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shall first  
come”**

**Appreciating God’s prophetic word**

**“Behold, I will  
send you Elijah  
the prophet  
before the coming  
of the great and  
dreadful day of  
the LORD.”**

**(Malachi 4:5)**



**“before”** = ‘in front of’, ‘in the face of’, ‘in the presence of’  
**Let’s consider the meaning of the words in Malachi 4:5**

**“great”** = ‘large in magnitude and extent’ and ‘in intensity’

◆ from root: ‘to grow’, ‘to become great’

**“dreadful”** = ‘to fear’, ‘to revere’, ‘to be afraid’, ‘to stand in awe’

**“the day of the LORD”** : used as a time of national judgement (Zechariah 14:1; Zephaniah 2:2-3)



# THE IMAGE OF HUMAN POWER

“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.”

*Daniel 2:44.45.*



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**John: “My Messenger”**

**Jesus: “The Messenger  
of the Covenant”**

*From Malachi 3:1*

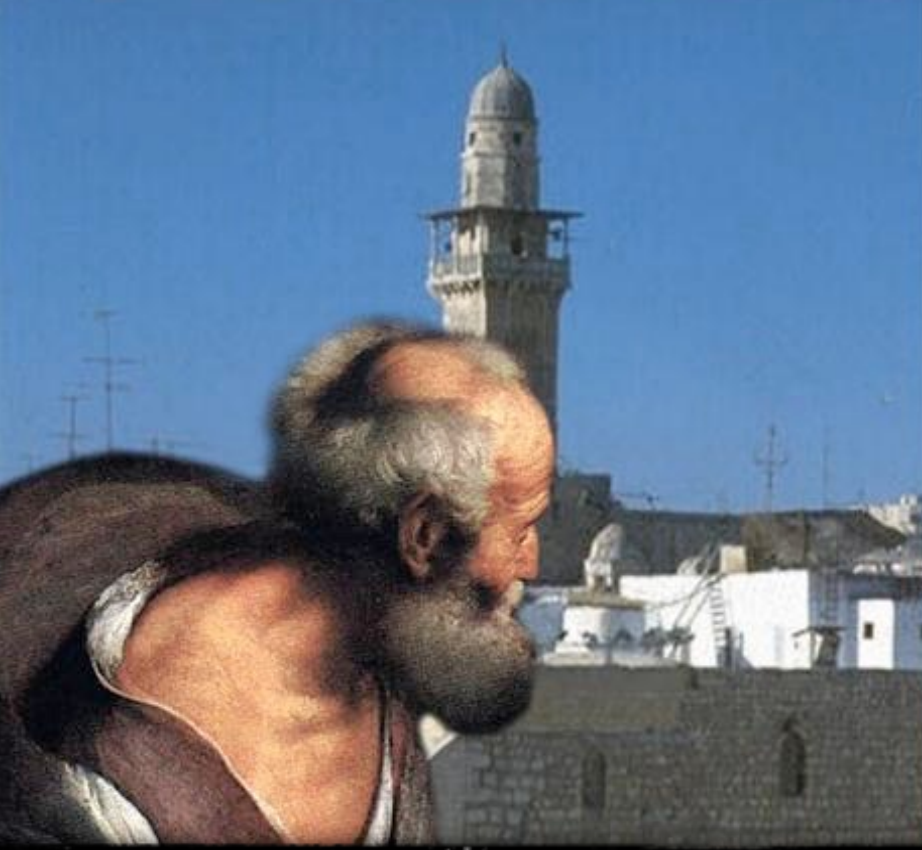
## Malachi 3:1

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“Behold I will [1] **send**  
[2] **my messenger**,  
and he shall prepare the  
way [3] **before** me”

