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INTRODUCTION

An article appeared in the December 15, 1990, edition of the *Jerusalem Post* reporting on the strange extraterrestrial phenomena taking place around Mt. Carmel, the mountain where Elijah called fire down from Heaven.

UFO sightings are common in Israel, but the reports about the strange activities on Mt. Carmel were not ordinary sightings of strange objects in the night sky. Two witnesses at different times described something that appeared as a “pillar of fire” hovering close to the ground. The ground was examined the next day and it was discovered the vegetation in the area was scorched by some type of radiation.

Just days from the first sighting on the eve of Rosh Hashanah in 1987, another sighting occurred. The witness said that the object appeared as a ring of fire hovering close enough to the ground for him to hear it. He described the sound as a “rushing wind.”

On another occasion, ten Israeli soldiers reported seeing something they described as a “chariot of fire” traveling across the sky.

Hundreds of similar reports prompted the Haifa Police Department to enlist the help of an Israeli expert on UFOs, Haddasah Arbel, to investigate. Her conclusions were astounding. After interviewing multiple witnesses and examining the area where these sightings occurred, she noted that these strange events were all happening on Jewish holidays. The “pillar of fire” and objects spewing white sparks were seen at Rosh Hashanah, Pesach, and Succoth. All of these UFO sightings happened near Elijah’s cave on Mount Carmel.

Her official report said that these phenomena appear to be “signals of some kind.” She concluded that extraterrestrial vehicles in flaming fire appearing on Mount Carmel are linked to Malachi’s ancient prophecy of Elijah’s return.

She surmised that since Elijah left the earth in a chariot of fire, he will return in a similar way, and all the sightings seen on Mount Carmel were indicating the time for Malachi’s prophecy was near.

Since that series of extraterrestrial occurrences over three decades ago, prophetic events in Israel have accelerated until the world is now positioned for the final seven years of this age.

It is not yet time for Elijah to complete the ministry which was interrupted in centuries past, but prophetic signs undeniably verify that the Endtimes are now upon us, and dramatic manifestations of God’s power are

ordained to happen in the “spirit and power of Elijah.”

An important dimension of the Holy Spirit’s operations in these perilous times can be understood from something which the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians. The Apostle identified himself as “one born out of due time” (I Cor. 15:8). He viewed his conversion and ministry as preliminary to the time when “all Israel shall be saved” (Rom. 11:26).

Actually, his ministry was a prototype of the 144,000 Jewish witnesses who will impact the world during the first part of the coming seven years of Tribulation (Rev. 7). The precedent was set at the very beginning of this dispensation that God’s people in present times will experience foretastes of future anointings and coming glory. The Apostle Paul’s ministry was a precursor of the ministries which will happen in the future Tribulation. Redeemed believers should expect earth-shaking manifestations of God’s power in these perilous times. Joel’s ancient prophecy is that an outpouring of divine glory will occur in “the last days” that makes “sons and daughters” prophesy (Joel 2:28).

The prophesied Tribulation period will begin with a specific event. The prophet Daniel revealed a coming world ruler will emerge from Europe (the area that once comprised the Roman Empire) to negotiate a seven-year peace pact in the Mideast, convincing Israelis that hostilities against them will end and secure “peace and safety”

for their war-torn country (Dan. 9:27). But it will be a false peace intended to lull Israel into a false security as this world ruler plans genocide against the Jewish state.

This event is set to happen in the not-too-distant future. However, the spirit of antichrist is already controlling the globalist policies of nations, setting the stage for the emergence of the diabolic leader called “the man of sin” (II Thess. 2:3).

The politically correct and “woke” spirit of antichrist has overrun the institutions to the point where the devilish New World Order is a foregone conclusion. Not only is there a pre-Tribulation spirit of antichrist loose in the land, but pre-tribulation perversions are driving the culture.

