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What is the great and dreadful day of the Lord? Is it the Great Tribulation or is it some other event? Is there a way for us to find out exactly what that day is and when it will occur? It is important for us to know when that day will happen, because the Bible tells us that the 2nd Elijah is to come before that day. The Bible is our only sure source of information so let's examine it to see what answer it provides for us.

Preamble

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I think it is essential to clarify the question of the “Holy Spirit” before we begin this study. If we say that who or what is the “Holy Spirit” is the question that needs to be answered, we are starting from the assumption that there exists such a being as the Holy Spirit and that it is a separate and distinct being from God and the Word. The question which should be asked is who are the beings the Bible tell us are holy, whose composition is spirit and who have existed eternally? Either the Bible plainly tells us who are the separate and distinct beings that existed from all eternity who created all things (spirit beings and the material universe) or we have no way of getting an answer to our question.

The Holy Spirits of the God Family

The Bible tells us in Gen 1:1 that:

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

The Hebrew word translated “God” is “Eloheem” which is the plural form of “Eloah which means “God”. The word “Eloheem” refers to “gods.” It is a uniplural noun like family, group, team, etc. In the beginning, there was therefore more than one God being in existence but how many were there?

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In the beginning when God created the heaven and the earth there was God and there was another being with God who was also God, the Word. How can these two beings both be God; isn't that impossible?

The word God indicates the kind of existence of these 2 beings: their nature is to be God in the same way that all human beings have the same human nature. However, having the same nature does not mean that all human beings constitute a single being; indeed, they are all separate and distinct beings with their own personalities. God and the Word have in common the same nature or, level and type of existence, but they are separate and distinct beings just like all human beings who have the same human nature are separate and distinct beings.

God the Father

We read in the Bible that God became a father when the Word became flesh (Phi 2:5-8) by being born of woman after having been conceived in the virgin Mary by the holy spirit being called God (Luke 1:35). God from that point on became God the Father and the Word, who was born as the flesh-and-blood Jesus of Nazareth became God's Son or the Son of God. He was both fully God (his father was God and fully human (his mother was the virgin Mary).

Jesus was God the Father's only begotten son at the time when He was conceived in Mary's womb but He was not to be the only one begotten of the Father. God the Father is the holy spirit being in the Godhead that calls men to salvation.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

Joh 18:9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou [God the Father] gavest me have I lost none.

1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

God the Word and Spokesman

The Bible term for being called is to be spiritually begotten by God the Father (1Pe 1:3). When we are begotten, we become a spiritual embryo that can be born again as a glorified spirit being with eternal life. Those begotten of the holy spirit God the Father who follow their calling are then able to come to the holy spirit being called the Word and Spokesman (John 6:44; 65; 18:9) who then teaches them. The glorified Jesus-Christ as God the Father's Word and Spokesman is the holy spirit being that works in the minds of God the Father's called and chosen ones.

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Jesus had to first be glorified for it to be possible for Christians to have access to the holy spirit called the Word and Spokesman because the glorified Christ is the holy spirit being who works in the minds of God's saints (John 14:17) in the same way that Satan is the evil spirit that works in the minds of the children of disobedience (Eph2:2).

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he [Christ] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [On the day of Pentecost, it would be in them and in all true Christians.]

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, [Satan] the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

The holy spirit God the Father calls men and those who follow their calling are then taught by the holy spirit called the Word and God the Father's Spokesman.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Holy Ghost

The expression “Holy Ghost” used in the Bible is in error as there are no ghosts in the Godhead but rather 2 beings that are holy (John 17:11; Isa 6:3) and spirit (John 4:24).

Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy**, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

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

These 2 God beings who are holy and spirit are the holy spirit beings of the God family who existed in the beginning at the creation of all things.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

And, the Word who was with God is before all things i.e., *nothing* existed before He created them whether made of spirit or matter.

Col 1:15 [Christ] Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature:

Col 1:16 For by him [the Word who became Jesus-Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

In the beginning before anything either physical or spiritual was created, there was God and the Word who existed before all things and no other being is mentioned as having existed with them. There is no bib-

lical evidence that there ever existed a third, separate and distinct personage in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit” who dwelt in eternity with God and the Word.

