

**Revivals And Church History :: A Prophetic Word from Dietrich Bonhoeffer****A Prophetic Word from Dietrich Bonhoeffer - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/1/10 2:45**

“The messengers of Jesus will be hated to the end of time. They will be blamed for all the divisions which rend cities and homes. Jesus and his disciples will be condemned on all sides for undermining family life, and for leading the nation astray; they will be called crazy fanatics and disturbers of the peace. The disciples will be sorely tempted to desert their Lord. But the end is also near, and they must hold on and persevere until it comes. Only he will be blessed who remains loyal to Jesus and his word until the end. But when the end comes, the hostility towards Jesus and his disciples will be made manifest the whole world over, and only then must the messengers flee from city to city, in order that they may proclaim the Word where it can still find a hearing. If they run away then, they will not be running away from the Word, but holding fast to it.

The Christian will be hounded from place to place, subjected to physical assault, maltreatment and death of every kind. We are approaching an age of widespread persecution. Therein lies the true significance of all the movements and conflicts of our age. Our adversaries seek to root out the Christian Church and the Christian faith because they cannot live side by side with us, because they see in every word we utter and every deed we do, even when they are not specifically directed against them, a condemnation of their own words and deeds. They are not far wrong. They suspect too that we are indifferent to their condemnation. Indeed they must admit that it is utterly futile to condemn us. We do not reciprocate their hatred and contention, although they would like it better if we did, and so sink to their own level.”

**Re: A Prophetic Word from Dietrich Bonhoeffer - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2016/1/10 8:14**

Although these words were given to God's faithful martyr more than a half century ago. They are so very relevant for today, and explain the hostility of the devil working through evil men against the Church of Jesus Christ. So as the scripture says, "We should think it not strange". We are in the world but not of the world, and just as our Lord and savior was despised, rejected, and persecuted, so shall it be with those that follow Him.

**Re: A Prophetic Word from Dietrich Bonhoeffer - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/10 8:37**

Hi Greg,

I think what Dietrich Bonhoeffer said can be applied to all history not just the end time. Certainly the media with the agenda it has all over the western world is stirring up hatred that has not been seen before at such a level.

The problem with the post is that it doesn't take into account God's plan and protection for the end time Church.

I've said it before and I'll continue till it happens. The end time church comes under the Ministry and Spirit of Elijah.

All the church will come out of their denominational Churches and come under the protection of this ministry.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer did not know this so although most of his message is right he came to the wrong conclusion.

The end time Church will be a very confrontational Church it won't be the turn the other cheek doormat Church where we will stay in the way of every hit. The fight will be taken to the world by the Church, it will be a fight however and we will take hits.

Persecution will always be with us it's a given sometimes more some times less but if we conclude the way Dietrich Bonhoeffer concludes we will preach Persecution not the Gospel of Christ and this is sad,

Yours Staff

**Re: A Prophetic Word from Dietrich Bonhoeffer - posted by docs (), on: 2016/1/10 10:44**

What is the end time Ministry and Spirit of Elijah?

Breaking it down, what does that specifically mean and how will it result in protecting the Church from harm at the end of the age. I've heard this type of phrasing, the Ministry and Spirit of Elijah for a long while now and realized I'm not really even clear on what it supposed to mean except I've heard it may mean the return of true prophets anointed for a end time task. From Scripture, how is it to be explained?

I admit I don't think Dietrich Bonhoeffer came to a altogether wrong conclusion.

Thanks.

**Re: , on: 2016/1/10 11:25**

Dear brother staff,

I think Dietrich's assessment was correct.

The end time church has been the end time church since Pentecost and been under the Spirit and ministry of Elijah (Christ in us) since then.

Rom 15:19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the POWER OF THE SPIRIT of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

Heb 2:4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST, according to his own will?

2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of POWER, and of love, and of a sound mind.

The Spirit and power of "Elijah" is not greater than "Christ in us" and the Spirit of Christ must be revived in the Church.

We see the power of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament and individual lives through the centuries and this is the revival people are longing for and praying for. We can all have this same power that previous saints who have gone on before us have walked in.

Since Pentecost we have been living in the "latter house".

Hag 2:9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

This "glory" has been experienced by many in the past and is meant to be experienced by us, NOW. Yes, it will be accompanied with great persecution, but only for those who live godly lives.

Act 6:8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

Act 7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

We are to have this same Holy Ghost, today!

**Re: , on: 2016/1/10 14:28**

Nice quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who nails it. Staff, you might want to consider

And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. (Rev 13:4-7)

He makes war against the saints and overcomes them. This is not to be confused with the gates of hell prevailing against the Body of Christ, this is more in line with Jesus being crucified. Satan thought he had accomplished a great victory at Calvary but in actual fact, an open shame, a humiliation was being made of him even although the exact opposite seemed to be true. We know that just a few days later " up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph over His foes." Satan again will believe he has won a great victory then Christ will come in all His glory and every eye will see and every tongue confess that He is Lord to the glory of God the Father. The question in all of this for the saints will be " are you willing to be overcome in the flesh that you might triumph in the Spirit?" Are you willing to glorify a God that has called you to Martyrdom? This same question has been asked by every Martyr down through the ages. By allowing ourselves to be Martyred and not resisting in the flesh, other than fleeing from city to city as circumstances warrant it, we will make an open shame of our enemy and it will be a witness for all the world to see. They will hate us all the more for our actions will be counter to the flesh and bring conviction to their hard hearts.....and then the end shall come.....bro Frank

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/10 18:27**

Hi all,  
I try and answer in one post,  
Elijah comes before the great and terrible day of the lord which is two days not one, the same as when John The Baptist couldnt understand why Jesus in a literal sense hadnt fulfilled all that he was meant to do. John The Baptist didnt understand that there was two comings of Christ.  
So the ministry of Elijah comes before both comings and I do agree with the poster that says we've been under the ministry of Elijah since the Time of Christ.  
To find out what this ministry is about in the end we have to look at what it was like before. If even slightly investigate that you will see the parallels, the types and shadows.  
A few quick points  
It comes directly before Christ  
All go out to that ministry  
Its enemy is False Religion (Jezebel)  
It preaches the truth in some way to the Anti Christ (even though its not accepted)  
It causes an outpouring  
3 1/2 yrs is always involved  
Elijah seems to come from nowhere

The ministry of Elijah began the Church and The Ministry of Elijah ends the Church age

There are times when there is persecution and sometimes there is not, There are Times when Stephen is stoned to death and martyred and there are times when Billy Graham lives to be 97 plus years and at some stage goes to be with the lord peacefully in his old age.

First things first before the martyrdom though comes the powerful ministry of Elijah through the Church then the martyrdom.

What im saying is that Dietrich Bonhoeffer only part tells the story and with only that part I would also conclude as he does,

Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/10 18:54**

Dear Julius

To Clarify the Spirit of Elijah is (just) a move of the Holy Spirit prior to Christs Appearance it doesnt superceed or in any way mean Elijah is greater than Christ but we have to remember Christ humbled himself and came under John the Baptist ministry for a reason. What was that reason?

Also without John The Baptist their is no Pentecost it couldnt happen a fact recognised by Peter directly before the outpouring on that day,  
So their is no contradiction their is a pattern that is the same three times in the Bible each time revealing something new about how God deals with things prior to the day of the lord,  
Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/1/10 19:37**

Someone I love sent me a link to a "word given" to a certain well known preacher. Who it is matters not, but what he said both rang true and rang false to me. I do not have a copy of what was said and really don't care to get into the specifics of his "prophecy". But I have thought on it throughout the day.

We are reaching a point, it seems to me, where the stern warnings are becoming more widely known. Let us be careful - when men repeat the severity and seriousness of God and His warnings -- that we watch closely for equivocation in the form of smooth words and things that would seem to put off the Day and would seem to interject more "peace and prosperity" or that offer to limit the extent of judgment to come.

These voices are coming. They will be frequent soon. Key buzz words like revival, judgment, repentance, remnant will be spoken. The speakers will not mean what the Lord is saying. They will leverage God's message for a meaning that keeps their ministry offering plates spinning.

We need to band together as the body wherever we are and ask for God to give the Body discernment.

**Re: , on: 2016/1/10 22:05**

Quote:

-----by staff on 2016/1/10 18:54:23

"To Clarify the Spirit of Elijah is (just) a move of the Holy Spirit"

Amen!

And the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ which has dwelt in men since Pentecost. Without Jesus Christ there would be no Pentecost.

Jesus Christ has dwelt in men since Pentecost not John the Baptist and men with the Spirit of Christ have stood up against the Spirit of Jezebel in every century.

Just like Elijah the Church has drawn out the Jezebel spirit in the religious system. The greatest enemy of Elijah, Jezebel I will try to stop, manipulate, seduce, or discredit this ministry through any number of diabolical schemes. Today is no different, as the Spirit of Jezebel attempts to discredit the ministry of the Church in all the same ways as we see in Elijah's time. Elijah triumphed over Jezebel however, John was martyred by Herodias, Jezebel's New Testament counterpart.

Many men and women have been martyred by the great whore of Babylon. Today, we all triumph in Christ even if we lose our life. The spirit of Jezebel CANNOT be tolerated in the life and ministry of the Church and exposing this spirit is often met with severe persecution and even death.

As we both know, John and Elijah prefigure Christ who now dwells in His Church. Additionally, half of Elijah's ministry he confronted governments and holy men of God have spilled their blood through the centuries standing up to evil governments which had made alliances with the religious beast.

Elijah's ministry was also marked with 14 miracles and the Church through Christ is marked by miracles, too. There are many more parallels between Elijah and John the Baptist and the ministry of Christ through his Church.

I would be happy to go through them with you.

