**Ancient prophets** along with the Messiah Himself foretold that an EliYah would come to restore all things before the Second Coming of the Savior. What that means directly affects you and your salvation!

Bible students around the world are increasingly aware of the many events foretelling the end of the age and the imminent appearance of the Messiah. We are witnesses to growing lawlessness, shameless immorality, and a general spiritual decline at every level of society. All which only confirms Bible prophecy. (See 2Timothy3: 1-5)

At the same time, a continual diluting of the Bible's strong moral message has changed the reason many attend church. No longer is the church a place for self-examination leading to a repentant change in one's life, but is now a place to learn about how to be prosperous and successful. Solid Bible teaching has given way to man-centered, "New Age" doctrines that promote self-help.

## **The Bible: An Ignored Book**

Sins are condoned and overlooked under the guise of grace, love, and forgiveness. A lopsided emphasis is placed on the Savior's blood covering all sins when nothing is said about fruits worthy of repentance or making restitution for wrong.

Swept aside today is the Bible's clear message that sin is the transgression or breaking of Yahweh's Law (1John 3:4). In fact, the Ten Commandments are all but forgotten.

If you keep the Sabbath you know that you are in a minority. Keeping the seventh day holy in modern age is not easy for anyone. But those who believe the Bible know that the Sabbath was kept by patriarchs, was observed by the Savior, and will continue to be honored in the coming Millennium.

The Sabbath is a continuous, ongoing institution from Genesis through Revelation and on into the Kingdom. There is not one verse in the entire Bible that does away with this special time set aside as a memorial to creation and redemption. By forcing an erroneous interpretation of a precious few Scriptures, many have attempted to change or completely abolish the weekday set aside for honoring and worshiping the Creator.

With a regular diet of pulpit pabulum to feed spiritual babes and no meat for the maturing believer, it is no wonder church attendance has dropped alarmingly. Completely ignored are the prophetic warnings for our day detailed in the Bible.

Daniel was told to shut up the prophetic book until the time of the end when many would run to and fro, and knowledge would be increased, Daniel 12:4. Scientific knowledge has increased astoundingly in this last century and now doubles every five years.

Along with this increased secular knowledge, a clarification of obscure sections of Daniel as well as a clearer understanding of many prophetic events will soon dawn.

## **Restoration of Original Bible Truths**

Although only a relatively few really take the Bible seriously today, the winds of change will come again.

There is promised in the time just ahead of us a global renewing of interest in the Scriptures. A restoration of forgotten paths of righteousness will be made manifest just before the Messiah

returns to planet earth. But He will not return until this reformation takes place. This is foretold in the Book of Acts. Note carefully:

*"Repent, then, and turn to [Yahweh], so that your sins may be wiped out, that the times of refreshing may come from [Yahweh], and that He may send the [Messiah]. Who has been appointed for you—even [Yahshua]. He must remain in heaven until the time comes for [Yahweh] to restore everything, as He promised long ago through His holy prophets," Acts 3:19-21 NIV.*

Here, Peter foretells of a restoration or a reestablishment from a state of ruin that must take place on this earth before the Messiah returns.

(The Greek shows that this specified return to truth will occur so that He MAY come back, not WHEN He comes back, The Expositor's Greek Testament, Vol. II, p. 114).

A revival, a second look at the Bible, is coming! Many will realize that man and his modern technology have not come back to grips with our deepest concerns and problems, nor have the mind-boggling, hi-tech achievement all around us provided us a spiritually fuller life.

The void and emptiness in the human heart today can only be filled through a better knowledge of the Creator's will for us.

### **He Is Calling You!**

You can have a part in this end-time restoration of Bible truth promised in Isaiah 58:12: *"And they that shall be of you shall build the old waste places: you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called, the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in."*

What are these broken foundations, the breach in worship, the paths we are to walk in once again? They involve the EliYah message being sounded today with increasing strength and expanding coverage. But what does that message involve?

Sabbath keepers are keenly aware that the world is out of step with the Bible when it comes to the Sabbath. But there could be more that must be restored in today's worship? Are there other truths that have been neglected? Definitely!

There is a Laodicean feeling (Rev. 3:14-19) among some Sabbath keepers that because they observe the weekly Sabbath that their personal salvation is certain. Or they think that because they now understand the third angel's message that there is nothing more for them, that they have it all.