God is a Family

Throughout the Bible we can find many verses which clearly indicates the existence of family relations between God and the Word and God’s called, chosen and faithful.

Mat 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

Mat 12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Joh 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

God is clearly a family in which many can be ultimately born again by a resurrection from the dead to eternal, glorified spirit life in God’s Kingdom.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he [God’s Son] might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Col 1:18 And he [the glorified Christ] is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Christ was the first to be born again by a resurrection from the dead to be followed by many brethren.

Bible Writing Convention

The practice in the Bible has been to simply use the expression “the Holy Spirit” without indicating which God personage in the Godhead the expression represents. Over time, because of this practice, just about everybody has come to believe that the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct God being in the Godhead but, there is no single verse or group of verses in the Bible that prove the existence of such a third being in the Godhead. The words “holy” and “spirit” are adjectives that describe the nature of

God the Father and of God the Word i.e., they are holy beings made of spirit.

Whenever we encounter the expressions the “Holy Spirit” or simply the “Holy Spirit” in the Bible we must look at the context to determine of which holy spirit being of the Godhead the Bible is talking about: the holy spirit, God the Father or the holy spirit, the Word and Spokesman.

The Word is the holy spirit being in the Godhead who carries out the instructions and wishes of the holy spirit, God. He is the faithful son who seeks to do his father’s will in all things. He is the member of the God family that did the work of creating the heaven and the earth, who ruled over ancient Israel through Moses and his human successors, He is the one who became a man who suffered and died to be God the Father’s perfect sacrifice for sin and make the salvation of mankind possible, etc. and He came to reveal the Father to those who follow the Father’s calling.

Making Things Clearer

In this study, when referring to God’s spirit who, depending on the circumstances can be the holy spirit personage called God the Father or the holy spirit personage called God the Word and Spokesman, I will not capitalize either of the adjectives “holy” and “spirit”. This is in order to not perpetuate the false impression in the minds of readers that there is a 3rd being in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit.” Instead, I will refer to either of the holy spirits in the God family as being God’s spirit without capitalizing the word “spirit” to make it plain that we are not referring to a third God being in the God family called the “Holy Spirit” but to one of the 2 God beings in the Godhead.

God’s family is presently made up of 2 holy spirit beings to which are to be added thousands and possibly millions of other holy spirit beings when God’s plan of salvation for mankind has reached its end. The saints that endure in the faith until the end of their natural human life, will be resurrected as individual holy spirit beings in God’s Kingdom when it is established.

There are two studies which you can read regarding what is the “Holy Spirit” and decide for yourself in light of the Bible-based evidence offered if such a being exists in the Godhead. These studies are: [What is the Holy Spirit? Cliffs Notes Version](#) and [Who or What is the Holy Spirit?](#)

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It has long been believed and it continues to be believed by many that the day of the Lord of the book of Revelation is the time when God will intervene in the affairs of men to bring an end to the governments of this world and to bring about the conditions of the wonderful world tomorrow, the Millennium.

It was thought that the events of the Great Tribulation recorded in the book of Revelation was the great and dreadful day of the Lord. Christ would return to the earth as King of kings and Lord of lords and with His resurrected saints, would begin the process of converting the masses. It would be a time where the resurrected saints would serve as teachers who would, in a great worldwide educational campaign, begin teaching the world the true value it needs to adopt to be saved and to make possible a wonderful world of peace, security, safety, abundance, personal fulfillment, joy and happiness for all.

As a result of the great destruction of nations and loss of human life during the Great Tribulation, it was considered the nations would be chastened and disposed to listen to the message of God's teachers. There would then be no more appetite for war between the nations and conflict between individuals, people having just lived through the worst time of trouble to have come upon the world.

But is this what is going to happen after Christ's 2nd Coming? There are many questions that need to be answered regarding Christ's 2nd Coming and especially the following:

Is He coming back to the world or to a specific nation?

What is the reason for His 2nd Coming?

Also of interest to us in this study is the question of what is the great and dreadful day of the Lord and who is the Elijah the prophet that God says He will send to the physical nation of Israel before the coming of that day? We need to determine what is the great and dreadful day of the Lord mentioned in Malachi 4:5 and who is Elijah the prophet God says He will send.

Let's begin our analysis.

Elijah the Prophet is to Come To What Nation?