And of course let's not forget the humility of Christ, whose spirit lives in us.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/11 7:34**

Hi Julius,

I have to be honest I'm not sure what your saying or disagreeing with.

You seem to be thinking that I am saying Elijah will put himself higher than Christ which is not what I'm saying. I'm saying Christ put himself lower than Elijah and recognised this ministry of preparation for his first coming.

The Prophetic types between Elijah and John prefigure the ultimate Elijah which is not Jesus clearly.

It is not just parallels its more than that. Similar to the way we say that the Old testament Temple structure was a prophetic shadow of a heavenly structure.

Ultimately the only person/people that can defeat Jezebel in the Church is people with the ministry of Elijah.

As to Pentecost my statement that Pentecost could not happen without John The Baptist still stands as Peter points out if you read the chapter carefully. There can be no Pentecost without John the Baptist and there can be no Pentecost without Jesus either both had to be there for this to happen. This again does not mean that Elijah John or the ultimate Elijah are greater than Jesus it just means that they are fulfilling this unusual ministry of making a way for Christ, making the high paths low and the low paths high to paraphrase.

Once again before Christ return the friend of the bridegroom will make the bride ready for Christ.

And it could be persecution or adversary that will put all the Christians in one camp again

Yours Staff

**Re: , on: 2016/1/11 8:24**

Quote:

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We just have a difference of opinion, but that is ok.

The source is always Christ and always will be. The Gates of Hell will not prevail against the Church because of who the HEAD is.

There is simply nothing more powerful than the spirit of Christ.

God bless and have a great day.

J

**Re: , on: 2016/1/11 13:50**

Revelation 12:10-11

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now the salvation, and the power, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

John 12:24-26

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone, but if it dies, it bears much

fruit. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

Brethren. Satan is defeated when we hate our lives in this world and love Jesus even more than our life itself. Even if loving Him means that we lose our life. We overcome the evil one. Because we do not renounce Christ and give allegiance to Satan. In the end this is what the enemy wants us to do.

A year ago 21 Coptic believers died on the shores of Tripoli. They died with one name on their lips. That name was Jesus. Not one of those believers renounced their faith in Christ. When you look at the videos of these 21 believers their faces are uncovered looking toward heaven. Those who took the lives of these brothers had their faces covered. I think of the verse out of 2nd Corinthians 3:18 that says we all with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord the spirit. That day it was Jesus that gave the victory. That day Satan lost the battle. Indeed Satan has lost the war. I honestly believe that those of that took the lives of these brothers covered their faces because they could not see the glory of God in the face of these martyrs. And those who cover their faces purport to represent a true religion. Those that cover their faces represent Satan. Those that cover their faces were defeated that day. Because 21 Coptic believers did not pronounce their faith in Christ. It was Jesus that got the victory that day.

This has always been the history of the martyrs down through the ages. Of those who follow Jesus. From Stephen onward those who did not renounce their faith in Jesus. Even unto death the martyrs of Christ were the victors. These are the ones who are reigning in heaven now. These are the ones who are victorious in Jesus.

But it is through the blood of the martyrs that the kingdom is advanced. Jesus said unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies it remains alone. But if it dies it bears much fruit. Tertullian said that the blood of the martyr is the seed of the church. We remember the martyrdom of Jim Elliot. Through him and the other five missionaries who were martyred in Ecuador a savage tribe was reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ. With the martyrdom of Stephen the Apostle Paul was reached for the Lord Jesus Christ. And one could say countless thousands and millions were reached for the gospel by the martyrdom of Stephen. The martyrdom of Stephen which resulted in the Apostle Paul's conversion. And through Paul his gospel message which still rings through the pages of the New Testament is resulting in the conversion of many, many, many untold millions to Jesus.

Brothers and sisters it is only when we take up our cross and deny ourselves. Even hate our lives in this world and love Jesus above all even being faithful to Him unto death. Then we can truly make an impact for the Kingdom of Jesus.

Brothers and sisters who is the man or woman that Satan fears? It is that one who overcomes the evil one by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony and Jesus and by not loving their lives even unto death.

This is the ultimate victory of the church over the evil one. It will be the persecuted church that comes to the fires of affliction and that will not love their life. It will be the persecuted church that loves Jesus even more.

These are my thoughts as testified by the Holy Spirit out of His Word.

Bearmaster

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2016/1/11 15:51**

What Bear shared about overcoming by not loving our lives unto the death is rarely preached in most churches. Usually the emphasis is overcoming by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of our testimony.

It is only by the grace of God that we overcome sin, temptation, and persecution.

He that believes that he overcomes through his own strength and will power will fail miserably.

God's grace is sufficient and His strength is made perfect in our weakness. How many of us can rejoice in our weakness?

"If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you."  
(1 Peter 4:14). The greater the persecution the greater the grace and glory that will rest upon those that are abiding in Christ.

Christ is the Overcomer, and the one that is crucified with Christ overcomes by the life of Christ in Him. " This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith."  
(1 John 5:4)

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/11 17:57**

Hi Julius,

As I said but I repeat of course it's Christ nobody is saying it's not but it will be Christ through the Church and the Church will come under the ministry of Elijah a particular move of the Spirit that only happens each time Christ comes to the Earth. Always doing the same thing each time making ready the way for Him to come for His Bride, Peter said to paraphrase it is necessary to select an apostle to replace Judas. The qualification was that he had to be with them from the ministry of John The Baptist (Elijah) because Peter knew for an outpouring to happen their A: Had to be a full twelve apostles B: Their had to be a full twelve apostles that were baptised by John (to fulfill prophesy) It is clear that Peter understood the role of Elijah as immediately after this correction was made the outpouring happened. In fact in Acts it's the very next line!  
Read it for yourself and look at the timing, Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/11 18:09**

Hi Bearmaster,

But what is a Martyr?

Billy Graham advanced the kingdom greatly but wasn't martyred.

There are times in the kingdom that Stephen dies for the kingdom in his young age and there are times when Billy lives for the Kingdom into his ripe old age.

The stick the head in the sand view of the end times without looking at the clear pattern ultimately doesn't work in my opinion. We have to look at the word of God to see God's plan for the Church in the end. Anybody can quote beautiful Scriptures about Christ that sound correct but I'm after giving sound scripture but it won't be answered for the sake of an inaccurate historical view of the end,

Yours Staff

**Re: , on: 2016/1/11 18:30**

Staff the word martyr in the Greek means witness. Those who laid down their lives for Christ were the ultimate witnesses for Jesus. And yes Art Katz and Denny Kenniston thought they would be martyred in their lifetime. But these dear brothers passed away due to natural causes. But did much to advance His kingdom.

But bear in mind these men Billy Graham, Art Katz, and Denny Kenniston lived in America. The American evangelical church does not have a history of persecution. Thus many dear men and women of God who have an impact for God in America may not be martyred. But that will soon change.

The New Testament was written against a backdrop of persecution. It was written by those who were persecuted and

martyred for those who were being persecuted and martyred. Even to this day. Today's persecuted church can better identify with the New Testament than we in America can.

The accurate teaching of the New Testament, church history, and those who follow Jesus is that the bride of Christ will go through persecution even up until the time of His return. But the persecuted church will be victorious because He is victorious.

My thoughts.....

Bearmaster

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/11 19:54**

Hi Bearmaster

Yes we will always have persecution no doubt in all forms not just physical.

When it comes to persecution though the members of SI including Greg(great guy that he is) have a serious wrong attitude and instead of preaching the Gospel are sidetracked with preaching persecution.

Paul said he came to terms with all things times of plenty times of nothing times when they were persecuted and times when they were not(paraphrase)

Come to terms with it is what I'm saying and move on, if it's coming it's coming.

Unfortunately we have two types of Church as we see it on the one side this out and out crazy pentecostal hype type(for the most part Christians true brothers and sisters)and on the other side of the coin this our persecution is coming type(for the most part are true brothers and sisters) both equally having the same problem a problem with grace,

The whole Church will be victorious because He is victorious not the persecuted church, the hype type and the life is our type. In reality(in God's eyes) there is no persecuted church or hype church but just one Church.

Jesus will not abandon either end of the spectrum unlike man,

Yours Staff

**Re: , on: 2016/1/11 22:29**

Dear staff,

I like and agree very much with what you just said!

Christians should be known for their righteousness, peace and joy...and love.

And their overcoming attitude in ALL of life's situations.

Forget about self, think of others and preach the gospel.

**Re: , on: 2016/1/12 1:15**

Staff, have you ever left home or your home country?

You don't seem to have any idea what the real world looks like.

Quote: "When it comes to persecution though the members of SI including Greg(great guy that he is) have a serious wrong attitude and instead of preaching the Gospel are sidetracked with preaching persecution. "

No one was preaching persecution, but we are allowed to warn each other and post a message for discussion

Who has a seriously wrong attitude here?

Before Christmas we learnt that a Christian family in Norway had their 5 kids taken away, are you also telling them "Come to terms with it is what I'm saying and move on" ?

Very unloving, uncaring comments from you ! May the Lord help you !

Here is a message for all of us:

<http://cnsnews.com/blog/michael-w-chapman/rev-graham-its-open-season-christians-sin-openly-celebrated-highest-officer>

May the Lord be near to us as it is getting darker and darker



**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/12 7:16**

Hi Markuskiwi

Unfortunately I do live in the real world sometimes its good and sometimes its horrible. I have left my home country and have lived outside it.

What I am saying is persecution is a norm in the Christian Church and except that but dont preach persecution preach the gospel. God has a plan for the end and there will be persecution still but also there will be a fight, prepare for the fight and if you just prepare for persecution you wont be ready for the fight.

God has a plan thats what Im saying and its not the same as it has been down through the centuries.

