

## **CHAPTER TWO**

### **A Scriptural Messenger**

A careful student must admit that we know certainly who the **first messenger** was. It was Paul. He was a prophet who brought the Word direct from God to the people. He was an Apostle for he took the Word of God TO the people. That was his vindication. Gal. 1:12, "*Neither was I taught it (the Word) but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.*" He continually called himself an "Apostle" or "sent one".

Now except for our study of history we found it Scripturally impossible to designate who the messengers to the Church Ages actually were. But hold a minute. There is an obscure passage in Revelation wherein we have a direct allusion to the **Messenger To Laodicea**. God most certainly has let us know who the Messenger to the First Church Age was, and just as certainly He can and will let us know who the last Messenger to the Last Age is. Paul stood vindicated through an infallible ministry in the Spirit.

I Corinthians 2:1-5 states,

*And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you save Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power, that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of man but in the power of God."*

THUS, in the Last Age this Messenger of whom God speaks MUST and WILL HAVE a vindicated ministry in the WORD and POWER of God as did Paul, or we cannot know him.

**This Messenger** is set forth in Rev. 10:7. "*But in the days of the Voice of the SEVENTH MESSENGER, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished as He hath declared to His servants the prophets.*" **This verse** clearly relates, NOT to a heavenly angel sounding on a trumpet, but **it is the MESSENGER (a man)** to the Laodicea Age SPEAKING TO US THE WORD OF GOD.

The proof of this is amply set forth in Rev. 9:13 and Rev. 11:15. **HERE** are the two heavenly trumpeters. "*And the SIXTH angel sounded and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God saying to the SIXTH angel which hath the trumpet.*" (Rev. 9:13) "*And the SEVENTH angel sounded and there were great voices in heaven saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, etc.*"

**NOTICE** that with the SIXTH trumpet the terrible woes that come upon the earth in judgment. **NOTICE** in the SEVENTH trumpet that Christ is set forth as taking His rightful kingdom. BUT in Rev. 10:7 the Messenger there is still sounding, and his sounding is declaring the Mysteries of God

to the Church.

Notice, too, that in Rev. 10:1-6 we do not have the Lord Jesus taking a throne but He is portrayed here as standing on earth with His head in heaven:

*And I saw another Mighty Angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud; and a rainbow was upon His head, and His face was as it were the sun, and His feet as Pillars of Fire: And he had in His right hand a little book open; and He set his right foot upon the sea, and His left foot upon the earth, and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth;*

*and when He had cried, Seven Thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write: And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the Seven Thunders uttered, and write them not. And the Angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up His hand to heaven.*

This is exactly what Stephen said in Acts 7:47-51:

*But Solomon built Him an house, Howbeit the Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands, as saith the prophet, Heaven is my throne and earth is my footstool: What house will ye build me? saith the Lord: Or what is the place of my rest? Hath not my hand made all these things? Ye stiff necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost, as your fathers did so do ye.*

This is a picture of Jesus building His Church on earth. That is what Stephen said referred to Jesus portrayed standing on earth (footstool) with His head in heaven (throne). **At the time of Rev. 10:7** the Message is still going out. It is the last days, however. Time will be no longer delayed. But

He is still calling His people unto Himself, but **not for long**. Yes, this shows us very clearly that this one we call The Seventh Angel, is no spirit being. He is a man. He is a MESSENGER, and since he is the Last

Messenger, being the Seventh Messenger, he is the MESSENGER TO THE LAODICEAN AGE. SURELY WE CAN AND WILL KNOW HIM AND LISTEN TO HIM AS ATTENTIVELY AS DID THE EPHESIANS TO THEIR MESSENGER, PAUL.

We must now begin **our search** for this Messenger. There is but one way to do it. **We must study the Scripture** and see what **the word** demands of him. When such a man appears, *thoroughly vindicated by the word*, we have our Messenger. It is that simple. Yet it is **often in simplicity we fail** as did the Jews when they failed to recognize both the Messenger (John) and Jesus the Christ.

Since the Truth of the **Seventh Age Messenger** receiving special attention is found in **Rev. 10**, we will study that portion as one of **the keys** to his identity. **According to verses 1-3** a part of the Book of Revelation is **unwritten**, for John heard the Voices of the Seven Thunders but was

forbidden to write what he heard.

The Scripture says:

*"And I say another Mighty Angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud; And a rainbow was upon His head, and His face was as it were the sun, and His feet as pillars of fire: And He had in His hand a little book open; and He set His right foot upon the sea, and His left foot on the earth, and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth; and when He had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices."*

Students of prophecy admit that **there must come** a time when the content of those **seven voices** will be **revealed**. Realizing that **we can't "add to" or "take away"** from what's written in the Word, **These Seven Voices** must be '**a revelation**' of something that is **already written** but **presently hidden** from our eyes. At present they are **sealed up**. They are a **mystery** to us. But it is declared in **Revelation 10:7** that **ALL Mysteries** will be finished at the end of the "*Fullness of the Gentiles*." That is our day.

Therefore, it will be **in** this age that the **Voices of the Thunders** must be heard again and this time **revealed**. BUT SINCE THE WORD OF THE LORD COMES ONLY TO AND THROUGH THE PROPHET (Amos 3:7), we can now see an evident Truth in Rev. 10:7 wherein it said, "*...As He (God) hath declared to His servants the PROPHETS.*" This makes the Messenger to Laodicea a Prophet, even as Paul was a Prophet. This man will be **a Prophet-Messenger** in order to receive the unrevealed Word of God and give it to us. It is going to take a Prophet to **unseal** the written words of Daniel's Revelation. How much more will it take a Prophet to receive the **unwritten** words of the Seven Thunder voices?

