Mat #111

Elijah & John the Baptist

HEAD COLD…day off?

OUTREACH

NEW iphone 11 all the bells and whistles and had to catch up to my quarterly taxes and add in my monthly medical insurance that came to over $2 thousand. Which I am glad PRB Ministry covered only because of great people out there!

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Mat 11:8 But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft *clothing?* Those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings’ palaces!

**/**[Mat 11:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/9/s_940009) “**But what did you go out to see? A prophet?** Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than a prophet.\

[Mat 11:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/10/s_940010) “This is the one about whom it is written, ‘BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.’

[Mat 11:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/11/s_940011) “Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen *anyone* greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

[Mat 11:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/12/s_940012) “From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force.

[Mat 11:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/13/s_940013) “For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John.

[Mat 11:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/14/s_940014) “And if you are willing to accept *it,* John himself is Elijah who was to come.

John the Baptist is actually a type of Elijah.

There is a theological principle called typology which is a study system that the Bible clearly pushes a pastor to look at.

Typology means something comes in the present or was in the past or even future and it is symbolic or a type of something else…it may represent another person or event.

Like Noah’s ark was a type of salvation and a representation of the savior TLJC because there was no other way to be saved, but thru that one door in the ark.

So we can note that today but let’s begin with a re-cap and clear vision on some of the Lord’s points between verse 7 and 11.

/Mat 11:7-11 is a clear indictment on the Scribes & Pharisees who were using religious none sense and man-made systems to claim spiritual authority. At the same time, it was a wake-up call to weak Bels with preconceived notions about what their spiritual teachers/leaders should look like or act like.\

A man may go through college or seminary or even get a certificate through a legitimate church denomination and he may receive a title such as pastor or priest….but if God did not approve and ordain that man that title is a useless piece of paper.

I did my best to clarify some of these principles last lesson and I am certain many of you understood what I was teaching you.

/Big buildings and colorful sermons do not matter nor does denominational affiliation or a pleasant personality. In fact, most of that is rejected by God because it is all surface flare with no doctrinal substance. The WORD is the predominant source of everything concerning a pastor or church leadership.\

If your church…your pastor is not tearing into the word of God line upon line and precept upon precept every time you walk through the door and the church leadership isn’t focused on the truth in the word of God…get out of that church.

REPEAT

Moving on now….

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Many scholars agree this points to the Church Age just ahead.

Because John the Baptist was limited as far as what he knew and what he could teach about CA mystery doctrine, remember John the Baptist is tied to OT prophets. He is not part of the CA because the CA does not truly get underway until after the cross of TLJC.

There are still elements of the OT Torah and rituals and prophecy at work at this historic point.

Now there are a few teachers and Col RB Thieme Jr. being one….. who believes this is also a highlight of the coming of the Apostle Paul.

I concur with that theology, need I remind you of the diamond analogy of scripture;

/1Cor 15:9 For **I am the least of the apostles**, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

Paul means little one or small.\

PAULOUS from the Latin origin means small.

You guys can go ahead and turn to Luke chapter one we will be there in a minute to cover some history about John the Baptist.

We see deeper meanings dual meanings and sometimes triple or I guess we would say…quadruple meanings and analogies in one scripture.

/[Mat 11:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/13/s_940013) “For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John. 14 “And if you are willing to accept *it,* **John himself is Elijah** who was to come.

(Typology)\

As I had already mentioned you can see the prophetic scriptures in Malachi and Isaiah which both speak about the messenger and when they prophesize about it that actually open up the theory that the Messiah will come twice.

Rejected the first time and the second advent He comes to conquer and end all rebellion. REPEAT!!

Luk 1:5 In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

ABI-JAH was in the royal blood line of one of the kings of Judah - Rehoboam.

It was king David who had divided up priests into 24 classes…. A lesson for another day. (1Chron 23 & 24).

****[Luk 1:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/1/6/s_974006)They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord.

****[Luk 1:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/1/7/s_974007)But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years.

[Luk 1:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/1/8/s_974008) Now it happened *that* while he was performing his priestly service before God in the *appointed* order of his division,

****[Luk 1:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/1/9/s_974009) according to the custom of the priestly office, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

[Luk 1:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/1/10/s_974010)And the whole multitude of the people were in prayer outside at the hour of the incense offering.

[Luk 1:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/1/11/s_974011)And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense.

Remember now we are in NT…angel of the Lord points to a messenger not TLJC.

[Luk 1:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/1/12/s_974012)Zacharias was troubled when he saw *the angel,* and fear gripped him.

/[Luk 1:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/1/13/s_974013) But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and **you will give him the name John**.\

Most prophets are approached at some point and most men of God come to realize they are about to be used only a few are given divine authority before they are born. John the Baptist and Samson and Isaac come to mind among a few of the more popular ones.

