**A Study about Events Occurring when Christ returns in Possession of the Kingdom.**

Coming in His Kingdom BOOK

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**Foreword**

To properly understand Scripture, one must not only have an appreciation and understanding of how Scripture is structured but also an appreciation and understanding of what Scripture is about.

Scripture opens after a certain fashion in the first thirty-four verses of Genesis ([Genesis 1:1-2:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.1-2.3&t=NKJV)) — *providing a skeletal format, set forth in a God-designed structure* — that relates the complete story of Scripture. Then, in line with the way Scripture opens, along with revealing 4,000 years of human history exactly as God would have man to understand events during this time, the Old Testament is fraught with *spiritual meaning, seen within types, metaphors, symbolic language, and other forms of communication.*

The New Testament simply continues, opening the same way as the Old Testament (though the gospel of John should open the New Testament, not the gospel of Matthew [*ref.* Chapter 1, “Genesis and John,” in the author’s book, in this site, [Moses and John BOOK](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-two.php#Moses%20and%20John%20BOOK)]). Beyond that, along with relating the next 2,000 years of human history exactly as God would have man to understand events during this time, the language of the New Testament, in all aspects (*spiritual meaning, seen within parables, signs, metaphors, symbolic language, etc*.), is simply an outgrowth of that which is seen in the Old.

And all material in both Testaments moves toward the same point — the seventh day, the seventh millennium, the seventh 1,000-year period of a septenary structure of millennia, the Messianic Era, as set forth in an unchangeable fashion in the opening thirty-four verses of Genesis.

*Man’s creation* in the beginning had to do with *regality*. Man’s creation had to do with *his ruling the earth in the stead of Satan and his angels* (the incumbent powers and authorities), a rule to occur during that time which is foreshadowed by the seventh day ([Genesis 1:26-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.26-28&t=NKJV); [2:1-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.1-3&t=NKJV)).

*Man’s fall* had to do with Satan bringing about *his disqualification to occupy the throne*, allowing the incumbent rulers to continue occupying the throne ([Genesis 3:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+3.1ff&t=NKJV)).

And, by and through any sound method of biblical interpretation, God effecting *man’s salvation* could only have to do with *man ultimately being brought back into a position where he could one day realize the purpose for his creation in the beginning, which has to do with ruling the earth during a seventh millennium in the stead of Satan and his angels* ([Genesis 3:21ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+3.21ff&t=NKJV)).

And by the manner in which God had previously established matters during 6,000 years of redemptive work (foreshadowed by the six days of restorative work involving a ruined creation in [Genesis 1:2-25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.2-25&t=NKJV) [2b]), this rule for Christians will be as *co-heirs with God’s Son*.

(For a more complete picture of the latter, refer to the author’s book, in this site, [God’s Firstborn Sons BOOK](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-six.php#God%E2%80%99s%20Firstborn%20Sons%20BOOK).)

Then, beyond the 7,000 years (which had been foreshadowed in [Genesis 1:1-2:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.1-2.3&t=NKJV) by the complete picture of *Creation, Ruin*, and *Restoration* throughout six days, followed by *Rest* on the seventh day), one finds a new heavens and new earth. God, His Son, and redeemed man will dwell on this new earth; and God’s continued universal rule will emanate, not from heaven as we know it today, but from the new earth. The “*throne of God and of the Lamb*” will rest on the new earth, and God with His Son will rule from this throne, with redeemed man exercising regality from this throne as well ([Revelation 21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+21&t=NKJV); [22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+22&t=NKJV)).

During the Millennium, man’s rule will have to do with *the earth*; but during the succeeding eternal ages, man’s rule will evidently have to do with *the universe* itself.

In this respect, one can easily see a major problem with much of the preaching and teaching so prevalent in Christendom today — that saved man is destined to spend eternity in heaven with God. Such a teaching, being completely non-biblical, can only serve to hide and do away with not only the reason for man’s very existence but that toward which all Scripture moves.

The truth of the matter is set forth at the beginning of Scripture, in the five books of Moses; and this is equally what the five parallel books of John are about (again, refer to the author’s book, [Moses and John BOOK](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-two.php#Moses%20and%20John%20BOOK)).

And, as well, this is what any other part of Scripture can only be about, for *all subsequent Scripture must be completely in line with the way matters are set forth at the beginning, in that which is revealed through Moses*.

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Chapter 1

**Significance of** [**Matthew 16:28-17:5**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+16.28-17.5&t=NKJV)

*Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.*

*Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;*

*and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.*

*And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.*

*Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”*

*While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!”* ([Matthew 16:28-17:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+16.28-17.5&t=NKJV))

The scene on the Mount, in [Matthew 17:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+17.1-5&t=NKJV), depicts that which is stated in the last verse of the preceding chapter — “*the Son of Man coming in His kingdom*” ([Matthew 16:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+16.28&t=NKJV)). This is not a sneak preview of, or something like, Christ’s return in possession of the kingdom at this time (*cf*. [Daniel 7:13-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+7.13-14&t=NKJV)). Rather, *exactly as the text states*, some standing there saw “*the Son of Man coming in His kingdom*.”

God can deal with *time* and with *events during time* in this manner if He so desires.

God can move man back in time, or forward in time (*e.g.*, He moved Ezekiel back in time and John forward in time [[Ezekiel 8:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ezekiel+8.1ff&t=NKJV); [Revelation 1:10ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+1.10ff&t=NKJV)]). As well, God can change time as we know it if He so desires ([Joshua 10:12-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joshua+10.12-14&t=NKJV); [Isaiah 38:7-8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+38.7-8&t=NKJV); [Amos 8:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Amos+8.9&t=NKJV); [Matthew 24:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+24.22&t=NKJV); [2 Peter 3:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+3.8&t=NKJV)). Then God can deal with events occurring during the time in which man has been placed.

The Scene in [Matthew 17:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+17.1-5&t=NKJV)

*The time* when the Son of Man will come in His kingdom is seen to occur “*after six days*,” which places it in complete accord with all related Scripture — *on the seventh day, the seventh 1,000-year period*.

This is the way matters are presented, at the very beginning of the Old Testament, in the opening two chapters of Genesis, establishing *a foundational basis* for that which is about to be revealed.

And, as well, this is the way matters are presented at the beginning of the New Testament, in the opening two chapters of the gospel of John, again setting forth *the same foundational basis previously seen in the beginning of Genesis* for that which is about to be revealed.

(*Ref.* Chapter 1, “Genesis and John,” in the author’s book, [Moses and John BOOK](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-two.php#Moses%20and%20John%20BOOK), showing why John *must* be seen as the gospel beginning the New Testament, not Matthew.)