In order to **further magnify** this thought, let us approach these verses from another way. We go back over the verses Rev. 10:3-4. "*And cried with a loud voice as when a lion roareth; and when he had cried seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write; And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.*"

Now here is a great mystery. **The revelation must be complete** and yet we are cut off from knowing what was said. We know that sometime or other we will have to hear them. That time is in the end time.

### To Whom Does The Mystery Of God Come?

We now ask ourselves, *"Who will receive from God the mystery? Will it be the Pope? Will it be the Patriarch? Will it be the president of the World Council of Churches? Will it be the chairman of some denomination?"* The answer is, **NO!** There is **ever only one way** that God can give His Word for He is the same yesterday, today and forever. **It is in Amos 3:7 "Surely the Lord will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto his servants the prophets."** That is exactly what **Rev. 10:7** says, *"His servants the prophets."*

Further Proof that the End time ministry will be a Prophet, is indicated by the fact that When the *"Mighty Angel"* of **Rev. 10:1** descends in the last days, His cry is *"as when a Lion roareth"* (**Rev. 10:3**). In Amos 3:8 *"the roaring Lion"* is **symbolic** of the ministry of a Prophet. Thus **this Messenger** of the last Church Age **will be** a prophet! A **Prophet-Messenger** he will have to be in order to reveal the mysteries that have been hidden from us.

But **hold a moment!** Does it not say in **Rev. 22:18b** *"If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book."* How then can any man add unto this book? Surely if he hears and writes the voices of the thunders, he will be adding, to this book. **NOT SO.** For the voices of the thunders are SEVEN and **since one CANNOT ADD, it is apparent that what the thunders said, are ALREADY contained in the Word but have remained as seven mysteries** to us through the ages. And that is exactly what it all means.

Is it not so that a **PROPHET** reveals and **APPLIES** the Word to the people? Thus, there will come a Prophet-Messenger to **reveal and conclude** the mysteries of the Word. And since it is the Word that gives Life and Power and understanding, **this final revelation** will bring the believing, receiving ones to a **readiness** to meet the Lord. What other reason could there be? God is always utilitarian in His works.

### The Earmarks Of A Prophet

We must now satisfy ourselves as to what the **earmarks of a prophet** are. We must also determine from Scripture what **specific manifestation** a prophet to the Laodicea Age would be required to have. To clarify the last premise, simply recall that **Moses had different vindicating manifestation than did Elijah.** Both were prophets but in **different periods** of history, so of course they must have qualifying and differentiating phenomena.

To examine the earmarks of a prophet: These are set forth irrevocably in **Deut. 13:1-5**, and **Deut. 18:20-22.**

13:1 *"If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and*

*giveth thee a sign or a wonder,*

*13:2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto you, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;*

*13:3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God proveth You, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.*

*13:4 Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep His commandments, and obey His voice, and ye shall serve Him, and cleave to Him.*

*13:5 And that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death, because he hath spoken to turn you away from the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the Lord thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.*

*18:20 But the prophet which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.*

*18:21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken?*

*18:22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follows not, nor come to pass that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: Thou shalt not be afraid of him."*

It is evident from these verses that God has placed **men** in this world with the **ability to foresee** the future or **to reveal hidden** present things. Now, it is **absolutely impossible** for any man to know the future for a certainty **unless** he is dealing in a power that can **bring the prediction to pass**. Also, no **man can of himself** perform acts of power that lie outside the realm of human possibilities, **unless** he is in touch with **some force** that will do the miraculous for him **at his command**.

But this ability may be common to two groups of men: - Those who are of **God**, and those who are of **Satan**. A good **example** of this is found in the Book of Exodus where **Moses, with the Anointing of God** upon him was contending with the **magicians of Egypt who were under another anointing**. Moses **demonstrated** a supernatural power through faith in God; and the Magicians **duplicated** the miracles by Satanic ability. **BUT** eventually the Power and Anointing upon Moses prevailed. Yet, there is no doubt that **God has His Prophets and Satan has his**.

But please **note carefully** the Scriptures presented to You (above) from

Deut. Chapters 13, and 18. **The prophet who is of God will lead and keep men true to God by God's Word, but the false prophet will lead men astray.**

Today we can **still apply** the same test. The **true prophet** will be a man of the WORD and will **insist** that all men make the Word the criterion. He will lead men to Christ. **His life** will be exemplary in **obedience to the Word**, and his **motives** pure. **He will not** deal in miracles and foretelling for the sake of material good, but will every time point men and women to Christ and a greater spiritual depth. **He will always exalt the Lord Jesus Christ** in thought, word and deed. This is so, **because** the spirit of prophecy is truly the Spirit of Christ.

### **The Contrast – True Prophet Vs. False Prophet**

A good illustration of what is set forth here is seen in the lives of **two men**. They are **two prophets** - Moses and Balaam. **See the concern of Moses** who is ready to give his life and his all for the sake of the glory of God and the eternal good of the people he leads. **Here is a man** crying out against sin, **pleading** with mankind, and **glorifying** God. Here is **one who can say**: "**Have I ever** taken anything from you? **Have I ever** told you a lie? **When** I prophesied, did it ever fail to come to pass? **Have I ever** led you astray or held anything back from you that you ought to have had? **Have I not always** led you to God and thought always of your good? **Have I not been** faithful to both God and you?" Sure! Moses was faithful in his calling.

But **Balaam was just the opposite**. **In his haste to get money** for divining he almost broke his leg as the ass rubbed it severely against a stone wall. In blind greed he tries to **make merchandise** of whatever gift he possessed. And when he could not get enough power or authority to do Israel harm he conceived a plan to destroy them. This plan was to lead Israel into fornication with the Moabites at Ball-Peor. This was **one hundred percent contrary** to the Word of God. **He led them FROM God**. To lead man away from the Word of God is to lead man away from God.

