

THE RESTITUTION AND THE GREAT GATHERING OF ALL THINGS TO GOD IN CHRIST.

(The Ministry of The Seven Spirits of God and the Two Witnesses)

INTRODUCTION

The **restitution** of all things is the sum total of God's program since the fall of Adam from his God-given position. Another word for restitution is "RESTORATION" and this word is more often used than restitution in the Scripture. Restitution is the restoration (the returning) of something lost or stolen to its proper place or owner.

JOEL 2: 25 -32.

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Our focus will be drawn to the mention of restoration in **Matt. 17:11** and **Acts 1:6, 3:21**. Restoration in the Bible is majorly for the nation of Israel; they are the ones to whom God had given the promise to restore back their kingdom and glory. **Matt. 17:11** points us to the coming of Elijah to restore all things. This Elijah is the one that we see in Revelation 11: 3-6 accompanied by Moses, for the restoration is to Israel. We sometimes want to relate this verse to the ministry of the Laodicean star messenger that was clearly defined in Malachi 4: 6b, but a closer look at Matthew 17: 11 will show that it is strictly an Israelite program.

In this last Gentile dispensation of grace there is the restoration of the true **apostolic faith**, which was fulfilled by the Elijah of **Malachi 4:5-6b**. This is so because the turning of the hearts of the denominational children to that of the apostolic fathers is restoration, in a way. We were told to contend earnestly for THE FAITH, which was once delivered to the saints. **Jude 3**.

The restitution of all things mentioned by Apostle Peter in **Acts 3:21**, is a repetition of what was said by Jesus Christ in **Matt. 17:11**. Please compare Matt 17:11, Acts 1:6, and Acts 3:21.

Now, we ought to know that in the history of God's dealing with man, He has never at any time sent a Gentile preacher to the Israelites (Jewish People), but He had sent Jewish prophets to minister to Gentile nations. We have read of some of the Old-Testament Prophets who were prophets to the nations (meaning that their ministries were not restricted to the boundaries of Israel alone) such as Elijah, Jeremiah and Daniel. Even Enoch, who was an antediluvian-age prophet, tended towards the Church as we find in his messages; The building of the Pillar (Pyramid) in Egypt (**Isa.19: 19-20, Jer. 32: 20**), and the prophesy concerning the second coming of Jesus Christ with ten thousands and thousand of his saints (Bride of all ages). Enoch said nothing about the first coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to the Israelites. **Jude: 14 -15**.

The Gentiles can only come into the program of God through one of the STEMS of the original STOCK (Israel). The Old Testament ended with a promise of God sending back Elijah the prophet before **the great and dreadful day of the Lord** according to **Malachi 4: 5-6**. We must identify the period that is called '**the great and dreadful day of the Lord**' as this will help us know how many Elijah(s) will appear prior to that time.

Elijah the Tishbite displayed the ministry of restoration to the Israelites when he restored the worship of ELOHIM (Yahweh) to them after they were bewitched by the religion of Jezebel. This spirit of Elijah is to appear on earth 5 times, typing 'GRACE' to all mankind. This is the order by which the spirit of Elijah will appear on earth:

1. **Elijah:** Elijah the Tishbite. 1Kings 17
2. **Elisha:** who had 'a' double portion of the spirit (anointing) of Elijah. **2 Kings 2**
3. **The spirit of Elijah on John the Baptist:** The forerunner of the first coming of Jesus Christ. (Mal 4: 5-6a, Matthew 11: 11-14, Luke 1: 17, Matt 17: 12)
4. **Elijah to the Gentiles:** Fulfilled in the 2nd half of **Malachi 4:6b**, this is for the Laodicean Church age Bride (**Luke 17:24-30, Rev. 10:7**). God vindicated **William Marrion Branham** to be that Elijah. '*This ministry was to turn the heart of the children to their father...*' **Mal. 4:6b**.
5. **Elijah of Revelation 11: 3-9:** He will appear alongside Moses after the rapture of the Gentile-bride at the close of the Seven Church Ages to draw and seal the elected Jewish manservants (144,000) before the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

Having established this, the next hurdle before us is to identify the period referred to as “*the Great and Dreadful Day of the Lord*”.