*The location* used to depict the Son of Man coming in His kingdom was “*a high mountain*.” “A mountain” is used in Scripture to depict *a kingdom*. And Christ didn’t select just any mountain to depict that which was in view. Rather, Christ took three of His disciples up into “*a high mountain*.”

Note how “a mountain” is used in a metaphorical respect in [Isaiah 2:1-4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+2.1-4&t=NKJV) to depict not only Christ’s kingdom but lesser kingdoms on earth in that coming day — “*the mountain of the LORD’S house* [Christ’s kingdom] *shall be established on the top of the mountains* [all the subordinate world kingdoms, in the KJV this is referred to in this respect later in the verse through the use of ‘hills’].”

Or, [Daniel 2:35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+2.35&t=NKJV), [44-45](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+2.44-45&t=NKJV), as [Revelation 11:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+11.15&t=NKJV), shows the matter after a slightly different fashion. In these sections of Scripture, the kingdom of Christ alone is seen, with all of the lesser world kingdoms seen as forming part of the worldwide kingdom of Christ.

In [Daniel 2:35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+2.35&t=NKJV), [44-45](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+2.44-45&t=NKJV), Christ is seen smiting the final form of Gentile world power at the time of His return (which will be a worldwide power under the Beast, Antichrist). And “*a great mountain*” is used to depict the kingdom of Christ as it will exist following the destruction of that which is depicted by the image.

Then [Revelation 11:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+11.15&t=NKJV) simply states the same thing at the same time, apart from the use of metaphors:

*The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever* ([Revelation 11:15 NASB20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+11.15&t=NASB20)).”

*Those present on the Mount* were Christ, Moses, Elijah, and three of the twelve disciples (Peter, James, and John).

Christ was “*transfigured*” before the disciples (enswathed in the Glory of God).

Moses and Elijah “*appeared in glory*” with Christ (evidently enswathed in “*glory*” as well [[Luke 9:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+9.31&t=NKJV)]), and “*a bright cloud*” overshadowed all present on the Mount (which could only be the Glory seen in an overall respect in the kingdom).

Then Peter, James, and John — though *not* enswathed in “*glory*,” as was Christ and the others — were present within the overall scope of the “*glory*” overshadowing everyone.

And Peter recognized this scene to be exactly what was being depicted. He suggested building three “*tabernacles*,” one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. This would be an allusion to the feast of Tabernacles, the seventh and last of the Jewish festivals, depicting offerings and a time of rest at the termination of that which was set forth by the previous six festivals (foreshadowing offerings during the earth’s coming Sabbath, the Messianic Era).

(These seven festivals form the prophetic calendar of Israel, having to do with events that will transpire following Christ’s return at the end of the Tribulation, leading into the Messianic Era.

Refer to [The Seven Jewish Festivals](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-two.php#The%20Seven%20Jewish%20Festivals) in this site.)

Jesus, Moses, and Elijah

When Jesus returns to the earth — that is, when the Son of Man comes “*in His kingdom*” — He will be accompanied by “*the armies in heaven*,” seen and identified elsewhere as “angels” (*cf.* [Matthew 24:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+24.31&t=NKJV); [2 Thessalonians 1:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Thessalonians+1.7&t=NKJV); [Revelation 19:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.14&t=NKJV)). As well, according to the scene on the mountain in [Matthew 17:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+17.1-5&t=NKJV), Christ will be accompanied at this time by Moses and Elijah.

The matter can’t possibly be viewed after any other fashion. That which has already occurred in respect to that which is depicted in [Matthew 17:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+17.1-5&t=NKJV) *cannot be changed*. Attempting to see Christ returning at the end of the Tribulation — “*the Son of Man coming in His kingdom*” — apart from seeing Moses and Elijah accompanying Him would be the same as attempting to change something in past history.

The scene in [Matthew 17:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+17.1-5&t=NKJV) is simply future history that has already been depicted (has already occurred in one respect), though it will occur at a yet future date. And *it must occur in the future exactly as it occurred in the past*.

This will explain why two men were present on the Mount of Olives in Acts chapter one when Christ ascended, for He is to return in exactly the same manner that He went away. Two men were present when He went away, and two men will be present when He returns. And these two men are identified in Matthew chapter seventeen.

(Why will these two particular men be with Christ at the time of His return? Aside from the simple fact that this is the way biblical revelation presents the matter, there are evident, inseparably related reasons why they will be present [*ref*. Chapters 3, 4 in this book].)

Peter, James, and John

One thing should be kept in mind about the scene set forth in [Matthew 17:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+17.1-5&t=NKJV). The scene, first and foremost, is *Jewish*. It is like (akin to) the scene at the time of His ascension. Christ ascended with His hands raised, blessing the disciples ([Luke 24:50-51](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.50-51&t=NKJV)). And, returning in the same manner that He went away, He will have His hands raised to bless, not just the disciples, but the entire Jewish nation.

This would be seen in [Matthew 17:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+17.1-5&t=NKJV) by the three disciples not only on the mountain in Christ’s presence, but also overshadowed by God’s Glory. As at the ascension, blessings would move beyond them to the entire Jewish nation.

Then something not seen in [Matthew 17:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+17.1-5&t=NKJV), though dealt with in related Scripture, would be those down at the foot of and removed from the mountain in all directions — the nations. Blessings will flow out from the mountain by and through a restored and blessed Jewish nation to those comprising all of the Gentile nations ([Genesis 12:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+12.3&t=NKJV)).

The Church and [Matthew 17:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+17.1-5&t=NKJV)

Within the scope of the events as they are depicted in [Matthew 17:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+17.1-5&t=NKJV), the Church can be seen only in a secondary respect. The scene presented in these verses has to do with Christ’s return to the earth at the end of the Tribulation. The scene is *Jewish, with the nations in view*; and Christians will not be with Christ when he returns to the earth at this time to deal with Israel and the nations.

At least two of the types deal with this aspect of the matter.

In [Genesis 45:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+45.1ff&t=NKJV), when Joseph dealt with His brethren in Egypt, at the time he revealed himself to them, his wife (Asenath) was not with him. Rather she was in another part of the palace.

In [Exodus 4:19ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+4.19ff&t=NKJV), when Moses returned to Egypt to deal with Israel, his wife (Zipporah) only went part way with him. She was not with him in Egypt when he dealt with Israel through their religious leaders. And Moses’ dealings with these religious leaders were with a view to his subsequent dealing with the leader of the Gentile world power of that day concerning the departure of the Jewish people from Egypt.