This man, **Balaam**, actually had no time for the Word of God, or God, or of God's people. **He was a self-seeker, a destroyer**. But a **true prophet** all through the Word is set forth as a servant, a seeker of other men's welfare above his own. **He does not** curry favor with authority, nor does he look down on the lowly. He says and does the Word of God. His devotion to God is in and through the Word, which he personally demonstrates by his ministry and his conduct.

From what we now know **it behooves us to shun** power that comes from, or through lives of wrong-hearted and wrong-acting men. **Shun** the words of those (though they speak ever so highly) **who would by-pass the Word**



of God or be in any way contrary to the Written Scripture God has breathed to us for our life's welfare.

### In The Last Days...

#### Two Spirits So Close - Deceive The Very Elected If Possible!

It would be well to remember that **the two Simons** are with us yet today: Simon Peter and Simon the Sorcerer. There is the great one of God and the other great one who has neither part nor lot with God. **There are always two** men or two groups who demonstrate power, **but one** has a wrong source of power. The **spirit of Antichrist** is here as well as the **Spirit of Christ**. The spirit of Antichrist in Satan's prophets is so close to the real and true Spirit of God that only the **VERY ELECT** will escape the deception. PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF: Matt. 24:22-24

It is Written...

24:22 *"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.*

24:23 *Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.*

24:24 *For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."*

These **true elect ones take the Word**. When these true Elect Ones **see** the prophet and his acts of power, and **see** that he is right with the Word and never deviates, **they know** that he is of God **and** receive him. All that a prophet says and does leads them **closer to Him** Who is coming soon. They look for no other vindication. This is the vindication.

### The Last Age Messenger Will Be... ...Both Prophet And Messenger

Now to **examine what the Scripture sets forth** as to the ministry of this prophet and messenger to the **Laodicea Age**. He is **BOTH** Prophet and Messenger. Actually **he is the MESSENGER** to the AGE. **He has a MESSAGE**. But he could hardly come on the scene as a Messenger and be approved as such without being basically a prophet with whom is the Word and the Power. **The office of a prophet** qualifies him to be called the Messenger. This is **as it was with John the Baptist**.

Jesus said:

*"What went ye out for to see? A Prophet? Yea, I say unto you - More than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written, Behold I send my MESSENGER before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee."*

This Messenger **preceding the First Coming** of Christ **was predicted** in the Bible, **but not called by name**. Nowhere do we find the name of John the Baptist in the Old Testament. BUT John in his ministry was a **direct fulfillment** of Old Testament Prophecy. **By Faith** the Believers in that day **recognized it**. They **saw the Word fulfilled** in John's Ministry. AMEN! **The same will apply** to the Messenger preceding the Second Coming of Christ. **His name** will not be mentioned in Scripture **BUT his ministry** will be a direct fulfillment of BOTH Old and New Testament prophecy. **The Scriptures prophesy of a Messenger** to come in the last days; and **that Messenger, like John**, will have the office of a Prophet which will **vindicate his position** as MESSENGER to the age, and that is exactly what **Rev. 10:7** says:

*"In the days of the voice of the seventh messenger, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets."*

No other age has this said about its messengers. There is not a hint at any other age except the **first and last** having a **Prophet -Messenger**. **The other five ages had messengers**. They were **not Prophets**. They were **Reformers**. All had messages. All had some revealed light. **None of that five** had a vindicated, "Thus saith the Lord." But Paul, the **first Messenger** to the **first Church Age**, did have a "Thus Saith The Lord" ministry. Now **in this last day** when the Mystery of God should be finished we're suppose to **receive a messenger who is also a prophet**, and " **Thus saith the Lord**" will again be with us as it was with the Apostle, Paul.

This Prophet-Messenger **must have already** been on the scene, for **Israel has returned** to her native land; The **Day of Vengeance** of Our God is dawning upon the earth; The "**Times of the Gentiles**" is soon over; therefore, the Fullness thereof must be about completed. There is therefore even now, somewhere, **some evidence**, that this mighty **Prophet-Messenger** to this dying age has **already come** and given to the Elected Bride of Christ **an Eternal legacy** of the Word of God which was **OPENED** and **REVEALED** in and through his ministry. This legacy will meet the need of the Elect Seed of God in this hour.

### **How Will We Know This Prophet Messenger?**

But how will we **recognize him?** This may not be the easiest to discover **because we are** so complex in our thinking, and so in **our own**



**ideas** as to how he should come, and what he will be like, and what he will say and how he will act. But if we will **just consider** the **Messenger of the First Coming** we ought to find help regarding the **Messenger of the Second Coming**.

John **came apart from every school** of religious thought. **He was not** a priest, though he was entitled by birth to be one. **He was not** a Pharisee, **nor** was he a Sadducee. **There is no record** that he belonged to the Essenes. **He was not educated** either formally or religiously by men. **He was, however**, filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb and that same Spirit that Filled him taught him.

**His aims** were so different from those around about him that he was NOT ONLY **misunderstood** but violently **repudiated**. He was not truly understood by his own disciples, and much less understood by the groups who came to question him. His coming, his actions, his preaching - all caused more confusion than apparent illumination. **He seemed more against men than for men.**

In all realms, except that of the Spirit, he was absolutely **a non-conformist**. Except for the Very Elect of that day he was either **repudiated or held in doubt**. Now then, is it not **more than possible** that the Messenger who foreruns the Second Coming of Christ will be every bit such a man? Surely we must credit Bible history when it shows profusely that **every major prophet** and messenger of God was both **misunderstood and finally rejected** by all except a bare minority in whom was the same Spirit of God.

Only a **very small** minority will recognize this Prophet-Messenger **because** only a very small minority has **the courage** to face up to Scriptural Proof and **accept the Truth** even when it is contrary to **their own** ideas. STOP! **Consider** WHAT you believe! **Is it** the real genuine Revelation (by the Spirit) of the Word of God, OR is it **your own interpretation** of that Word?

