

BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2

The Spirit and Power of Elijah

A Word of Prophecy from the Lord

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- For 40 days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to His disciples teaching them about the kingdom of God

Acts 1:3 KJV - To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Acts 1:6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

Acts 1:7 KJV - 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.

Acts 1:8 KJV - **But** ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:...

- Times and Seasons- plural ...
- 1st time and season 10 days later on the day of Pentecost...
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- And what did they receive- POWER
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- But there have been Many times and seasons after that-
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- The Reformation
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- The Welsh Revival
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- Azusa Street
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- The healing revival of the 50's
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- The Jesus Revolution - the last great revival that lasted from the 70's to the 90's... including Toronto Blessing and Pensacola..
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- The next time and season which the Father will release will be a new Pentecost
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- And as with the other times and seasons He will release His power to those in His church- expecting it
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➤ **This next releasing of His power through the Holy Spirit will be the greatest movement the earth has ever witnessed.**

2 Timothy 3:1 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. **2** For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, **3** unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, **4** treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

Verse 5

2 Timothy 3:5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have *denied* its power; Avoid such men as these.

Deny: to reject, to renounce, to refuse to accept something offered

- **Make no mistake about it**
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 - **These are those who look like the church, act like the church, and sing like the church**
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 - **But they refuse the power God extends to them to actually be the church**
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 - **The warning Paul gives to the true church: avoid them. Do not drink their poison...**
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 - **Denying Gods power is rejecting His Spirit, His Holy Spirit...**
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But there is a new Time and season which if you can receive it, has already begun, and it will be increasing:

God is releasing the Spirit and power of Elijah to the church to prepare the way of the Lord...

The very last prophecy of the Old Testament:

Malachi 4:5 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. **6** "He will restore the hearts of the fathers to [their] children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse."

The Day of the Lord comes in two parts:

- 1. When Jesus came to the earth as the Savior of the world**
- 2. And when Jesus returns to snatch His church away in the rapture**
 - **Before Jesus came the first time, He had John the Baptist come to prepare His way before Him in the Spirit of Elijah**

Speaking of John the Baptist Jesus said:

Matthew 11:9 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than a prophet. **10** "This is the one about whom it is written, 'BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.' ... **14** "And if you are willing to accept [it,] *John himself is Elijah who was to come.*

Matthew 11:11 "Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen [anyone] greater than John the Baptist! *Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.*

John the Baptist said:

Matthew 3:11 "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; *He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.* ...

Let's take a moment to look at the ministry of John the Baptist:

Luke 1:13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. **14** "You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

Luke 1:15 "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, *and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb.* **16** "And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. **17** "It is he who will go [as a forerunner] before Him *in the spirit and power of Elijah,* TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

- **This is also the ministry of those who will answer the call to receive the Spirit and power of Elijah that God is releasing before the second part of the Day of the Lord, the Rapture**
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- **This is for whosoever will...**

What does this call entail:

As Lk 1:17 says, "...*TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.*"

How did John the Baptist both preach and make manifest the Spirit and Power of Elijah:

Luke 3:2 "..., the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness. **3** And he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins; **4** as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT. **5** 'EVERY RAVINE WILL BE FILLED, AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL WILL BE BROUGHT LOW; THE CROOKED WILL BECOME STRAIGHT, AND THE ROUGH ROADS SMOOTH; **6** AND ALL FLESH WILL SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD.'"

- **John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in His mother's womb...**
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- The result was he convicted people of their sins and led them to repentance just like Jesus declared the Holy Spirit would do when He sent Him to the believer
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- John was a fearless prophet like Elijah, he preached about sin, righteousness and judgement
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- He turned the disobedient back to God...
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- He never compromised his principles or watered down to word of God for status or security
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- He had a garment of camel's hair, and ate locusts and honey
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- In other words, he never got caught up in this prosperity gospel...

John declared that he, as well as those who will respond to the Spirit and Power of Elijah

Will manifest themselves in this way:

"THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT. 5 'EVERY RAVINE WILL BE FILLED, AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL WILL BE BROUGHT LOW; THE CROOKED WILL BECOME STRAIGHT, AND THE ROUGH ROADS SMOOTH; 6 AND ALL FLESH WILL SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD.'"

In other words, we are paving a spiritual highway for the Lords return:

Isaiah 35:3 Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble. **4** Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come [with] vengeance; The recompense of God will come, ***But He will save you.***"

Isaiah 35:5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. **6** Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the mute will shout for joy. For waters will break forth in the wilderness And streams in the Arabah. **7** The scorched land will become a pool And the thirsty ground springs of water;...

Isaiah 35:8 A highway will be there, a roadway, And it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, But it [will] be for him who walks [that] way, And fools will not wander [on it.]

9 No lion will be there, Nor will any vicious beast go up on it; These will not be found there. But the redeemed will walk [there,]

So, we have a call, a mission, a mandate, an unction:

Will you answer it?

- **Make straight the way of the lord**
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- **Every valley be filled:** no more dead church services or powerless believers... **valley of dry bones**
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- **Every mountain and hill brought low:** no more rock star preachers and pride in the pulpits...
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- **The crooked will become straight:** no more crooked paths in the shape of a serpent, lies from the serpent
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- **Make the rough roads smooth:** remove all the stumbling blocks religion and tradition has thrown in the way

- **Then come the next time and season fixed within the Fathers Power, the greatest outpouring of His Holy Spirit the world has ever witnessed**
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- **Then comes the rapture of the church which begins the next time and season which will last for 7 years...**
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- **Then the next time and season, the 1000 year millennium**

Hebrews 9:28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without [reference to] sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

- **As one great modern day preacher puts it: if you are not looking for His return He is not coming back for you**