Malachi 4: 5-6

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Let us breakdown the above scripture for clearer understanding.

There are two (2) categories of ‘Fathers’ and two (2) categories of ‘Children’ mentioned in this passage.

- **Fathers 1:** '*Jewish Religious Elders*' = Jewish Fathers {Pharisees, Sadducees, The Priests, Scribes, and all the religious leaders; men like Caiaphas, Nicodemus, Annas etc.}
- **Children 1:** '*DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST*' = The Disciples of Jesus Christ, including Paul, were CHILDREN in the days of the ministry John the Baptist. The Lord Jesus Christ himself made them Apostles.
- **Fathers 2:** '*APOSTLES*' = These were the **Children 1**. 'The Disciples of Jesus Christ', Peter, Paul and all Apostolic fathers, have become fathers after a long period of time (about 2000 years).
- **Children 2:** '*Denominations*' = those living before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord from the last Gentile Church Age (Laodicea) to that period of time.

1. **FATHERS (JEWISH RELIGIOUS ELDERS)**
2. **CHILDREN (DISCIPLES – 12 Apostles of Jesus Christ)**
3. **FATHERS (APOSTLES – From Pentecost to the time of Paul)**
4. **CHILDREN (Denominational Children from LAODICEA)**

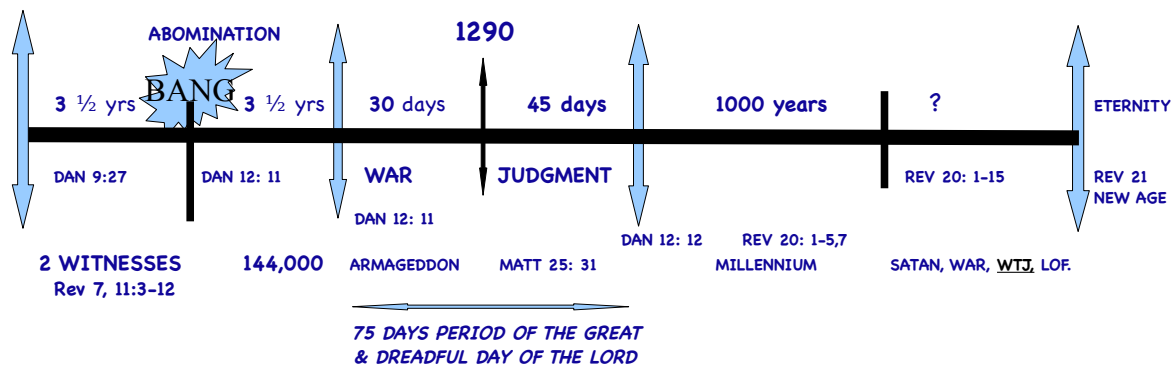
By the scriptures, we understand that John the Baptist was the Elijah that turned the hearts of the Jewish fathers (Jewish Religious Elders) to the faith of the children (Disciples made Apostles of *Jesus Christ*). If he would turn the hearts of the same children (Apostles) to the fathers (Jewish Religious Elders), then that would spell CONFUSION.

Luke 1: 17

*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 for the Lord.* After 2000 years, the children '**apostles**' whose faith was perfect then, is still perfect now. The children '**apostles**' remain the only group that stood true in the illustration made, but as time passes, these children had grown to become Apostolic *fathers* and we who now believe must earnestly **CONTEND FOR THE FAITH** which was once delivered to the saints (Apostolic fathers who were once children in the days of John the Baptist).

Therefore we could say that today's children must contend for the faith of the then children 'apostles' (cf. 2) because it **is the one and only true faith**. Amen! The Lord had chosen a man in the person of **William Branham** to be the **Elijah** that is to turn the hearts of the second (2nd) children (Denominational children from the Laodicean age) to the faith of the first (1st) children (disciples/apostles) who are now referred to as the Apostolic Fathers.