When Christ returns at the end of the Tribulation, Christians, exactly as in the two referenced types, will not return to the earth with Him. Christians, seen as Christ’s bride in that day, about to become His wife, may, as Zipporah, come part way (possibly remaining in the new Jerusalem in the heavens above the earth [the place from where Christ and His wife will reign during the Millennium]). Or, as Asenath, the bride could be in another part of the palace when Christ deals with His brethren (again, possibly in the New Jerusalem above the earth).

Many individuals look upon the presence of Moses and Elijah in [Matthew 17:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+17.1-5&t=NKJV) as representing two types of Christians following the rapture — those who had died during the previous 2,000-year dispensation and had been raised from the dead and those removed from the earth without dying.

Moses had died ([Deuteronomy 34:5-8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Deuteronomy+34.5-8&t=NKJV)), and it is evident from his appearance with Elijah on the mountain that God had later raised him from the dead (*cf.* [Jude 1:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jude+1.9&t=NKJV)). And Elijah had been removed from the earth without dying ([2 Kings 2:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Kings+2.11&t=NKJV)).

In a secondary respect, one could draw a teaching from [Matthew 17:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+17.1-5&t=NKJV) concerning two types of Christians at the time of the rapture — *the dead raised, the living removed without dying* — but teachings of this nature drawn from this passage would have nothing to do with the primary interpretation of these five verses. These verses have to do with “*the Son of Man coming in His kingdom*,” accompanied by Moses, Elijah, and angelic armies (seen in corresponding Scripture). Christians simply will not be there.

[Matthew 17:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+17.1-5&t=NKJV) is *Jewish, with the nations in view*. And this *must* be recognized in order to properly understand that which is in view.

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Chapter 2

**Christ’s Greatest Regal Magnificence**

*For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.*

*Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you,*

*knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.*

*Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.*

*For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty* [Greek: superlative; *lit.*, “His greatest (regal) magnificence”].

*For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”*

*And this voice which came from heaven we heard when we were with him in the holy mount*. ([2 Peter 1:12-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+1.12-18&t=NKJV))

Peter wrote his second epistle about 60 A.D., which would have been almost three decades beyond the events on the mountain, seen in [Matthew 17:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+17.1-5&t=NKJV). And these events had been of such a nature that after all these years *they were still uppermost in his mind.*

At the end of instructions and exhortation pertaining to present Christian living with a view to that which lies out ahead ([2 Peter 1:1-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+1.1-9&t=NKJV)), Peter called attention to the Christians’ “*call and election*” ([2 Peter 1:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+1.10&t=NKJV)). And, within context, a Christian’s “*call and election*” have to do with “*exceedingly great and precious promises*,” to be realized in the coming “*kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*” ([2 Peter 1:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+1.4&t=NKJV), [11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+1.11&t=NKJV)), which Peter goes on to deal with through that which he, James, and John had seen when they were with Christ “*on the holy mountain*” ([2 Peter 1:16-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+1.16-18&t=NKJV)).

“Call and Election”

Individuals are to give *diligence* to make their “*call and election sure*.” The word “*election*” could be better translated *called out*. The words translated “*call*” and “*election*” in verse ten are from the same root forms as the cognate words in the Greek text translated “*called*” and “*chosen*” in [Matthew 22:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+22.14&t=NKJV), which should literally be translated, “For many are *called*, but few are *called out*.”

(Both, an individual’s *calling* and *out-calling*, have to do with the same thing. His *calling* can’t pertain to the Christian’s presently possessed salvation, for he cannot make that anymore “sure” than it already exists. Salvation by grace through faith has already been made “sure,” based on Christ’s finished work at Calvary.

An individual has been saved for a purpose; and that “purpose” would equate to his *calling*, just as “realizing that purpose” would equate to his *out-calling*. Both have to do with a future salvation, the salvation of the soul; and both have to do with Christians one day being called out of *the called and realizing positions as co-heirs with Christ in His kingdom*.)

The word “*diligent*” in [2 Peter 1:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+1.10&t=NKJV) is from the same word translated “*diligence*” in [2 Peter 1:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+1.5&t=NKJV). With the same intensity that a person is to abundantly supply in his *faith virtue* . . ., he is to make his calling and *out-calling “sure.”* The word “*sure*” is the translation of a word that means “certain,” “firm,” “secure.” And to make his *calling* and *out-calling “sure,”* a Christian would have to be *knowledgeable* ([2 Peter 1:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+1.8&t=NKJV), Greek: *epignosis*, “mature knowledge) concerning that which is in view.

There can be no such thing as following biblical guidelines surrounding the purpose for one’s salvation and, at the same time, ignoring one’s *calling* and *out-calling*. The entire concept widely promulgated in Christian circles today that states or teaches that the one really important thing is just to be saved has no basis in Scripture whatsoever. Scripture places the emphasis on *the purpose for one’s salvation*. It is man who has turned this around and placed the emphasis back on salvation itself.

The entire purpose for the present dispensation is *to procure a bride for God’s Son*, with a view to the coming age when the Son will reign over the earth with His consort queen (procured during the present dispensation).

God has set aside an entire dispensation lasting 2,000 years for this purpose. He sent His Spirit into the world at the beginning of the dispensation with specific instructions (seen in the type in [Genesis 24:3-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.3-9&t=NKJV)). And the work of the Spirit throughout the dispensation, though it includes breathing life into those who have no life (salvation of the unsaved), is primarily concerned with *procuring a bride for God’s Son*. And the bride is to be taken from *the saved*, not from the unsaved (seen in the type in [Genesis 24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24&t=NKJV) by and through the specific instructions that Abraham gave his servant and that which the servant did once he was in Mesopotamia — went to the city where Abraham’s kindred resided, and went to Abraham’s kindred in that city [[Genesis 24:3-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.3-27&t=NKJV)]).

The whole of the matter surrounding the reason for the Spirit being sent into the world at the beginning of this dispensation has to do with one’s *calling* and *out*-*calling*. And Christians are to be knowledgeable concerning God’s plans and purposes for the present dispensation, making their *calling* and *out-calling “sure.”*

“On the Holy Mountain”

Peter, following his exhortation to Christians pertaining to making their *calling and out-calling sure* ([2 Peter 1:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+1.10&t=NKJV)), with a view to *an abundant entrance into the kingdom* ([2 Peter 1:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+1.11&t=NKJV)), then states to those to whom he is writing to “*not be negligent to remind you always of these things*.” And Peter was going to do this even though these Christians were *already “established in the present truth”* ([2 Peter 1:12ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+1.12ff&t=NKJV)).

