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HAVE YOU EVER ASKED YOURSELF WHY YOU NEED TO BE BAPTIZED?

JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE A MEMBER OF A CHURCH, DOES THAT MEAN YOU ARE SAVED?

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IT IS TIME FOR THE MYSTERIES TO BE UNLOCKED AND REVEALED TO THE WORLD.

ARE YOU WILLING TO HEAR THE TRUE WORD OF GOD?

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the **mystery** of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

REVELATION 10:7

# The Supernatural

# JOHN 14:12

VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU,
HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME, THE
WORKS THAT I DO SHALL HE DO
ALSO; AND GREATER WORKS THAN
THESE SHALL HE DO; BECAUSE I
GO UNTO MY FATHER.

# MARK 16:17-18

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

All of us can turn the pages of the Bible and see that God performs miracles: Moses parted the Red Sea, Elijah called a famine, Jesus walked on the water, and the disciples healed the sick.

There are thousands of miraculous events recorded in the Bible. If God bears witness with signs and wonders, then where are His miracles today? Can He heal cancer like He healed leprosy in the Bible? What about AIDS or malaria? Can He still perform a miracle? Yes, God still performs miracles and these signs follow them that believe.

Now, look friends, think of King George of England, when he was healed with multiple sclerosis, when we had prayer for him. Think of Florence Nightingale, (her grandmother, the founder of the Red Cross), was about sixty pounds of weight, laid dying yonder with a cancer on the duodenal of the stomach, laying there dying. A little dove flew into the bush there and the Spirit of God come and said, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, she shall live." And she weighs a hundred and fifty-five pounds in perfect health.

Think of Congressman Upshaw setting bound in chairs and bed for year after year, for sixtysix years. And right in a moment's time raised to his feet, run through the building, touched his toes, was perfectly made normal and well.

Just think of the thousands and thousands of people that's been healed. Why set we here until we die? Let's do something about it.

Have faith if you are sick or in need. The Bible says that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever, so if He was able to perform a miracle two-thousand years ago, then He is able to do the same today. He promised us that we are healed, if we would only believe.

# William D. Upshaw served eight years in the United States House of Representatives and ran for president in 1932. A farming accident paralyzed him as a child, and he spent 66 years either on crutches or in a wheelchair. In 1951, he was completely healed and walked perfectly the rest of

his life.

# Florence Nightingale, a distant relative of the famous nurse, had terminal stomach cancer. She sent this picture as a last plea for prayer before the cancer finally took her life. As you can see, she was at the point of death before the Lord Jesus healed her in 1950. The next picture was taken after her healing and sent in as a testimony that God

still heals the sick.

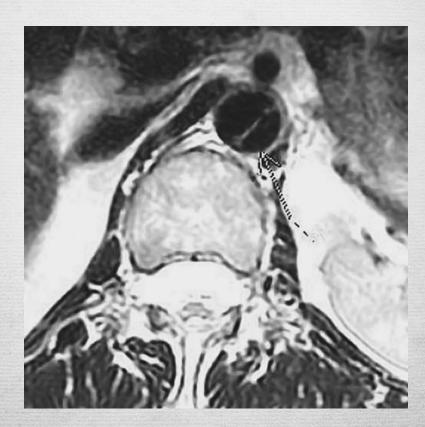








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Griffin went to the doctor's office in early 2013 because of back pain that she feared could be a reoccurrence of her battle with cancer. An MRI showed an "aortic dissection" in her heart, which led doctors to do further tests and schedule an emergency surgery the next day. The line through the heart in the image is an obvious fissure that would mean a quick and almost certain death if it ruptured.



The next day, after believers prayed for her, doctors conducted another CT scan to pinpoint the location of the fissure before surgery. This time, the images showed a completely healthy heart. Baffled, the surgeon told Mrs. Griffin, "I don't know what to tell you. You had an aortic dissection, but now all the evidence is gone." He showed her the images before prayer, and then after. "You are free to go, and by the way, there is no sign of cancer either. You are in perfect health."





(left) The doctor's arrow is pointing to the aorta, which is the dark, circular area in the center of the image. The diagonal line through it is the aneurism, or "dissection" of the aorta, which requires immediate surgery and is fatal if it ruptures. (above) A second scan was taken the next day. The dissection completely disappeared and never returned.