**God interprets His own Word by bringing it to pass. All we're doing in this study is showing you What God has interpreted, "HAS" brought to pass, and "IS" bringing to pass.**

A factual study of the spiritual conditions of the last day or Laodicea Church will give us much insight as to what kind of a person this Messenger will be. In Rev. 3:14-22,

*14. And unto the messenger of the church of Laodicea write, These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;*

*15. I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot. I would thou wert cold or hot,*

*16. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will*

*spew thee out of my mouth.*

17. *Because thou sayest I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked,*

18. *I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see.*

19. *As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.*

20. *Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hears my voice, and opens the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him and he with me.*

21. *To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my father in his throne.*

22. *He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."*

According to what is set forth here, the last church of the last age is the most deplorable of all ages, and climaxes its shame and confusion in utter apostasy for Rev. 3:20 says, "***Behold I stand at the door and knock and if any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in to him.***"

This is none other than **Christ shoved out of His own church**, and he is now outside trying to regain admittance. **This is not** a far-fetched interpretation, but **the desolate truth** - "*He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit is saying.*" **Verse twenty** has been **used** for so long **on sinners** by well meaning but wrong believing personal workers that we have **failed to see** the Spirit of God is **foretelling** the **exact condition** of the Laodicea Age Church. **It Finally Becomes Christless.**

Now do not be confused. **The reason we have failed to see this truth** is because of another failure in our reading the Word of God the way it is written. Read again **carefully**, Revelation, chapters 2 and 3. Notice that in every single age **the Spirit is speaking to those** who are **true Christians** and those who are **pretenders**, or unbelievers. **On one hand He lashes out** at their gross sin and **on the other He commends** them for their piety, faith, suffering, understanding, etc.

**How is this?** The answer is simple. All Israel is not Israel. Therefore, **All Christianity is not Christian**. As Israel means, 'Prince with God', there were multitudes who bore the name as in the days of Elijah, but that did not make them truly Israel. Perhaps there were as many as **five million** in that day that were Israelites after the flesh, but there were only **seven thousand**

**true Israelites** that had not bowed the knee to Baal.

Today we have **an identical situation** in the Church. All who bear the Name "Christian" are **not truly WORD BORN, SPIRIT FILLED CHRISTIANS**. They identify with the church, profess to believe in God, the Virgin Birth and basic Christian Doctrines **BUT they are NOT** truly Christian - Christ-like. They were just caught in the Gospel net; **A fisherman** goes forth to cast a net. **All kinds come in**. There are eels, serpents, turtles, crabs, lobsters, shrimp, water spiders, frogs, etc., that get in that net - but also there are FISH.

**A shepherd** has a flock, both sheep and goats. **A farmer** has a field – it contains wheat and tares. Today we have second, third, fourth, fifth, tenth, twentieth, and thirtieth generation Christians. But **God does not have grandchildren, only children**. The REAL BODY OF CHRIST - the REAL CHRISTIAN is **only a small part** of all that professes to make up Christianity, and **it is spirituals** were the seven thousand in the days of Elijah.

But as Israel after the flesh purported to speak for God, and worshipped God, and regulated the religious life for their day, even so now does the present **nominal church** purport to speak for God, worship God and regulate worship as we know it today. **BUT Jesus**, knowing that **the church** would become **lukewarm** and **spiritually blind**, asked the question: *"When the Son of Man cometh, will He find Faith on the earth?"* (Luke 18:8). **Will He find someone** to believe in the **Whole Body** of revealed Truth as **restored and revealed** by the **Prophet-Messenger** to the age.

In spite of being **lukewarm and spiritually blind** the church today is **rich**. She has vast holdings in real estate and stocks and bonds. Her pastors have retirement funds of multiplied millions. She is **rich in worldly goods but poverty stricken in the spiritual**. She is so far from God spiritually that **God calls her** wretched, blind, and naked and she doesn't even know it. Yet for all her **apostasy** she says she speaks for God. God says, *"You can't speak for me. You are lukewarm. You won't take a truly righteous stand though you claim to believe the major truths of the Word. Thus you are no longer my mouthpiece - I spew you out of my mouth."*

Not only is this so, but the organized religious moves we have today is so all-embracing that **Christ is forced to step outside** the church, for light and darkness cannot mix. **The Protestants** are getting back with **the Roman Catholics** in the ecumenical and charismatic moves. The Patriarch and the Pope have come into fellowship. Millions of Protestants and Roman Catholics are already finding common ground to unite on.

**The one thing which they consider expendable in this unity is the WORD OF GOD. They are sacrificing the WORD for unity.** America has already had **one Catholic president** and no doubt will have **more to follow**. When Americans voted for its first Catholic President

in 1960 it was an indication of the shift which had taken place in American religious thinking.

**The leaders of each of the religious groups have repudiated the Word and drawn up their own creeds and dogmas as a substitute so that people live no longer by the Word of God, but by a Church creed.**

Yet, in spite of all of them **denying** the Holy and **Infallible Word of God**, these same people dare to say that they speak for God. **Some** go so far as to say they are the vicars of Christ. **This is truly antichrist.** Christ must needs leave the church to its bankruptcy. As He leaves He has a word of warning to His own:

*Come out of her my people and be not partakers of her sins.  
Wherefore, **come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you.*** Rev. 18:4 and 2 Cor. 6:17.

To **reject** the Word is to **reject** Christ. **When Eve allowed Satan to change but ONE WORD** of the commandments of God, she opened the door to the floods of sin and misery that have dogged the ways of mankind for all these thousands of years. **The very last words of Jesus to the church warns,** *"Don't take away one word - don't add one word - leave it exactly as it is, and go by that."* **But the church has not listened. She has changed the Word of God to suit herself.** Why right now there is a conclave of students from the Jews, Catholics and Protestants who are rewriting the Bible to suit all three groups.

