



# “Preparing The Way”

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- I. **Malachi 3:1-4**
  - A. The Signs and the Timetable
    1. No man knows the day or the time...not even the angels.
    2. But the Scripture has proven through a circle of prophecy that when we see one thing fulfilled in a certain way at the beginning of that circle, then another fulfillment must come to complete it.
  - B. John the Baptist and Elijah
    1. **Matthew 11:7-14**
    2. The other prophecy that John fulfilled was in **Malachi 4:5-6** (2 different days).
      - Notice that Jesus clearly said John was the messenger sent before Him.
      - Notice that Jesus clearly said John was Elijah (Elias).
    3. **Matthew 17:10-13**
      - Elijah will return before the second coming of Christ....but not as one person, but many (The Holy Spirit was limited in His ability under the broken, sin-filled world...but since Jesus came, “God’s Spirit would be poured out on all flesh.”)
      - The teaching of the Holy Spirit is vital in this day and time....For Without Him, there is no power...no move of God!
- II. Picking Up The Mantle (Elijah and Elisha)
  - A. The Days of Noah – **Matthew 24:36-39**
    1. We know from the scripture that man was evil with their imaginations and thoughts only evil continually....but vs. 38 may have a greater meaning and awareness: People want recognize the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming or the signs of it because they are caught up with the routine of life.
    2. We should be preparing for His return....
      - Have your own house in order....
      - Helping others prepare as well (Being about the Father’s business).
  - B. Something moves (here on this earth)....when we move
    1. There has been specific instructions from the Lord about things (evil) coming to the world.
    2. There ARE specific instructions from the Lord about things we need to focus on to usher in the presence of the Lord (This is picking up the mantle).
      - Different....Taking the Challenge and Being Ready to Take it by force
      - What is it? Just be Ready, says, the Lord!