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Introduction

Greetings in the most beloved name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! Welcome to our Bible study lessons, lessons which ONLY address timely revelations, present sealing truth, “meat in due season” for God’s Church today, the Seventh-day Adventist. These Bible study lessons have two-fold purpose: **(1)** to announce the soon coming **judgement of the living** which God’s people are soon to meet **(2)** to call them to a decided action to separate themselves from all worldlings and worldliness and anchor themselves on the Solid Rock by obedience to **all** truth known to this denomination, if we are to escape the soon coming ruin. Please, make use of our PDF files for the respective subjects for visual aid. May you be blessed as you listen and study prayerfully.

Elijah of Today, Who is he?

Part 1

Background

What does the Bible say?

What will enable us to identify him?

What is the great and dreadful day of the Lord?

Is Ancient Elijah to reappear?

Text for Meditation

“A revival and a reformation must take place, under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. **Revival** signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. **Reformation** signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit. Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend.--The Review and Herald, Feb. 25, 1902.” **Selected Messages Book 1, p. 128.1**

Background

The Sabbath School department of our denomination, SDA Church through the Quarterly Lesson Bible Study Guide, titled “Turning Hearts in the End Time”, 2nd quarter, 2019, addressed the subject in question.

“In a sense, **we** as Adventists see ourselves in the role of John the Baptist. The herald of reform and repentance sought to prepare the way for the first coming of Jesus; **we**, as a movement, see ourselves doing the same for the Second Coming.” **(Adult Sabbath School Lesson, Second Quarterly, 2019)**

What does the Bible say?

“5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the **prophet** before the coming of the **great and dreadful day of the LORD**: 6 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.” **Malachi 4:5, 6.**

A prophet, a person to be sent

“In the light which this prophecy sheds on the subject, **no one can possibly escape the conclusion that a prophet -- a person -- is to be sent "before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord,"** and that thus only can there be a group of people in connection with Elijah's message. The Scriptures make definite and sure the promise, the time, and the work, also the way to our security in the great and dreadful day, "lest," as says the Lord, "I come and smite the earth with a curse." Mal. 4:6.” **General Conference Special, p. 5**

Great danger

“However, I would remind you, Brethren, **that no prophet of God has ever been welcomed by the church.** On the contrary, each in his time was rejected, abused, and most of them were martyred by the ones to whom they were sent -- the very ones who were supposed to be serving God! **Indeed, the Lord Himself paid the same price.** For this very reason we must remember that when the last prophet comes he will have the greatest opposition to meet, for Satan well knows that if he loses now, he loses forever. What makes Elijah's work especially hard is that Christendom has long been drilled in the idea that no prophet is to come, that there is no necessity for one, that it has enough revealed Truth to carry it inside the Pearly Gates. It is therefore only to be expected that the predicted Elijah will be denounced as a false prophet, perhaps even as the anti-Christ, offshoot, or what not.” **General Conference Special, p. 6**

His work will identify him

“Thus will be the Devil's deal while the day of God is approaching, and while Elijah is making the announcement of it as the scroll unrolls and while the prophecies concerning the day of God are being unsealed. His work and his interpretation of the prophecies for the great day will identify him as the promised Elijah the prophet (“Testimonies to Ministers,” p. 475), and this will enrage the Devil as never before. Nevertheless, one's only safety will be in the teaching of Elijah, for there will be no other voice of timely Truth and authority to whom one may turn. Any others will lead their victims blind-folded into perdition.” **General Conference Special, p. 7**

Count the evidences

“Do not henceforth leave in the hands of others your investigation of the subject. **After hearing the evidences**, you alone in the closet of prayer and with the aid of the Spirit can determine whether the Elijah has come, or whether he is yet to come.