# References

## PSALM 103:2-3

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

#### ISAIAH 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

### MARK 16:17

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

### LUKE 17:6

And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

#### JOHN 14:12

Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also**; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

## I THESSALONIANS 1:5

For our gospel came not unto you in word only, **but also in power**, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

#### HEBREWS 2:3-4

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

# HEBREWS 13:8

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

#### **JAMES 5:15**

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

#### I PETER 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

# Judgment

# PSALM 96:13

BEFORE THE LORD: FOR HE COMETH, FOR HE COMETH TO JUDGE THE EARTH: HE SHALL JUDGE THE WORLD WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THE PEOPLE WITH HIS TRUTH.

There are thousands of different denominations in the world today. Each religion condemns the other, yet they all promise salvation through *their* denomination. How do we know which one to choose?

If we choose the Catholic church, then we accept the intercession of saints, which is no more than praying to idols. The Bible says, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;" (I Tim 2:5). The priest is called "Father" which was forbidden by Jesus in Matt 23:9: "And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven." The Assemblies Of God tells us that speaking in tongues is the initial evidence

of the Holy Ghost, when Paul said, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." (I Cor 13:1)

Almost all denominations are quick to tell us that many things in the Bible are misinterpreted, lost in translation, or don't apply in today's world. So, are we supposed to believe the Bible or the denominational doctrines? What will God use as a standard for judgment?

If I would ask the Catholic here tonight, "What do you think that God will judge the world by?" The Catholic say, "By the Catholic Church." All right, now what Catholic Church? Now they got the Roman, the Greek Orthodox, and many of them. Which Catholic Church would it be? The Lutheran say, "By us," then you Baptist are out. And then if we'd say, "By the Baptist," then you Pentecostals are out. So there would be such a confusion, no one would know what to do; so He never promised to judge the world by the church.

He promised to judge the world by Christ, and Christ is the Word. And the Bible is what will judge the world, which is Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.

# References

#### JOHN 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

#### JOHN 1:14

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

#### JOHN 5:22

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

#### JOHN 12:48

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: **the word that I have spoken**, the same shall judge him in the last day.

# **EPHESIANS 1:5-7**

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

# **EPHESIANS 2:5-8**

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

#### I JOHN 1:

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

# **REVELATION 22:18-19**

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.



# The Name

### MARK 16:16

HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS
BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED; BUT
HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT SHALL
BE DAMNED.

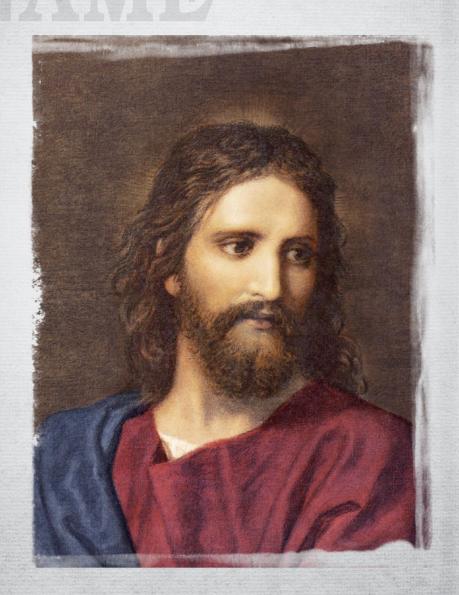
# ACTS 2:38

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Obviously, baptism is very important, but does it matter how we are baptized? Is there a correct baptism, or will anything work? If you believe the Bible, then YES, there is a correct baptism.

Most churches baptize in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, but this is not correct according to the Bible.

In Acts 19, there were certain people who already believed on Jesus Christ, but had not yet received the Holy Ghost into their hearts. The apostle Paul knew the correct way to receive the Holy Ghost, so he asked them, "Unto what then were ye baptized?" And they said, "Unto John's baptism." (Acts 19:3) Paul saw that they were not baptized according to Peter's commandment in Acts 2:38, so he instructed them to be re-baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Then, as promised, they received the Holy Ghost.





So, why did the disciples baptize in the Name of Jesus when Jesus, Himself, told them to baptize in the *Name* (not "names") of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost? (Matt 28:19) Did they make a mistake? No! They did exactly as they were instructed.

As you read this article, think about your name. Are you a son? Is your name, "Son"? Are you a mother? Is your name, "Mother"? Of course not, those are simply titles. You have a real name, and so does God.

