

The Lord said in the old testament that before the great and dreadful day of the Lord, that he would send Elijah the Prophet to be a forerunner of his coming. Malachi 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

When Jesus came the first time and was born of the virgin Mary, Jesus cousin, John, was six months older than him. John had a miraculous birth and was filled with the Holy Spirit six months into Elizabeths pregnancy.

Luke 1:41* And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe (John) leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost.

The recording of John the baptists birth is recorded in (Luke chapter one) and read (Luke chapter two) for the birth of Jesus, (their birth stories are intertwined).

John the baptist new in the Spirit that Jesus was the Messiah and he was the forerunner, baptizing people unto repentance.

Matthew 3:13-15* ¶ Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

Matthew 3:11* I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

God told John that whoever he sees the Holy Ghost descending and staying on him was the son of God.

John 1: 32-34 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

Now Jesus himself said, that if we would believe it, John the baptist WAS Elijah.

Matthew 11: 13-15 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

IN OTHER WORDS, he was not the person of Elijah, BUT in the Spirit of Elijah.

The last 3 1/2 years before Christ sets up his millennial reign here on earth for a 1000 years, he has his two witnesses preaching the everlasting gospel along with the 144,000 Jews. The witnesses have power and authority to bring down fire from heaven and power to close up the heavens so it won't rain (just like Elijah). Also the same plaques that Mosses brought upon Egypt before the exodus of Israel.

Revelation 11:3-7 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies; and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophesy; and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

This is why most bible scholars believe the two witnesses are Mosses and Elijah, but they believe it is actually them in person as Elijah never died, he was taken up instead. Mosses on the other hand died, but later it is recorded how God sent his angel (Michael) to get the body of Mosses from the Devil.

Jude 9* Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

I do not believe it is them in person, but rather two other MEN that have the Spirit of Elijah and Mosses IN THEM. JUST LIKE John the Baptist had, this has nothing to do with your salvation or close walk with God. It does depend on reading and understanding of Gods word, and how much you rely on carnal understanding compared to spiritual understanding.

John the Baptist was down on religious leaders, Jesus was down on religious leaders, the full believer in Jesus today, is down on religious leaders and so will the two witnesses be, to the point they will bring fire down from heaven and destroy them.

Why be down on religious leaders? Because the Lord warned us in many, many scriptures.

Isaiah 9:16 For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed.

2Ti 3:7* Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2Ti 3:8* Now as James and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

GOD LOVES THE SINNER but he hates the sin, and it is up to the leaders to show and tell the love of God but, we also have to tell the consequences for disobedience. Homosexuality or the acceptance of, is the last stage before God turns you over to a reprobate mind, and that basically means you have no conviction from God and are given over to all evil.

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