**No wonder Dr. Billy Graham said that if the Holy Spirit left the church, she would be so unaware of it that she would go on doing ninety percent of what she is now presently doing, and would not miss Him.**

And that is exactly right. For **when the Word is rejected the Spirit is rejected, for the Word and the Spirit are ONE.** You can't have God apart from His Word. It is impossible.

Now since these are the true conditions of the church, **what kind of a man will the messenger be** who comes to this age? **He will not** be from ANY ORGANIZED group. That would be **impossible** for these organizations are coming together and are bereft of God. **He will not** be from any so-called REPUTABLE religious source. **He will stand alone**, and that FOR GOD and WITH GOD. **His manner of life, speech and attitudes** both spiritual and material will be unlike others. **He will appear to be** the same misfit as was John and just as controversial. **He will not** be popular.

**In fact any popularity he gains in the early days of his ministry he will lose when he begins to speak the truth as it is given him from on high.**

But **he will be God's man**, and **the Elect will know him** as they have always through the ages. This man's ministry will **open wider** the eyes of the elect but it will close and **make even blinder** the eyes of those who have become hardened. *This is how it was in the days of Jesus.*

In the days when Jesus walked the earth, those who **had a measure of light** and righteousness were the Pharisees. **BUT when they** began to **question** and **doubt** and **reject** all their **light turned to darkness** and they were utterly darkened until **they killed their very Lord**. But on the other hand there was **a Samaritan lady of ill fame** who saw Him at a well. **In her sin she believed** in Him, and all **her darkness became pure light** and she lived through His GRACE while the Pharisees died. Hear, then, this Prophet-Messenger when he comes with the Word, and close not the ears, **lest your light become darkness**, and the Spirit of God speak no longer to you.

Having seen this much, **let us go further in finding what scripture has to say** about this messenger. Since this man **must come to us in the last day** just before Jesus returns, **let's examine** in the Light of Scripture, **the conditions** which will exist on the earth at that time. Let's see if we can find more illumination on this messenger. **Jesus, Himself, gave us the key** in **Luke 17:26-30**. The **characteristics** of two **specific periods** of time will reappear at the end time. Those characteristics are from the days prior to the flood and the overthrow of Sodom.

It is written...

17:26 **"And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.**

17:27 **They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the days that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.**

17:28 **Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built.**

17:29 **But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.**

17:30 **Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."**

**Natural insight alone** will surely confirm to the reader that we are living in the days like unto the "days of Noah" and the "days of Lot". **Those with spiritual insight** will surely answer with a resounding "AMEN!" The conditions of the world and the world systems have waxed worse and worse until it is like the days of Noah and Lot (Sodom). Even **more so because** it is on such a larger scale.

**BUT what does it profit us to recognize the condition the world is in if we FAIL to recognize what God HAS done and IS doing to give us the Faith**

*that pleases Him in this day?*

The above Bible reference **clearly shows us** what the world will be like at the time of the Second Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. BUT remember, there are **always TWO SIDES** to consider. **We know** what the world was doing in the "days of Noah" and the "days of Lot" **BUT what was the True Seed (children) of God doing during those times?** In the days of Noah there were **two groups**. There were **the wicked that perished**; but there were also **the righteous who escaped**. In the days of Lot there were **three groups**: 1. **The dwellers** in Sodom, 2. **Lot** and his family, 3. **Abraham** and his family. Now **if our days** are to be an **exact parallel** to those days we must look to **see WHAT GOD WAS DOING** then and **apply that** to ourselves in this day. As God was on the scene in the days of Noah and Lot, so also God comes on the scene today. Paul in his Epistle to the Romans (15:4) reminds us that *"Whatever things were written in earlier times were written for our learning....."*

Look at the days of Noah. Here is **not only** a preacher of righteousness but **a PROPHET** for the Word of God came **to him and through him** for that day. **He warned** and preached. **He built** the ark. This was in obedience to the whole counsel of God and thereby he and seven others were saved. The Spirit of Christ was in this man.

But **even before Noah** there was **a prophet** called Enoch. Jude speaking about Enoch said that in the desperate time before the flood this man spoke of the **SECOND COMING OF CHRIST**. Imagine that. **Enoch had spoken of The Second Coming when there had not even been a First Coming**. Here, indeed, is something we ought to know about for we are waiting for the Second Coming right now.

Way **back there**, where for many, many years they had gone against God and His holy Word **there arose a PROPHET**. There, when the sons of God had defiled themselves with the daughters of men - when knowledge was so great, and men so renowned - a period when **they were rich** and lacked nothing, yet **spiritually they were wretched and blind as in this day** - yes in those days there came **a PROPHET with the WORD** of the Lord.

***And since our day is to pattern after that period, we will not only look and see the increase of sin, and the lack of spirituality amongst those that claim to be Christians, but we will ALSO look for that Prophet who MUST come to fulfill Malachi 4:5-6 and Revelation 10:7.***

As Enoch blasted out against sin and iniquity, he also **preached about the Second Coming** of Christ **just before** the earth was destroyed by water. So will it be soon. **That age** of the flood, then, is **a type** of today when the Coming of the Lord draweth nigh. In Noah's day **God sent a Prophet** with the WORD to **catch the righteous and save them** from destruction. God did it. **The wicked perished. That will all happen again. But don't ever forget, as they had a Messenger who was a prophet we have had one also.**



Take now the **days of Lot** when Sodom was destroyed. The whole story is in Genesis Chapters 18 and 19. Again **we must not** have eyes only to see the wicked. **We must see** what is the portion of the righteous. When the enemy comes in like a flood, **God raises up a standard**. In Isaiah 59:19 we read, *"So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. **When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.**"* Well, **the enemy has come in** - let us then look for that standard.