Here is the answer:

And there is no such a thing in the Bible as anybody ever being

baptized in the name of the Father, Son, Holy Ghost; because there is no such a thing. Father's no name; and Son's no name; and Holy Ghost is no name; but the Name of the Father, Son, Holy Ghost is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is God! He is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

If you are seeking the Holy Ghost and wondering why the Lord has not given it to you yet, then you might want to ask yourself the same question that Paul asked, "Unto what then were ye baptized?"

# References

# **MATTHEW 28:19**

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: [What is the Father's Name? Son's Name? Holy Ghost's Name?]

### MARK 16:16

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

#### JOHN 5:43

*I am come in my Father's name*, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. [If He comes in His Father's Name, then what is His Name?]

# JOHN 10:30

I and my Father are one.

# JOHN 12:45

And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

# JOHN 14:8-9

Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

# JOHN 20:27-28

Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

# ACTS 2:38-39

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you **in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

#### ACTS 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

#### ACTS 8:12

But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the **name of Jesus Christ**, they were baptized, both men and women.

# ACTS 19:3-6

And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

# **EPHESIANS 4:5**

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

# COLOSSIANS 3:17

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the **name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

#### I JOHN 5:7

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

# Life After

JOHN 5:28-29

MARVEL NOT AT THIS: FOR THE
HOUR IS COMING, IN THE WHICH
ALL THAT ARE IN THE GRAVES
SHALL HEAR HIS VOICE,
AND SHALL COME FORTH; THEY
THAT HAVE DONE GOOD, UNTO THE
RESURRECTION OF LIFE; AND THEY
THAT HAVE DONE EVIL, UNTO THE
RESURRECTION OF DAMNATION.

There is coming a day when each of us, whether Christian or otherwise, will find out exactly what is beyond the curtain of time. The Bible promises Eternal Life to some, and to others, it promises damnation.

Every human being throughout history has surely asked himself, "What will happen to me when I die?"

Long before there was ever a Bible to read, the prophet Job watched nature. He talked about the hope of a tree, how it would be cut down and die, yet through the scent of water, it springs back to life and puts out fresh buds. Job knew that a man, like the tree, would again rise to life:

If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin? (Job 14:14-16)

Job may not have had a Bible to read, but he knew that God would one day resurrect him from the grave when the Redeemer of mankind came forth.

Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!

That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever.

For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

And though after my skin worms destroy this body, **yet in my flesh shall I see God:** (Job 19:23-26)

The prophet was speaking of the Lord Jesus and the resurrection of His people. By revelation Job knew that though our bodies might completely wither away, Jesus will restore our flesh. And with our own eyes, we will see His Coming. All of God's people long to see that glorious day.

However, just as sure as God exists, there is also a devil; and just as sure as there is Heaven, there is also hell. The stakes are higher than we can imagine. The Apostle Paul said that, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." (I Cor. 2:9)

Our minds cannot comprehend how great Heaven will be, and neither can they comprehend the horrors of hell. Jesus told us that hell is so bad that it would be better if we cut off a member of our body than risk going to that horrible place.

And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: (Mark 9:43)

So who will go to Heaven? And who will go to hell? It's a sad thought, but Jesus said that most people will not receive the reward that He is willing to give: Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (Matt 7:13-14)

Jesus also said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (Matt 7:21-23)

Just because a person claims Christianity does not mean that he is saved. So, this is the obvious question in our minds: How do I receive Eternal Life? Jesus gave us a very simple answer: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. (John 5:24)

Unfortunately, there are so few people in the world today who are willing to take time from their busy days to hear the Word of God. And there are even fewer who will believe the Word once they have heard it.

The churches tell us to be a good person, think positively, don't lie, cheat, or steal, and we will go to Heaven. They don't understand that hell will be full of people that seem to live good lives. The reality is that we won't go to Heaven because of our righteous deeds or because we are a member of a certain church. There is only one path to Eternal Life, and that is through Jesus Christ. He instructed us that we must BELIEVE His Word, which is the Bible. Otherwise, how could we be saved?

When the day of judgment comes for you, will you hear, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world," (Matt 25:34) or will you hear, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels"? (Matt 25:41)

As your eyes read across these words, you have a choice to make: Will you choose to believe God's Word?

Where will you spend eternity?

# References

### JOB 14:12-16

So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!

If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands. For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin?

#### JOB 19:23-26

Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!