Even if preparing for persecution worked what good is that to the non Christian? God has a safe haven ready (getting ready) for the Church and for the future Church

Its not the turn the other cheek Church, Its the God is coming to Judge Church repent put the sackcloth on and if you dare harm one of his servants while they minister this truth woe is you right now. The Church will be at its brilliant best in all ways, taking the fight to the world in power and love. Im sure for this to happen there will be some major global problem or problems but cometh the hour cometh the man or cometh the Church.

In fact what im saying is that we will be hated more than normal because of our success.

As to the 5 kids from Norway this stuff will continue until the Church stops being a doormat. May the Lord help me I hope so...

Yours Staff

**Re: , on: 2016/1/12 10:38**

Staff respectfully I don't think Greg is preaching persecution. He does post articles related to the persecuted church. But he also post articles on other things concerning the kingdom. I hardly think that a prophetic word from Dietrich Bonhoeffer is preaching persecution.

You keep saying we need to preach the gospel and not persecution. But let me ask what is at the center of the gospel. The clearest definition of the gospel is found in 1st Corinthians 15:3-4. Here Paul writes.....

For I delivered to you as a first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

..... Brother at the center of the gospel is a cross. It is a cross that Jesus had to carry to Calvary. A cross where He had to die a cruel death for our sins. But Jesus also tells us that we have to carry a cross. Not a cross in which we have to pay for our sins. But a cross where we have to die to ourselves. Consider what Jesus said in Luke 9:23-24.....

If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it but whoever loses his life for my sake, he is the one who will save it.

..... This is the gospel. Not only the gospel that saves by the cross. But the gospel that requires us to carry the cross. The one I submit is lacking in gospel preaching today. We want the benefits of the cross. With no requirement to carry the cross.

One way that believers have to carry that cross is by going through persecution. Brother you say that there are some of us that are preaching persecution. Then consider what the greatest Preacher had to say regarding persecution.....

Matthew 5:10-11

Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad for your reward in heaven is great, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 24:9

Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of my Name.

John 15:20

Remember the word that I said to you, a slave is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will keep yours also.

John 16:1-2

These things I have spoken to you so that you may be kept from stumbling. They will make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God.

Revelation 13:9-10

If anyone has an ear, let him hear. If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes. If anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the fate of the saints.

Brother the above verses tell us that Jesus spoke and taught and preached persecution for his followers.

I could say more but will respectfully post is for your consideration.

Bearmaster

**Re: , on: 2016/1/12 11:42**

For three years, night and day, Paul did not cease to warn the church about false teachers and wolves in sheep clothing. I am quite sure that in those three years he also preached the Gospel. I am also sure he had his critics for doing so. If so me have a ministry of warning what is to come and sharing the Gospel at the same time, what is that to others? One doe s not preclude the other.....bro Frank

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/12 17:25**

Hi Appolus,Bearmaster

This isnt about warning the Church about false teachers it has nothing to do with it.

Paul balanced his message I have had times of Good and times of Bad but ive learned to be content in both circumstanc es.This isnt about warning warning is just being a good watchmen.But who is warning the unsaved in this bunker down,g ospel.

.This is gospel of persecution being preached and encouraged is based on a view of the end times that leaves out all the good stuff.

It hides behind being super holy and Prepared and is elitist.

Balance the message:Yes we will have Persecution,Yes we will have adversity,Yes our enemies Will have a go but God will raise up a Church that will know how to stand up and will defeat those who stand against us.

What Im hearing for a long time on SI is like the Israelites lined up against the Philistines.SI is the Israelites they are not David.David is the coming Church.

Lets not loose the fight before it even begins,Lets get a few shiney pebbles and take aim.

If you cant see that the type of Church God is raising up then check the word its there right in front of you,

A worry I have is that SI posters will be like Davids Brothers who worked against Gods plans,

Yours Staff

Re: , on: 2016/1/12 17:40

Hi Staff, you write.....

"This isnt about warning warning is just being a good watchmen. But who is warning the unsaved in this bunker down, go spel."

First of all the OP had nothing to do with " bunker down gospel," whatever that means to you.

You write.....

"This is gospel of persecution being preached and encouraged is based on a view of the end times that leaves out all the good stuff."

What is? The OP or just some SI posters in general? And when you say " leaves out the good stuff," what does good stuff mean and who is leaving it out?

You write.....

"It hides behind being super holy and Prepared and is elitist."

Wow, that is quite an attack. Anybody in mind and anything to back up such a charge?

You write.....

"Will have a go but God will raise up a Church that will know how to stand up and will defeat those who stand against us"

Can you actually tell us what you mean by " defeat those who stand against us?"

You write.....

"If you cant see that the type of Church God is raising up then check the word its there right in front of you."

Who is that statement aimed at Staff and what does it mean to you?

"Lets not loose the fight before it even begins, Lets get a few shiney pebbles and take aim."

What does that mean to you. What does throwing shiny pebbles mean to you?

You write.....

"A worry I have is that SI posters will be like Davids Brothers who worked against Gods plans."

What does that mean to you and have you a specific target in mind? If you are going to bring any kind of charges against anyone Staff, you have to be specific and use quotes and so on to see if what you say is actually true or if it is just angry bitter remarks with no foundation against those you dont particularly care for or who see the end times differently from you ( none of which would warrant comments like elitists of enemies of Gods word and plans) .....bro Frank

Re: , on: 2016/1/12 20:54

Quote:

-----by staff on 2016/1/12 7:16:42

What I am saying is persecution is a norm in the Christian Church and except that but don't preach persecution preach the gospel.

Staff, I did agree with you that Christians should not be "dour" or sour, but joyful and confident in their Lord.

I do see people warning about much persecution coming and we are seeing that come true everyday. So, if we are prep

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aring for persecution then I think we are preparing to fight. And how do we prepare but to trust in Christ, and love our enemies. Also, forgiving them for what they do to us. We are commanded not to fight with carnal weapons and to leave vengeance to God (He will repay). But, it would be very loving of you and me if like Stephen and Christ, we would pray for our enemies and ask the Lord to not lay any charge against them. That is the redemptive conduct that Christ is looking for in His people.

Quote:  
-----God has a plan for the end and there will be persecution still but also there will be a fight,prepare for the fight and if you just prepare for persecution you wont be ready for the fight.  
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Jesus warned us "in the world you will have persecution, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world". So the way to prepare for persecution or any fight is "to be found in Him". He is and always will be our "ark" for safety.

Quote:  
-----God has a plan that's what I'm saying and its not the same as it has been down through the centuries.  
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Why wouldn't God's plan which worked for the Early Church work for us? Can you elaborate on how the plan of God now for His people is different than what it was for the Early Church, or any number of martyred individuals down through the centuries? There are people today giving their lives for the testimony of Jesus. Are they fulfilling God's end time plan?

Quote:  
-----Even if preparing for persecution worked what good is that to the non Christian?  
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Ahhh, maybe you should tell us what "preparing for persecution" means to you. I take it to mean preparing one's heart by walking close to God each day and learning to trust Him more and more.

Quote:  
-----God has a safe haven ready(getting ready) for the Church and for the future Church  
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If God's "Safe Haven" is not Jesus Christ, I would like to know what it is you have in mind.

Quote:  
-----It's not the turn the other cheek Church, its the God is coming to Judge Church repent put the sackcloth on and if you dare harm one of his servants while they minister this truth woe is you right now.  
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Where do you see in Scripture that "turning the other cheek" will end?

Quote:  
-----The Church will be at its brilliant best in all ways, taking the fight to the world in power and love. I'm sure for this to happen there will be some major global problem or problems but cometh the hour cometh the man or cometh the Church.  
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How do you see the church "taking the fight to the world". Please elaborate.

Quote:

-----In fact what im saying is that we will be hated more than normal because of our success.  
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Please elaborate about this "success" you speak of.

Quote:

-----As to the 5 kids from Norway this stuff will continue until the Church stops being a doormat.  
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How do you propose the Church stop being a doormat? How are we to stop governments from taking advantage of us, s hort of fleeing?

Are you proposing physical violence against those who persecute Christians? So that you will not be misunderstood, wh at exactly are you proposing?

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/13 7:30**

Hi Appolus,

It is clear that alot of SI members are not putting forward a true reflection of the end times.

A view of lets go to the "Martyr Party" without tempering it with God has a plan for the end times(the good stuff)

They also seems to confuse persecution coming to the USA with the end times and never make it clear that one may not be connected to the other.This persecution may not be part of that time period but its never made clear and so confuses the lines.

I fully stand by the "elitist tag" which it surely is.Only the few that hold to your doctrine and prepare for persecution as if y ou could are going to get through.

The pebbles is quite obvious I think what I am saying is that people who have such a dour view of the end have the sam e attitude as the Iraelite army standing in front of Goliath while the Church of the end will be like David who will challeng e Goliath and defeat him.

My remarks are well founded and are clearly not bitter and what your view of the end times is your own business but SI i s encouraging another gospel this I dont like,

Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/13 8:00**

Hi Julius,

Yes Jesus overcame the world and because of that fact we will take the fight to the world,

Again the Spirit of Elijah will come again prior to Christ Return thats how the fight will be taken to the world.

The whole church will come under his ministry(partly out of nessecity) and it will then challenge the world exactly the wa y Elijah challenged the Israelites on Mt Carmel,it will effect political leaders exactly the way it did on Mt Carmel and it will cause the fire to fall exactly the way it did on Mt Carmel.This is the success I am taking about.

Taking the fight to the world is challenging them like Elijah and overcoming by faith in Christ like Elijah.

Sucess is the restoration of Apostolic Doctrine and the outpouring of his Spirit again similar to Acts and then the sweepin g of millions of souls into the kingdom.

I am not proposing Physical violence against people who persecute Christians only in the same way Peter was involved in judging Annaias and Saphira and involved in causing a man to become blind for a season.Their will be consequences for those that try and hurt the Church in the End untl that time is over.Both of those cases judgement came directly from God and are New Testament.The Church in some way come under the protection of God through that Ministry.