To be sure, anyone who has grown in the truth to the point of keeping the Sabbath has a much better Biblical understanding than most. But one cannot rock away in one's rocking chair and assume that there is nothing more that Yahweh has for His people. A rocking chair provides a lot of motion, but no forward advancement.

### **One Commandment Broken More**

Those who reverence the Sabbath strive to keep all commandments. But there is a commandment that many Sabbath keepers have not kept. It is every bit as important as the Sabbath command, but is broken more often than once a week. The Third Commandment is broken virtually every day!

Elijah (more correctly, EliYah) is a Hebrew name that literally means, "my Mighty One is Yah." Translators spelled it Elijah, which was a mistake because there was no j or j sound in the Hebrew.

The EliYah message, which is to be proclaimed at the end of the age, is that "Yahweh" is the Mighty One of this universe. He has a personal Name that is packed with important meaning, and that Name is Yahweh. The shortened form of the Name, Yah, is found at the end of "HalleluYah," a Hebrew word meaning, "praise you Yah." (Note that the J should be a Y. See Startling Facts and our other literature for further explanation.)

To know exactly what the EliYah message is for us, let's look at what the main focus of EliYah's message was in his own lifetime. In 1Kings 18:21 the prophet EliYah asks a significant question: *"How long halt you between two opinions? If Yahweh be Elohim, follow Him, but if Baal, then follow him."*

EliYah admonishes not to straddle the fence or vacillate. If you worship Yahweh, the Mighty One of Israel, then follow Him all the way. Don't equivocate. He is distinguished from the pagan Baals by His Name, so we must use it.

The Savior promised that just as John the Baptist came in the power and strength of EliYah, another would come much like John the Baptist before the Savior's return to this earth. His message will be the same; "Yahweh is the true Mighty One." Call on and follow Him.

### **This Special, End-Time Messenger**

The EliYah message that "my Mighty One is Yah" includes the fact that His people are called by His Name Yahweh, the people of Yahweh.

*"If My people which are called by My name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land,"* 2Chronicles 7:14.

We are to turn from our ways and obey Him to be called by His Name. Ephesians 3:15 also reveals that the whole family in heaven and earth is called by the Name Yahweh! How many people know the Name Yahweh? How many know the name but don't think it matters and ignore it? How many honor His Name, will use it, and not deny its importance? He says His people know His Name!

The last book of the Old Testament prophesies that a messenger will come before the appearance of the Messiah. Note Malachi 3:1-3.

*"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me; and Yahweh whom you seek shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom you delight in: behold, He shall come, says Yahweh of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, and refine them as gold and silver; that they may offer unto Yahweh an offering in righteousness."*

*We read the warning prophecy again in Malachi 4:5: "Behold I will send you EliYah the prophet before the great and terrible day of Yahweh comes. 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 strike the earth with a curse,"* TSS

Notice that a messenger will come BEFORE the Day of Vengeance and the return of the Messiah who will teach obedience to every one of Yahweh's commandments. Micah 4:2 says that in the Millennium the law will go forth out of Zion. In light of these facts, it is clear that the law is still binding today, too.

It is significant that the last book of the Old Testament prophetically emphasizes that EliYah (and particularly his message) would precede the Second Coming.

## **The Two EliYahs**

Before the Messiah Yahshua came at Bethlehem a growing excitement inspired the people to anticipate a momentous event. That same anticipation is again rising in the hearts and minds of religious people around the world. An EliYah is coming!

The Messiah told the multitudes in Matthew 11:14 that if they would but accept John the Baptist, that he was the EliYah prophesied to come. Later, in Matthew 14:3-10, we read that Herod had John beheaded.

The Jews did not repent at the preaching of John the Baptist but rejected him as well as his message of repentance.

After John's death, our Savior told the gathered disciples, "EliYah is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them," Mathew 17:12.

The Messiah told His disciples that John was indeed dead, that John came as the promised EliYah of his day but was rejected by his people. Note, however, what Yahshua did say in verse 11, "*EliYah truly shall first come, and restore all things.*" This would be after the death of John. We can expect another EliYah like John the Baptist who will preach repentance of sins and prepare many to receive the Savior.