That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!

For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

# MATTHEW 7:21-23

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

#### **MATTHEW 22:14**

For many are called, but few are chosen.

### JOHN 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

#### JOHN 5:24

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

#### I CORINTHIANS 2:9

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

#### I THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

# The Original Sin

# GENESIS 3:1

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

# **GENESIS 3:6-7**

AND WHEN THE WOMAN SAW THAT THE TREE WAS GOOD FOR FOOD, AND THAT IT WAS PLEASANT TO THE EYES, AND A TREE TO BE DESIRED TO MAKE ONE WISE, SHE TOOK OF THE FRUIT THEREOF, AND DID EAT, AND GAVE ALSO UNTO HER HUSBAND WITH HER; AND HE DID EAT.

AND THE EYES OF THEM BOTH WERE OPENED, AND THEY KNEW THAT THEY WERE NAKED; AND THEY SEWED FIG LEAVES TOGETHER, AND MADE THEMSELVES APRONS.

# GENESIS 3:14-15

AND THE LORD GOD SAID UNTO THE SERPENT, BECAUSE THOU HAST DONE THIS, THOU ART CURSED ABOVE ALL CATTLE, AND ABOVE EVERY BEAST OF THE FIELD; UPON THY BELLY SHALT THOU GO, AND DUST SHALT THOU EAT ALL THE DAYS OF THY LIFE:

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

This is the first sin recorded in the Bible. The most cunning of all the beasts, the serpent, "beguiled" Eve into eating a piece of forbidden fruit. She ate it and then gave it to her husband, which caused them to realize that they were naked.

The obvious questions are: How can a snake talk? What does an apple have to do with being naked? And, where does the seed of the serpent fit into all this?

The Bible says the serpent was the most "subtil" of all the beasts. He was so like a human, that he could walk, talk, and even have an intelligent conversation. After he beguiled Adam's wife, God cursed him to be a snake, but not before the damage was done and the seed was planted.

The Bible says in Genesis 3:15 that the serpent had a seed, and God put *enmity* between the two seeds. Obviously, the serpent's seed mingled with Eve's natural seed before the separation. How could all that be a result of eating an apple? Then, a few verses

later, "Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living." Note that it does not say Adam was the father of all living.

There are different "fruits" in the Bible. Of course, there is the literal fruit, like an apple, that grows and is consumed for food. There is also the fruit that refers to our works, whether it is natural works such as farming and business, or spiritual works such as performing miracles and preaching the Gospel. Then, there is the fruit of the womb, which refers to conception and childbirth.

Would eating a literal fruit give Adam and Eve the understanding that they were naked? Or, would it take a physical relationship between a man and a woman for them to understand why they should cover certain parts of their bodies?

What really happened that day in the Garden to cause all humanity to fall?

As the Seed of the woman was literally God reproducing Himself in human flesh, so the seed of the serpent is the literal way that Satan found he was able to open the door to himself into the human race. It was impossible for Satan (for he is only a CREATED spirit-being) to reproduce himself in the manner which God reproduced Himself, so the Genesis account tells how he produced his seed and introduced or injected himself into the human race. Also recall that Satan is called the "serpent." It is his

seed or injection into the human race we are speaking of.

Before Adam ever had carnal knowledge of Eve, the serpent had that knowledge ahead of him. And that one born of it was Cain. Cain was of (born of, begotten of) that "Wicked One," I John 3:12.

...The truth of the matter is that Eve had in her womb TWO sons (twins) from SEPARATE impregnations. She was carrying twins, with Cain's conception sometime previous to that of Abel's.

# References

# **GENESIS 3:6-7**

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

[How would they know they were naked from eating a piece of fruit?]

### GENESIS 3:13-15

And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

[The serpent had a seed. Obviously, this is not referring to a snake.]

# GENESIS 3:20

And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because **she was the mother of all living**. [Why is Adam not called the father of all living?]

# **GENESIS 4:1-2**

And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

[All life comes from God, whether conceived legitimately or illegitimately. Satan cannot create life.]

# LUKE 3:38

Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.

[Where is the first-born Cain in the lineage of Adam?]

# I JOHN 3:12

Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

[God created Adam in His own image. Where did the wickedness of Cain come from, and where did the righteousness of Abel come from? Their attributes were inherited from their fathers.]

### JUDE 1:14

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

[Nowhere in the Bible is Cain in the lineage of Adam.]