I am not aware only what was said about the 5kids in Norway.My understanding is that the state took the kids due to thei r Christianity in some way.I only commented that if thats the case its because we let them,

The safe haven is the Ministry of Elijah,no it wont be a bed of roses but it wont be lie down and be walked all over like G oliath was doing to the Israelites either,It will be competitive and we will confirm to the world the victory Christ has given us through his death,

Yours Staff

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**Re: , on: 2016/1/13 8:47**

Staff you have been making statements about what the end time church will be but bringing no scripture to support your view. My understanding of the New Testament is that there is no end time ministry of Elijah.

Since the days of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was poured out and is continuing to be poured out. There is revival taking place in the Middle East. The Spirit is moving. But it is moving against the backdrop of persecution.

So I challenge you present to us scriptures particularly from the New Testament that state that's such a ministry you hold to will take place in the end times.

Respectfully submitted.

Bearmaster

**Re: , on: 2016/1/13 8:54**

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-----by staff on 2016/1/13 8:00:15

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Actually, the Word says that Jesus overcame the world and because He did we will overcome, also.

Quote:  
-----Again the Spirit of Elijah will come again prior to Christ Return that's how the fight will be taken to the world.  
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I am really trying to understand you on this. Can you give me the scriptures that you are referencing regarding the spirit of Elijah? How is the spirit of Elijah different from the Spirit of Christ who has given us everything we need pertaining to life and godliness and overcoming?

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Are you talking about a literal fire? The entire church right now is under the ministry of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. And Jesus Christ confronted the world while He was on earth and is confronting it now and overcoming it through His saints, again, even now. So, I don't see how we will now come under the "ministry of Elijah" but it seems that you think this ministry is for the Church to bring judgement on people. Ananias and Sapphira were in the Church. The Church has not historically classified them as the "world" or false prophets of Baal. Please clarify and supply scriptures so I am clear on what you are saying.

Quote:  
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Again, what is wrong with challenging the world as Jesus did. And Jesus never turned tail and ran as Elijah did when he hid from Jezebel. Isn't it better to rise up in the spirit of Christ and face the Jezebel spirit head-on? Many courageous men and women have and even lost their lives for maintaining the testimony of Jesus.

Quote:  
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We see in Acts, Stephen being martyred, and Paul being stoned many times. They preached the gospel (took the fight to the world).

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Are you saying saints will not have to die anymore and we will just call down fire from heaven to decimate our foes? Again, Annanias and Sapphira were of the church.

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Scriptures, please.

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I believe that true saints have been confirming Christ's victory through the way they have lived and died, for many centuries, now. The safe haven has always been the ministry of the Holy Spirit which is Jesus Christ in us, the hope of glory.

**Re: , on: 2016/1/13 9:42**

Hi Staff,

Other brothers on this thread have asked you for Scriptures to back up your opinions, surely you could have no objections to this?

I want to give you my opinion now, a general overview of where I see you coming from. There was a spirit in man that rejected Jesus when He came to the earth, they rejected Jesus in favor of Barabbus. This earthy spirit that yearns for dominance over its enemies is the spirit of man. Jesus was rejected in favor of a man who took the fight to the Romans.

There is a militancy in earthy worldly Christendom that is rife. To its great shame, much of Christendom in America were the ones in the last couple of decades, calling for war and torture and destruction upon "its," enemies. I see this same spirit in your writings Staff. A spirit that wants to call down fire on its enemies. This is the spirit that rejects the calling of Christ to take up their cross and follow Him.

And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village. (Luk 9:54-56)

Staff, I would urge you to let Jesus through His word speak to you. Test the spirits and see what spirit you are off.....  
.bro Frank

PS, do you have an opinion on the Scripture below where the word of God says ( as opposed to mens opinions) that power was given unto the anti-christ to make war against the saints and overcome them.

And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Rev 13:6-8)

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/1/13 13:38**

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12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh FIRE COME DOWN from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

Revelation 13:12-14

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Matthew 24:24

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2016/1/13 14:47**

The book of Revelation is the revelation of Jesus Christ, yet there are many in the Church that have made it more about the antichrist and the devil.

There is a general fear in Christians of the events leading up to the second coming



of Christ. We are certainly not to hide our heads in the sand as many are doing, but neither should we be preaching a message that leaves the children of God feeling hopeless and helpless. The message of Christ to the churches was one of correction, repentance, and wonderful promises to the overcomers. It is not the will of God that we would be overcome, but to rejoice in all things for our Lord and savior Jesus Christ has already overcome the world, and we are to live and stand in His victory.

**Re: , on: 2016/1/13 15:11**

That's exactly the point Mike, we live in that victory and neither life nor death can change that, it becomes irrelevant. The victory is already won and the world is already overcome by Christ and in Him we are overcomers, not to gain any kind of foothold in this world but to walk in the eternal Kingdom He died and rose again to make us a part of.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

All too often the last part of that sentence is left out or people are confused and think that people who actually believe that message must be or promote feelings of being "hopeless or helpless." Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth. The vast majority of martyrs who have laid down their lives in the past 2000 years, who loved not their lives unto death, and who now cry for justice from beneath the altar died with joy in their hearts and their spirits filled with eternal hope, not hope as the world hopes, but that sure knowledge that they were merely passing from one world of the flesh into the eternal Kingdom of God fully.....bro Frank

**Re: , on: 2016/1/13 15:14**

Greg quotes.....

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Perfect Scriptures to clear through the deception that their are somehow Captain Marvel Christians who are going to go to and thro throughout the earth calling down fire and destroying God's enemies. As Jesus says, those who want this do not know what spirit they are of.....bro Frank

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/13 15:39**

Hi Frank

You know right well that I provided scripture and clear explanation and that's the second time you've slighted me,  
Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/13 15:41**

Hi Greg

Please provide some explanation to your scripture otherwise it makes no sense I think that's fair,  
Yours Staff

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**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/13 16:18**

Hi Julius  
I think you must judging on your use of scripture heard before the one of the types of the Holy Spirit is " Fire" id find it hard to believe that you didnt,  
Also I am sure you have heard in Acts how tongues of "Fire"rested on the believers heads.So I think you know what I am talking about.  
On your other points Stephen was 2000 yrs ago and for sure Stephen and Paul took the fight to the world.  
The man who was made blind was judged and he wasnt in the Church as you know but didnt comment on.  
The ministry of Elijah will cause Judgement to those who hurt the Church in the end times if nessacary like the what I de scribed with Peter.  
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The end time Church is different than what we have now and the ministry of Elijah is as I have pointed out the ministry of The Holy Spirit in the end times.Its how he closes the Church age as we know it.  
The scriptures are very easy to come across just look at the lives of all the people that had the Spirit of Elijah  
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When something gets in the way of the advancement of the Gospel in that time then their will be Judgement.Persecution and Martyrdom dont nessacarily get in the way of the advancement of the Gospel.It may do sometimes and other times as said by others it advances it.  
So to answer will Christians die yes but will they also be miraculously saved like Paul was yes.I hope you read all those s criptures and come back to me if you need too thanks  
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I certainly know about the fire of the Holy Spirit and understand the use of it in terms of purifying and sanctifying the church. I am unaware of the fire of the Holy Spirit in the NT, raining down on unbelievers in terms of judgment as was done on the prophets of Baal.

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Yes, but men and women (mighty men and women in the Lord) have been doing great exploits for God over the last 2,000 years even up to and including, today. Why? Because of the Holy Spirit.

Quote:  
-----The man who was made blind was judged and he wasn't in the Church as you know but didn't comment on.  
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Many men have been judged by God through the centuries. I forget the story but a succession of men have been made blind for something else. I will try to find it.

Edit: I believe it was men that tried to corrupt the written word of God.

Quote:  
-----The ministry of Elijah will cause Judgement to those who hurt the Church in the end times if necessary like the what I described with Peter.  
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You mean Ananias and Sapphira? If not, please if you will, provide scriptures. I am sorry if you have already done this. Please indulge me once again.

Quote:  
-----I am talking again not what happened in the regular run of things over the centuries but specifically the end times specifically ,it will be different.  
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How do you know it will be different? Where are these scriptures? Because, what is displayed in Revelation has happened throughout the centuries and will continue to happen up until the end. Saints, confronting the kingdom of darkness and being martyred.

Quote:  
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I think it is only fair of you to take us through these scriptures in a systematic way. If you want us to understand your point of view.

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staff, God has always reserved judgment for Himself (vengeance is mine in Romans 13) and dealt with the kingdom of darkness and those who supported it in many and various ways through the centuries.

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Yours Staff  
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Well, you really did not give me any scriptures. You gave me topics and people to read about. It would help if you just gave me the scripture references, at least.

Thanks, staff.

P.S. The scriptures Greg and Frank gave are really worth thinking about.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/13 20:32**

Hi Julius 21

I try to be systematic as I can..il do it in 3 parts and you can tell me if anything I said is not explained enough..

The Bible says in Malachi behold I will send Elijah the Prophet before the great and terrible day of the Lord.

He will restore.....

Malachi 4:5

Why Elijah? Why not David or Eli or Enoch or Moses

He came in the form of John the Baptist agreed?

John made the way ready for Christ like it was prophesised

What did he do?

A:He preached that the Messiah was about to come in the wilderness and all judea and the surrounds went out to see h ear him.Everyone came under his ministry.Mark 1:5

B:He baptised all the apostles:We know that for a few reasons but the definite proof is that Peter said so in Acts 1 21-26

C:All the 12 apostles came under his ministry we know that from the above two statements

D:Then Jesus volunteered to come under his ministry even though John did not want him too.John reluctantly Baptised Jesus Matthew 3-13 -17 Jesus ministry began the moment as he was baptised and John was a witness of the Holy Spirit descending and alighting on Jesus.Jesus ministry last 3 1/2 years.