EliYah the Tishbite of 1Kings 17:1-19:21 and John the Baptist were both priests. The EliYah yet to come will likely be a priest who will also proclaim the message, "My Mighty One Is Yah." That is the message of "EliYah"—to proclaim that His Name is YAHWEH, and teach His way of life.

For centuries the Jews hid the Name and punished those who honored the Third Commandment. See the Mishnah and other works.

The EliYah at the end of the age and those with him who resist the Beast and his system will also face persecution, as did EliYah of Ahab's day. The Savior prophesied that His saints would "*be hated of all men for My name's sake; but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved,*" Mark 13:13, Luke 21:17.

Today there are those who either reject or deny the importance of the holy Name Yahshua given the Savior from on High at His birth (see both Matt. 1:21 and Luke 1:31, marginal note).

## **Vital Truths In The EliYah Message**

Now we will see why the sacred Name has great significance for all at the end of the age and why His Name will assume more importance than ever. First, there must be a bold, firm teaching of Yahweh's laws and His weekly and annual Sabbaths—His way of life. Proclaiming the truth of Yahweh's Word before the Messiah returns will turn those who are called to seek His ways and submit to His Law.

Your Bible says salvation depends upon two important principles. They are:

Salvation is only through the Son, John 14:16.

Salvation is in only one Name. That Name is Yahshua, Acts 4:12. Yahshua" means "Yahweh is salvation."

These are the plain statements of the Bible. Notice: no man can come to the Father except through His Son Yahshua who is the way, the truth, and the life, John 14:6. Without the Son we are lost and without hope.

Second, one must reverence and love the "only name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved," Acts 4:12. If you reject His Name you essentially reject Him

because they are one and the same. That name is not the Latinized-Greek Name "Jesus" and never was.

His Name is like the Israelite general Joshua (the J has the Y sound) who led Israel into the Promised Land. He was a type of the Savior Yahshua who will lead us into the promised Kingdom.

Our Savior has a Hebrew name given from on high to the Hebrews Mary (Miriam) and Joseph (Yowceph). (Write for our fascinating study, *How the Savior's Name was Changed.*)

There are those who have never heard of His Name Yahshua or have not realized the importance of His Name. Our task is to explain these vital truths found in the Bible.

Do not reject the Names Yahweh and Yahshua before you have completed a thorough investigation of this very important truth. Proverbs 18:13 warns us, "He who answers a matter before he hears the facts, it is folly and shame to him." (Amp.)

There is a prophetic reason why the sacred Names have not been widely revealed until now! One most important reason has to do with the end-time sealing of Yahweh's people with His Name once they have accepted His sovereignty and taken hold of His Covenant. This revealing is for the latter day return to the truth by the elect.

### **Faithful to His Name**

The early disciples loved Yahshua's Name, and what it proclaimed, so much that they were willing to endure persecution for it. They rejoiced that they were given such an important trust, John 17. Acts 5:41 tells us, "And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name."

Let us examine the significance of His Name more closely. Were the Savior to write us today, knowing we live in an age when a cesspool of sin is all around us, He would write as He did in Revelation 2:13, "*I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to My Name. You did not renounce your faith in Me...*" NIV He has high commendations for those holding fast and true to His Name, Yahshua. The Bible continually warns that we must overcome the devil, the world, and our flesh.

We joyfully submit to Yahweh, and obey Him in spite of opposition from the world, friends, and sometimes family. Above all, we must resist the efforts of society and never take the Beast's name, mark or number in our foreheads or hands.

Note what Yahshua wrote to the persecuted ones in Philadelphia, the only truly faithful assembly of seven, "*I know your deeds. See I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied My Name!*" Revelation 3:8 (NIV).

### **Yahweh's Name Hidden Till Now**

The recurring question is "Why is it that Yahweh's Name has been obscured all these years?" Why wasn't it more prominent and used by many others who professed to follow the Bible?"

Yahweh reveals truth to those who would be dedicated and faithful then observes what they do with it. If they reject truth, there is no reason to give them more. If they follow in obedience, He will open to them more understanding and greater knowledge. A small number have always held to His truth down through the ages.

He is preparing a faithful people now to receive His Son from heaven and teach others His way of righteousness. Our Savior said few will find that narrow way, Matthew 7:14. Observe that He said "find" it—they must search out the truth.

