

John The Baptist Was Elijah

The end of the Old Testament and the start of the New Testament speak of John the Baptist. John the Baptist is also mentioned in Isaiah 40:3 & 5; "A voice of one who cries: 'Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord. Make straight a way for our God and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.'"

In Malachi 3:1 we read; "Behold, I send My messenger and he shall prepare the way before Me." Then further in Malachi 4:5 & 6 we read, "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes and he shall 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."

In Matthew 11:9 to 15 we read about Jesus telling His disciples that the prophecy in Malachi was fulfilled. Jesus said, "What did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes I tell you but one more eminent and more superior to a prophet. This is the one of whom it was written, 'Behold, I send My messenger ahead of You, who will make ready Your way before You'. Truly I tell you among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist and from the days of John the Baptist until the present time the Kingdom of Heaven has endured violent assault and violent men seize it by force. All the prophets and the law prophesied up until John and if you are willing to receive it, John himself is Elijah who was to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Then again in Matthew 17:10 to 13 the disciples asked Him, "Why do the scribes say Elijah must come first?" Jesus replied, "Elijah does come and will get everything ready but I tell you Elijah has come already and they did not recognise him and did to him as they liked." Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them about John the Baptist.

In Mark 1:2 & 3 we read; Just as it is written in the prophet Isaiah. "Behold I send My messenger before Your face who will make ready Your way. A voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord.'"

Mark 6:20 says John was a righteous and a holy man.

In Mark 9:11 to 13 the disciples asked, "Why do the scribes say that it is necessary for Elijah to come first?" Jesus said to them, "Elijah it is true does come first to restore all things but I tell you Elijah has come and people did to him whatever they desired as it is written of him."

Luke 1:15 to 17 reads; "For he will be great and distinguished in the sight of the Lord and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb and he will turn back many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God and he will go before the Lord (Jesus) in the Spirit and Power of Elijah to turn back the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared in Spirit."

Luke 1:36, 41 & 44 says; "And listen! Your relative (cousin or aunt) Elizabeth has also conceived and it occurred when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby (the unborn John) leaped in her womb." Elizabeth said, "Behold, the instant your salutation reaches my ears the baby in my womb leapt for joy."

Luke 1:76 & 77 proclaims; "And you little one shall be called a prophet of the Most High for you shall go on before the face of the Lord to make ready His ways to bring the knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness and remission of their sins."

Luke 3:4 & 6 says; "As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the voice of one crying in the wilderness; Prepare the way of the Lord and all mankind shall see the salvation of God."

Luke 7:26 to 28 says; Jesus said, "What did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes I tell you and far more than a prophet. This is the one of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face who shall make ready Your way before You.' I tell among those born of women there is no one greater than John."

In Luke 16:16 Jesus said, "Until John came there were the law and the prophets. Since then the Gospel of the Kingdom of God is being preached."

John 1:6 to 8 says; "There came a man sent from God whose name was John. This man came to witness that he might testify of the Light that all men might believe in it. He was not the Light himself but he came that he might bear witness regarding the Light."

John 1:23 says; John the Baptist said of himself, "I am the voice of one crying aloud in the wilderness; Prepare the way of the Lord as the prophet Isaiah said."

John 3:2b says; John the Baptist said, "I have been sent before Him to be His appointed messenger."

Following the prophecies in Isaiah and Malachi we have the fulfilment in Luke 1:15 almost word for word so these scriptures prove that Elijah is not coming a third time and John the Baptist was the Elijah who was to come. John the Baptist said he was the one sent who was prophesied about and Jesus said John was Elijah who was to come. It is Jesus who will come again, not Elijah.

Amen and God bless you.

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