In the book of Malachi, God says He will send Elijah the prophet to Israel **before the great and dreadful day of the Lord.**

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you **[the physical nation of Israel]** Elijah the prophet **before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:**

The book of Malachi is not addressed to God's Church which is God's **spiritual** nation of Israel; it is addressed to the physical nation of Israel.

Mal 1:1 The burden of the word of the LORD **to Israel** by Malachi.

This is how we know that the second Elijah is not coming to God's Church but to the physical nation of Israel if you will believe your Bible.

You may recall that Christ at His First Coming **to Israel** told His disciples (Mat 17: 10-12) "...*Elias [Elijah] truly shall first come and restore all things.*" Christ was in Israel, speaking to Israelites (the disciples) about something of great importance to Israel. What He was saying had nothing to do with God's Church or the world.

Before Christ spoke these words to them, He had taken 3 of his disciples up on a high mountain.

Mat 17:1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

The disciples then saw Jesus transfigured and speaking with Moses and Elias. When the vision was over the disciples had a question for Jesus.

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

Their question was that since Elijah had already come to Israel why do the Scribes continue to say that he must first come to Israel? And, he must first come before what event can take place?

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

What is it that needs to be restored by this Elijah before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord and what will happen at the time of the great and dreadful day of the Lord?

Mat 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 shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

Mat 17:13 Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist did a work similar to the one that will be done by the Elijah to come. John the Baptist reminded Israel that they had to repent and be baptized for their sins to be forgiven and to become acceptable to God.

The Scriptures that the Jews (members of the tribes of Benjamin, Levi and Judah come back to Jerusalem from their captivity under the Persians) then had were those of the OT and they knew that in the book of Malachi, God had said He would send them **Elijah** the prophet before the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

They also knew that a **prophet** was to be sent to them according to Deu 18:15-18.

Deu 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, **[Israel]** of thy brethren, **[will be an Israelite]** like unto me; **[Moses]** unto him **[that Prophet]** ye shall hearken;

Deu 18:16 According to all that thou desiredst 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.

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

Deu 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.

So, when John the Baptist came along, the Jews thought he might be that prophet, Elias or the Christ that was to come to Israel and they sent some of the priests and Levites to ask John who he was.

Joh 1:19 And this is the record of John, when **the Jews sent priests and Levites** from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

Joh 1:20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I **[John the Baptist]** am not **the Christ**.

Joh 1:21 And they asked him, What then? **Art thou Elias?** And he saith, **I am not.** Art thou **that prophet?** And he answered, **No.**

The Jews understood that the Elijah to come to them was not the original Elijah that had come to Israel. It would be someone that would do for Israel what the former one had done i.e., remind them of God's law and the need for them to obey God.

The Jews thought Elijah, the Christ and "that prophet" were 3 different persons who were to come to Israel. Who then will be the single person or will it be many persons who will come to Israel and do an Elijah like work, be "that prophet" and who would be the Christ?

Would it be 3 different persons or would it be one person who would fulfill all 3 roles or would these roles be fulfilled by one person but at different moments in the history of the nation of Israel?

The disciples knew Jesus was the Christ or Messiah but the Jews didn't.

Mat 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, **Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?**

Mat 16:14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

Mat 16:15 He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?**

Mat 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the **Christ**, the Son of the living God.

Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.**

What did the Jews and the disciples think the Messiah would do when he would come to Israel? Please note that the Scribes and the Pharisees did not believe Jesus was the Messiah and they eventually had Him put to death. As far as they were concerned, the Messiah was yet to come to Israel. They knew He was a teacher come from God but they didn't think He was the promised Messiah or Christ (John 3:2).

Something that was important to Israel and that they wanted to change was that they had ceased to be a sovereign nation and were under Roman rule when Christ came among them. Israel had ceased to be a nation since its split into 2 kingdoms after the death of Solomon and both kingdoms having gone off into captivity under foreign powers. The people that were in Israel at the time of Christ's First Coming were some of the members of the tribes of Judah, Benjamin and Levi (collectively known as the Jews) who had come back from their captivity under the Persians. They had rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem and built a new temple but they were still not free. The Roman Empire ruled over them; something they really didn't like.

