

ELIJAH AND MOSES - THE AGENCIES FOR THE RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS.

Matthew 17:11-12

Jesus answered and said to them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and WILL RESTORE ALL THINGS. {12} "But I say to you that Elijah 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."

Acts 3:18-23

"But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. {19} "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, {20} "and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, {21} "whom HEAVEN MUST RECEIVE UNTIL THE TIMES OF RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. {22} "For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The LORD your God will RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. {23} 'And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

These Two Prophetic Ministries Work Together to Bring about the Restoration of All Things.

Note the Multifold Fulfillment of Certain Key Prophetic Scriptures.

a) An immediate historic fulfillment, close to the time the prophet first spoke.

b) An Early Church fulfillment. Either at the time of Jesus' earthly ministry or close to the time the Church began its ministry.

These fulfillments had the character but lacked the dimension in which the prophet originally spoke.

What the prophet spoke of was to be :-

- a) World-wide in its effect.
- b) Touching all nations.
- c) Massive in its size and impact.

When there was a fulfillment in the beginning of the Church Age, it had the character but lacked the dimensions of the original prophecy. It was :-

- a) LOCAL in its Effect. Usually only Jerusalem or Judea was affected. Certainly not World Wide.

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b) JEWISH in it's Sphere of Influence. No other Nation was affected.

c) LIMITED in it's Size. It wasn't as large or as far reaching as the prophet had said.

Not all the prophecies are fully fulfilled in the first fulfillment.

When Jesus referred to the Prophecy by Malachi concerning Elijah He made it clear that this Prophecy had already been fulfilled in John the Baptist and yet at the same time was still to be fulfilled in the future (Matt.17:11- 13).

This Restoration must precede the coming again of our Lord Jesus.

THE ELIJAH MINISTRY.

1) A warring ministry against the demonic invasion of the land.

e.g.) The battle with the prophets of Baal (1Kings 18:20-40) e.g. Very similar to present day Occult and New Age activity. Witches covens. Witch Doctors in Africa. Evil miracle workers in Islam and Hinduism.

2) Confronting the King, his secular Government and the evil of his day.

e.g.) The collision with Ahab and Jezebel.

3) A powerful prayer life, exercising rule in the heavenlies.

e.g.) It controlled the economy of the land. "It will not rain except by my word". Then Elijah prayed again and it rained. (1Ki.18:1; Jam.5:17,18.)

The Same Elements in John the Baptist + Additional Elements.

1) A warring ministry against evil and demonic darkness. Confronting all that's wrong in the religious life of the nation.

2) Confronting the King, the secular Government and the civil and political life of the nation for all the evil of his day.

3) The collision with Herod and Herodias (just like Ahab and Jezebel).

Additional Elements Prophesied by Malachi, Gabriel, Zacharias & Jesus.

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Particularly associated with the last days and the great end-time harvest.
(Mal.4:1-5).

Not Fulfilled in the days of John the Baptist. These were:- Luke 1: 69-79,

- 1) A **Restoration of Fatherhood**. Natural and spiritual but especially the Fatherhood of God.
- 2) A **Restoration of Family** and parent/child relationships.
- 3) Turning the **Disobedience of God's People** to the wisdom of the righteous (which is primarily obedience) and making ready a people for their God.
- 4) **Raising up a Horn of Salvation**. An anointing to exercise dominion and rule (Zech. 1:19).
- 5) **Delivered from the Hand of All Our Enemies** and all that hate us.
- 6) Serve Him **Without Fear All Our Days**.
- 7) **Holy and Righteous Before Him** all the days of our lives.
- 8) **Go Before the Face of the Lord to Prepare His Ways**.
- 9) **A Mighty Evangelistic Success** (v77-79).

Jezebel Defeats Elijah and Herodias Removes the Head of John the Baptist and Their Effective Ministries are Terminated.

There was only partial success. The spiritual power of the enemy was temporarily setback but not destroyed. The enemy came back with vicious counter attack which defeated the Elijah spirit at the Elijah level of anointing

Elisha Learns So Much from Elijah but Sees That He Needs a Greater Anointing.

It's not a different anointing, but the same anointing in greater measure. i.e. a double portion of Elijah's spirit.

The Elisha Level of the Elijah Anointing Defeats Jezebel, and is not overcome by Her.

Extra Dimensions of Elisha Ministry.

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1) Great sensitivity to the spiritual realm. "If you see when I am taken, it shall be so" (2Kings 2:10)

2) Able to see into the heavenlies, See the forces of God and the activity of Satan's forces (2Kings 6:15-17).

3) A highly developed Word of Knowledge ministry e.g. Naaman and Gahazi (2Kings 5:20-27).

4) Very spectacular miracles. Renders powerless whole armies of the enemy (2Kings 6:18-23).

5) Totally unafraid and totally without intimidation. Far greater power and authority, so that even Kings tremble eg. Ahab, Hazeal, Joash etc.

6) Unflagging Zeal and Passion. Passion for God's Kingdom and for God's enemies to be destroyed. His anger with Joash King of Israel for only striking the ground three times (2Kings13:19,20). He had learned the language but didn't have the passionate heart.

