



## The Message: An Overview

The stage is set, the play is written. It needs the players to take their place act their scenes, say their lines for the drama to unfold.

That is the way Message is. The Bible has already prophesied what will happen. All it needs is the elect to respond to their cues, step onto the stage of life and make those prophecies a reality. The Message of the Hour is Scripture being fulfilled.

Shakespeare said it best, "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players."

And that is true, but only the Bible script covers all of history and all future events. All too often we, as Christians, thank God for what He has done, praise Him for what He is going to do, but entirely miss what He is doing right now.

It is what God is doing right now that is our script. It is the Bible verses that apply here and now. It is important to see the Bible verses that apply to today, it is equally important to act our parts according the Act and the Scenes in which we are called to play.

Israel has returned to her homeland as Isaiah prophesied, people are running to and fro throughout the world and knowledge has increased just as Daniel was told by an angel. These have both come true in my generation, and these are signs of the end times.

The Message of today is the script of End Time events, it is the secret coming of the Lord Jesus to catch away His Bride, it is the Lord descending with a shout and the voice of the arch angel, it is a good part of the Book of Revelation and the fulfilment of much of Daniel's prophecy.

Some scenes have already been played, some end time events have

already happened, such as Israel being in her homeland. But there is much more.

The Rapture, or the catching away of the church, as described in II Thessalonians 4, is a key end time event. Amos 3 verse 7 says, "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He reveals it to His servants the prophets." If then the Lord will descend with a shout and the voice of the archangel, the dead in Christ will rise and believers who are still alive are to be changed in the twinkling of an eye, then He must send a prophet first. And if God is going to call a wedding supper and invite ten virgins then there has to be someone to issue that invitation.

Revelation 10 v7 talks of the mystery of God being finished in the days of the voice of the seventh angel while both Malachi, in the last two verses of the Old Testament, and Jesus Himself in Matthew 17: v11, said "Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things."

This is nothing less than a man with the spirit of Elijah restoring the original Christian teachings, or as Malachi puts it, turn the hearts of the children to their fathers, just before Christ brings about World War 3 or Armageddon.

And this follows Biblical patterns. Noah preached 120 years before entering the ark. Moses preached to Pharaoh before the plagues, Jeremiah to the king of Judah before King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem. Even good tidings have a prophet such as John the Baptist at the coming of Christ.

And that is another pointer. The disciples queried how it could be that the teachers of the day said that Elijah must come before the Christ, the Messiah. As mentioned Jesus said he shall come first and restore all things: future tense. Jesus said Elijah will come first. Then He said that Elijah had already been and the disciples realised that John the Baptist had that spirit of Elijah.



But that begs the question of what happens at the end of this age when Christ returns in glory to set up the millennium. If we read Revelation 11 we find that there are two witnesses in Israel just before that time. One calls all sorts of plagues including turning water to blood. That sounds very much like Moses. The other stops the rain for three and half years and calls down fire from heaven. That is exactly what Elijah did. The two witnesses that convert 144,000 Jews to Christ are Moses and Elijah. And if time is as late as I think then those two are probably alive in Israel right now just waiting for the anointing and the right time.

So Elijah is there at the first coming of Christ and at the second bodily return at Jerusalem at the end of the age. Christians today are expecting a secret coming of Christ to catch away His people. In that case there must be a prophet in the spirit of Elijah come first to tell us what is going on. The Elijah to the Jews is not going to restore anything. He will be preaching Christ. So it is our Elijah who restores and completes the mysteries.

And it is the coming of this prophet, the completing of the mysteries, the opening of the seven seals, the understanding of Daniel and Revelation that will in itself be part of the Message.

These, and much, much more are events to happen in the closing scenes of this Act. The Message is those scriptures becoming reality. What the message brings is the life, the play itself, Christ living and acting in and through His people, the capping stone of all that went before. But more than that it is a change in the relationship. No longer are true believers to be the church they are truly to become the Wife of the King, they are to become Bride of Christ. No longer a remote God of Judgement and law but a loving Husband sharing his thoughts and plans with His new wife. And as a wife we are not only seeing Him as Lord but we are under His headship. He knows what is best for us and He wasn't to please us. And, through our love of Him, we want to please Him and act according to His Word. It is all about love, not law, not rules, not compulsion nor fixed service, but an intimate loving

relationship between God and His people, the new Jerusalem, His Bride.

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