The Jews thought the Messiah, when He would come to Israel, would again make Israel a free nation. The common people thought Jesus was the Messiah and that He would free the kingdom of Israel from Roman rule. That's why the common people acclaimed Him as the King of Israel.

Joh 12:12 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

Joh 12:13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the **King of Israel** that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Joh 12:14 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,

Joh 12:15 Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

This is where things get confusing. Christ or the Messiah was indeed to be King of Israel but not of the physical nation of Israel, He was to be the king of the spiritual nation of Israel after its glorification by a resurrection from the dead which is something they did not know nor could not understand. The Scribes and Pharisees read the Scriptures and to them the prophecies meant that the Messiah (in Hebrew) or the Christ (in Greek) would restore Israel to being a free nation.

But we know that when the OT Scriptures speak about Christ being a king, they are not saying that Christ would be the king of a nation of this world such as the physical nation of Israel. Christ Himself tells us so.

Joh 18:36 Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.**

Joh 18:37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, **Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.**

Christ was born to be a king, a king of the spiritual nation of Israel upon its glorification by a resurrection from the dead when it would become part of the Kingdom of God along with those of the Gentile nations who would become converted.

Even Christ's disciples thought that Jesus was going to again make Israel a free nation. This is why they asked Christ the following question just before He ascended to His Father.

Act 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, **wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?**

Christ's responded to them in a way that didn't make clear that the kingdom of which He would be king would not be a kingdom of this world.

Act 1:7 And he said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.**

He simply told them that it was not given unto them to know when the kingdom would be restored without indicating what kind of kingdom He was talking about i.e., the establishment of the Kingdom of God and not restoring sovereignty to the physical nation of Israel.

If we consider Mal 4:5 and Mat 17:10-12 together then this means that the 2nd Elijah to come promised by Christ will not come to the world nor to God's spiritual nation of Israel or God's Church but to the descendants of the physical nation of Israel.

Who is the Promised Second Elijah?

In the book of Deuteronomy, God promises the **physical nation of Israel** that He will raise up a prophet to them from one of their brethren i.e., he will be an Israelite.

Deu 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee **[the physical nation of Israel]** a Prophet from the midst of thee, **[will be an Israelite]** of thy brethren, like unto me **[Moses];** unto him ye shall hearken; **[closely listen to someone]**

Deu 18:16 According to all that thou desiredst 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.

Israel greatly feared God when they heard the voice of the Lord and saw the great fire that burnt atop Mount Sinai. They said they didn't want to hear the voice of God or see the great fire anymore, fearing they would die if they did. So God through Moses tells them that He would not manifest Himself to them in that way anymore and that instead, He would raise up a prophet unto them from among their brethren (Deu 18:18).

Deu 18:17 And the LORD said unto me, **[Moses]** They **[physical Israel]** have well spoken that which they have spoken. **[In other words, God says He will not manifest Himself to them again like He did in Horeb.]**

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

Deu 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. [He will be held responsible for not having listened and obeyed.]

In the book of Acts, we are given more information about the prophet mentioned by Moses which is to come to the physical nation of Israel.

Act 3:18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

Act 3:19 Repent ye [this is being told to the Israelites who will hear Jesus (Act 3:20) when He comes to them at His Second Coming] therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; [The Lord, Christ, will then be “present” among them.]

Act 3:20 And he [God the Father] shall send [to you Israel; Peter here is talking to Israelites not the Gentiles; Acts 3: 11-17 makes it very clear that Peter is talking to members of the physical nation of Israel] Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: [Christ or the Messiah had been preached to them by the prophets and they put Him to death (Acts 3: 18) is to be sent back to them, physical Israel, not the world and not to spiritual Israel or God’s Church.]

Act 3:21 [Christ] Whom the heaven must receive [who is to remain in heaven] until the times of restitution of all things, [the restoration of the truths given ancient Israel as well as teaching those brought back from the nations where they had been scattered and living as Gentiles that they are members of the original nation of Israel] which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Act 3:22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, [Deu 18:15] A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you [Moses was talking to the physical nation of Israel] of your brethren, like unto me [Moses]; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

Act 3:23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, [person or physical Israelite] which will not hear that prophet, shall

be destroyed from among the people. [Those that refuse to follow the teachings of that prophet will not become part of God's spiritual nation of Israel.]

