

THE 2ND ELIJAH

Malachi 4 v 5-6

Matthew 11 v 1-19

‘The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha’

- ▣ ‘And he will TURN many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him 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 for the Lord a people prepared.’ Luke 1 v 16-17

Malachi 4 v 5-6

- ▣ 'Behold, I will SEND you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. And he will TURN the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse.'

Mark 1 v 1-3

- ▣ 'The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, 'Behold, I SEND my messenger before your face, who shall PREPARE your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: PREPARE the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'

Malachi 3 v 1-2

- ▣ ‘Behold, I SEND my messenger to PREPARE the way before me, and the Lord who you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in who you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can ENDURE the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?’

'The great and terrible day of the LORD'

- ▣ Joel 2
- ▣ 'For the day of the LORD is great and terrible; who can ENDURE it?' v 11
- ▣ 'The sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes.' v 31

Joel 2

- ▣ v 2, 10, 'darkness', 'sun and moon darkened'
- ▣ v 10, 'earthquakes before them'
- ▣ v 11, 'The LORD utters his voice'
- ▣ v 11, 'for his host is exceedingly great'
- ▣ 'sun and moon darkened', Mt 27 v 45
- ▣ 'great earthquake', Mt 27 v 51,54, 28 v 2
- ▣ 'and lo, a voice from heaven,' Mt 3 v 17
- ▣ 'there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host..' Lk2v13

Joel 2

- ▣ v 11, 'he that executes his word is powerful.'
- ▣ v 13, 'rend your hearts and not your garments'
- ▣ v 13, 'Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,'
- ▣ v 28-29, 'pour out my spirit on all flesh;'
- ▣ v 30-32, 'columns of smoke, etc
- ▣ 'but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' Mt4 v4
- ▣ 'to turn the hearts of the fathers..' Lk 1 v 17
- ▣ 'full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory,' John 1 v 14
- ▣ 'this is what was spoken by prophet Joel', Acts 2
- ▣ AD 70

Matthew 24

- ▣ v 7, 'earthquakes', - Joel 2 v 10
- ▣ v 16, 'flee to the mountains', Joel 2 v 32
- ▣ v 29, 'sun will be darkened..', Joel 2 v 31
- ▣ 'Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till ALL these things take place.' v 34

SEND

- ▣ 'Behold, I will SEND you Elijah the prophet..', Mal 4 v 5
- ▣ 'Behold, I SEND my messenger..', Mal 3 v 1
- ▣ 'There was a man SENT from God, whose name was John.' John 1 v 6
- ▣ 'I am not the Christ, but I have been SENT before him.' John 3 v 28
- ▣ 'For this is he who was spoken of...' Matt 3 v 3

John 1 v 19 - 23

- ▣ 'And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?'. He confessed, he did not deny, but confessed, 'I am not the Christ.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet? And he answered, 'No.' They said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself? He said, 'I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said.'

Mark 6 v 14-15

- ▣ 'King Herod heard of it; for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, 'John the Baptist has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in him (Jesus).' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.'

Mark 8 v 27-30

- ▣ 'And Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do men say that I am?' And they told him, John the Baptist; and others say, 'Elijah; and others one of the prophets.' And he asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Christ.' And he charged them to tell no one about him.'

Luke 3 v 15

- ▣ 'As the people were in EXPECTATION, and all men questioned in their HEARTS concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ,'
- ▣ Expectation, waiting
- ▣ Luke 8 v 40, 'Now when Jesus returned, the crowds welcomed him, for they were all WAITING for him. And there came a man named Jairus,'

ELIJAH AND JOHN

ELIJAH THE TISHBITE

- ▣ 'How long will you go limping, etc?'
- ▣ 'garment of haircloth, leather belt, etc' 2 Ki1v8
- ▣ Fed by God, ravens, Zarephath, desert
- ▣ Elijah takes Elisha through the waters of the Jordan
- ▣ Elijah suddenly taken
- ▣ Opposed by Jezebel and Ahab
- ▣ Self doubt, 'even I, am left'

JOHN THE BAPTIST

- ▣ 'preaching a baptism of repentance etc' Lk 3 v 2
- ▣ 'garment of camels hair, leather belt etc' Mt 3 v 4
- ▣ 'his food was locusts and wild honey' Mt 3 v 4
- ▣ John baptises Jesus in the Jordan, same spot?
- ▣ John arrested and executed
- ▣ Opposed by Herodias and Herod
- ▣ 'Are you he..? In prison.'

Locusts

- ▣ 'All winged insects that go upon all fours are an abomination to you. Yet among the winged insects that go on all fours you may eat those which have legs above their feet, with which to LEAP on the earth.' Lev 11 v 20-21
- ▣ 'The LORD SETS the prisoners FREE; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.' Ps 146 v 7-8



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

- ▣ 'A voice cries – 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,' Isa 40 v 3
- ▣ 'Go and prepare the passover for us, that we may eat it.' Luke 22 v 7-13
- ▣ 'make straight in the desert a highway for our God.' Isa 40 v 3
- ▣ 'Bear fruits that befit repentance,' Luke 3 v 8

The glory of the LORD

- ▣ 'And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,' Isa 40 v 5
- ▣ 'And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory,' John 1 v 14
- ▣ 'And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.' John 1 v 16-17

John shows us the way

- ▣ 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.' John 1 v 15
- ▣ 'After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.' Mark 1 v 7

John 1 v 29-34

- ▣ 'The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I MYSELF DID NOT KNOW HIM; but for this I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness, 'I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I MYSELF DID NOT KNOW HIM; but HE who sent me to baptise with water said to me, 'He on who you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

Matthew 11 v 7-15

- ▣ 'This is he of who it is written, 'Behold I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way before you.' v 10
- ▣ 'and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.' v 14

Matthew 17 v 11-13

- ▣ 'He replied, 'Elijah does come, and he is to restore all things; but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of man will suffer at their hands.' Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.'

The greatest in the kingdom of heaven

- ▣ 'Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is LEAST in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.' Matt 11v 11
- ▣ 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? 'Truly I say to you, unless you TURN and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.' Matt 18 v 1-4

Who is the least?

- ▣ 'the still SMALL voice'
- ▣ 'the THIN cows'
- ▣ 'the FINE/LITTLE manna'
- ▣ 'Bethlehem, LITTLE among the clans of Judah
- ▣ 'he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.' Phil 2 v 8

James 5 v 16-18

- ▣ 'The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. Elijah was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit.'

Hebrews 11

- ▣ 'For what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of.....and the prophets -, who through faith.....escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness,of whom the world was not worthy- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.' v 32-38

Hebrews 11

- ▣ 'And ALL these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for US, that apart from US they should not be made perfect.' v 39-40