In the **days of Lot** when the cup of iniquity was filled, **God did not forget** His own elect. They had His special care. What was that care? **God Himself** appeared to Abraham. There in the heat of the day as Abraham sat at the door of his tent he saw **three "men"** approaching. He ran and fell at the feet of **ONE of them** and cried **"MY LORD"**. For a while Abraham sat and had fellowship with these three "men".

**BUT towards Evening** "two" of these "men" rose up and went toward Sodom. **The "third" "man" stayed with Abraham**. He began to converse with His prophet, Abraham, revealing to him the Word. In Gen. 18:17, God said, *"Shall I hide from Abraham the thing I am about to do?"* **No**, He could not do that **because God reveals His secrets unto His servants, the prophets**. And as He is **revealing to Abraham** about the **coming destruction** He also tells him about **the COMING SON** for whom FAITHFUL Abraham longed.

And notice this. **Here is God appearing in human flesh**, revealing to Abraham the time of that Coming Son. As He does so, **Sarah** (in the tent behind Him) **laughs in her heart**. And God, with His back to the tent, knows that she laughs in her heart and **He speaks out revealing her very thoughts, even the thoughts of her heart**. God the GREAT PROPHET HIMSELF read the heart of Sarah. And this is exactly as it should be.

In Hebrews 4:12 we read,

***For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing, even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.***

That is what the Word does. It discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart. But the Word is God. Thus **the Manifested Word (God)** in the presence of Abraham **discerned the thoughts and intents** of the hearts of those present.

This is **exactly what Jesus did** when He came 2000 years ago. And we know that Jesus was God manifested in flesh. **It was this sign** (discerning the **thoughts and intents** of the heart) that **made the elect accept Him** as the Messiah.

Read what the Bible says in **John 1:40-51**.....

*1:40 "One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.*

*1:41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiahs, which are, being interpreted, the Christ.*

*1:42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jonas: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.*

*1:43 The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow Me.*

*1:44 Now Phillip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.*

*1:45 Philip findeth Nathanael and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law and the Prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.*

*1:46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.*

*1:47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!*

*1:48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.*

*1:49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.*

*1:50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? Thou shalt see greater things than these.*

*1:51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."*

See from these verses that **this sign** (discerning the **thoughts** and **intent**s of the heart) caused Nathanael to **immediately claim** this man of Nazareth to be the very Son of God, the King of Israel. Likewise **the woman at the well** received Christ as the Messiah **on the same basis**.

In John 4:14-29 we read,

*4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

*4:15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not,*

*neither come hither to draw.*

4:16 *Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.*

4:17 *The woman answered and said, "I have no husband". Jesus said unto her, "Thou hast well said, I have no husband".*

4:18 *For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.*

4:19 *The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.*

4:20 *Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; And ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.*

4:21 *Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.*

4:22 *Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.*

4:23 *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*

4:24 *God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

4:25 *The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiahs cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.*

4:26 *Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.*

4:27 *And upon this came his disciples, and marveled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? Or, why talkest thou with her?*

4:28 *The woman then left her water pot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,*

4:29 *Come; see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?*

She knew that He had to be a prophet. She knew that when Messiah would come He would do that. That would be the **SIGN of the Messiah**. That would be His Vindication. The SIGN which Nathanael and the Woman at the well saw Jesus manifest in the New Testament, Abraham saw that same SIGN in the Old Testament. This is true. **Read in John 8:56...** "*Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and he saw it and was glad.*" Jesus was talking about himself at that time. He said that Abraham actually saw His day - the day in which He was, right at that time.

This is what He meant by that statement. Twice in the Old Testament **God appeared to Abraham in human form**. The first time was when He appeared after the battle of the kings, and was called the King of Salem. Then, later, He appeared at the tent of Abraham immediately prior to the destruction of Sodom. **In the first instance** His appearance typed Him as the High Priest, the office of which He assumed after His resurrection. **But at the tent** He typed out His ministry as the PROPHET, which office He would assume during the days of His flesh. In **Deut. 18:15-19** we find these words,

**18:15** *The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;*

**18:16** *According to all that thou desirest of the Lord Thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.*

**18:17** *And the Lord said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken.*

**18:18** *I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.*

**18:19** *And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.*

And what He was at the tent, He was on earth and so He is right now. **The sign does not change. Only now it will be the Spirit in the Prophet bringing that same sign back to earth.** It has to be by way of the **prophet**, for as Israel cried unto God, "*Let us not hear your voice audibly or see the fire visibly, but speak to us through a man, even Moses.*" God hearkened and has **since then** spoken only by and thru the prophet. **That last day Prophet- Messenger is duty bound to produce that sign** if we are in the day that EXACTLY parallels the days of Lot and the destruction of Sodom.

Now while we are dwelling on that, Christian friend, elect of God, remember that Abraham was not mixed up down there in Sodom. He was **separated** unto the Lord. **God's elect are always a separated people.** (Come out of her my people) They are not of the world. Lot was down there, but then, he was **not elected**. God had not called and separated him. He came along only on the invitation of Abraham. He was a good man, to be sure, but **God did not appear to him**. God sent two angels with a message, warning him to get out of Sodom.

***Lot was not truly separated and neither were his children. They are a type of the nominal Christians who go through the tribulation.***

The Sodomites, of course, are the wicked, and they are destroyed as it says in Malachi - they are burned to ashes. But **how wonderful it is to**

**know** that right now God is **dealing with His elect as He did with Abraham** who is our father in the faith. He has appeared to His elect of the last days in a **prophetic ministry**, showing the **same sign** He showed to Abraham and his group. Truly Abraham's seed is blessed with Abraham, and visited by God through the Spirit.