Peter knew that these Christians *already possessed a firm foundation* (literal understanding of the Greek text) in the things that he was proclaiming ([2 Peter 1:12b](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+1.12b&t=NKJV)). But that was of no moment to Peter. In time past he had seen something that they had not seen; he had witnessed something that they had not witnessed. He knew something from firsthand experience — *the importance of keeping the whole overall teaching surrounding that awaiting Christians at the time of Christ’s return before them at all times*.

Peter went on to state that he, along with others (James and John), had seen, with their own eyes, that of which he spoke. He had been on the mountain with James and John years earlier and had seen “*the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.*” He had seen, with his own eyes, the Son of Man in “*His majesty* (‘His greatest [regal] magnificence’ [[2 Peter 1:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+1.16&t=NKJV)]).

And God announced at this time,

*This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.* ([2 Peter 1:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+1.17&t=NKJV))

“Sonship” implies *rulership*. Only “Sons” can rule in God’s kingdom. That’s the way it has always been, and that’s the way it will always remain.

This announcement by God at this time — at the time when Peter saw *the Son of Man coming in His kingdom* — is simply an announcement stating *which God recognized as the One possessing the right to hold the earth’s scepter.*

In this respect, “Satan,” the incumbent ruler, was/is *a rejected son of God* (“a son of God” because of *creation*, as are all angels). Christ though, at the time Satan tested Him for forty days and nights ([Matthew 4:1-11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+4.1-11&t=NKJV)), showed that He was the One possessing the right to hold the scepter, in Satan’s stead. Christ showed that He, *as God’s Son*, was fully qualified to take the scepter as the second Man, the last Adam (note Satan’s repeated statement, “*If You are the Son of God* . . . .” [[Matthew 4:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+4.3&t=NKJV), [6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+4.6&t=NKJV)])

Where Adam had failed, Christ could not fail. And that which Adam had lost in the fall Christ would redeem [which included *both man and the forfeited domain*].

(The redemptive terms for man are set forth early in Genesis — *death and shed blood* — pointing to Christ’s finished work at Calvary.

The redemptive terms for *the forfeited domain* [the earth] though are set forth in [Revelation 5:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+5.1ff&t=NKJV), a passage drawing principally from two Old Testament types that deal with the subject [[Ruth 4:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ruth+4.1ff&t=NKJV); [Jeremiah 32:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jeremiah+32.1ff&t=NKJV)].

For information on the preceding, refer to the author’s books, both in this site, [Salvation by Grace through Faith BOOK](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-seven.php#Salvation%20by%20Grace%20through%20Faith%20BOOK) and [The Time of the End BOOK](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-in-revelation.php#The%20Time%20of%20the%20End), Chapters 8, 9).

Again, relative to *sonship and rulership*, note God’s statement concerning Christ following His baptism, immediately before being tested by Satan. It is exactly the same as His statement in [Matthew 17:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+17.5&t=NKJV): “*This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased*.”

Then note Peter’s statement in [Matthew 16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+16&t=NKJV), responding to Christ’s question, concerning Christ’s identity:

*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God*. ([Matthew 16:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+16.16&t=NKJV))

It would not have been possible for Peter to have responded in a more accurate and complete manner. This is why Jesus, in response, said, “*Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven*” ([Matthew 16:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+16.17&t=NKJV)). Peter had identified Christ by saying, in effect, “You are the One who will rule and reign, the Son whom God recognizes to possess this right.”

It was shortly after the preceding though that Peter was chastised by the Lord because of something that he stated in a completely opposite respect, *which came from below, not from above*.

The Lord, following the announcement concerning building His Church ([Matthew 16:18-19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+16.18-19&t=NKJV)) began revealing to the disciples approaching events pertaining to *His death, burial, and resurrection*. Peter, only a short time before, having made the statement concerning *Christ’s Sonship and reign*, couldn’t understand this at all. And, as a result, Peter took the Lord aside and “*began to rebuke Him*” ([Matthew 16:20-22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+16.20-22&t=NKJV)).

Jesus, in response, associating Peter directly with Satan, said to him: “*Get behind Me* [*i.e.*, ‘get out of my sight’], *Satan* . . .” ([Matthew 16:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+16.23&t=NKJV), *cf*. [Luke 22:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+22.31&t=NKJV), [54-62](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+22.54-62&t=NKJV)). Peter’s actions shortly before this had emanated *from above, from God*; now his actions emanated *from below, from Satan*.

(In reality, these are the only *two spheres* from which a person’s actions can emanate. A person, in his actions, can either be brought forth “from above” or “from below.” *There is no middle ground* [[Luke 11:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+11.23&t=NKJV)].)

Six days later though, the Lord allowed Peter, along with James and John, to have an experience pertaining to his confession concerning Christ’s identity, which he would never be able to get away from or forget. And that is the experience recorded in [Matthew 17:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+17.1-5&t=NKJV).

The Lord allowed Peter to see something that would change his outlook on life completely. The Lord allowed Peter to see *that toward which all of Scripture moves — “the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.”*

And almost three decades later, having seen Christ in “*His majesty* (‘His greatest [regal] magnificence’), the scene had so impacted Peter that *he could never get away from it*. This is the one event in his life that he referenced in order to reveal why *he was going to keep on hammering away at teachings surrounding Christ’s coming reign, even though the people whom he addressed were already well-grounded in these truths*.

Because of the importance of that which Peter knew — Christians keeping their eyes fixed on that which he had personally witnessed — *he was going to keep on proclaiming things pertaining to Christ’s coming kingdom to the point that they could never forget it. He was going to proclaim this message to the point that even after he was dead and gone they still would never get away from it.*

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Chapter 3

**Moses and Elijah in That Day (1)**

*Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.*

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

*And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.* ([Malachi 4:4-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Malachi+4.4-6&t=NKJV))

Different, though similar, expressions are used in Scripture to depict *the whole of Scripture* — *e.g.*, “*To the law, and to the testimony*” ([Isaiah 8:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+8.20&t=NKJV)); “*Moses and all the Prophets*,” “*the law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms*” ([Luke 24:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.27&t=NKJV), [44](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.44&t=NKJV)); or “*Moses and the prophets*” ([Luke 16:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+16.29&t=NKJV), [31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+16.31&t=NKJV)).

By placing Moses and Elijah together in the last three verses in the Old Testament, *the whole of Scripture* is once again in view. *The Law* was given through Moses, and Elijah was one of *the prophets*.