Very soon His "day of vengeance" will fall upon this earth. "And in the latter time of the kingdom, who the transgressors are come to the full, the king of fierce countenance and understanding dark sentences shall stand up," Daniel 8:23.

The days of the transgressors are not yet full, and the obedient of Yahweh will have to endure a while longer and keep from being contaminated by the degrading evils of our society. Eventually His people will increase to become a city, and both the Heavenly city and His people will be called by His Name, Daniel 9:19.

### **Sealed (Protected) with His Name**

Unless you are sealed with His Name and have your own name written in His book of life, your Bible says that you are in jeopardy. Notice: *"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him [beast] whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundations of the world,"* Revelation 13:8.

The called ones whose names are written in the book of life will refuse to worship the Beast. It is important that our names are not blotted out in the book of life! EliYah lamented the fact that he alone was left to worship the true Mighty One, Yahweh, among the millions upon the face of the earth, 1Kings 19:10. We may feel that way at times. But Yahweh told him that 7,000 had not been corrupted by pagan worship. The faithful will have Yahweh's and Yahshua's Names sealed in their foreheads.

We learn that those 144,000 who are sealed by Yahweh are spared from the seven trumpets plagues, Revelation 7. Revelation 14:1 explains just how the saints are sealed: *"And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000, having His [Name and His] Father's Name written in their foreheads."* This means His personal Name, not a common title like one of the "gods." This is in contrast to those having the mark of the Beast in their hands or foreheads (Rev. 13:16, 14:9).

Revelation 7:4 shows that the sealing is still to be accomplished, as seen in 2Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13 and 4:30. Being sealed in Yahshua's Name is through baptism in His Name, which gives protection, Revelation 9:4. It is imperative, therefore, that we do not reject Yahweh's Name or Yahshua's Name. We should do all we can to ensure that "Yahweh's salvation" is ours.

We read of two groups of people at the end of the age. Revelation 15:4 says of the humble and repentant, *"Who will not fear you, O Yahweh, and bring glory to your Name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed,"* NIV.

Then we have the other group who reject Yahweh's Name in Revelation 16:9: *"They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the Name of Yahweh, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify Him,"* NIV.

Neither do those in this second group receive protection, but rather boil-like sores from the locusts: *"And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of Yahweh in their foreheads,"* Revelation 9:4, NIV.

The Bible repeatedly speaks of those who are sealed with the sacred Name of the Father Yahweh and the salvation He has sent, His Son Yahshua.

The last chapter of your Bible pictures the throne of Yahweh and the Lamb, with His servants serving Him, *"And they shall see His face; and His Name shall be in their foreheads,"* Revelation 22:4.

Can anything be clearer? Yahweh's people will join His family and take on the family Name! But aren't we begotten of Him already? Yes, according to 1John 5:1. Then we are even now to be called by His Name!

Malachi wrote that there is still a record being taken of those who reverence Yahweh's Name. Notice: "*Then they that feared [revered] Yahweh spoke often one to another: and Yahweh hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared Yahweh, and that thought upon His Name,*" Malachi 3:16.

Perhaps the "book of remembrance" is the 29<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Book of Acts, as Acts does not close with "Amen" as do other New Testament books. Those who revere His Name will have their names written in His book.

Today's "New Age" teachings and philosophies promoting one-world harmony will help unite many diverse elements around the globe into one great religious reform movement. This will pave the way for international worship of the Beast.

### **Avoid the Deadly Peril**

Trials and temptations will be heavy, but for those who are faithful unto the end, Yahweh promises salvation. The EliYah message is a strong and powerful warning that will separate the faithful from those who simply shrug it off and place themselves in jeopardy under the Beast system. That His Name is Yahweh is a central part of that message now being proclaimed to the world.

Not all will heed. Of those too timid to make a stand, the prophet EliYah would ask, "How long do you halt between two opinions? If you are going to follow the true Mighty One of the heavens, don't play church—obediently follow His commands all the way. And call on Him by His revealed, personal Name!"

The Savior is soon to return to marry His bride, the true Assembly. In Revelation 19:7 we read that the bride will have made herself ready in anticipation. Clearly, the bride of True Worshipers must be prepared and in pure worship now, as we take on the family Name of the Creator and Redeemer, the only Name given among men that holds salvation.

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