E John ministered to Herod( a type Anti Christ)as Herod liked to listen to him.Mark 6:20

F:The wicked woman Herodias asks for John The Baptist Head and gets it.Matthew 14:7we can say John was persecut ed and Martyred for his faith)

G:The time of Pentecost arrives,theirs the upper room and Peter stands up and speaks and says that we need to get the number of Apostles back up to 12 lets elect someone that was with them from the baptism of John The Baptist

So the two things that had to happen before Pentecoste A:The Twelve had to be restored

B:The person elected had to have come under Johns Baptism

Thats A summary of John The Baptist as Elijah accept to say that John recognised Jesus while he was not born.

I know everyone knows these scriptures even without looking but check them out and see that that is accurate.I will answer the couple of questions I asked later.

I will go onto Part 2 and try to be systematic.

Yours Staff

**Re: , on: 2016/1/13 21:09**

Thank you, staff. I will be considering all that you just wrote and get back to you.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/13 22:17**

Hi Julius 21

Part 2

Why did Elijah have to come back not David or Moses or Jeremiah etc?

To understand this we have to accept that the bible has types and shadows

This is a definition I got from Theopedia which I agree with, nothing controversial in it as far as i can see.

Biblical typology

Typology is a method of biblical interpretation whereby an element found in the Old Testament is seen to prefigure one f ound in the New Testament. The initial one is called the type and the fulfillment is designated the antitype. Either type or antitype may be a person, thing, or event, but often the type is messianic and frequently related to the idea of salvation. The use of Biblical typology enjoyed greater popularity in previous centuries, although even now it is by no means ignore d as a hermeneutic.

Basically there are a few different categories of Typology

I will be looking at Prophetic typology.Preachers use typology almost every week during sermons.

To find out why Elijah had to come and not the other prophets we have to check out who and what did Elijah do.Why is J

ohn the Baptist even associated with Elijah.?

We also have to answer where the term the "Spirit of Elijah" originates as it seemed to upset some of the posters that I used that term.

Lets look at 2 Kings 2:15 where the term originates The prophets from the various schools said behold the "Spirit of Elijah" rests on Elisha

Elisha had followed Elijah around until Elijah was taken up by a Chariot, the hairy garment fell to Elisha and he put it on; This now brings Elisha into play when trying to explain the "Spirit of Elijah" We have three people now with hairy garments and are said to come in "Spirit Of Elijah"

Elijah and Elisha in Kings and John The Baptist Luke 1:17

What did Elijah Do?

A:He Prayed James 5:17 and the skys were shut up for three and a half years Luke 4:25 and James 5:17

B:He hid from Ahab(a type of AntiChrist)

C:Provided for a widow woman just as God provided miraculously for him while at the brook,

D:He challenged the prophets of bail to a contest on Mt Carmel 1 Kings 18 16:45

Before we go on this is a crucial part to understand why it had to be Elijah to come before Christ to make ready and not the other prophets so lets look at it.

Elijah and Mount Carmel

Look Carefully at what happened

A:Take a bull(a sacrifice) for yourselves and I will take a bull for myself the God that answers by fire is the real God to Paraphrase.A bull(a sacrifice) being a beast of burden signifying Christ burdening our sins 1 kings 18:22

B:Put it on wood but do not light 1 kings 18:23

C:At the time of the evening sacrifice the prophets of Baal ranted and raved and then came Elijahs Turn 1 kings 18:29 and 36

D:Elijah then did this he restored the altar of the lord that had been torn down,he took 12 stones and made an altar, he arranged the wood in a certain way and cut the bull in pieces, put him on the altar,dug a trench that could hold a certain measure of seed and then strangely told his helpers to pour 4 jugs of water on the sacrifice 3 times.The Water ran over the offering the wood and filled the trench.

E:He prayed among other things that God would answer him so that they would know that he had turned their heart back again

F:The Fire fell and consumed everthing by licking it up

And thats what Elijah did and what John the Baptist had to do as well which he did.Look now how John the Baptist fulfilled the ministry of Elijah

1:Jesus was fulfilling prophesy here even though John didnt understand.Jesus knew that water had to be poured over the sacrifice (Jesus)by John as Elijah did on mount Carmel

Matt3:13 Then Jesus \*arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him. 14 But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" 15 But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he \*permitted Him.

2:Their were also 12 stones that had water poured over them by Elijah (4 jugs multiply by 3 times = 12) and John fulfilled that by baptising the twelve stones the 12 Apostles

Revelation 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

3:Their was wood arranged in a certain way as was the cross made in certain way

4:Their was an evening sacrifice Jesus as in the Mt Carmel account.

5:Then the Fire fell by the ministry of Elijah as it did by the ministry of John the Baptist in Acts 1 at Pentecost.

Courtesy of Peter we know the link between Pentecost and John.

There is more typology I could say Elijah,John and Elisha all wore the same hairy Mantle(Jewish myth says that it was the exact same one but who knows) Elijah closed the sky for 3 1/2 years and John opened the sky for 3 1/2 years.

Elijahs head was wanted by an Evil Woman married to an an Evil King and John The Baptists Head was wanted and got by an Evil Woman married to An Evil King,

Both Elijah and John came preaching in the wilderness all Judea Jerusalem and the surrounds went out to see John is recorded and All Israel went out to see Elijah as recorded.

Theirs more down to little details the Holy Spirit came in a form of a Tongue on the day of Pentecost and he also not noticed by many came in the form of a tongue on mt carmel for he "licked up"

Thats why Elijah had to come before Christ and thats how John fulfilled his role as Elijah,He restored the 12 stones,he poured water and he made the fire fall.The whole prophetic pattern is their.If we cant say this is clear typology then we have to be intellectually honest and not use any typology at all.In fact we know that John is not really Elijah the Thibite but only a type of Elijah with the same Spirit and Power Luke 1:17

I can say when asked what is the greatest revelation I have got from the Bible (except that Jesus is Lord )without hesitation is that Mt Carmel is a Typology of Pentecost.

Two of the great passages are actually the same.It always amazes me.

I have run out of time to talk about Elisha i will do that in the 3rd Part after you have digested the first two and you have time to reply and discuss if you want Julius or any one else.I have been as systematic as I could.

Yours Staff

**Re: Despising of the saints and Israel - posted by docs (), on: 2016/1/16 12:07**

Many believe, including myself, that a greater despising of the saints and the Church leading to a eventual persecution is likely to come about also because of the Church's standing with Israel during the final stages of the last days. Not standing with Israel for what they are now but whatthey eventually will be. The key is belieivng for a redeemed Jacob before that transforming redemption takes place and Jacob becomes Israel. Any reading of the Hebrew prophets from a literal perspective reveals that the final stages of this age will be characterized by a growing agitation among the nations because of the threat that the issue of Israel poses to world peace and stability(Zech 12:2-3,14:1-4). As God allows Israel to be squeezed and sheared of much it currently relies upon, God will allow Israel to be subjected to the hypocritical worldly double standard for behavior even now being imposed on it. As the world sees prophetic events unfolding the hearts of men in the nations and the Church will be sifted and tested as to what they believe regarding the legitimacy and immutability of God's word regardless of the passage of time. Unfolding prophetic events, completely in line with the predictions of the Hebrew prophets and Christ Himself, will leave the nations and the Church without excuse as they will have been presented beforehand with a pure and clear prophetic testimony. Under final chastisement, Israel will again be driven into the wilderness of the nations (Rev 12:13-15) and there hopefully they will meet a prophetically knowledgeable and prepared church already sheared of its own strength and presumptions and forced into the wilderness through persecution (Rev 12:16-17). God's final appeal to Israel will be a appeal in the wilderness through the mouth and witness of a martyr church prepared to lay down its own life on behalf of seeking Gentiles and Israel (Rev 12:11) and who has been brought by the Lord unto loving not its own life even unto death. Staggering events await the nations and the church. And Christ will return to the nation He ascended from and promised to return to.

**Re: , on: 2016/1/16 13:51**

Quote:

-----by staff on 2016/1/13 20:32:27

The Bible says in Malachi behold I will send Elijah the Prophet before the great and terrible day of the Lord.

He will restore.....

Malachi 4:5

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Mal 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall

suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3:1 is talking about John Baptist. Keep reading as the Scriptures will explain.

Matt 11:10 For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

Jesus said this prophecy about Elijah was talking about John the Baptist.

Matt 11:14 And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.

Quote:

-----Why Elijah? Why not David or Eli or Enoch or Moses?  
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First, God predicted John's work as being like that of Elijah (Luke 1:17). Second, he dressed like Elijah (2 Kings 1:8 and Matthew 3:4). Third, like Elijah, John the Baptist preached in the wilderness (Matthew 3:1). Fourth, both men preached a message of repentance. Fifth, both men withstood kings and had high-profile enemies (1 Kings 18:17 and Matthew 14:3).

Quote:

-----He came in the form of John the Baptist agreed?  
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Elijah did not come back in the form of John the Baptist, and Elijah was used as a metaphorical image of what John would be like in his ministry.

Quote:

-----John made the way ready for Christ like it was prophesied

What did he do?

A: He preached that the Messiah was about to come in the wilderness and all Judea and the surrounds went out to see and hear him. Everyone came under his ministry. Mark 1:5

B: He baptized all the apostles: We know that for a few reasons but the definite proof is that Peter said so in Acts 1 21-26  
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He did not baptize Paul. Here is what Paul mentioned about baptism.

1Co\_1:13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

1Co\_1:14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;

1Co\_1:15 Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.

1Co\_1:16 And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.

