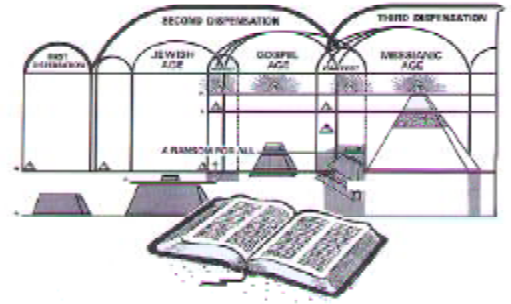


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THE TIME IS AT HAND

STUDY 8

“ELIAS SHALL FIRST COME”

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- ♦ BEFORE filling in the blanks, please prayerfully **study** the 37 paragraphs and the scriptures cited with the questions. We suggest that you number the paragraphs in your book.
- ♦ Return your answers to us. **PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.**
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- ♦ Your answers will be checked and returned to you for your future studies.
- ♦ **STUDY 9** will be sent when you have completed this lesson.

1-5. (a) Was the prophecy of Malachi 4:5,6 fulfilled at the first advent? NO

(b) The reference of the prophecy is evidently to the 2ND advent and to the testing and great TROUBLE of the day of the Lord at that time.

(c) Christ's presentation to typical Israel, and the great trouble which came upon them as a nation when they rejected him was another SHADOW which further illustrated in many particulars the things presented in Malachi 4:5,6.

(d) John the IMMERSER did a similar work to that of the ELIJAH promised, but failed of success; as a result TROUBLE upon Israel followed.

(e) The real Elijah referred to by Malachi was to prepare mankind for the 2ND advent; he will for a time also fail of success, and as a result the great time of TROUBLE will smite the whole EARTH.

6. (a) The great day of Jehovah began in A.D. 1874.

(b) Has Elijah come and failed to turn the hearts of the world to childlikeness? YES

(c) Is the world learning lessons during the great time of trouble which will prepare them in due time to accept Christ? YES

7. (a) The miracles, cures, etc. at the first advent represented the greater works of the MILLENNIAL age.

(b) The assumption of kingship at the first advent represented our Lord assuming his greater

POWER, MAJESTY, and HONOR at the 2ND advent as KING of kings and LORD of lords.

(c) John the Baptist and his disciples represented the true Christian church, whose work has been to attempt the CONVERSION of the world before the second advent.

(d) John the Baptist failed to reform Israel and as a consequence they rejected Jesus and brought upon themselves TROUBLE and WRATH.

(e) The real and greater Elijah has failed to CONVERT and prepare the world to receive the KING of Glory, and consequently the great time of trouble is preparing mankind to accept the kingdom arrangements.

8. (a) The really consecrated church in the FLESH is the Elijah or forerunner of the Church in GLORY.

(b) The mission of the true church is to REPROVE error and sin and to point to the KINGDOM of glory.

(c) In its kingly office the CHURCH shall accomplish for the world of mankind what it fails to do as the Elijah TEACHER.

9. (a) Does God's plan extend to the converting of the world during the Gospel age? NO

(b) God's commission to the fully consecrated was to try to convert the world; however He foretold our present FAILURE, but our future SUCCESS.

(c) The labor of the true Elijah class has not been in vain, but has served the divine

purpose in developing the true CHURCH and bearing witness to the WORLD.

10. The true church announces our Lord's second ADVENT in almost the same words which John used at the first ADVENT. (John 1:26,27)

11. (a) To as many as could and did accept John's message and receive Christ, to these John did do the ELIJAH work. (Matthew 11:14)

(b) Did John and his work complete the prediction concerning Elijah? NO

(c) Was John, at the first advent, a finishing out in a measure, of the type begun in the person and work of Elijah? YES

(d) Did John's work foreshadow the closing work of the church at the second advent? YES

(e) The feet of Christ in the flesh announce the KINGDOM. (Isaiah 52:7)

12. (a) The Elijah class (glorified and empowered) will bless and TEACH the world and RESTORE all things during the Mediatorial reign. (Acts 3:19-21)

(b) Elijah was a type and John the Baptist a continuation of the same while at the same time a SHADOWY fulfilment of it.

13. (a) A woman is the figure used when the CHURCH alone is referred to.

(b) A man is the figure used to prefigure the one work of both our Lord and the CHURCH.

14. (a) The vision our Lord showed to the THREE disciples on the mount of transfiguration was a vision of the coming KINGDOM. (Matthew 17:1-9; 2 Peter 1:16-18)

(b) A figure of Moses represented the LAW Dispensation and a figure of Elijah represented the GOSPEL Dispensation.