The restoration of all things to the physical nation of Israel and the making of the New Covenant marks the beginning of the conversion of Israel spoken of by Paul in the 11th chapter of the book of Romans. Their conversion begins with Christ coming to them to complete the second part of His 7-year ministry which will last 3 1/2 years (Dan 9:27). He is the Elijah that Christ told the disciples would come to Israel and restore all things.

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Christ is God the Father's Spokesman. He was the God of the Old Testament who spoke to Moses, freed Israel from its Egyptian captivity and brought them to the Promised Land. He is the One who made the Old Covenant with ancient Israel and He is the One that will make the New Covenant with their descendants after His 2nd Coming. The Bible is a book about one nation and only one nation, Israel, first physical then spiritual. Occasionally the Bible may speak about other nations but it does not speak to them.

Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

Heb 8:9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

When Christ resumes His ministry to Israel after His 2nd Coming, it will be the time of the making of the New Covenant with the physical nation of Israel.

Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel, [the Northern Kingdom] and with the house of Judah: [the Southern Kingdom]

After the death of Solomon, Israel had split into two kingdoms: the Northern Kingdom made up of 10 tribes and the Southern Kingdom made up of the tribes of Benjamin, Levi and Judah.

Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

Christ at His Second Coming will gather Israel from the nations where they had been scattered and bring them back to the original Promised Land.

Jer 29:14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place [original Promised Land] whence [from which] I caused you to be carried away captive.

What Has to be Restored to Israel?

The Northern Kingdom (10 tribes of Israel) are scattered among the nations and are living as Gentiles. They have lost their language, their national identity and their religion. Christ at His Second Coming will gather them and restore them to the original Promised Land. The 10 tribes of the Northern Kingdom and the 3 tribes of the Southern Kingdom will again be reunited on the territory of Israel as the one nation that they were before the death of Solomon and going off into captivity.

Joh 10:16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

When Christ came to Israel, there were only the Jews living there. The Jews are the combined tribes of Judah, Levi and Benjamin. This is why Christ says He had other sheep who were not of this fold or flock. All of the 10-tribe Northern Kingdom of Israel was missing. At His Second Coming they will be brought back to the land of Israel.

It will be necessary for them to be taught who they really are, their customs and traditions, their history from the time they went off into captivity and then be given the spiritual information they need by Christ at His Second Coming to bring them to the point where after 3 1/2 years they will be able to decide on an individual basis to enter or not into the New Covenant.

Act 3:20 And he **[God the Father]** shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: **[Israel]**

Act 3:21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Act 3:22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you **[Israel]** of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

Jesus Christ will be sent by God the Father to the physical descendants of Israel to make the New Covenant with them.

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Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

Heb 8:13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

Heb 12:24 And to **Jesus the mediator of the new covenant**, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Jesus is the mediator or intermediary through which will be made the New Covenant with the descendants of the physical nation of Israel restored to the original Promised Land upon their return from their end-time captivity among the Gentile nations.

The Great and Dreadful Day of the Lord

The phrase “day of the Lord” is found in several Bible verses; simply do a search of these words using one of the many freely available electronic Bibles and you’ll see how many days of the Lord there are in the Bible. Whenever God intervenes in the affairs of men, the Bible refers to His intervention as being a “day of the Lord.” We know that the events found in the book of Revelation are said to occur during the Lord’s Day.

Rev1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

During the vision that John received we find the events of the Great Tribulation (GT). The first part of the GT is the wrath of Satan and second part is God’s vengeance upon the inhabitants of the earth.

Rev 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitors of the earth and of the seal! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Rev 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

But are these events *the great and dreadful day of the Lord* mentioned in Mal 4:5.

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet **before** the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

I have highlighted the word “before” in the Mal 4:5 because of its great importance in allowing us to know what events constitute the great and dreadful day of the Lord. We have shown that Elijah the prophet is to come to the physical nation of Israel restored to the original Promised Land after the Great Tribulation and that this Elijah is Christ returning to Israel to make the New Covenant God had promised He would make with them.

According to Mal 4:5, Elijah (Christ at His Second Coming to Israel) must come to Israel **before** the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

If the Great Tribulation is the great and dreadful day of the Lord, then Christ would have to come back before the Great Tribulation and have gathered and restored Israel to the Promised Land and have made the New Covenant with them before the Great Tribulation happens.