Since it is absolutely impossible to deal with a prophet relative to the Second Coming of Christ without considering Elijah, we will do so now. Matt. 17:10-13,

**17:10** *"And His disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?"*

**17:11** *And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias shall truly first come and restore all things.*

**17:12** *But I say unto you that Elias is come already, and they knew him not but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise also shall the Son of Man suffer of them.*

**17:13** *Then the disciples understood that He spake unto them of John the Baptist."*

It will be **noted here immediately** that the prophet Elijah must certainly return to this earth. But it is also immediately noted that Jesus termed John the Baptist, Elijah. John was not the reincarnation of Elijah. He was John with the **same Spirit** upon him that was upon Elijah. This is the same case as is seen when Elisha prayed for a double portion of the Spirit that was upon Elijah and he received that double portion of the same Spirit. This did not make Elisha to be Elijah. It simply gave him the ministry by the Same Spirit.

Now follow this **up to our time**. Will we not also have a prophet upon whom this same ministry by the Holy Ghost descends? Will such a one come at the end of this church age? Look at Malachi 4:5-6,

**4:5** *"Behold, I will send Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:*

**4:6** *And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to the fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."*

Here is one of those **most peculiar scriptures** that in **one sweep encompass two widely separated events** dealing with one person. The person involved is Elijah. **The two events** are his manifestation before **both the comings of Jesus Christ**. Now of course this is **not** Elijah himself, but only **the "Elijah ministry"** for there is **no reincarnation in the Bible**. In fact the Word explains these two events. **Malachi 4:6a** *"And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,"* is a reference

to **John the Baptist** as set forth in **Luke 1:17**.

**4:6a** *"And he shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Elias, 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."*

This one upon whom the Holy Spirit comes in such a way as to designate an Elijah ministry is **the very same in Malachi 3: 1a**,

**3:1a** *"Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me."*

John the Baptist fulfilled Malachi 4:6a and Malachi 3:1a. **Notice** what Jesus said in **Matthew 11:7-10**.

**11:7** *"And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?"*

**11:8** *But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.*

**11:9** *But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.*

**11:10** *For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee."*

Now as it has been pointed out in Malachi 4:6 **only the first part of that verse** referred to John the Baptist upon whom the Elijah ministry had fallen. **The last part obviously belongs to another messenger** with the same ministry, who will at some time turn the hearts of the **children to the fathers**. They will not be the same person. They will be **different men, ages apart**. Indeed, if this prophet appears today, he will be **the Elijah for our day**, living 2000 years after John.

Now to understand the meaning involved in Malachi 4:6 let us **study carefully** the thought, *"He shall turn the hearts of the **Fathers to the children**."* John, with the "Elijah ministry" for that day was turning the hearts of the **Pharisee, Sadducee fathers** to the **children** who were being **made ready** to receive the Messiah when He came. It was the **children** (spiritual) of these 'fathers' who believed on John and then went on to follow Jesus. And this ministry of John had to do with the **FATHERS** of these elect children.

Something had to be done to turn the hearts of the fathers to them. **It would come** through the ministry of John. **And it did come** through that ministry. For when John appeared the fathers were not taking God's Word but their own. They were sinning and calling it righteousness. They had made the Word of God of 'no effect' by their traditions. John came thundering on the



scene.

Out of the desert he came dressed in skins, and rough and coarse was his exterior. Bold and cutting were his ways. **He slashed with the Word and Spirit of God.** And they being stronger than the gates of hell cut at men's hearts and brought many to the baptism of repentance and faith that **the MESSIAH was about to appear.**

This ministry in the Spirit that **John** began was taken up by **Jesus**, for **John had to decrease while Jesus increased.** The hearts of the fathers being tuned to the **Word (written)** - it was not so great a step now to turn to the **WORD (Manifested).** These disciples, who were **children then**, later became the **apostles** and **they in turn became the fathers** of the church, for the Gentile church is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets.

*2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God:*

*2:20a And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets.*

**John had**, in forerunning the First Coming of Christ, "Turned the hearts of the **Fathers** to the **Children**". NOW, **2000 years later** we look back to those "Children" as being the "**Fathers**" of the Gentile Church. But **since** the "**fathers** fell asleep", **the church has drifted from the Original Word.** Once more the Word has been left and men have accepted tradition in its place.

Now, **there was need for a man**, a prophet, like Elijah, Elisha and John to come and fulfill **Malachi 4:6b** - "*Turn the hearts of the **CHILDREN** back to the original **Church Fathers***" -**back** to the Word originally preached, **back** to the signs that follow the Word. **This last-day Prophet** with the Elijah Ministry **will forerun** the Second Coming of Christ wherein Jesus comes to catch away His Bride.

Yes, a Prophet-Messenger **was prophesied to come** and indeed that Messenger **has come** to bring the Bride back to the Word and the mighty works that follow the believers. **According to Rev. 10:7**, through his Ministry and Message he will "**finish the Mystery of God**" and **forerun the Second Coming of Christ...** The Message of this **End time Messenger** has **revealed the Mysteries** that have been hidden in God since the foundation of the world. This may sound like a large order. It is, but yet **it has come to pass.**

This generation **needed** this type of ministry and this generation **HAS RECEIVED** it. **WHY the desperate need?** Paul, The **First Messenger** to the First Church Age, had "*Thus saith the Lord*", on the Scriptures. He was **God's vindicated spokesman** for that age. **BUT** as the church progressed into the Second and Third Ages **DARKNESS overtook it.** The **spirit of Anti-Christ** which was present in the First Age (**1st. John 2:18**) began to lead the people **away from the True Word** into Creeds and

Dogmas of **man-made religion**.

