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The Spirit of Elijah - Part 2

Time setting, about 930 BC: (Read 1Kings 16:29-34) Israel split shortly after Solomon's death, 10 tribes were called Israel, and Samaria became their center of worship. The other two tribes, Judah and Benjamin, were referred to as Judah and their worship center remained in Jerusalem (cp Jer 3:6-8, written about 300 year later).

Ahab, who married Jezebel a princess and priestess of the false god, Baal, was 10th in the line of kings over Israel. *And there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up*, 1Ki 21:25. Israel, the 10 tribes, has reached her lowest spiritual state when the Lord sent Elijah. The story of Elijah is an allegory of the gospel going from Jew to Gentile and back to the Jew. God will bring forth a remnant in the spirit of Elijah.

Read 1Ki17:1-7:

1. How does what Elijah told Ahab concerning rain, apply to Israel literally and spiritually? Isa 55:10-11; Rom 2:28-29; Mal 4:5-6.

2. Elijah was told to turn eastward and dwell by the stream Cherith (^{h3747} = a separation). Allegorically, what do Elijah's actions indicate and what is meant to be fed bread and flesh by black birds until the stream dried up? Eze 8:16; Rom 8:5-7; Job 15:2-6.

Read 1Kings 17:8-12:

3. Spiritually, how do you see the gentile widow woman and her son? 2Cor 11:2; Pr 12:4; Ps 127:3-5; Acts 13:47-50.

4. In verse 12, what do you see in the widow's comments to Elijah? Eze 4:16-17; Zech 4:11-14; Rv 11:3-4

Read 1Kings 17:13-16:

5. What is the spiritual lesson in the promise to the woman? Gal 3:14; Eph 1:13 (added)

Read 1Kings 17:24:

6. What spiritual lesson can be seen in the death and resurrection of the widow's son? Rom 6:3-11; Eph 4:20-24.

1a. God was withdrawing from sending His word to Israel because they would not hear. The 3 ½ years, a figure that applies to Israel, spiritually since the cross. I think the time is here, when the word of God is no longer spoken to the church at large, until He sends the spirit of Elijah. This time of spiritual drought appears to be from time of the apostle John's death until Matthew 24:14 is fulfilled, which I believe in the near future.

2a. Israel was understanding God & scripture according to the flesh, until they were desolate of God's Spirit (cp Pr 18:4); they had separated themselves from God, going into spiritual darkness. (cf Acts 13:46) This was happening to the Apostolic church by the time the apostle John died, cf 1Jn 2:18-19, 22; 4:3; 2Jn 1:7. *When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation...., flee from it, Mt 24:15.*

3a. Outwardly, a woman is a symbol for a church. A pure church is in subjection to Christ; an impure one is subject to confusion—Babylon, Rv 17:1-3, 18. Inwardly, a woman is a mind-set of a person thinking and reacting to their own feelings; children are her thoughts. Metaphorically, the widow, whose husband is dead, is a type of us as gentiles about to die spiritually, Gal 4:19; Eph 4:15; 5:23 (inwardly); cf Rom 7:1-6. It is a picture of what happened to Israel, which led to the spirit of truth going to the Gentiles.

4a. Note: The Hebrew for *sticks* ^{h6086} is rendered *tree(s)* 162/ 328 times. The Bread of life is scarce, Jn 6:48, & little is understood of the truth (Holy Spirit, 1Jn 5:6). Elijah, a type of one who, in their understanding, ascends into heaven spiritually, Rv 4:1-2; Jn 3:12-13. He represents a person having God's spirit & helps the woman birth the truth (a Son), one like God & the Son of man—two olive trees, sons of oil (symbol of the Spirit). The woman a picture of Gentiles who stop eating at Jezebel's table when given the Godhead truth (show bread, Lv 24:5-9), Rv 2:18; 12:1-2, 5.

5a. The bread would not cease, nor the oil lack, Pr 4:18. *A bruised reed he will not break, and a wick (of a lamp) growing dim, he will not quench, he will bring forth (a decision toward) the truth,* Isa 42:3 (Hebrew) (I was at one time like the wick with a tiny spark of light about to go out). The bread is the never ending truth from Jesus, Jn 6:50-51, & the oil is the anointing of the Holy Spirit, 1Jn 2:20, 27. The widow woman has existed for the last two thousand years—and RAIN is coming soon—it is time for the harvest, Jn 4:35!

6a. When we are immersed in the understanding of Jesus, we become spiritual partakers of his death & resurrection & the old self dies. This comes with realizing that Christ died to prove God has always loved us & we were forgiven even before we asked, Jn 3:16-17; Lk 23:34; we see that Jesus was made to be sin by depicting our "old man" in his body on the cross, Eph 4:20-24; Col 3:8-17 (stripes—wounds given to us by others; crown of thorns—our care & guilt of a worldly life & the unforgiveness in our hearts toward others; darkness over the land—our lack of understanding of the Father & Son; naked—not having the character of Christ, cf Rv 19:7-8). Today, I believe the resurrection of the Gentile church has started, and soon, the true gospel will be spread to the rest of the church.

Malachi 4:5-6: *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.*

Then, like the Gentile widow woman, anyone having been resurrected in Jesus Christ, can say to the person bringing the spirit of Elijah, *Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of Yahweh in your mouth is truth.* Amen!