7) Able to complete the Elijah task (1Kings 19:15,16).

a) Anoint Hazeal as King of Syria.

i.e. Decree by the Spirit, the appointment of secular leaders so that an atmosphere of peace, freedom and righteousness is established in which the church prospers and the gospel can be preached without let or hindrance. (1 Tim.2:1-4).

b) Anoint Jehu as King of Israel and completely destroy Jezebel.

i.e. Decree by the Spirit the appointment of religious leaders who know and love God and impart to them an anointing that causes them to be zealous for God. They bring about the downfall of the Spirit of Jezebel, that powerful occult spirit of black magic working inside the Church.

This is the spirit of manipulation and witchcraft that works so strongly through all religious systems especially within the nominal professing Christian Church. This spirit so strongly resists the Lordship of Christ and attacks the true headship and the true government that He has established in home, Church and society.

In the New Testament, John the Baptist (Elijah) is superseded by **Jesus -the great Elisha (Rev.19:10)**. The Kingdom of God moves in the Elijah ministry but at the Elisha level - it's weakest members are greater than John the Baptist (Matt.11:11-13).

The Spirit of Elijah was released in Elisha measure in the upper room on the day of Pentecost.

Now once again, in this new move of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Elijah is going forth in Elisha measure

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to bring about the downfall of strong demonic spirits that have experienced setbacks from the church moving in the Elijah ministry but have never been really destroyed and cast down by the church before.
e.g. Stephen in the early church - Acts 7:1 - Acts 9:31.

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THE MOSES PROPHET MINISTRY

Apart from Moses' famous prophetic statement in Deuteronomy 18:15,16, :-
"God will raise up a prophet like me from among your brethren", there is no written record of any specific prophetic utterances coming from Moses' mouth. Yet Jesus and several of the New Testament writers speak of "the Law" as being prophetic as well as "the Prophets" (Luke 24:27,44).

The Law is usually understood to be the first five books of the Bible and is also known as the Pentateuch or the Torah. These books were written by Moses and much of them are a record of what he did as well as what he said. It is clear that the writers of the New Testament recognized that these books contained much which was relevant to the Church and to The Kingdom. It gave much instruction as to how the Kingdom was to be established and administered either by allegory or by direct teaching.

It is clear from Acts 3 that Jesus is the fulfilment of that prophetic word and is now the fulness of the "Moses" prophetic ministry as well as the fulness of the Elijah prophetic ministry. The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy (Rev.19:10) and these two ministries are now released by His spirit into His New Body, the Church in order to cause the restoration of all things.

These two ministries work together and complement each other, but it is necessary to recognize their distinctive prophetic styles and not be confused between them. They have different functions and have different objectives in ministry.

Characteristics of the Moses Ministry

Moses has become the Old Testament Type and Shadow of the New Testament. He typifies the Prophet/Apostle partnership frequently referred to in the New Testament. In Acts 3: 21-23, Moses is compared to Jesus who is "That Prophet" and in Hebrews 3: 1-6, He is compared to Jesus who is the Apostle and builder.

Moses was a Shepherd to the whole Nation and cared for all the peoples needs. He was a great Leader who established a system of Leadership which was copied by every great leader of God's people.

He was a great Administrator who supervised the construction and management of the Tabernacle.

He was a great General who raised up a powerful disciplined army from a rabble of slaves and led them in many great victorious battles.

He was a strong governmental leader in every way. Yet he was also called the meekest man on the face of the Earth.

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He detected trained developed and appointed Leadership.

This is the character and style of the true New Testament Moses type Apostle/Prophet partnership. Not infrequently this style of Prophet becomes an Apostle as well as being a Prophet (e.g. In the N. T. Barnabas).

Elija and Elisha had none of these qualities. This style of Prophet does not carry governmental leadership and should not be given that role. Their revelations should always be submitted first to the governmental authorities.

Both Elijah and Elisha were not Team players and they lived strange, lonely separate lives and did not relate to other people at all (e.g. In the N.T. Agabus).

A Comparison of the Two Prophetic Ministries

Elijah / Elisha

A Loner

Sees in the Spirit Realm the forces of God and the activity of Satan and the Powers of Darkness

Has a highly developed Word of Knowledge ministry

He is not usually Governmental

He is the Intelligence Wing, the CIA, of the Lord's Army

He does not necessarily have an effective public ministry

He serves the Apostle / Moses type Prophetic Partnership with information that enables them to fight more strategically

He may receive correct revelation but may come to wrong practical conclusions of how to act. E.g. Agabus and the prison experience awaiting Paul.(Acts 20:23; Acts 21:10).

A classic New Testament example is Agabus. e.g. (Acts 11:28; Acts 21:10).

Moses

A Team Player

Sees the Plan of God the Grand Design and Wants to See it Built.

He is a Builder and along with the Apostle. He Can Organize and Lead Men to Get Things Built.

He is Governmental

He is a General in the Lord's Army

He has an inspiring public ministry and causes God's people to see and be motivated with faith and zeal.

He works closely with an Apostle in the classic New Testament partnership.

He often becomes Apostolic in His own right and then can function in both offices.

A classic New Testament example is Barnabas or Silas. e.g. (Acts 13:1;14:14; Acts 15:22,34).

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