The Lord informed the Apostle Paul that the majority of Earth’s teeming billions will have a “seared conscience” in the Endtimes and will refuse every overture of the Holy Spirit to bring them to repentance (I Tim. 4:1-2). The Scripture explicitly reveals four major abominations which will dominate the earth during those coming dark days: “Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts” (Rev. 9:21).

When the language of the Scripture is put in modern vernacular, it is clear that the Lord was speaking about drugs (sorcery), abortion (murder), sexual perversions (fornication), and across-the-board corruption

(thefts).

These societal factors constitute the “mystery of lawlessness” which is already at work attacking all opposition to the “woke culture” of antichrist. The Tribulation has not yet begun, but the wicked conditions and perversions predicted for those fateful seven years is already widespread.

The Spirit of God working through the Blood-washed Church of Jesus Christ will hinder the ultimate takeover of this demonic lawlessness until God divinely removes believers from this judgment-bound world. The promise recorded in Second Thessalonians 2:7 states that the Spirit-empowered Church will be “taken out of the way.”

Jesus will descend as far as the lower atmosphere to command the committed “new creatures in Christ” to come up higher. The Word of the Lord refers to this event as “the catching away” in First Thessalonians 4:16. Other Scriptures speak of this event as “our gathering together unto Him” and “the blessed hope,” but it is most commonly referred to as “the Rapture.”

We are already witnessing a pre-Tribulation hostile takeover of the culture by the spirit of antichrist. Pre-Tribulation lawlessness is emerging at an alarming rate. All the pre-Tribulation abominations listed in the prophetic books of Daniel and Revelation are escalating. Bible believers are watching the beginnings of the hour

that Jesus described as an unparalleled time of wickedness and upheaval (Matt. 24:21).

The Lord gave clear instruction that “when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh” (Luke 21:28). With all of the pre-Tribulation activity now occurring, the redeemed Church is to expect a pre-Tribulation rapture to transport us from earth to Glory in “the twinkling of an eye.”

But there is another pre-Tribulation phenomenon at work. The final prophecy of the Old Testament is that the prophet Elijah will appear before “the great and dreadful day of the Lord” (Mal. 4:5). The timing for Elijah’s confrontational and controversial ministry is during the first half of Tribulation. He is one of the witnesses described in Revelation 11:3, who will smite the earth with multiple plagues as he resists the global ambitions of antichrist and exposes the evil of an apostate global religion.

Elijah will oppose the agenda of the world ruler in the same fashion as he contested with King Ahab and the prophets of Baal. Although this famed Old Testament prophet of divine power has not yet arrived, and believers will never see him on the earth, a pre-Tribulation anointing of the Holy Spirit, in the way that Elijah was anointed, is ordained to empower the Church for the challenges of these last days.

Just as John the Baptist ministered in “the spirit and power of Elijah,” forerunners of the Rapture will be sent to prepare people for the coming of the Lord. Pre-Tribulation abominations will be hindered by pre-Tribulation demonstrations of the Holy Ghost before “the great and dreadful day of the Lord comes.”

The results of the final outpouring will be the mobilization and deployment of a victorious spiritual army in “the spirit and power of Elijah.” The time for this miraculous intervention of God’s divine Glory has come. Unprecedented upheaval is already moving the world at a rapid rate to the horrors of Tribulation, but divine manifestations of the Holy Ghost will keep the forces of darkness from a total takeover until believers are miraculously removed.

Our archenemy is presently resurrecting old heresies and abominations that were responsible for the destruction of past civilizations. All of the present demonic ideologies have their roots in ancient Baal worship. This devilish belief system was a constant plague to Israel throughout its long history. The Lord raised up the prophet Elijah to confront those who propagated it and to call a deceived nation back to a right relationship with the true God. A special measure of Holy Ghost anointing is desperately needed now to endow God’s covenant people with the boldness and power to defeat the modern prophets of Baal.

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The purpose of this book is to give enlightenment concerning God's response to the spiritual and moral chaos of the times, and inform believers as to the nature of the last outpouring of the Holy Spirit "before the great and dreadful day of the Lord."