The same thing is seen through Moses and Elijah’s appearance together in [Matthew 17:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+17.1-5&t=NKJV) and [Acts 1:9-11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+1.9-11&t=NKJV); also, because of that which is involved, evidently the two unidentified men at the empty tomb in [Luke 24:4-7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.4-7&t=NKJV) were also Moses and Elijah.

(For information on the preceding, refer to [Two Men at the Empty Tomb](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-two.php#Two%20Men%20at%20the%20Empty%20Tomb) in this site.)

Then there are a series of events of equal significance concerning these two men that will occur yet future, at two different periods of time.

One has to do with a manifestation of signs by two prophets (the two witnesses) during the Tribulation, along with an evident counter manifestation of signs by the false prophet ([Revelation 11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+11&t=NKJV); [13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+13&t=NKJV)). And, comparing Scripture with Scripture, these two prophets could only be identified as Moses and Elijah.

(These two prophets are “*the two anointed ones*” in Zechariah’s fifth vision [[Zechariah 4:1-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+4.1-14&t=NKJV)].

Because of the importance of Elijah’s future ministry to Israel, as seen in [Malachi 4:5-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Malachi+4.5-6&t=NKJV), it would appear strange indeed if he were not mentioned someplace in [Revelation 6-19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+6-19&t=NKJV) {19a} [that section of the book covering the Tribulation]. And, in the light of other Scripture, it would appear equally strange if Elijah appeared unaccompanied by Moses.

And [Revelation 11:3-12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+11.3-12&t=NKJV) is the only place throughout these fourteen chapters of the book where we have two men of this nature appearing to Israel during this time. Also, signs associated with their ministry reflect back on signs performed by Moses and Elijah [[Revelation 11:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+11.6&t=NKJV)].)

Then, following the Tribulation when these two men return with Christ — *i.e.*, when these two men, depicting *the complete written Word* [which is living], return with *this Word manifested in the form of flesh* [again, the living Word] — according to biblical typology, there will be a continuation and conclusion to their preceding ministry during the Tribulation ([Exodus 5:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+5.1ff&t=NKJV); [1 Kings 18:25ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Kings+18.25ff&t=NKJV)). That which is stated concerning Elijah’s ministry in relation to *the Jewish people and the theocracy*, seen in [Isaiah 40:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+40.1-5&t=NKJV) and [Malachi 3:1-4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Malachi+3.1-4&t=NKJV); [4:5-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Malachi+4.5-6&t=NKJV), *must* be brought to pass.

Also, inseparably connected with the preceding and inseparably connecting these two men for all time in relation to *Israel and the theocracy*, there are only two instances in all of the Old Testament (in Moses and the Prophets) where God empowered individuals to perform supernatural “signs.” The first occurred under Moses and his successor Joshua, and the second occurred under Elijah and his successor Elisha.

The first occurred in connection with *the Jewish people and the theocracy* — the Jewish people leaving Egypt with a view to realizing an inheritance in a theocracy in another land. Thus, a first-mention principle was established at this point in Scripture regarding *signs*, which can never change.

Accordingly, any future manifestation of signs, by and through individuals empowered to perform these signs, could only have to do with *the Jewish people, with the theocracy in view*.

Remove either (*the Jewish people or the theocracy*), and signs of the nature seen in Scripture *cannot exist*. Both *Israel* and *the kingdom* must be in view *together* for these supernatural signs to exist.

This is why the exact same thing is seen by and through a manifestation of signs during Elijah’s and Elisha’s ministries. This was one of the darkest days in Israeli history. Ahab and his wife Jezebel had led the people completely away from God, into Baal worship. The theocracy was in existence, though in a divided kingdom. And the manifested signs had to do with *Israel and the kingdom* (a call for the people to return to the God of their fathers).

The same thing was seen in the gospel accounts and the book of Acts during the offer and reoffer of the kingdom to Israel — an unparalleled manifestation of signs.

And the same thing will again be seen during the first half of the Tribulation, by and through the ministry of the two witnesses, the ministry of Moses and Elijah to Israel during this period.

And the signs will, they *must*, have to do with *Israel and the kingdom* during this future time. The kingdom will be in the offing. The time will be at hand when the kingdom will be restored to a repentant and converted nation.

(For additional information on “signs” in the preceding respect, refer to the author’s three pamphlets, “[Signs, Wonders, Miracles 1.pdf](http://lampbroadcast.org/plets/ppdf4/SWM1.pdf), [2.pdf](http://lampbroadcast.org/plets/ppdf4/SWM2.pdf), [3.pdf](http://lampbroadcast.org/plets/ppdf4/SWM3.pdf).”)

John and Elijah

Many Bible students have trouble understanding that John (John the Baptist) only came “*in the spirit and power of Elijah*” ([Luke 1:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+1.17&t=NKJV)) and did not fulfill any of the Old Testament prophecies pertaining to Elijah.

John clearly stated that he wasn’t Elijah ([John 1:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.21&t=NKJV)). Jesus, on the other hand, said that he was Elijah ([Matthew 11:10-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+11.10-14&t=NKJV); [17:10-13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+17.10-13&t=NKJV)). But there was an “if” in connection with John being identified as Elijah by Christ in [Matthew 11:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+11.14&t=NKJV) — “*if you are willing to receive* . . . .”

Elijah is to be Christ’s forerunner at the time *Israel receives her Messiah*. God, in His foreknowledge, knew what the nation would do at Christ’s first coming. Thus, John was sent “*in the spirit and power of Elijah*,” but not in fulfillment of any prophecies about Elijah.

(Scripture sometimes has near and far fulfillments of events in the preceding respect. Note [Hosea 11:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hosea+11.1&t=NKJV) and [Matthew 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+2.15&t=NKJV) for example — “*Out of Egypt have I called my Son*.” The prophecy in Hosea is clearly about *Israel*, God’s firstborn son, at the time of the Exodus. In Matthew though, the prophecy was fulfilled by God’s other firstborn Son, at the time He was removed from Egypt as a child.)

The fulfillment of that which is seen in [Isaiah 40:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+40.3&t=NKJV); [Malachi 3:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Malachi+3.1&t=NKJV); [4:5-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Malachi+4.5-6&t=NKJV) can only occur at *a time when the Jewish people receive their Messiah.* Note the context of [Isaiah 40:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+40.3&t=NKJV); it is millennial. Also, note that which Elijah will do in [Malachi 4:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Malachi+4.6&t=NKJV), which John didn’t do in his ministry.