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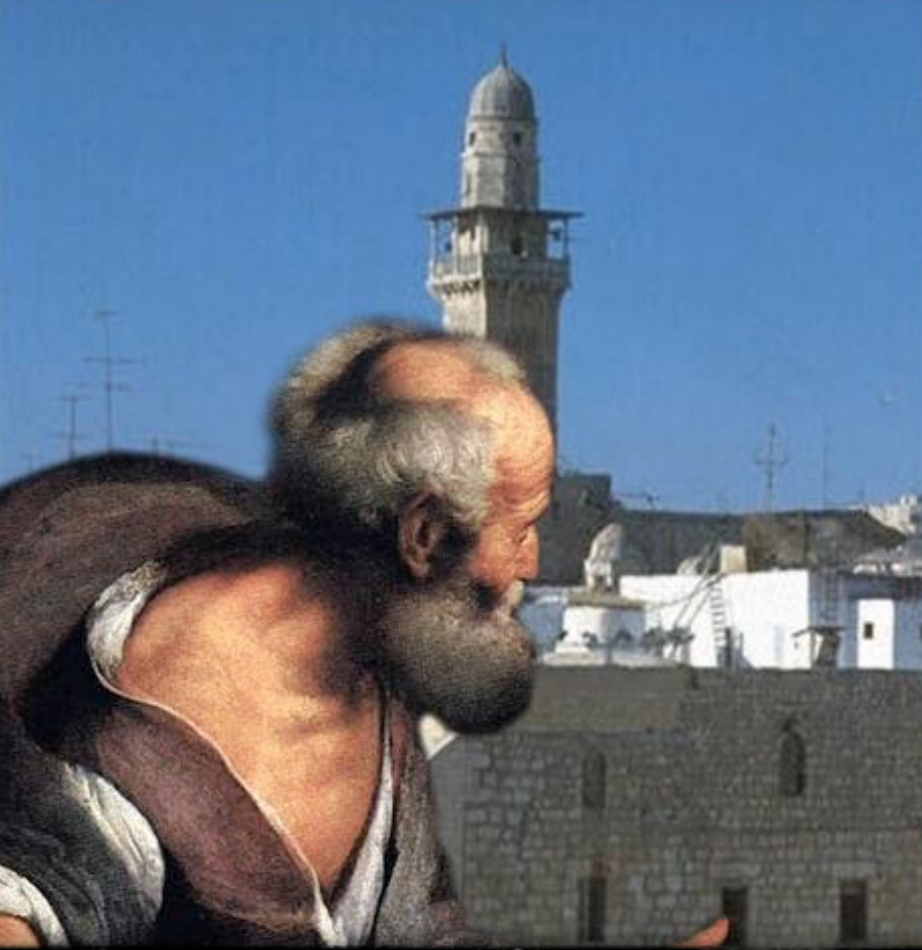


# The Eliġjah Mission

**Elijah will appear before "the Messenger of the Covenant" - the Lord Jesus Christ's Second Advent; while John the Baptist appeared before Christ's First Advent**







# The Eliġjah Mission

**“Elias truly shall first come,  
and restore all things.”**

**(Matthew 17:11)**





Acts 1:6-8

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, **wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?** And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you....

# The Hope of the Apostles



# HAS 'ELIJAH' COME OR NOT?

**Future tense**

**“Elias truly shall first come”  
(Matthew 17:11)**

**“Elias is come already” (verse 12)**

**Past tense**

**“And if ye will receive  
it, this is Elias, which  
was for to come.”**

**(Matthew 11:14)**

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**John the  
Baptist**

**The future  
Elijah figure**

**John the Baptist  
therefore was not the  
final fulfilment of  
Malachi's prophecy**

# **CONNECTIONS: 'ELIJAH'S PAST' TO 'ELIJAH'S FUTURE'**

**We would suggest that the  
whole scene upon Mount  
Carmel has echoes of a  
future time - all preparing  
Elijah for his future work**

**“Gather to me all Israel  
unto mount Carmel”**

**Elijah looked forward to a  
greater day to come: when  
he would gather Israel to  
‘Carmel’ (i.e. a land of “milk  
and honey” = the Land)**



# Independence Day (1949)





# 1967



***"Until the times  
of the gentiles  
be fulfilled...."***



***The 1967 6-Day war saw the recapture  
of Jerusalem, where Israel relocated  
its capital.***

**“And he repaired the altar of the LORD ...”**

**Elijah will do this in the Kingdom: he will help to bring about unity between the two kingdoms (‘Judah’ and ‘Israel’) in the Land of Israel**

# **The final outcome ...?**

**Elijah will separate God's people from the surrounding nations; and those nations that don't accept God will be destroyed**



# **After judgement: water**

**After judgements have been poured upon the nations when Christ returns, God's Word will be openly poured upon the earth in the Kingdom**