(c) Both dispensations look forward and point out and speak of the SUFFERINGS of Christ and the GLORY to follow.

15. (With parallel columns) (a) Elijah was persecuted for fidelity to the truth by JEZEBEL through her husband, Ahab. (Revelation 2:20)

(b) The church was persecuted for fidelity to TRUTH by the apostate church of

ROME through the Roman empire (Revelation 18:7)

(c) Elijah fled from Jezebel and Ahab and was in the wilderness for THREE years and SIX months during which time there was no RAIN. (1 Kings 17:5-9)

(d) The true church fled into the symbolic wilderness for 1260 literal years during which time there was a spiritual FAMINE. (Revelation 12:6,16)

(e) After the 1260 days Elijah returned from the wilderness and copious RAINS followed causing the people at first to rejoice but Jezebel's spirit was unchanged and Elijah was again compelled to flee into the WILDERNESS. (1 Kings 18:41-46; 19:1-4)

(f) Since 1799 BIBLES have been distributed throughout the world thus bringing BLESSINGS, but the principles of PAPACY - in so-called Protestant sects compel the saints again to flee into the wilderness condition.

(g) The chariot of fire parted ELIJAH from Elisha. (2 Kings 2:11,12)

(h) The saints must die like men before their RESURRECTION to heavenly conditions. (Psalm 82:6,7; 1 Corinthians 15:51,52)

16. Do we have much evidence that the great day of the Lord has come? YES

17. (a) What precedes full sunrise? TROUBLE

(b) Will the time soon come when the harvest work will be completed? YES

18,19.(a) Are there still favorable opportunities to spread the truth and to grow in grace and knowledge? YES

(b) During the incoming or dawning Millennial day, is it possible for consecrated Christians to travel throughout the world to meet with other Christians and, by means of the mail system, send the message of truth to others far and near? YES

20. Will the time come when the nominal church will not endure sound doctrine? YES

21. Paul states (2 Timothy 3:1-13) that perilous TIMES would be present in the LAST days of the Gospel Age, and professed Christians would be covetous, proud, trucebreakers, despisers of those who are good, traitors who deceive others, etc.

22-27. (a) For the most part is it possible at the present to preach the truth in the nominal churches? (Revelation 13:17) NO

(b) Did the closing experiences of Elijah and John typify the closing experiences of the church in the flesh? YES

(c) The whirlwind or storm that separated Elijah from earthly scenes is symbolic of TROUBLE and the fiery chariot is a figure of VICTORY.

(d) When John had announced the presence of Messiah, his influence soon began to WANE.

(e) The work of the John class (the Elijah class) closes with the announcement that the kingdom of heaven is at HAND and that the King is PRESENT. (Isaiah 52:7)

(f) John was cast into PRISON because he reproved the KING of improper union with a woman. (Matthew 14:4)

(g) Union between the church and the civil power is termed HARLOTRY. (Revelation 17:5)

(h) In the case of both Elijah and John, it was a WOMAN who persecuted - a king acting as her agent and TOOL.

(i) The tendency of governments and churches is toward open or secret UNION for their mutual welfare in the time of trouble.

28. Do the masses, fearing the utter wreck of society in anarchy, prefer monarchy, bondage and oppression to anything certain to be worse? YES

29-31. (a) Is the great leveling process of the

present preparing the world for the Mediatorial reign of Christ when righteousness will prevail? YES

(b) Will the time probably come when repressive measures may be brought to bear against every effort of the saints to spread the good news of the incoming kingdom? YES

32,33. (a) Persecution should move us to greater ZEAL.

(b) Should the consecrated child of God, at the present time, diligently take advantage of the grand harvest opportunities and privileges? YES

(c) Is total anarchy being held in check until the true servants of God are sealed in their foreheads? (Revelation 7:3) YES

34. (a) Only those who are now faithful in engaging in kingdom WORK will be of the glorified Elijah class and permitted a share in the WORK of the restitution of all things. (Revelation 14:13; Acts 3:19-21)

(b) The name of Elijah signifies GOD (mighty-one) of Jehovah.

35. Elisha represents a class in deep SYMPATHY with the Elijah class; yet it is a class who does not expect to be GLORIFIED.

36,37. (a) The meaning of Elisha is MIGHTY DELIVERER.

(b) The career of Elisha was one of RESTITUTION.

(c) Elisha healed the waters, increased the widow's OIL, healed the leprosy of NAMAAN, etc. (2 Kings 2;4;5;9;10)