Being baptized by John does not make the Apostles "come under his ministry". The apostles are not under John. They are under Christ.

Eph\_2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

No mention of John the Baptist.

Quote:

-----C: All the 12 apostles came under his ministry we know that from the above two statements  
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You are really reaching here in order to create a doctrine. You can say that the apostles were ministered baptism by John

n, but after that they did not remain under John. In fact, they were never under John at all.

Quote:

-----D:Then Jesus volunteered to come under his ministry even though John did not want him, too.  
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Jesus asked to be baptized by John. When you say, "Come under his ministry", you make it sound like Jesus was putting himself under John's authority.

Quote:

-----John reluctantly Baptized Jesus Matthew 3:13-17 Jesus ministry began the moment as he was baptised and John was a witness of the Holy Spirit descending and alighting on Jesus. Jesus ministry lasted 3 1/2 years.  
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Yes, but let's be clear. John did not start the ministry of Jesus. God the Father by the Holy Spirit gets the credit.

Quote:

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E John ministered to Herod( a type Anti Christ)as Herod liked to listen to him.Mark 6:20  
F:The wicked woman Herodias asks for John The Baptist Head and gets it.Matthew 14:7we can say John was persecuted and Martyred for his faith)  
G:The time of Pentecost arrives,theirs the upper room and Peter stands up and speaks and says that we need to get the number of Apostles back up to 12 lets elect someone that was with them from the baptism of John The Baptist. So the two things that had to happen before Pentecost  
A:The Twelve had to be restored  
B:The person elected had to have come under John's Baptism  
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I would also like to bring out that John did not baptize in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Act 19:3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.  
Act 19:4 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 Christ Jesus.  
Act 19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Again, Paul was never baptized by John the Baptist and yet is one of the greatest apostles. There is some interesting discussion regarding whether Peter got ahead of the Lord through a lack of spiritual understanding in casting lots to choose two men and THEN praying about the final one. I wonder if Peter would have done the same thing after he was baptized in the Holy Spirit?

I don't think you have convinced me that there is something extra special about John's baptism and definitely, no apostle is under John's authority.

Again, John was a metaphorical Elijah.

Transfiguration of Jesus - Matt. 17:1-8; Mk. 9:2-8; Lk. 9:28-36  
Jesus took Peter, James and John up to a high mountain, and Jesus was transfigured into a spiritual form where His face radiated like the sun and His garments were white as light. Moses, appeared with Him as well as Elijah. Moses received the law in the Old Covenant and Elijah was one of the favorite prophets of the Jews and was later taken into heaven in a chariot of fire.

Finally, after Jesus explained it to the disciples, they understood that Elijah (Elias) had come (John the Baptist). See Matt 17:13, below.

Matt 17:11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.  
Matt 17:12 But I say unto you, That Elias 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.  
Matt 17:13 Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.



Peter, James and John were being given a visual object lesson on the mount of transfiguration that tied the old covenant together with the new covenant, and allowed them to recognize that the promised death of Jesus was to be the victory that allowed for His glorious resurrection and spiritual continuance of life in a spiritual kingdom, (not a physical kingdom).

Coming down from the mountain, Jesus told the three disciples not to broadcast what they had seen until after He had risen from the dead. Despite a glimpse of the meaning of resurrection in the transfiguration, they still had many questions concerning the implications of Jesus' resurrection, many of which were not answered until later.

They were also curious about Elijah's presence in the transfiguration, for they had been taught in their Jewish religious instruction, in accord with Malachi 4:5,6, that Elijah would come as a forerunner of the Messiah. Believing that Jesus was the Messiah, it now seemed that Elijah had come in the transfiguration after the advent of the Messiah. Jesus explained that Elijah had already come as a forerunner in the form of John the Baptist (Matt. 11:14). John the Baptist was a prophet who suffered and died, so they should not think it strange or out of order that the Messiah should suffer and die in order to accomplish what God wanted to do. And, this is exactly what happened to Jesus. He suffered and died.

I will go work on part 2, now.

**Re: , on: 2016/1/16 14:41**

Quote:

-----by staff on 2016/1/13 22:17:39

Hi Julius 21

Part 2

Why did Elijah have to come back not David or Moses or Jeremiah etc?

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This one is a bit easier to answer. Elijah did not come back. John the Baptist was not Elijah reincarnated. John the Baptist's ministry resembled that of Elijah calling people to repentance.

2Kings 1:8 And they answered him, He was an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite.

There was no doubt that the people who saw and heard John regarded him as a prophet from God. He spoke like a prophet, warning of divine judgment and calling people to repentance. In appearance and style he was like the prophet Elijah, "a hairy man with a leather girdle bound about his loins" (II Kings 1:8). He survived by eating locusts and honey collected from the rocks in the desert country.

Many confuse the metaphorical in the OT with being literal.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/16 19:21**

Hi Julius

Jesus confirmed that John The Baptist was Elijah that was to come. Are you saying otherwise? Luke 1:17 says he came in the Spirit and Power of Elijah.

There is no such thing as reincarnation in the bible so of course he wasn't.

Yes One of the common things John and Elijah had in common was that they called people to repentance.

If you accept that as I do.

Do you accept that John and Elijah had these things in common as well?

Here are some of the other Common things:

A connection to something that lasted 3 1/2 years

Both wore Hairy garments

Both poured water over 12 stones (twelve Apostles)

Both poured water over the Sacrifice

Both caused by fire to fall from Heaven  
Both came up against a wicked Queen  
Both came up against a wicked king  
Both were fed not by the normal way  
Both had all go out to see them  
Both ministered in the wilderness  
Both ministered at the same place at the Jordon River

Phrased another way why was it Elijah(in the form of John the Baptist) to come to bring the people to repentance not Moses or David or any other prophet.

Why did John not come in the "Spirit and Power of Moses"

Or in the "Spirit and power of Daniel"?

So you havent answered why it had to be Elijah as their were many prophets who preached repentance.

Why is Elijah the model and Not them.

Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/16 19:33**

Hi Julius

Again,

Why Elijah

Why did God predict Johns minstry would be like Elijah?

Why did God have Malachi predict that Elijah would come?

Why did he not say Behold I will send my servant Samuel before the great and terrible day?

Im agreed about transfiguration but it doesnt answer the question.

It is clear I think to both of Us that Jesus saw Elijah in the form of John The Baptist.I agree totally.

But why had John to come in his form is what I am asking?

(other than it is predicted in Malachi)

Why was other forms of prophets like Jonah not predicted and sent?

Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/16 20:37**

Hi Julius,

John the baptist did not baptise Paul as Paul was not part or never was part of the Twelve Apostles.He was a full Apostle but not one of the Twelve.Although Paul was an Apostle born out of time he was not one of the twelve. Jesus put himself under John The Baptist Ministry,John tried to refuse but Jesus Insisted.The Twelve Apostles all came under both John The Baptist Ministry(Authority) as Peter points out in Acts and Jesus did as well. Jesus for the purpose of fulfilling Mt Carmel where the sacrifice was immersed in water got Baptised and not for the sake of sin.

Their is no doubt that in Acts that Peter spoke under revelation of the Holy Spirit just prior to Pentecost and their is (no Scripture to show what you just said)

What Peter said was agreed by everyone that was there.

A The person elected had to be from the Ministry of John The Baptist

B:Peter also said that their had to be a 12 apostles.What he meant was like Elijah on Mt Carmel the fire wouldnt fall except their was Twelve stones in Place.

The proof was in the pudding,here are these scriptures in a row without the Paragraph break.The Next thing recorded

after Peter had got the structure back in its correct position (ie 12 stones that were baptised by Elijah in the form of John the Baptist) was that the Fire Fell

20 "For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms:

"May his place be deserted;  
let there be no one to dwell in it,"

and,

"May another take his place of leadership."

21 Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, 22 beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.

23 So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen 25 to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." 26 Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Peter had got revelation from God before the Holy Spirit Baptism when he called Jesus the Messiah and Jesus confirmed that God had given him that revelation.

Peter had already been sifted by the devil and restored by Jesus. So it's a slur on Peter to say that he didn't know what he was at in this case and on top of all of that it just makes logical sense. Every where in the old testament we see the importance of 12 not 11.

If there was nothing extra special about John The Baptist's Baptism why did Jesus insist he had to go through it. Jesus and Apostles thought it was special and All Judea and Jerusalem felt it was special because it says they all travelled out to see John.

John then pointed the Apostles to Jesus saying his Baptism was greater which it was. John had to make the way ready for Jesus and part the making ready was that the Apostles had to be Baptised and importantly looking for the Messiah which they were constantly.

When Jesus arrived on the scene the Apostles were ready to follow him, made ready by Elijah in the form of John but all Judea, Jerusalem and the Surrounds came under his Ministry including Jesus and the Apostles.

Even looking at that Scripture again read the last line of the Acts 1 and The first 2 lines of Acts 2. Take out the paragraph and verse numbers

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Can you anyone now look at that and honestly say it is a mistake, that they aren't related? You would be saying three major coincidences happened 1. Peter blundered (no scriptural evidence for it although he blundered before and a little after with Paul they were recorded as a blunder)

Also the very next thing Peter does after being restored on the Beach by Jesus is to blunder? Come on..

2. John the Baptist (Elijah type) was mentioned as having a connection with the Apostles just prior to them nominating a twelfth Apostle and the fire falling

3. God recorded these three verses in a row together

It is clear that Peter, the Eleven Apostles and all else gathered Mary and Mary Magdeline possibly and the rest of the 120 knew that the Twelve Apostles or Twelve Stones had to be restored just like Elijah restored on Mt Carmel.

It also Clear, that Jesus came under the Authority of John, in humility he came below what he should have so he could fulfill scripture,

Yours Staff

**Re: , on: 2016/1/16 21:01**

staff,

Jesus explained why He was baptized by John.