Elijah, exactly as he did with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel in [1 Kings 18:25ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Kings+18.25ff&t=NKJV), will turn “*the heart*” of the Jewish people back to their fathers (back to believing the prophets), and “*the heart*” of their fathers (the prophets) back to the Jewish people. Note the direct statement regarding this in the historical account following the fire falling from heaven on Mount Carmel (*cf*. [1 Kings 18:37-39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Kings+18.37-39&t=NKJV); [Malachi 4:5-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Malachi+4.5-6&t=NKJV)).

John, as Christ’s forerunner at His first coming, aside from a near fulfillment of [Isaiah 40:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+40.3&t=NKJV), failed to fulfill any of the prophecies pertaining to Elijah. Thus, through any sound system of biblical interpretation, *John cannot possibly be seen fulfilling the Old Testament prophecies concerning Elijah.*

Elijah will come yet future, fulfilling [Isaiah 40:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+40.3&t=NKJV); [Malachi 3:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Malachi+3.1&t=NKJV); [4:5-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Malachi+4.5-6&t=NKJV). And, once again, he will be instrumental in turning the people *from unbelief to belief* in Israel, possibly in a similar manner to the way he accomplished this on Mount Carmel over 2,800 years ago ([1 Kings 18:25-39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Kings+18.25-39&t=NKJV)).

Moses and Elijah, During the Tribulation

When Elijah returns to minister to the Jewish people before “the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord,” he will be accompanied by Moses, both during the Tribulation and with Christ following the Tribulation. And his fulfilling the passages in Isaiah and Malachi may very well occur both during and following the Tribulation when both he and Moses return with Christ, for events throughout this period will occur prior to “*the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD*.”

(For information concerning when the Day of the Lord begins, which will follow the Tribulation and Christ’s return, refer to Chapters 4, 5 in the author’s book, in this site, [The Time of the End BOOK](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-in-revelation.php#The%20Time%20of%20the%20End).

“*The great and dreadful day of the Lord*” would refer more specifically to that time when Gentile world power is destroyed *following* Christ’s return [[Joel 2:1-11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joel+2.1-11&t=NKJV), [30-32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joel+2.30-32&t=NKJV); [3:1-16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joel+3.1-16&t=NKJV)].)

During the Tribulation (first half), Moses and Elijah will minister to Israel. They will evidently be instrumental in the conversion of the 144,000 Jews who are to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom to the Gentiles worldwide during the last half of the Tribulation ([Revelation 7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+7&t=NKJV); [12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+12&t=NKJV); [14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+14&t=NKJV)). As well, they will evidently confront Antichrist and his false prophet, through supernatural powers, *signs* (*cf*. [Revelation 11:3-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+11.3-6&t=NKJV); [13:13-15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+13.13-15&t=NKJV)).

But the entire nation being brought to the place which Elijah brought them in history on Mount Carmel will await Moses and Elijah’s return with Christ at the end of the Tribulation.

(At the end of their ministry during the Tribulation, Moses and Elijah will be slain. And this may very well be the time when Antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel and turns against the Jewish people in all his fury, as seen in [Matthew 24:15ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+24.15ff&t=NKJV) [*cf*. [Revelation 11:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+11.13&t=NKJV)]. Three and one-half days following their death, Moses and Elijah will be raised from the dead and will be removed into the heavens, awaiting Christ’s return three and one-half years later.)

Biblical prophecy places Israel’s repentance near the end of the Tribulation and the birth of a nation following Christ’s return at the end of the Tribulation.

Moses and Elijah’s ministry to Israel during the first half of the Tribulation may very well be of such a nature that over three years following their ministry, near the end of the Tribulation, in Israel’s darkest hour, their prior ministry will play a part in the entire nation turning to and calling upon the God of their fathers (exactly as seen in the type in [Exodus 2:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+2.23&t=NKJV)). And, exactly as seen in the type, when the Jewish people do this, God will hear, remember His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and send the One greater than Moses back to His people ([Exodus 2:24ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+2.24ff&t=NKJV); *cf*. [Zechariah 12:10ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+12.10ff&t=NKJV)).

Moses and Elijah, When Christ Returns

When Christ returns, accompanied by Moses, Elijah, and the armies in heaven (angels), He will return to the Mount of Olives. But this will not be the time when the Mount splits, as seen in [Zechariah 14:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+14.4&t=NKJV). Numerous events must occur first.

The antitype of the confrontation with the Assyrian Pharaoh in Egypt during Moses’ day (typified by the ten plagues) will occur at this time. And God will probably use Moses, exactly as in the type in Exodus, to bring this to pass.

Elijah, on the other hand, can only be seen turning his attention to Israel during this time, bringing about and fulfilling that which is seen in [Malachi 4:5-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Malachi+4.5-6&t=NKJV).

Christ and Moses (as Moses and Aaron in the type) will evidently appear to the Assyrian of that day with the same message that God instructed Moses to take to the Assyrian of his day —“*Israel is My son, My firstborn . . . let My son go that he may serve Me* . . .” ([Exodus 4:22-23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+4.22-23&t=NKJV)). And judgments will follow when the Assyrian refuses, exactly as in the type.

Elijah, on the other hand, can only be ministering to a scattered Jewish people at this time. He will be ministering to the nation in line with [Malachi 4:5-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Malachi+4.5-6&t=NKJV), readying the nation for Christ’s appearance to them, *when they look upon the pierced One, resulting in a nation being born in a day* (*cf*. [Isaiah 66:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+66.8&t=NKJV); [Zechariah 12:10-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+12.10-14&t=NKJV)).

(For additional information on *Moses and Elijah, When Christ Returns*, refer to Chapter 4 in this book.)

The tenth and last plague in the type was the death of the firstborn, the Passover. This is where Israel’s national conversion occurred/will occur in the order of events. And, with God’s firstborn son on the scene in this manner, this is where the death in relation to Gentile regality in Egypt did/will occur as well, with Gentile power subsequently destroyed. Then, the remaining six festivals outline a sequence of events relative to Israel, leading into the Messianic Era.

(Refer to [The Seven Jewish Festivals](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-two.php#The%20Seven%20Jewish%20Festivals) in this site for a brief outline of these events, which, as all other events between Christ’s return and the beginning of the Messianic Kingdom will evidently occur during the seventy-five-day period mentioned at the end of the book of Daniel.)

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Chapter 4

**Moses and Elijah in That Day (2)**

*Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.*

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

*And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse*. ([Malachi 4:4-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Malachi+4.4-6&t=NKJV))

As seen in Chapter 3 in this book, Moses and Elijah will be very instrumental in events surrounding Christ’s return, both immediately preceding His return (during the Tribulation) and at the time of and immediately following His return. Christ will return, not only accompanied by angels (for particular, revealed reasons), but also accompanied by Moses and Elijah (for particular, revealed reasons as well).