Since then man has been divided over the interpretation of Scripture. **But God promised to RESTORE** back that which the Church had lost through the DARK AGES. Therefore, in this last age, we needed a Messenger to arise with, **NOT** "Thus saith the Church or Theologian" **BUT** "*Thus Saith The Lord.*" To **TURN** the hearts of the **CHILDREN** to the exact Truth of the **FATHERS**.

It was **abiding in that original WORD** that brought the power. We have to **get back** to the TRUE meaning, TRUE Interpretation of the Word and then ABIDE in it. **Only by abiding** in the Word can we become WORD Believers, ready for the Second Coming of Christ and the Rapture (Catching Away) of His Bride. This messenger to the Laodicea age **had a tremendous burden** placed upon him. It was with him as it was with other prophets, especially **Moses**. The people were oppressed under Pharaoh.

For Moses to come and declare himself a prophet of God and worthy of attention and obedience to the Word of God in his mouth, he would of necessity have to **gain their attention through some vindication** by God that would defy all dispute.

This can be easily understood. The Hebrews **had not had a prophet** for about **400 years**. Such a length of time would see **several generations without the truth of God in their midst**, and the result was ignorance of God's Word and ways. **Moses would need supernatural vindication** of his ministry to **catch their attention** and TURN their hearts to the TRUTH of God's Promise for their day - A Promise of Deliverance (**Genesis 15:13-14**).

This is the very **same situation** when both **John and Jesus** came. Israel was **without a prophet** for another **400 years** and the **TRUTH** had in human hands **deteriorated into human tradition**. How **very difficult** it would be to TURN Israel to Truth by a prophet. **Thus when God sent Moses He sent him with two signs**. If the people refused the first sign (the rod made into a serpent) they would hearken to the voice of the second sign (the hand placed in the bosom, turning leprous and then clean.) Exodus 4:8: "*And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the second sign.*"

**Did you notice?** God said that **His signs had a voice** with it. God **NEVER** sends a **Sign WITHOUT a Voice**. The SIGN is meant to attract your **attention to the VOICE**. There's bound to be a Message to follow the Sign. Don't focus on the Sign only **BUT Listen for the Voice** - it's a Message from God.

The **Voice of the Sign** usually does **Two things**. It will **open the eyes of some** and bring them closer to God and **harden the hearts of others** more and more **as they reject** what the Voice is saying. In Egypt Pharaoh's heart was hardened, but Moses wasn't discouraged. He knew that the **VOICE of**

the **SIGN** was a Scriptural Voice. It was "**THUS SAITH THE LORD**". The **VOICE** that cried out of the burning bush spoke the Word of God as it had been given to that great Prophet, Abraham. It said, "**I remember my promise to my people.**" So Moses listened and obeyed, and in so doing he brought the promise of God for the people of that generation.

Now **when God spoke by that sign** there was only one avenue left. Israel had to move out of Egypt - the Exodus had to come. **So also in this Age**, there has been a **final vindicating sign** with a **final vindicated Message** announcing that *"Time shall be no longer delayed"* (**Rev. 10:6**). It is **Finished!** It is **done!** The Second Coming of Christ, the Resurrection and the Rapture is about to dawn in all its fullness and glory upon the end time Believer. Indeed, we are caused to asked "**What hath God wrought in our generation?** We are exhorted to **take heed** lest it happen to us what happen in the days of John the Baptist.

In Matthew 17:12 it is written, "**But I say unto you, that Elijah is come already, and THEY KNEW HIM NOT, but have done unto him whatsoever they desired.....**"

**Think of it!** The forerunner of Jesus' First Coming had arrived on the scene but **THEY KNEW HIM NOT** - They **killed** him! Then they **killed** the one whom he was trying to introduce to them. **Blinded** by tradition, creeds and man-made religion **the majority** of Professing Christians in **this Age has failed to recognize** the Messenger-Forerunner of the Second Coming of Christ. And if we miss the Forerunner we shall surely miss Christ's Second Coming and be **left to weep** in the Great Tribulation.

As John the Baptist cried, "**Behold the Lamb of God** ", the Messenger-Prophet to this last age continues to cry out, "**Behold the Bridegroom cometh.**" As the apostle Paul **declared the mysteries of God** in the First Age, **it produced Faith** for Salvation, Healing and even **Martyring Faith** - Faith to die for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Even so now** , the *Mysteries of God revealed* through **the Elijah Ministry** of this day **IS producing Faith** for Salvation, Healing and **the Rapture** - The Message of This Hour, will in God's time and season give us **Faith to walk of the earth without seeing death.** *That's the Promise for This Day* (1st. Thess 4:17; 1st. Cor. 15:51-52).

*Unfortunately, most people today are more apt to believe in science-fiction rather than the Promise of the Word for this day. In Luke 18:8, Jesus said, "**When the Son of Man cometh, shall He find Faith on the Earth?**"*

**So spiritually blind** with creeds and man-made religion would man be in this hour, that **Jesus questioned** whether or not anyone would be found to Believe the '**whole body**' of revealed **Truth** to receive **Rapturing Faith**. **WHAT** a Day! **WHAT** an Hour!

**God made Promises** concerning this hour and **God HAS** and **God IS** fulfilling those Promises. God **Promised** us a Prophet Messenger to

forerun His second Coming and **God HAS sent that Prophet.** Without a doubt, most Professing Christians will acknowledge that **we are in the last days** BUT many do have doubts as to WHO the End time Prophet-Messenger really is. **WHO IS HE? WHERE IS HE?**

**Who is that man** so vindicated by God with visions and signs and wonders? **Who is that man** who never yet had a revelation fail? **Who is he** who leads men to God through the Word and **never leaves** the Holy Writ?

**Such a man** we look for. **According to** the signs of the times, **such a man** even now must be in our midst, OR has he **already come and gone?** - A Prophet of prevailing truth! **Come with us** into Chapter Three as we discover **WHO** this Vindicated Messenger really is.