

PROMISE OF A BRIGHT TOMORROW - PART 11

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In Parts 1-4 we learned God promised to lead us in joy and peace out of our collective death spiral, by providing us a peace plan to resolve the dispute in the Holy Land, and to initiate a worldwide process of salvation. In Parts 5-9, we interpreted prophecies, beginning with "happy" prophecies to give us hope, before reading tragic prophecies about the Holy Land which have already been fulfilled, like Hamas' October 7 massacre, Gaza's destruction, Houthis firing missiles at shipping, violence spreading to the West Bank, and agonized worshipers at the Al-Aqsa mosque. And now, Israel has retaliated against Iran. It looks like Satan ("Iblis" for Muslims) is getting what he planned: He wants the war to intensify and watch all three spiritual branches of Abraham (Jews, Christians, and Muslims) slaughter each other in the name of God.

And finally, in Parts 10A & 10B, we looked at prophecies alerting us to the danger posed to the world by two particularly greedy and cruel men, a.k.a. the "dragon" and "beast" ("dajjal" for Muslims). But, Jesus has these encouraging words to say... Matthew 24:21-22, Jesus:

²¹ For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.

²² "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened."

The distress part isn't encouraging. What is encouraging, is the good news that the Tribulation (a.k.a. Great Fitnah) will be cut short before we annihilate each other. (By the way, the "elect" aren't any one religion or nationality. They are good people all over the world. I'll explain why at another time.) Jesus isn't the only one with encouraging words. As you may recall, in Isaiah 55:12 God promised us...

^{55:12} "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace..."

and in Isaiah 49:6, also promised...

^{49:6} "...It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Restoring the tribes is achieved through "God's Peace Plan for the Holy Land".

And afterwards, salvation spreads over the planet. But first, the peace plan must be accepted by both sides. Now, we can see what's at stake regarding the peace plan and the prophecies. In order for "God's Peace Plan for the Holy Land" to be authentic, it must be God's peace plan, not mine. And if it's God's, it must be in full alignment with the prophecies concerning it. If it isn't, then it can't really come from God—at least, not the positive polarity of God.

But, saying anything comes from God invariably comes at a high cost for the messenger. Happens every time. Naturally, people will claim I'm a nutcase, or accuse me of being a glory-seeker, imposter, or worse. Nevertheless, I have to supply the "proof", that is, show how and why the peace plan fits in prophecy. So, here it is... Malachi 3:1;

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me.
Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple;
the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,"
says the Lord Almighty."

But, who is this "messenger of the covenant"? Let's find out...
Malachi 4:4-5;

⁴ "Remember the law of my servant Moses,
the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.
⁵ See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you
before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes.
⁶ He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children,
and the hearts of the children to their parents;
or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."

Verse 5 says Elijah is the person who will present the peace plan. And as for the "decrees and laws", these are the basis of "God's Peace Plan for the Holy Land". More about that in a moment. First, we need to wrap up the identity proof.

Malachi 3:1 again; ¹ "I will send my messenger...the messenger of the covenant..." who, according to Malachi 4:5, is "the prophet Elijah". Next, a passage from the Apocrypha in the Catholic version of the Bible)
Sirach 48:4, 10;

⁴ How awesome, are you, Elijah! ¹⁰ It is written that you are destined at the appointed time to allay the wrath of God before it erupts in fury, to turn the hearts of parents back to their children and to restore the tribes of Jacob."

Do you remember Isaiah 49:6, where God says, "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob..."? Two verses later, in verse 8, God clarified what "restore the tribes of Jacob" means...

^{49:8} This is what the Lord says:

"In the time of my favor I will answer you,
and in the day of salvation I will help you;

I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people,
to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances,"

So, clearly, "restore" is meant in a manner including "reassign[ing]" the land's "desolate inheritances". How can one "restore the tribes of Jacob" unless it's according to the laws God gave them? That's why in Malachi 4:4, God tells us to "remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel". When you add all these prophecies up, they are talking about a peace plan sent from God and which must be delivered by Elijah.

So, I have an announcement to make: Here I am! I'm the prophet Elijah ("Elias", for Muslims), trying my best to prevent total destruction. But, there's an apparent problem with this centering around some things Jesus said in Matthew 11 & 17... In Matthew 11:9-11, 14, while speaking about John the Baptist, Jesus said:

^{11:9} Then what did you go out to see? A prophet?

Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women
there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist...

¹⁴ And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come."

Matthew 17:10-13;

¹⁰ The disciples asked [Jesus],

"Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?"

¹¹ Jesus replied,

"To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things.

¹² But I tell you, Elijah has already come,
and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished.

In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands."

¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist."

There's two issues that need to be worked out before we can proceed...