Angels accompanying Christ will be sent out to re-gather the Jewish people from a worldwide dispersion ([Matthew 24:29-31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+24.29-31&t=NKJV)). And they will evidently be instrumental in His numerous dealings with the Jewish people at this time, as angels were instrumental in God’s numerous dealings with His people in the past (*cf*. [Genesis 18:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+18.1ff&t=NKJV); [Exodus 23:20-23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+23.20-23&t=NKJV); [Deuteronomy 33:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Deuteronomy+33.2&t=NKJV); [2 Kings 19:35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Kings+19.35&t=NKJV); [Psalm 68:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Psalm+68.17&t=NKJV); [78:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Psalm+78.25&t=NKJV); [Daniel 6:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+6.22&t=NKJV); [Acts 7:53](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+7.53&t=NKJV); [Galatians 3:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Galatians+3.19&t=NKJV); [Hebrews 2:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+2.2&t=NKJV)).

Moses and Elijah accompanying Christ will be instrumental in events occurring in two realms:

1) The nations, under the Assyrian (the Beast, the Antichrist) ruling the world in that day.

2) Israel, scattered among these same nations.

Moses, as in the type in Exodus, will evidently be instrumental in God’s dealings with *the nations* at this time. And Elijah, as in the type in 1 Kings, in line with that which is prophesied concerning Elijah in [Malachi 3:1-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Malachi+3.1-3&t=NKJV); [4:5-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Malachi+4.5-6&t=NKJV), can only be seen as instrumental in God’s dealings with *the Jewish people* at this time.

A Seventy-Five-Day Period

Something often overlooked in biblical prophecy is a seventy-five-day period seen in the closing three verses of Daniel’s prophecy.

*And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.*

*Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.*

*But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.* ([Daniel 12:11-13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+12.11-13&t=NKJV))

Numerous events relative to Israel and the nations will occur between the time of Christ’s return and the beginning of the Messianic Kingdom. Little thought is usually given to these events, though the matter is dealt with extensively in Scripture. Too often a somewhat blended picture of central events occurring at this time is seen — Christ’s return, His dealings with Israel (the national conversion, resurrection of Old Testament saints, and the restoration of the nation), and the overthrow of Gentile world power.

Scripture though, as previously stated, provides a wealth of information pertaining to the numerous events surrounding Christ’s return. And, within this information, there is a sequence to the order in which these events will occur.

The setting up of “*the abomination of desolation,*” referred to in [Daniel 12:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+12.11&t=NKJV), is a reference to the actions of the Assyrian breaking his covenant with Israel and desecrating the Holy of Holies of the rebuilt temple. This will occur at the exact mid-point of the seven-year Tribulation (*cf*. [Daniel 8:9-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+8.9-14&t=NKJV); [9:26-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.26-27&t=NKJV); [11:30-32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+11.30-32&t=NKJV); [Matthew 24:15-22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+24.15-22&t=NKJV); [Luke 21:20-24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+21.20-24&t=NKJV); [2 Thessalonians 2:3-4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Thessalonians+2.3-4&t=NKJV); [Revelation 11:1-2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+11.1-2&t=NKJV); [12:4-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+12.4-6&t=NKJV), [13-16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+12.13-16&t=NKJV)), a period comprised of 2,520 days, or two equal 1,260-day periods ([Daniel 7:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+7.25&t=NKJV); [9:24-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.24-27&t=NKJV); [12:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+12.7&t=NKJV); [Revelation 11:2-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+11.2-3&t=NKJV); [12:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+12.6&t=NKJV); [13:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+13.5&t=NKJV)).

[Daniel 12:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+12.11&t=NKJV) takes one *thirty days* beyond the end of the Tribulation, and the next verse takes one *an additional forty-five days* beyond the initial thirty, totaling *seventy-five days*. Then the next verse, the last verse in Daniel, concludes the matter by revealing *the time* in relation to these seventy-five days when Daniel would be allowed to stand in his “*lot*” (*i.e.*, be raised from the dead and realize his inheritance in the land [*cf*. [Numbers 26:55](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Numbers+26.55&t=NKJV); [34:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Numbers+34.13&t=NKJV); [36:2-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Numbers+36.2-3&t=NKJV); [Joshua 14:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joshua+14.2&t=NKJV); [Daniel 12:1-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+12.1-3&t=NKJV)]).

Thus, the resurrection and restoration of Israel can only be placed toward and at the end of this seventy-five-day period. Numerous events, having to do with both Israel and the nations will occur before this time. Elijah will be instrumental in events having to do with *the Jewish people* during this time, and Moses will evidently be instrumental in events having to do with *the nations* during this same time.

Elijah and Israel

The type that one can draw from pertaining to Elijah has to do with his experiences with *Ahab* (the king in Israel during Elijah’s day, who had married Jezebel, a pagan king’s daughter) and his subsequent experiences with *the prophets of Baal and with unbelieving Israel on Mount Carmel.*

This was one of the darkest periods in Israeli history. Ahab had led Israel into Baal worship, along with other forms of idolatry; and during his reign the city of Jericho was rebuilt (a curse rested upon anyone rebuilding this city [*cf*. [Joshua 6:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joshua+6.26&t=NKJV); [1 Kings 16:34](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Kings+16.34&t=NKJV)]).

Scripture states that “*Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him*” ([1 Kings 16:30-34](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Kings+16.30-34&t=NKJV)).

This was the situation when Elijah appeared on the scene, beginning a sequence of events — lasting three and one-half years, during which no rain fell throughout the land — which was climaxed by *belief in Israel, the prophets of Baal being slain, and rain falling in torrents* ([1 Kings 17:1-18:45](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Kings+17.1-18.45&t=NKJV); [James 5:17-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=James+5.17-18&t=NKJV)).

And when Elijah appears to Israel following the Tribulation, it will be after three and one-half years of a rule of the most corrupt and wicked Gentile king that the world will have ever known, one who will seek to destroy Israel from off the face of the earth.

And Elijah, possibly after a similar fashion, will once again bring about that which he brought to pass on Mount Carmel. He will bring about conditions of a nature that will cause the hearts of the people to turn to the Prophets and the hearts of the Prophets to turn to the people, *i.e.*, bring about *belief* among the Jewish people where unbelief had previously existed, *belief and adherence* to that which the Prophets had previously stated (*cf*. [1 Kings 18:37-39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Kings+18.37-39&t=NKJV); [Malachi 4:5-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Malachi+4.5-6&t=NKJV)).