# The Dreadful Day Of the Lord

# MALACHI 4:1

FOR, BEHOLD, THE DAY COMETH, THAT SHALL BURN AS AN OVEN...

# **MALACHI 4:5-6**

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

And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

The last Book of the Old Testament promises the destruction of the world. But before the end, Elijah the prophet is predicted to return and introduce the Messiah. Some say that John the Baptist fulfilled this prophecy.

Two thousand years ago, the Jews were expecting the Messiah to come. They knew that Malachi prophesied a man with the spirit of Elijah would introduce the Messiah to them. But when John the Baptist came, he wasn't what they expected Elijah to be. When they questioned Jesus about why Elijah had not come first, He clearly told them that John was the fulfillment of that prophecy: "And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come." (Elias is the Greek form of the Hebrew name, Elijah.)



It was only a small group of people that received this revelation. To most of the religious leaders, John was no more than an overzealous critic of their organizations. Not only did they not recognize the spirit of Elijah, but worse, they also missed the Coming of Christ.

# So did John the Baptist fulfill Malachi's prophecy? Not completely.

First of all, the world has not "burned as an oven" yet, so we know that at least part of Malachi 4 is yet to happen. Another part of the Scripture that was not fulfilled by John was, "turn the heart of the children to their fathers." And, Jesus, Himself, prophesied that Elijah shall (future) come and restore all things. (Matt 17:11)

# Therefore we should be looking for Elijah before the Second Coming of Christ!

Now, in this modern day, it is time for the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus. Again, we are promised that the spirit of Elijah will introduce Him to us according to Malachi 4. But what group of people will recognize Elijah when he comes? Only those who are looking for him.

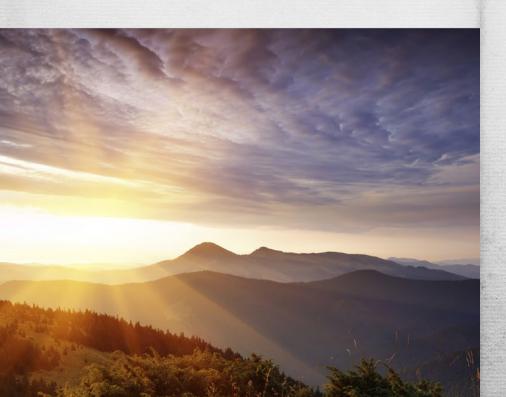
These Words of our Lord and Saviour come to mind when we think of Malachi's prophecy for these closing hours of time:

But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not...

Matthew 17:12



What if we miss this coming of Elijah? Will we then miss the Second Coming of Christ, like the scribes and Pharisees missed His First Coming because they did not recognize John the Baptist?



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# II KINGS 2:15

And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, **The spirit** of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

# ISAIAH 40:3-4

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: [John the Baptist]

### MALACHI 3:1

Behold, I will send my messenger [John the Baptist], and **he shall prepare the way before me**: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

#### MALACHI 4:1-6

For, **behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven** [hasn't happened yet]; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto 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 shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children [John the Baptist], and the heart of the children to their fathers [modern Elijah], lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

#### **MATTHEW 11:10**

For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. [Malachi 3:1, John the Baptist]

#### **MATTHEW 11:14**

And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come. [John the Baptist]

### MATTHEW 17:11-12

And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. [Modern Elijah]

But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. [John the Baptist] Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

#### LUKE 1:17

And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. [John the Baptist]

# The Word

# HEBREWS 4:12

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With so many doctrines, denominations, and cults in this modern world, where does the true believer fit in? If Peter, James, and John were here on earth today, what denomination would they join? Would miracles still follow their ministry or would they profess that those days are long past? Would they compromise on baptism? Would they follow their church doctrine even though it is a little off the Word? Would they believe the Bible, or would they believe the Pharisees and Sadducees of today?

Ask yourself this question: If Jesus Christ was here today, would you forsake all to follow Him? Would you believe His Word?

He has given you the same opportunity that He gave to His disciples. He put this tract in your hand to point you back to His Word, His Bible. Will you compromise? Men and women, friends, do you realize the God of Heaven that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead, He is not dead but He's alive. And if He kept His Word to David, if He kept it to Elijah, if He kept it to Moses, if He kept it to the Hebrew children, if He kept it to--to Daniel, He will keep it to you and I.



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