

ELIJAH TO COME

*Apparently there would be TWO men who would come in the spirit and power of the original Elijah. One would appear just before Christ's **first** coming (John the Baptist), and the other will appear just before Christ's **second** coming.*

End-Time Elijah — In the end-time a prophet of God will appear who will come in the spirit and power of the ancient prophet Elijah. Just as John the Baptist came as a type of Elijah during Christ's 1st Coming, this end-time servant of God will appear just prior to Christ's 2nd Coming. This man of God is prophesied to “*restore all things*” (Matthew 17:10-13; Mark 9:11-13). Will this end-time Elijah be one of the two witnesses? Almost surely!

Mal 3:1-3 — “Behold, I send My MESSENGER, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of His [2nd] coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' [launders'] soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver. He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge [refine] them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord and offering in righteousness.

Mal 4:5-6 — “Behold, I will send you ELIJAH THE PROPHET before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord [Christ's 2nd coming]. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse [or as some translations or the margins of some translations put it: ‘utterly destroy the earth’ — see RSV, NRSV, LB, etc.].”

Isa 40:3-5 — The voice of ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS: “Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The crooked places shall be made straight, and the rough places smooth. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Mat 17:10-13 — And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Why then do the scribes say that ELIJAH must come first?” Then Jesus answered and said to them, “[the end-time] Elijah truly *is coming first and will restore all things*. But I say to you that Elijah [the one who would appear just before Christ’s 1st coming] has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands.” Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.

Mark 9:11-13 (NRSV) — Then they asked Him, “Why do the scribes say that ELIJAH must come first?” He said to them, “[the end-time] Elijah *is indeed coming first to restore all things....* But I tell you that Elijah [the one who would appear just before Christ’s 1st coming—John the Baptist] has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written about him.”

Luke 1:11-17 — Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him [Zacharias], standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.... And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will also go before Him [Christ] in

the spirit and power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

1 Kings 18:36-37 — And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that ELIJAH the prophet came near and said, “Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again.”

Rev 3:7 — And to the angel [or messenger] of the church in Philadelphia write...