Then, in conjunction with the preceding, Elijah is going to bring about a people ready to receive their Messiah when He subsequently reveals Himself to them.

Two complete chapters in the book of Revelation, extending into part of a third chapter ([Revelation 17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+17&t=NKJV); [18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+18&t=NKJV); [19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19&t=NKJV) [19a]), are given over to depicting Israel in the kingdom of Antichrist and that which will happen as a result of Elijah’s ministry immediately following the Tribulation. Israel’s harlotry is seen at an apex and then quickly brought to an end in these chapters. And Scripture elsewhere, having to do with Elijah’s future ministry, tells how this will be done (*ref*. the author’s pamphlets, “[The Beast and the Woman Part 1.pdf](http://lampbroadcast.org/plets/ppdf9/TheBeastandth), [Part 2.pdf](http://lampbroadcast.org/plets/ppdf9/TheBeastandtheWomanPartII.pdf) ” and “[Babylon and Jerusalem Part 1.pdf](http://lampbroadcast.org/plets/ppdf9/BabylonandJerusalemPartI.pdf), [Part 2.pdf](http://lampbroadcast.org/plets/ppdf9/BabylonandJerusalemPartII.pdf)”).

Moses and the Nations

The things having to do with that which will evidently be Moses’ ministry as it pertains to the nations during this same time also occupies several chapters in the book of Revelation ([Revelation 8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+8&t=NKJV); [9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+9&t=NKJV); [16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+16&t=NKJV)).

When the sixth seal of the seven-sealed scroll ([Revelation 5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+5&t=NKJV)) is opened in [Revelation 6:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+6.12&t=NKJV), events being depicted will occur near and at the end of the Tribulation. The kingdom of the Assyrian is seen in utter chaos, a decimated kingdom. Then the heavens are opened (exactly as in [Revelation 19:11ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.11ff&t=NKJV), for they are two depictions of the same scene), with God’s Christ coming forth as “*King of kings and Lord of lords*,” though described in a different manner in [Revelation 6:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+6.16&t=NKJV) (as *One seated “on a throne”*).

And those on the earth — from governmental rulers on thrones to individuals in prisons — will seek to distance themselves from the One coming forth. The kingdom of this world will be in shambles at this time, and those on the earth will evidently have some understanding of what the presence of the One coming forth means, for they will seek to hide themselves and say to the “*mountains and rocks*”:

. . . *Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!*

*For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?* ([Revelation 6:16-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+6.16-17&t=NKJV)).

The seventh seal has yet to be broken at this point in time, containing the climactic judgments, the seven trumpet and seven bowl judgments (which are the same judgments described two different ways, in the same manner that the two depictions of the heavens being opened and Christ coming forth are seen and described in the book two different ways).

(Note that Scripture is quite often structured in the preceding manner, beginning in Genesis and ending in Revelation [*e.g.*, the first thirty-four verses of Genesis cover the whole of Scripture in a skeletal framework; then commentary is provided, adding the sinews, flesh, and skin; or, in the book of Revelation, note that [Revelation 1:10-11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+1.10-11&t=NKJV) and [Revelation 4:1-2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+4.1-2&t=NKJV) describe exactly the same scene; or that [Revelation 10:1-7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+10.1-7&t=NKJV) and [Revelation 16:17-21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+16.17-21&t=NKJV) describe exactly the same end].

Refer to the author’s book, [The Time of the End BOOK](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-in-revelation.php#The%20Time%20of%20the%20End), where this structure of Scripture, as seen particularly in the book of Revelation, is discussed different places.)

The judgments under the seventh seal (the seven trumpet and seven vial judgments) have to do with judgments upon the kingdom of the Assyrian of that day, which will already be a decimated kingdom when the seventh seal is broken and these judgments commence. And these judgments parallel the ten plagues that befell the kingdom of the Assyrian in history ([Exodus 7-12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+7-12&t=NKJV)).

Both *seven* and *ten* are complete numbers, showing *complete judgment befalling the kingdom of the Assyrian in both history and prophecy.*

And the reason why judgment of this nature will befall the kingdom of the Assyrian in prophecy can only be the same as the reason why it befell the kingdom of the Assyrian in history.

The Assyrian in history was not only seeking to destroy the Jewish people but he would not allow them to leave Egypt in order to realize the rights of the firstborn in the land covenanted to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And the Assyrian in prophecy will do exactly the same thing relative to the Jewish people scattered worldwide, scattered throughout his kingdom.

(God’s power, of course, could easily have overridden the Assyrian’s power in history, as will be the case with the Assyrian’s power in prophecy as well [that is, God could have simply removed His people/can one day simply remove His people through divine power, regardless of the Assyrian’s attitude, with that being the end of the matter].

But that is all beside the point. God has chosen to exhibit His power after another fashion entirely. God has chosen to bring matters to pass His way, through *His means, resulting in an even greater manifestation of divine power* [*cf*. [Exodus 9:15-16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+9.15-16&t=NKJV); [Revelation 17:16-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+17.16-17&t=NKJV)].)

In history, Moses and Aaron confronted the Assyrian, with *one message from God*. And, in prophecy, evidently Christ Himself and Moses will confront the Assyrian, with *the same singular message*:

. . . *Thus says the LORD: “Israel is My son, My firstborn.*

*So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn.”* ([Exodus 4:22-23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+4.22-23&t=NKJV))

In history, the Assyrian’s kingdom was decimated following Moses and Aaron’s appearances before him, with the Assyrian and his armed forces destroyed in the Red Sea following Israel’s removal from Egypt.

And in prophecy, matters will occur exactly the same way. The Assyrian’s kingdom will be even further decimated (following Christ’s return, with His and evidently Moses’ appearance[s] before him), with his kingdom completely destroyed after Israel has been removed from that which Egypt typifies, from a worldwide dispersion ([Isaiah 63:1-4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+63.1-4&t=NKJV); [Ezekiel 38](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ezekiel+38&t=NKJV); [39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ezekiel+39&t=NKJV); [Joel 2:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joel+2.1ff&t=NKJV); [3:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joel+3.1ff&t=NKJV); [Revelation 19:17-21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.17-21&t=NKJV)).

(*Ref*. the author’s book, in this site, [The Time of the End BOOK](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-in-revelation.php#The%20Time%20of%20the%20End), Chapters 16-19 for information on the completion of God’s judgment upon the kingdom of the future Assyrian after the preceding fashion.)