

11. What was the result of this message?

"Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were _____ of him in _____, _____ their _____. "**Matthew 3:5-6**

NOTE: There was a genuine work of repentance and reform. John was not satisfied with a mere profession of religion. He told the Pharisees and Sadducees who came to his baptism, to "**bring forth fruits**" answerable to an "**amendment of life.**" He wished to see religion in the **life, the heart, the home.** Thus he prepared a people for Christ's first advent.

12. But when, according to the prophecy, was Elijah to be sent?

"Before the _____ of the _____ and _____ day of the Lord." **Malachi 4:5**

13. How is this great and dreadful day described in this same prophecy?

"For, behold, the day comes, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be _____: and the day that comes shall _____ them up, says the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." **Malachi 4:1**

NOTE: This day is yet future. It cannot be, therefore, that the work done by John the Baptist at Christ's first advent is all that was contemplated in the prophecy concerning the sending of Elijah the prophet. It must be that there is to be another and greater fulfillment of it, to precede **Christ's second advent**, and to prepare, or "make ready," a people for that great event.



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1. What promise, through the prophet Malachi, does the Lord make concerning Elijah?

"Behold, I will ____ you Elijah the prophet before the ____ of the ____ and ____ day of the ____." **Malachi 4:5**

2. What will this prophet do when he comes?

"And he shall ____ the ____ of the ____ to the ____, and the ____ of the ____ to their ____, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." **Malachi 4:6**

3. Whom did Christ indicate as fulfilling this prophecy?

"And His disciples asked Him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto you, That ____ is ____, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Like wise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. Then the disciples understood that He spoke unto them of ____ the ____." **Matthew 17:10-13**

4. When John the Baptist was asked if he were Elijah, what did he say?

"And he said, *I am ____.*" **John 1:21**

5. Who did he say he was?

"He said, *I am the ____ of one ____ in the ____.* Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias." **John 1:23**

6. In what sense does the angel Gabriel explain John the Baptist to be the Elijah of Malachi 4:5?

"Many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before Him [Christ] *in the ____ and ____ of ____*, to turn the hearts' of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." **Luke 1:16-17**

NOTE: John went forth *"in the spirit and power of Elias,"* and, in preparing a people for Christ's first advent, did a work similar to that done by Elijah the prophet in Israel centuries before. **See I Kings 17 and 18.** In this sense, and in this sense only, he was the Elijah of **Malachi 4:5.**

7. Near the close of the three and one-half years drought in Israel, brought about as a judgment through the intercessions of Elijah (James 5:17) in consequence of Israel's apostasy, what accusation did King Ahab bring against Elijah?

"And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, *Art thou ____ that ____ Israel?*" **1 Kings 18: 17**

8. What answer did Elijah make?

"And he answered, *I have ____ ____ Israel; but thou, and thy ____ house, in that ____ have ____ the ____ of the ____, and thou has ____ Baalim.*" **1 Kings 18: 18**

NOTE: Israel had departed from God, forsaken His commandments, and gone off into idolatry. Jezebel, Ahab's wicked and idolatrous wife, had "cut off the prophets of the Lord" (**Verse 4**), was supporting hundreds of the prophets of Baal, and was seeking Elijah to slay him. Elijah called for a famine on the land, and said to Ahab, "As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word." **1 Kings 17:1.** Elijah's message was a call to **repentance** and **obedience to God's commandments.**

9. What plain proposition did he submit to all Israel?

"And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, *How ____ halt you between ____ opinions? if the Lord be ____, follow ____: but if ____, then follow him.*" **1 Kings 18:21**

NOTE: The result of the test by fire which followed on Mt. Carmel, can be read in the remainder of this wonderful chapter. There was a great turning to God, the people saying, "The Lord, He is the God; the Lord, He is the God." **1 Kings 18:39**

10. What was the burden of the message of John the Baptist?

"____ ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." "Bring forth therefore ____ meet for repentance." **Matthew 3:2,8**