THE DIAGRAM BELOW SHOWS THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD.



- KEY:**
- * WTJ - White Throne Judgment.
 - * ? - Unknown - Period when Satan is loosed for a short time to deceive his own.
 - LOF - Lake Of Fire
 - **75 Days** - 30 days of Armageddon War + 45 days Judgement of the Nations
 - : Rev 11: 3, 12:6 (1290 - 1260)Days = 30days:
 - : Dan12: 11-12 (1335 - 1290)Days = 45days.

Ref: REV. 16: 16, MATT 25: 31-46.

The **'great and dreadful day of the Lord'** is a 75-day period including the Armageddon war and the Judgment of the nations as shown in the diagram above. It means that the Elijah, who also is the 7th Angel to the church of Laodicea, and the Elijah coming with Moses, had both finished their ministries.

If so, who restored what, and to whom?

The restoration is to Israel, but following the pattern stated earlier, the church has always had a fair share of the Israelite program. All that Israel had undergone physically will manifest before the church spiritually. This is clearly seen in the life of Abraham, who was able to catch the revelation of the spiritual aspect of all God's dealings with him with in the physical. The promised son, the promised land and his physical circumcision: with these we see clearly Christ in the place of Isaac, the bride (Holy City Jerusalem) in the place of Canaan and finally baptism in the place of circumcision (Gal. 2:8-12).

Malachi 4: 5-6 speaks of God sending ELIJAH the prophet before the great and dreadful day of the Lord. Between **Malachi 4:5-6** and **the great and dreadful day of the Lord**, there are 3 men who will come in the Spirit of Elijah.

These men are (1) **JOHN THE BAPTIST**, (2) **WILLIAM BRANHAM TO THE GENTILES**, and (3) **THE ELIJAH THAT COMES WITH MOSES TO THE JEWS**. By the time Jesus was answering questions from his Apostles after the Mt. of Transfiguration experience in Matthew 17:10-12, **JOHN THE BAPTIST** had already finished his ministry and had died, leaving only 2 men upon whom the Spirit of ELIJAH will come. John the Baptist restored NOTHING, rather his ministry brought the introduction of the Kingdom of heaven.

The doctrine that states that Matthew 17:11 is pertaining to the Gentile prophet is very wrong, and also incomplete. Jesus Christ was speaking to Jewish Apostles whose question came from the statement of the scribes who had studied the **Torah** 'Old Testament'. These scribes knew and taught the people that there was coming a RESTORATION to Israel.

Remember, when Jesus resurrected, the first thing they asked him was if he was immediately going to restore the Kingdom to Israel (Acts 1:6). It shows that the restoration is to Israel, but being that the Gentiles had been called to be fellow heirs, they must also be restored to the ORIGINAL FAITH of the Apostles. The revelation of Jesus Christ is the original faith of the Apostles (The same faith that JOHN the Baptist was sent to point the Jewish Fathers to).

God sent his servant and prophet, **William Marrion Branham**, to accomplish the restoration of the **ONE TRUE FAITH** to the Gentiles and fulfil Malachi 4:5-6.

Therefore any man who is living in this age and claims to be preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ without lining up behind the voice of the 7th angel is spiritually blind and cannot know how to prepare himself, and those hearing him, for the coming of the Lord.

The only way to know this is to examine the pattern of God as shown to the prophet Zechariah. The pattern shown to him is that of "**THE SEVEN SPIRITS TO THE GENTILES AND THE TWO WITNESSES TO ISRAEL**". **Zechariah 4: 1-14.**

Paul was A LIGHT to the Gentiles (Acts 13: 47), for God used him to lay the foundation. Then came Irenaeus, St. Martin, and Columba. After these came the REFORMERS, Luther and Wesley, before God gave the Gentiles His portion in the ministry of ELIJAH by William Marrion Branham.

These are the seven stars in his right hand used to contact the Gentiles for Him. We shall see this clearer as we proceed. **Psal 12: 1, Rev. 1-3, Acts 9:15, 15:14, Pro 9: 1.**