[Luk 1:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/1/14/s_974014) “You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

**/**[Luk 1:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/1/15/s_974015) “For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and **he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother’s womb.\**

****[Luk 1:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/1/16/s_974016)“And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God.

[Luk 1:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/1/17/s_974017) “It is he who will go *as a forerunner* before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

[Luk 1:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/1/18/s_974018) Zacharias said to the angel, “How will I know this *for certain?* For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years.”

[Luk 1:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/1/19/s_974019) The angel answered and said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.

There is something very unique about John the Baptist not perfect because he failed and had an OSN like all of us but something very unique. REPEAT

To clarify I need to put some examples on the board because many will get confused at a future junction when I have to teach on NASH-AH-MAH-AH which is the breath of life… the soul life God breaths into a baby at birth.

Sometimes you lose people when you touch on certain subjects…so I will do my best to cover this briefly but accurately.

Babies get a soul life breath into them at the moment that they come forth from the womb…in the womb there is a biological life connected to the mother through the mother’s body & that umbilical cord. REPEAT

Soul life is breathed in exactly the way God did it to the original man and woman in the garden.

/Gen 2:7 Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils **the breath of life** (*nĕshamah* *chay*)*;* and **man became a living being**.\

NASH-AH-MA HAACY

It is actually plural as *breath of lives* ….soul & spirit. It means we then function as full human beings.

Just so we don’t go to deep into this today, I promise we will cover this again in the very near future because it is always an issue with people.

/The King James Bible along with about 3 or 4 other respected versions and studies from scholars that date back to the 12th century, agree that Luke 1:15 - was originally written;

*‘he will be filled with the Holy Spirit* ***from*** *his mother’s womb.’*\

Or it is written in the sense of at the point of birth.

The HS is not leading me into a deeper dive into life in the womb or my personal opinion on abortion…and yes, I have one that I believe is solid doctrinally and it may not be what you think and it may not line up exactly with men who I admire and even ones I have been trained by but it is my doctrinal stance.

The focus is on the uniqueness of John the Baptist, he was called out from birth and guided by the power of the HS to be the last OT prophet and the transition prophet for the NT.

He is invaluable and incredibly important in the plan of God.

/Elijah & John the Baptist - both had spiritual discernment to interpret historic trends while aligning Bible Doctrine to their teachings/warnings. Both men lived without family ties or any distractions from their callings. Both men were deeply entrenched in the word of God. Both had a fearless attitude toward kings, leaders and the majority when it came to evangelizing and speaking truth.\

Though Elijah would have a brief bout of anxiety over the king’s wife Jezebel he still stood strong in BD most of his ministry.

/During a time of crisis or divine discipline God will raise up men to teach and preach the gospel and give warnings needed to wake up the nations. They will be men who do not fit any specific mold, nor do they get any adoration from the majority. They will teach doctrinal principles that will challenge and sometimes frustrate even Bels. The cosmic system will do its part in ignoring or ridiculing these men.\

God always has teachers available for Bels to learn from so they can grow in God’s grace and knowledge but during times of crisis and when divine discipline is in the process of coming on a nation…God will raise up men to speak boldly to the people about what is happening in their time.

REPEAT

If you study the Bible long enough you will find the majority go against the word of God.

Many will climb on board for the feel good messages but when the challenges come they peel away.

At the end of TLJC 3 yr ministry He was basically abandoned…when just a few years before He had thousands listening to His messages and cheering Him on.

The majority are usually wrong!

/Satan has the ability to bless ministries with wealth, secular approval, large crowds & political popularity. He will never bless a ministry with anything from his cosmic treasure chest if it teaches the Cross of Christ accurately and adheres to strict academic honesty of the scriptures.\ REPEAT

This is just a fact ladies and gentlemen.

John the Baptist and Elijah were mirror images of one another in a lot of ways.

John the Baptist actually stood tall and strong when he was thrown into prison but we know from our study he had his moments of doubt and pain as well.

His frail humanity was evident during this time.

/Elijah & John the Baptist actually appear to have this great purity and righteousness but it was only developed by guidance from the Holy Spirit and faith in the Lord. They were flawed creatures who God used, but because they maintained a strong fellowship with Him their ministries are now beacons of light for all of us.\

ELABORATE

Let’s close with a scripture from our study in Matthew chapter 11;

/[Mat 11:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/12/s_940012) “From the days of John the Baptist until now t**he kingdom of heaven suffers violence**, and violent men take it by force.

The grace and truth of real spirituality and the teaching of it will always be assaulted by the majority until Christ returns.\

Don’t get discouraged!

This is a sign of the times and badge of honor that you are part of the positive pivot.