Matt 3:15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

I already answered why Jesus likened John's ministry to Elijah's. And for those reasons it could not be likened to Moses or David or Daniel.

It was not a slur against Peter by saying that he lacked spiritual understanding to cast lots. He also lacked spiritual understanding after confessing Jesus was the Christ when he said that HE would not have to suffer. He again lacked spiritual understanding when he wanted to build a temple to Elijah and Moses on the mount of transfiguration and he lacked spiritual understanding in Galatia when he practiced dissimulation amongst the Gentile believers for which he was rebuked by Paul.

So, no that was not a slur.

I don't know if Matthias was supposed to be the 12th apostle. I don't think anyone knows. There is a camp that takes it by faith and there is a camp that believes Paul, the apostle born out of due time, was the 12th as he was personally chosen by Jesus Christ, just like Jesus Christ personally chose the others.

1Co\_15:8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

Gal 1:1 Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/16 22:23**

Hi Julius

Yes that's what he said "to fulfill all righteousness"

He was fulfilling something that was right to do.

What was he fulfilling? The righteousness he was fulfilling was prophetic typology. Pour Water over me John because Elijah poured water over the sacrifice and so should you to make it right.

Yes you did answer but you didn't answer what I asked.

You answered that Jesus likened John to Elijah's Ministry

I agree with you.

You stated the facts that it was prophesied that John's Ministry would be like Elijah and that Jesus said it was like Elijah. I'm agreeing with you.

All correct but I'm asking a different question. My question is Why should it be Elijah to come in the first place or what is it that Elijah is able to do that Moses or Aaron or Jeremiah are not?

Peter and the 120 knew that Matthias was meant to be the 12th. How am I meant to take anything Peter had to say seriously if I can't take that? Or James he was there too.

If they being leaders of the Church, pillars are wrong in this issue quoting scriptures and it isn't pointed out that they blundered like it was when they blundered before, how am I to read any off their other writings and take it as Gospel.

All of the Twelve Apostles were Chosen by Jesus after they had been first Baptised By John not before.

What Paul was saying that he saw Jesus out of due time just like the other Apostles but after his translation.

What about the list of typology between John and Elijah other than that they both called Israel to repent?

Also what about the three verses in a row was that an accident did God have an off day?

The only other guy I can see that is on SI that has any Sermons similar is Jacob Prasch, I couldn't find this one on SI  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3uv3aKMZGA>  
Elijah The Man Who Could Make It Rain

I had a look at it, it drags on a bit and he starts preaching about Elijah 15 to 20 mins in. It doesn't show the correlation between Mt Carmel and Pentecost but talks about the Spirit of Elijah and why it's important. He believes you can lose your salvation, not sure about his tribulation views etc.  
Yours Staff

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You seemed to answer your own question and I want you to know that I do agree with these similarities and that is obviously why Elijah is a type of John (foreshadowing of a future person) and John is the anti-type of Elijah (someone foreshadowed by an earlier symbol or in this case, person).

So, I would like you to continue because I want to see where you are headed.

Let me just say in advance that it is important to keep in mind that the prophets "prophesied until John," who was the end of the line of the old covenant prophets. John was the anti-type of Elijah as I have already mentioned in agreement with you (Mal. 4:5; cf. Lk 16:16). Fulfillment of the ENTIRE LINE OF OLD COVENANT PROPHECY HAS COME TO FRUIT IN JESUS CHRIST. Jesus indicates that all who are in His kingdom are greater than John, for they have more privilege, more blessing, and more hope than John ever realized. All who were in the old covenant prophetic age "did not receive what was promised" (Heb. 11: ; Lk. 10:23,24). Christians have all of God's blessings and promises in Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 1:20; Eph. 1:3).

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/17 13:09**

Hi Julius

I will just do the last part in a bit and I will quote all the scriptures as it is the controversial section. It is also the part where if someone doesn't agree with me I can accept more readily as it is in the future and there are many different opinions on end times theology by many true Christians. Ultimately the proof is in the eating, if something I say begins to unfold then I am correct and if it doesn't then I am False and not correct.

Going back to the original objection it is not that talking about a forth coming persecution is wrong or forth coming marthdom is wrong but that preaching them in isolation I feel is wrong. Also we have to distinguish between a forth coming persecution and an end times persecution. Is the persecution people of SI talking about an End times thing or not. If it is not End Times then they can preach in Isolation and temper it with the normal gospel (for the want of a better term). If it is End Times then that becomes a different ball game,

Yours Staff

**Re: , on: 2016/1/17 13:27**

Staff,

Thank you for your post. Whether we agree or disagree, we are still brothers and we most certainly agree on the very most important things. It is really nice to be able to challenge one another in the Word without being hateful and I promise I would never engage in such behavior. I appreciate the fact that you are thinking about and considering many things. Many important things, as well do I. You are right in that some things that are talked about refer to the future, which no one really knows for sure and because of this we should extend grace to one another and not shut down a conversation. And we should rest assured that in Christ Jesus, if it turns out we are wrong about something, we won't be stoned. With that said, I look forward to your next post.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/17 20:03**

Hi Julius

Love you brother and where I offended I apologize and I know your grace will be extended which can only happen with Christ followers. Thank you Hugh

**Re: , on: 2016/1/17 21:58**

Thanks staff, but I was not offended in the least. I love digging into the Word of God and your topic is very interesting. Love you and your heart for the truth, bro.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/1/21 21:28**

Hi Julius

Off line for the last couple of days sorry,

Well the question will Elijah or "The Spirit Of Elijah" come again in the future near or far?

First look at these couple of issues

John The Baptist didn't understand that Jesus had to come twice not once.

The first time he came to be the sacrifice and the second time to be the King.

When John didn't see the Kingly things happen like Israel been freed from Roman oppression he got confused and sent his disciples to Jesus to ask

Are you the messiah or should we look for another?

The Prophecy in Malachi says before the great and terrible day of the Lord.

We know that when Jesus walked the Earth that day can be considered the day of the Lord

But also we know that the Day of The Lord is also in the future when he finally comes.

Jesus said of John after he was killed that he will restore the future tense hinting at a future Elijah.

10 The disciples asked him, "Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?"

11 Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things.

12 But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands."

13 Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.

If that was all said in the Bible about Elijah coming again I would just leave it at that and wondered or not even noticed and not make anything about it.

Except that we have the account of the Witnesses in Revelation which is clearly linked to Elijah.

We have the 3 ½ years of Ministry like Elijah and Jesus (beginning from the baptism of John)

Once the Bible mentions the terms 1260 days, 42months,times time and half a time or 3 ½ years we are talking about the same time of the end and is linked to Elijah.

We have Repentance Like Elijah and John The Baptist(they were clothed in Sackcloth)

Lets look at the power they have.

Fire comes out of their mouths,we know that this isnt a literal fire(as fire has never physically come out of a mans mouth) It is talking about fire in the sense of the word of God.

This is how their enemies must die,this is probably not a literal death but a death to all their arguments(like some of the posters earlier pointed out,it is not physical violence)

They can shut the sky up so it will not rain during the time of their Prophecy, a clear reference to one man Elijah .The time of their prophesy is 3 ½ years.

They can turn the waters into Blood,again this is something Elijah did after Mt Carmel.

Take the prophets of Baal and bring them to the River Kishon where they were killed and the river was red with their blood.This river flows directly into the med sea so not a trace of their blood was left. Again I believe this is not literal killing but death to false religion.They have the ability to judge false religion.

They have power to bring plagues but the definition can just as well be rendered afflictions.

Now a word about The Term "a voice crying in the wilderness"

There is a difference between what the world thinks of that term and what the bible is on about.

The world uses that to describe someone who warns about something and is not listened too but in hindsight is correct.

Ultimately it is describing someone who is proven correct but is unsuccessful.

The Bible however has a different view,All went out and came under Elijah,All came out and came under John and All will have to listen to the two witnesses whether they like it or not.Its a ministry of total success,accomplishing everything it went out to do.

Who do the Witnesses minister too?

Well firstly they are Christian,I would say everyone would agree on that.That means that they could minister anywhere as everyone needs to hear the gospel.

However there are clear temple related scriptures so there is Israel involvement and they do die in Jerusalem.

Their ministry I would say is world wide because the message they have tormented the "dwellers" of the Earth and the celebration is world wide not just the middle east.

As we see that Elijah is involved with the Witnesses then the message that tormented the dwellers is clear.Repent repent his winnowing fork is in his hand and the day of the Lord is upon us.A frightening message that brought the whole of Jerusalem and surrounds out miles in the wilderness at the time of Christs death and resurrection.

The dwellers of the earth are delighted when the the witnesses are killed and no day of the lord so they celebrate.

The message of the "winnowing fork" and Christ is coming back is a message for the whole world as Christ is coming for the whole world not just Israel and the day of the lord effects the whole world as well.

They will also witness to the Antichrist directly as both Elijah and John witnessed directly to Antichrist figures in Ahab and Herod.I also think their powers will help them put the Church back into one denomination(Christian) as all will have to leave their church to symbolically go out to the wilderness to hear them speak.

Jesus said of John that he was the "friend of the bridegroom" and the "two witnesses"are symbolic of the two witnesses involved in the Jewish wedding ceremony that sign off on the wedding of Jewish couple.

Who are they?

Some say Elijah and Enoch,some say Elijah and Moses,most commentators believe its Elijah in some form and one other.My belief understanding is that both witnesses come in the "Spirit of Elijah" I think the characteristics of one will be like John the Baptist/Elijah and the characteristics will be like Elisha.

I base that on the typology of Elisha and also that both men walked together.

A most interesting scripture in this regard is the account of Elisha's encounter with kids that he cursed when they shouted

Go up you baldhead. Its a strange story unless you look at the typology.