# **The wilderness journey**

**Was this wilderness journey, then, reminding Elijah of Israel's 40 years of wanderings under Moses, and preparing him for a future Exodus which he would lead?**



**“a still small voice”**

**Therefore, Elijah was being developed for a future and greater work to come: when ‘the voice of encouragement and persuasion’ would be used to “restore all things”**

# Elijah's future role will be one of conversion

**Elijah of the past**

“I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant ... and I, even **I only, am left**” (1 Kings 20:14)

**Elijah of the future**

“And he shall **turn the heart** of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers ...” (Malachi 4:6)





A painting of a landscape with a path, trees, and mountains. The scene is bright and airy, with a path leading through a lush, green area towards a distant mountain range under a soft, hazy sky. Large, leafy trees frame the right side of the image, and smaller trees are scattered throughout the foreground and middle ground. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

# All Israel will be saved

**“And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.”**

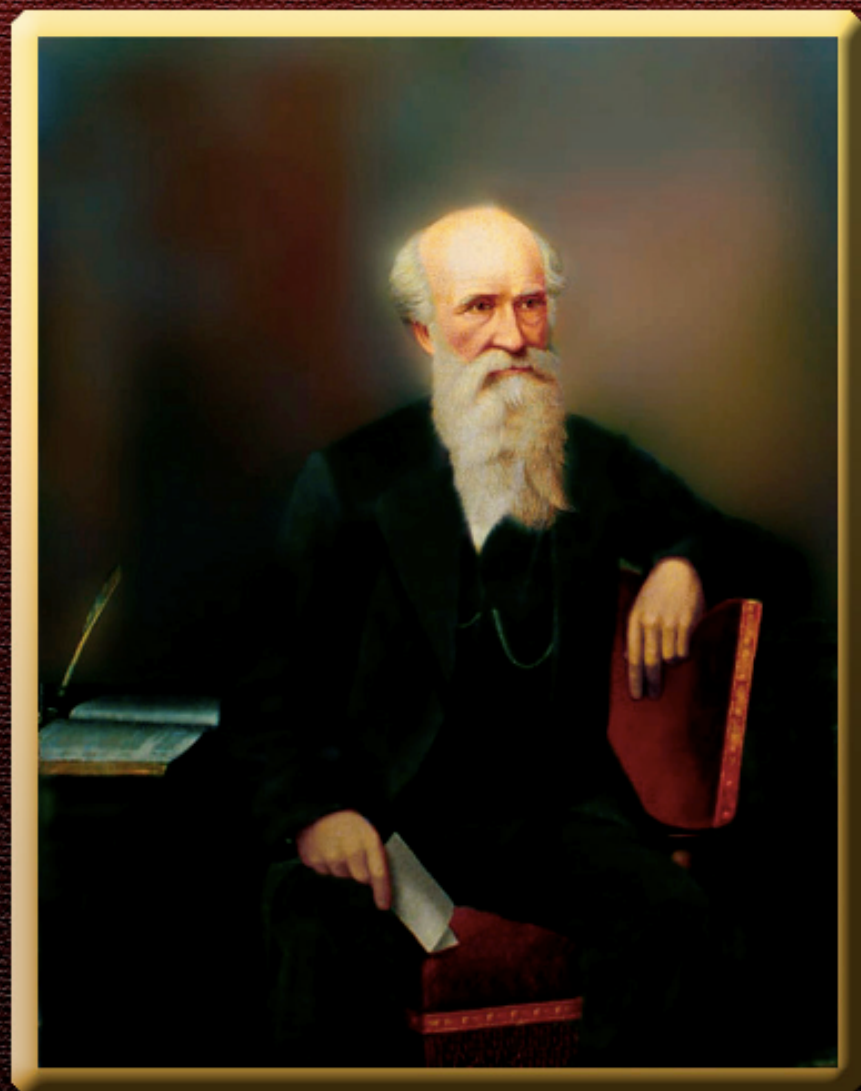
**(Romans 11:26, 27)**



# PROPHECY UNDERSTOOD BEFORE IT WAS FULFILLED!



“The truth is, there are two stages in the restoration of the Jews, the first is before the battle of Armageddon; and the second, after it; but both pre-millennial. God has said, “I will save the tents of Judah first.” This is the first stage of restoration...”



*John Thomas — Wrote in 1849*



**BUT ARE WE  
PREPARING?**