But, Christ's 2nd Coming only occurs at the blowing of the 7th trumpet of the 7th seal of the book of Revelation during the Great Tribulation (GT). Israel, before the Great Tribulation, does not then yet exist as a nation as it is scattered in captivity among the Gentile nations and Christ has yet to gather them and restore them to their land which is something that takes place only after His Second Coming. If the GT is the great and dreadful day of the Lord mentioned in Mal 4: 5 then Christ's Second Coming would have to have happened before the beginning of the GT.

Since the Great Tribulation cannot be the great and dreadful day of the Lord mentioned in Mal 4: 5 then what is it, when will it occur and what happens on that day?

The Bible speaks of another great and momentous event that is to take place before the closing off of God's plan of salvation for mankind and it too like the Great Tribulation is one of the many days of the Lord mentioned in the Bible with the exception that it is the last day of the Lord.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

It is a day that will involve all human beings that have ever lived: all those that were never called and all those who were called and who did not follow their calling or who turned away from it. Their punishment will be the loss of their salvation which is a punishment that lasts forever. They will perish in the Lake of Fire which is the second death from which no resurrection is possible. And, It will be the time when God's faithful saints become immortal, glorified spirit beings and members of God's Kingdom.

Mat 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Mat 25:32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

Mat 25:33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Mat 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right

hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

It is the final event that brings to an end God's plan of salvation for mankind and where the kingdom of God comes into being. There are no longer any human beings alive in the universe, the new Jerusalem comes down to the new earth and God the Father and God the Word will dwell on the earth which becomes the center of the newly created universe.

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

The men mentioned in Rev 21:3 are glorified spirit beings as at the time when the new heaven and the new earth are created there are no longer any flesh-and-blood men alive.

The GWTJ, the end of physical mankind, the death of the wicked in the Lake of Fire, the coming into being of God's Kingdom, the creation of new heaven and of a new earth, the New Jerusalem and God the Father coming down to the new earth is the single greatest event that will ever have occurred in the existence of mankind. And, it will also be a time of great fear for those who will experience it as then will occur the final judgment, the resurrection of all those who did not follow their calling or who did not remain faithful to it, the separation by God of the wicked from those who are to be saved, and the coming of the Lake of Fire. Those in the GWTJ will realize that the time has come for their eternal fate to be decided with no one being sure whether they will be saved or not. There will be much fear and anxiety considering that the decision that will be taken is final and the second death is forever for those losing their salvation.

The GWTJ is the great and dreadful day of the Lord mentioned in Mal 4: 5.

By that time, Christ will have come to Israel as the promised Elijah who would restore all things to them when for the first time since its coming into being it will be offered salvation as were the Gentile nations. Christ will restore all things to them during the second part of His ministry to them. His ministry was to last one week or 7 days but it was cut off in the middle of the week following His death on the stake.

Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and **in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease**, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

There therefore remains 3 ½ years of Christ's ministry to be accomplished and this will happen at Christ's 2nd Coming to Israel returned from its end-time captivity and restored to the original Promised Land. It will be the time of the making of the New Covenant with Israel. All those who enter the New Covenant then become part of God's NT spiritual nation of Israel. Not all of them will (Mat 22: 14; 7: 13-14).

Conclusion

Christ is the promised 2nd Elijah that is to come to the descendants of the physical nation of Israel to resettle them in the original Promised Land and to restore all things to them. He will spend 3 1/2 years confirming the covenant with them. At the end of His ministry, Israel will be given the opportunity to enter the New Covenant, and all those who do, will become part of God's NT spiritual nation of Israel or God's Church. Those who don't will constitute the physical and unconverted nation of Israel that will exist until the end of the Millennium. Christ is that prophet that God through Moses had promised He would send to Israel. They would then all be called, be able to understand the spiritual teachings of Christ and be given their one and only opportunity for salvation at the time of the making of the New Covenant.

Christ is the promised Elijah to come not to the world, not to God's Church but to the physical nation of Israel that will exist at the time of His 2nd Coming to Israel.

Christ as the promised 2nd Elijah will restore all things to them before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord so that Israel will have had its chance to be saved before the coming of the Great White Throne Judgement and the end of God's plan of salvation.