What were the kids saying? Go up you baldhead.

They were saying go up to heaven like Elijah did, you have no power to do that (lack of hair on the head was symbolic of no power like Samuel when he cut his hair)

What was Elisha's response? He brought Judgement on 42 by two hairy bears. The two bears - two witnesses the 42 kids the 42 months. What he was saying oh yes I do have the power just wait and see type of thing. It also carefully recorded that Elisha died and the king also says of Elisha out of season the "Chariots of Israel and its Horsemen" indicating Elisha's future role in going up miraculously to heaven.

So I see the Elijah in the future rapping up the Church, Backing Israel, telling the world including Israel Jesus is coming, prophesying about the terror to come and going up to heaven by miracle.

I think the church will have its 7 portions of Plenty before the 7 portions of empty, There will be enough harvest miracles of persecution and Martyrdom to go around but Good with the tough, not just the tough

That was hard to put together,

Yours Staff

**Re: A Prophetic Word from Dietrich Bonhoeffer - posted by EAGLEFLYING (), on: 2016/1/21 21:43**

AMEN and Amen.. We will be known by our fruits not our gifts. (:

In Christ

Sister Frannie EAGLEFLYING..

**Re: , on: 2016/1/22 15:22**

You know, staff, we are just going to have to see what happens. There are so many interpretations regarding end time events. I have read most of the interpretations in my walk with the Lord and this one resonates with my spirit mostly because the scriptures are cross-referenced and provide much explanation. The other ones really never did witness to me like this one does.

The view of Revelation that I am speaking of and makes the most spiritual sense to me is found here. Of course, I recommend that you read the whole thing.

A Commentary on the Revelation of John

<http://www.christinyou.net/pdfs/RevelationCommEbook.pdf>

Here is an excerpt for you from Chapter 11 and the "Two Witnesses" are mentioned.

Commentary on Revelation 11:3 through 11:19.

During this divinely limited period of time when the church will be persecuted, God will grant the authority of Jesus Christ (Matt. 28:18) to His **two witnesses**, who will prophesy, though clothed in sackcloth (11:3). God's has always demanded that testimony be validated by **two witnesses** (Deut. 17:6; 19:15; Num. 35:30; Matt. 18:16; John 8:17; II Cor. 13:1; Heb. 10:28). Jesus sent out the seventy witnesses **two by two** (Luke 10:1-24). All Christians in the church of Jesus Christ are called to be His witnesses (Acts 1:8), so the **two witnesses** are best understood to be the necessary complement of Christian witnesses who are willing to invest their lives for Jesus Christ, even unto martyrdom, for the Greek word translated **witness** is *martur*. Jesus identified Himself as the **faithful witness** (1:5). John considered himself a **witness** (1:2). All Christians comprise the necessary **two witnesses**. Speculations have run rampant as interpreters have attempted to identify the **two witnesses** as Moses and Elijah, Peter and Paul, James and John, Luther and Calvin, or as non-personal entities such as Old Testament and New Testament, or as law and gospel. Such specific identifications are trivial diversions which do not serve to encourage all Christians to be witnesses who proclaim Jesus Christ, even in the context of humiliation and hardship (illustrated by the garb of **sackcloth**) unto death until Christ returns.

The **two witnesses** are further identified as **the two olive trees** and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth (11:4). The two olive trees may represent the oil of the Holy Spirit which is necessary for the light to be expressed in the lampstands, which were earlier identified as churches (1:20). Christians are called to be **the light of the world** (Matt. 5:14), but can be such witnesses only by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit**, says the Lord of hosts (Zech. 4:6) in the Old Testament passage which employs the same image



ery of olive trees and lampstands (Zech. 4:2-14). There the two olive trees and lampstands seem to be representative of Zerubbabel, the king, and Joshua, the priest. All Christians are anointed to represent God as kings and priests (I Peter 2:5,9; Rev. 1:6; 5:10), which serves to verify the "two witnesses" as all Christians.

As Christian witnesses are empowered by the Holy Spirit, the fire of divine judgmental action in Jesus Christ proceeds from their mouths. God told Jeremiah that He was making His words in his mouth to be fire in order to consume the religionists (Jere. 5:14). The Christian witnesses have supernatural power to "shut up the sky" (11:6) like Elijah (I Kings 17,18) and to bring forth plagues (11:6) like Moses (Exod. 7-12), for Jesus promised that "greater works than I have done, you shall do" (John 14:12). God's powerful works through Christians are unlimited as we remain available to His supernatural ability.

11:4-6 When the witnesses "have finished their testimony" (11:7) and the delay is over (10:6), the beast of religion "that comes out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them" (11:7). The physical lives of many of God's Christian witnesses will be given up in martyrdom, "faithful unto death" (2:10). The corpses of Christians will be strewn throughout the streets of the "great city" (11:8) of religion, later to be identified as Babylon (14:8; 16:19; 18:10), which is historically linked to the religious efforts at Babel (Gen. 11:9). That this is not a literal city on earth is evident from the words of John which explain that this city is also "mystically" or "spiritually" called Sodom and Egypt and Jerusalem (11:8). Sodom is the symbol of God's judgment on rebellious perversity (Gen. 19:23; Lk. 10:12; 17:29). Egypt represents the captivity from which God delivered His people (Jude 1:5). The earthly city of Jerusalem "where the Lord was crucified" (11:8) stands for the center of enslaving Jewish religion (Gal. 4:25) and the persecution of God's Christian people (Luke 13:33-35). This religious community of Babylon, a.k.a. Sodom, Egypt, Jerusalem, is comprised of "peoples and tribes and tongues and nations" (11:9) who will observe the corpses of the martyred Christians for a divinely limited time represented by the period of "three and a half days." The "earth-dwelling" religionists (3:10; 6:10; 8:13; 11:10) gloat over the indignity of disallowing the bodies to be buried (11:9), rejoicing with glee and merriment over the death of the Christian witnesses which they perceive to have tormented them (11:10), and over which they now think they have been victorious. Little do they realize what God is yet to do to express the victory that has been accomplished in Christ Jesus, the victory over all religion!

11:7-10 After the limited time of indignity, pictured as "three and a half days," the Christians are resurrected. The "breath of life from God comes into them" similar to the imagery employed in Ezekiel's vision of life restored in the valley of dry bones (Ezek. 37:10). "A loud voice" of divine origin "from heaven" invites the resurrected Christians to, "Come up here" (11:12); to leave the ignominy of the religious city and dwell forevermore in the "heavenly Jerusalem" (Heb. 12:22) which is "above" (Gal. 4:26), the "new Jerusalem" (Rev. 3:12; 21:2,10). They are translated into the heavenly realm via the "cloud" (11:12) of God's presence (Matt. 17:5; Acts 1:9). This is no "secret rapture," as some suggest, for the religious "enemies beheld them" (11:11,12) and were fearful. The religious world is once again "shaken" by an earthquake-judgment of God with divinely limited effects which encompass only "a tenth of the city" and the death of "seven thousand people" (11:13). "The rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven" (11:13). Do they really repent, or are they just responding in order to attempt to save their own skins? Sometimes the similar phraseology of the Revelation seems to indicate genuine repentance (14:7; 15:4; 16:9), but other scenarios cause us to question whether they will repent (6:15-17; 9:20,21; 13:3,4). Finally we come to the seventh trumpet sounded by the seventh angel (11:15). It reveals loud voices from heaven declaring, "The kingdom of the world has become that of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever" (11:15). When the "god of this world" (II Cor. 4:4) is totally overcome and the reign of religion is terminated, then in "the new heaven and the new earth" (Isa. 65:17; II Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1)

Christians will experience the unhindered reign of Christ as "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" (17:14; 19:16) for eternity. Based on His victory at the cross and resurrection Jesus reigns already in the life of a Christian (Rom. 5:17,21), for we "have been transferred into the kingdom of Christ" (Col. 1:13), but the Lord Jesus Christ will reign in unhindered supremacy forever and ever in the heavenly realm. Along with the twenty-four elders we will worship the Almighty God and the Son, Jesus Christ (11:17). God's bondservants, the prophets, along with the saints and all those who fear the name of Jehovah will receive their eternal reward (11:18). On the other hand, the final and complete judgment of God will come upon the religionists and those who do not receive Christ as their eternal life. The just wrath of God will be poured out, and the nations without God will be enraged as they face judgment (11:18). God will "destroy those who destroy the earth." All of those identified with the "destroyer," the devil, as all men are who are not identified with Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:2), and who by their religious endeavors have been destructive to mankind and the earth that God created as the dwelling place of man will be finally destroyed. They will face "eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord" (II Thess. 1:9).

The final image in this vision reveals "the ark of His covenant appearing in the heavenly temple" (11:19). This would appear to represent the unhindered access that Christians have to all the new covenant blessings of God in Jesus Christ, "every spiritual blessing in heavenly places" (Eph. 1:3) including the "law of God written on our hearts" (Heb. 8:10; 10:16). 11:17-19 The opposite of His blessings are the cursings of His judgment, and these, too, are illustrated by lightning, thunder, earthquake and hailstorm which are brought to bear upon those who refuse to receive Jesus Christ. What is the ever-applicable message that the risen Lord Jesus has for Christians in every age within this panoramic vision of the trumpets? It might be that the prayers of Christians are indeed efficacious in calling for the release of the fires of God's judgment to vindicate His righteousness and the victory of Jesus Christ. God's providential judgments will most certainly be enacted against religion throughout the interim between Christ's advents, and religion is essentially impotent to counteract that which God does. The pre-set limitations of God's mercy will eventually come to an end. The sufferings of the saints will not last forever. In the meantime, God gives every opportunity for those involved in religion to repent and to rely solely on the dynamic of the life of Jesus Christ. "Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:5).