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Dear Associates and Friends,

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This month's article is the edited and expanded version of a 1999 article by Dr. Ernest L. Martin titled "[Greatest Revolution in Human History](#)." With the mass of information on the ASK website, this will be new to most of you. You will learn some interesting information regarding events that are prophesied to be fulfilled before Christ returns.

Jews today adhere to a non-biblical form of religion. In fact their condition is worse today than when Jesus criticized the religious leaders of His day calling them hypocrites, saying their heart was far from God, they worshipped God vainly, taught the commandments of men and not those of God, and lived by the traditions of men while rejecting the commandment of God (Mark 7:6–9).

The apostle Paul wrote about conditions when he was preaching to the Gentiles and Jews in the Roman world:

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit [lying], after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

• **Colossians 2:8**

"**Philosophy and vain deceit**" are key reasons Judaism was spoiled even more than in the days of Jesus and Paul. It began in the 1200s and the 1500s AD through the leadership of two men who are honored today as great Jewish sages, yet their teaching has little or nothing to do with the teachings of the Law of Moses or the Old Testament. How it was done is the subject of Dr. Martin's article.

God will change the hearts of the people of Israel to receive the truths of God before Christ returns. This also is the subject of Dr. Martin's article. Many, if not most, of the children of Israel will seek their God and acknowledge Christ as their Messiah and Savior. The story of Judaism's decline and recovery is involved.

Elijah(s) and the Temple

An important feature of the future conversion of Israel to biblical truth and acceptance of the resurrection of Jesus as their Messiah and Savior will be the construction of a future Temple. It appears that the Elijah to come will interact with the future Temple. The name Elijah means, "My God is Yah." Three individuals in Scripture relate to the name Elijah. According to Scripture, all lives honor God.

What are the relationships of the Elijahs to the Temples of God?

(1) The first man named Elijah seems to have been a priest of YHWH descended from an Aaronic priestly family of the tribe of Levi, but we have no biblical information that he ever served as a priest at the Solomonic Temple in Jerusalem. Elijah went to Mount Horeb and spoke with YHWH there.

(2) Likewise, we have no information that John the Baptist ever performed priestly duties like his father Zacharias (Luke chapter 1). No one ever questioned John's authority or reason he baptized people who came to him. John did no miracles. He preached and was the greatest of the prophets. Jesus said about John:

"For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you will receive it, this is Elias [Elijah], which was for to come. He that has ears to hear, let him hear."

• **Matthew 11:13–15**

"This is he, of whom it is written [referencing Malachi], **'Behold, I send my messenger before your**

face, which shall prepare your way before you.’ For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

Luke 7:27–28

(3) The Elijah to come will have characteristics of both the original Elijah and John the Baptist, as well as his own unique personality. He will effectively teach the law of Moses. He will be instrumental in causing Israel to return to a true and biblical worship of YHWH according to a proper understanding of God’s Law given to Moses. He will very likely have an important role to reestablish the sacrificial system in the next Temple to be built before Christ returns. This man will be ...

1. a valid Aaronic priest,
2. an expert in the Mosaic law, rituals, and procedures,
3. likely a member of the Sanhedrin,¹
4. a powerful teacher, able to convince Israelites that sacrifices should be done,
5. able to enter the Temple as a priest during construction and after,
6. legally able to perform priestly functions,
7. likely one of the two witnesses (Revelation 11:1–14) who will measure the Temple,²
8. supported by God who will cause his work to prosper,
9. fearless unto death and martyred at a courtyard of the Temple,
10. help turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and children to the fathers (Malachi 4:5–6).

Recall that both Moses and Elijah were represented in the vision of the transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–3; Mark 9:2–4), conversing together with Jesus. The persons in the vision probably identified themselves by name. Moses and Elijah were not actually there, but the vision was so real that Peter wanted to build tabernacles for Jesus, “Moses,” and “Elijah” so they would have shade while they spoke together.

A Death in God’s Extended Family

I was saddened when Gary Amirault of Tentmaker Ministries notified me that his wife Michelle died on July 31, 2018. Gary asked me to notify ASK readers because many who visit Tentmaker also frequent the ASK website. I offer Gary and all who knew Michelle our sincere condolences. God is gracious in giving us His blessed hope, rooted in His promises, that we will meet Michelle and all our loved ones again in the future. We shall live together with them all in the eons and beyond along with our Father and Christ Jesus.

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¹ Seventy-one orthodox Jewish religious leaders in Israel in 2004 declared themselves to be a Sanhedrin with religious authority to rule on Jewish ritual practices in Jerusalem. See the Wikipedia webpage, “[Sanhedrin](#),” accessed August 5, 2018. The group’s website, “[The Re-established Jewish Sanhedrin](#)“ stated, “**The current attempt to re-establish the Sanhedrin is generally referred to as the “nascent Sanhedrin,” or the “developing Sanhedrin.”** I have two questions. (1) Who says this body is legitimate and has authority? On the other hand, (2) who says this body is illegitimate and does not have proper authority? Perhaps the Elijah to come will be part of this group; perhaps he will oppose it. It will be interesting to see how God works out such matters.

² Read “[The Elijah to Come](#)“ and “[The Two Witnesses, Who Are They?](#)“