First, the original Elijah was an elderly prophet when he was taken up to heaven in a flaming chariot. Yet, in Luke 1:57—which comes centuries later—we learn John the Baptist was born as a normal baby. How can an old man disappear for centuries and then return as a baby? Secondly, while John both preceded and baptized Jesus, he didn't come close to doing all that Elijah's mission required him to accomplish, and in particular, he didn't "restore the land and...reassign its desolate inheritances."

We'll start by answering the question, "How can an old man disappear for centuries and then return as a baby?" One possibility is that "Elijah" is a symbolic title for a future person with a specific function. But, that alternative doesn't work because John did nothing about reassigning the land's "desolate inheritances". And since Jesus said John was *that* "messenger", John had to complete that part of his task, or else Jesus was wrong about John's identity. And we know that won't work!

If "Elijah" isn't a symbolic title, that leaves two other ways for these prophecies to be true and also reconcile with what Jesus said. The two alternative ways are either reincarnation or—shall we call it—"angelic possession". This may make many Christians uneasy, but unless one or the other alternative is true, either Isaiah's prophecy failed, or Elijah failed. Or worse yet, Jesus wasn't telling the truth.

The explanation has something to do with my NDE (Near Death Experience) back in 1992. Including the NDE account here would make this article too long, so if you want to read it, here's a link where you can download it:

<http://godspeaceplan.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/NDE-Experience.pdf>

In the course of the NDE, something "not me" was added to me. The best description for it I've come across is found in Isaiah 11...

"11:2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—

the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—"

Now, I can't say which is which with absolute assurance. What I can say, is several years prior to the NDE a friend gave me a "past-life regression", during which I was taken back to an ancient city in the Holy Land. As I looked out upon the city, I felt deep remorse for causing many people to die—even though they'd done much evil and deserved it. This baffled me for years until sometime after the NDE, when I read the account of Elijah and the priests of Baal in 1 Kings 18:16-40. So, I think my soul is Elijah reincarnated, and the "Spirit of the Lord" something added to that. And now, God has given me the understanding and knowledge needed to write the peace plan, to fulfill the part of Elijah's task John the Baptist left unfinished in his lifetime.

Prior to the NDE, I rejected organized religion, and in particular anything having to do with either the Bible or Qur'an. I had my reasons, which I won't go into here. I was a fairly intelligent house painter who loved Nature, and had no interest in theology or wars in the Holy Land. After the NDE, God has produced several things through this servant, including a peace plan for the Holy Land in full accord with both the Bible and Qur'an, and a book titled "The Way of Holiness & the Sacred Hoop", which reconciles sacred messages around the world. Trust me, "Bob the painter" neither could or would have written any of these things on his own.

The point about it isn't me. As a matter of fact, I believe my very imperfection played a part in the NDE occurring. The New Testament reading for my birthday, September 11, from the "ONE YEAR BIBLE" (by Tyndale House Publishers) is 2 Corinthians 12:1-10. Verses 2-4 describe the NDE..

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven.

Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows.

³ And I know that this man—

whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—

⁴ was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell."

But, verse 9 is the most important verse, in my opinion.

⁹ But [the Lord] said to me,

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

That's why I'm always saying, "All glory goes to God!" I'm an imperfect human being who for God-knows-what-reason was given the opportunity to serve God and humanity at this difficult time. But because I'm so imperfect, it will make it much easier for people to give all credit and glory to God, not the messenger. Amen! But, as I said earlier, saying anything comes from God invariably comes at a high cost for the messenger. Jesus put it this way...

Matthew 5:10-12;

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

So be it. I'm in good company. You can persecute me or help out. I hope you choose the latter, But, either way, I'm committed to getting the job done, which includes the following...

BRINGING FIRE DOWN FROM THE SKY

God did it in the past with this messenger, as described in the Apocrypha... Sirach (or Ben Sira) 48:1-3 (NAB):

¹ Till like fire there appeared the prophet whose words were as a flaming furnace.

² Their staff of bread, he shattered, in his zeal he reduced them to straits.

³ By God's word he shut up the heavens and three times brought down fire."

⁴ How awesome are you, ELIJAH! Whose glory is equal to yours?"

Well first, all glory goes to God, not Elijah. And now, God is having me do it again by telling me to write Parts 10A & 10B of the "Promise of a Bright Tomorrow" series, which expose Trump as being the "beast" and Vladimir Putin as the "dragon".

It's like Jeremiah 5:14 all over again...

^{5:14} ...Therefore this is what the Lord God Almighty says;

"Because the people have spoken these words [and other evil acts],

I will make my words in your mouth a fire and these people the wood it consumes."

Malachi 3:2-6;

¹ "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

⁵ "So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty."

So, this is what I was sent here to do. And yes, Christ will be coming again. Soon!

Hallelujah!

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