

Revelation 14:7 says that Judgment **has** come! Worship Him who is the Creator. This is right from the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment in Exodus 20:11 Vs.8 depicts the collapse of support for false religion that causes confusion and deceit! Vs. 9-11 shows the result of those who refuse to hear and obey this last day message.

**Then**, Vs.12 shows how God's people will respond to this message, "*Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.*"

Jesus said, *If **you** love Me ,keep My commandments*" –John 14:15 The Elijah message is a call for people back to the Commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. They go together and **cannot** be separated! In the true gospel, Law and Grace are in harmony in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen! *See: I John 1:7* Scripture says that the blood of Christ cleanses us **if we** walk in the light as **He is** in the light.

#### **-My Decision-**

- I believe the Bible calls God's last-day message to prepare for Christ's return "The Elijah Message".

I desire to follow all truth, take steps away from modern Babylon, and keep God's Ten Commandments.

# THE VOICE OF PROPHECY SPEAKS

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### The Elijah Message

Many false prophets or false Christ's have come and gone in recent history. In 1978 Reverent Jim Jones of the People's Temple in San Francisco led 913 followers including 276 children to Guyana where they committed mass suicide in November 1978! Was he Elijah?

In 1993 David Koresh and 80 Branch Davidians incinerated themselves when FBI agents burned their My. Carmel Headquarters to the ground. Was he Elijah?

March 1997, Rancho Santa Fe near San Diego. Herf Alllewhite and a cult of 39 called heaven's gate who believed in UFO's committed mass suicide when the tail of the Hale-Bopp Comet appeared, and they decided to shed their "containers" (bodies) and move to **the** next level. Was Applewhite Elijah?

**Malachi 4:5-6** says, "*Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet **before** the coming of the great and dread day of the Lord. And He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.*"

**What does this mean?** Who is this Elijah? Is he Rev. Sun Myung Moon, and auto manufacturer from Korea who lives in Multi-Million dollar homes and who his followers sell flowers at airports and claim is Elijah?

### -Man or Message?-

The bible is referring to “a message” similar to Elijah’s in Malachi, **not** a man! This *message* appears only two times in scripture. The first time to **prepare** people for the 1<sup>st</sup> Coming of Christ. And second, a special message (similar to Elijah’s) to **prepare** people for Jesus’ 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming. You see, in the bible, many prophecies have “primary” + “secondary” applications. How do we know this? Because we overhear the disciples who were perplexed about the same question: puzzled over this Old Testament text about the coming of Elijah!

**Matthew 17:10-13** gives us the “background” to the transfiguration of Jesus on the Mount where Jesus gave His disciples special encouragement before His final days and death on the cross. In VS.2-3 it says that Moses and Elijah appeared before the disciples and talked with Jesus! **And** in VS 5-6 God speaks to His Son!

This Biblical account is a mini-demonstration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Coming** of Christ. It was so bright and glorious that the disciples were convinced beyond a shadow of doubt Jesus was the Son of God/Messiah! But, this left them in a “terrible” DILEMMA because they had been taught as children that **before** Messiah, Elijah must first come. *See: VS.10-13.*

Clearly then, John the Baptist was the “Elijah” of Christ’s day but the people hadn’t recognized him! The Elijah **message** sent to prepare the way for Christ’s 1<sup>st</sup> Coming!

Listen to the witness of John the Baptist when questioned by the Jews and religious leaders:

*“Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, ‘I am not the Christ(Messiah).’ And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am **not**.’ (Uh-oh! Jesus said he was!) ‘Are you the Prophet? And he answered, ‘No.’ Then they said to him, ‘Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?’” –VS.19-22*

Then he said, *“I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: make straight the way of the Lord.”*

**Now**, if you read Luke 1:5,15-17 you will notice that this is the *fulfillment* of the prophecy given in Malachi 4:5-6! John **wasn’t** Elijah -in person. He came in the spirit and power of Elijah! This is talking about A MESSAGE similar to Elijah’s. If **you** receive it, it becomes Elijah to you! Jesus even confirmed this in His own words in *Matthew 11:7,10,14.*

Malachi states that the Elijah message must come **before** the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ. But Luke and Matthew provide a parallel fulfillment of this message at the 1<sup>st</sup> Coming of Christ, 2000 years ago!

This message “will prepare the way” for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus, with a major last-day-book-of-Revelation call for decision and reformation and repentance! Just like Elijah’s.

The message of Elijah in Malachi was a call back to holy living, to the proper keeping of God’s Commandments! Messiah is coming with fire and judgment. Repent! **Read** it in II Kings 17:13-16.

Israel forsook God and His commandments. They became sun worshipers like the pagan nations around them! God sent a message to bring reformation and a return of faithfulness to His commandments. And a showdown ensued between truth and error.

The key text applicable to **us** today is found in I Kings 17:21, *“And Elijah came to all the people, and said, ‘How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord id God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.’ But the people answered him not a word,”*

But, you may say, “we do not worship the sun or false doctrines contrary to the teachings of Christ, do we?” **Ans:** History and bible prophecy indicate otherwise!

In Revelation 14:6-12,14,15 we have the same “Elijah’s Message” in it’s current setting just before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming to **prepare** people for the rapture.

Now remember, in bible prophecy the symbol of an **angel** signifies a “message/messenger” for the whole world. **Everlasting Gospel** means that this message is **not** something new! It is the same gospel given to Adam, Noah, Jesus, Apostles-right to these last days!