“Do not, though, forget that **the message which he proclaims will in itself bear the Divine credentials of Truth, and that no priest or prelate can decide for you who the Elijah may or may not be.** No, not even the appearance of what his message is doing or not doing, or whether it is prospering or disintegrating, can be taken as evidence that God is in it. Neither can numbers of adherents for such have never signified a right cause at any time, not even in the day Christ Himself preached the Gospel of the Kingdom. The message he brings is the only thing to go by.” **General Conference Special, p. 8**

The great and dreadful day

“Important as it is, however, to keep in mind the time in which to expect Elijah is "before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord," yet just this knowledge alone is insufficient. **To know when and what the great and dreadful day itself is, is all-important.** Without this knowledge, who could possibly discern Elijah when he should come? That this knowledge not escape us, Inspiration is at pains again to locate the day through Malachi's prophecy.” **General Conference Special , p.10**

Mal. 3, the great day

“1 Behold, I will send my messenger [Elijah the Prophet, chapter 4, verse 5], 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. 2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he [is] like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: 3 And he shall sit [as] a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.” **Mal. 3:1-3.** [Bracket ours]

Let the Rod speak

“The day of the Lord, we are told in these verses is a day of refining, of purifying, of sifting. Moreover, the question, “Who may abide the day of His coming?” points out with sharp emphasis that some will not stand, that they will fall out during the shaking (“Early Writings,” p. 270) and not abide the process of refining (“Testimonies,” Vol. 5, p. 80; “Testimonies,” Vol. 8, p. 250).”

General Conference Special , p.11

Who's going to be shaken out?

“Shall it be you, shall it be me, to be shaken out? is the greatest question before us. It cannot, though, be either of us if we are intelligently determined not to let it be. Assuredly, Brethren, not a one need be in uncertainty. All may for a surety know both "the day" and the Elijah as he proclaims it, because to our surprise he will point out that every Bible prophet describes the day and also tells what the Lord would have us do while it is approaching and subsequently while we are going through it. All will see that no one but Elijah can proclaim the day.” **General Conference Special, p.**

Elijah to interpret prophecies...

“This surely confirms the conclusion that since Elijah is to herald the great day, **he can therefore be the only one who will rightly interpret the prophecies of the day, which are still mysteries to Christendom, and even to our own Denomination! Indeed, to reiterate, it is for this very reason that the prophet is sent.** He is to unroll the scroll to explain what the day of the Lord is like, what the Lord will do then, and how we may survive His judgments. To re-emphasize the fact, let it be said again that being the last of the prophets Elijah is, therefore, the only one who can open to our understanding all the prophecies of the Scriptures pertaining to the great and dreadful day of the Lord -- prophecies which heretofore have been only mysteries to all. Thus he is, as the Scriptures say, to blow the trumpet in Zion, and to sound an alarm in God's holy mountain, in the church.” **General Conference Special, p. 19**

The last prophet to the SDA

“Since the promised Elijah is to be the **last prophet to the church today**, as John the Baptist was the last prophet to the church in his day, and since the last work on earth is the Judgment for the Living, the truth stands forth like the light of day that Elijah's message is the message of the Judgment for the Living, the last, which in the very nature of the gospel is of far more importance and consequence than any other message ever borne to a people.”

General Conference Special, p. 23

Ancient Elijah to reappear?

“Now the question: Is the ancient prophet Elijah himself to re-appear, or is some other, having the same spirit and power, to take his place? John the Baptist's statement that he himself was not the Elijah, and Jesus' statement that John was the Elijah of that day, not of our day, clear three points:

“(1) That John was not in any sense of the word fulfilling the mission of the Elijah who is to come before the great and dreadful day of the Lord, but that he, the last prophet to the church of his day, simply came in the spirit and power of Elijah, to prepare the way for the Lord's first advent. So it is that the Elijah of the great and dreadful day of the Lord, the last prophet to the church of this day, comes in the same spirit and power, to prepare the way for the Lord's second advent.” **General Conference Special, p. 31**

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“(2) That as John was the Elijah of his day, yet not Elijah the Tishbite himself, then the promise of the prophet Elijah is **not necessarily to be fulfilled in person by the ancient prophet himself.**

“(3) That as the Elijah of Christ's first advent was one person, and also as the Elijah of Mt. Carmel of old was one person, not a multitude of priests, then by parity of reasoning the Elijah of today must also be **one person, not a multitude of ministers.**” **General Conference Special, p. 31**

Conclusion

- Church's view on Elijah of today is a total fraud: a person, a prophet is to be sent and only after a he is sent can there be a group or a movement.
- The great and dreadful day of the Lord is the **judgement of the living** NOT the second coming of Jesus Christ.
- His work and interpretation of the prophecies concerning the great and dreadful day of the Lord will identify him.
- Just like John the Baptist, the Elijah of today should be the last prophet to our Church, SDA and his message is of far greater importance than any ever given to mankind.

For more information

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