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To Bring the Times of Restoration

Acts 3:20-21 — To bring the times of restoration (Isa 49:8), restoration of the reign of David, his seed (Mt 17:11). Mk 9:11-12 speaks of the restoration of the twelve tribes which encompasses all that is fallen, as to the community of Israel as was expressed in former years (Acts 26:7; 2:42-47; 4:32-35; etc.), as a holy nation and royal priesthood (1 Pet 2:9-10) which is no longer even a remnant, except a seed (Rom 9:29). And this seed would be for the restoration of Isa 49:6, to bring about Isa 49:8 which Acts 3:21 speaks of, and that is Gen 15:18, which is the promise the Jews were looking for, about which the prophets spoke.

Acts 1:6 — The prophets speak of the restoration of Israel to the land (Rom 11:26; Dt 30:1-9; 2 Sam 7:8-17). Mt 19:28 is that restoration. But Mk 9:11 and Mt 17:11 is the restoration that brings about the restoration — restoration of the servant Israel to bring about the national promise of Gen 15:18 and 18:19.

The *times* (Acts 3:21) will not come until Isa 49:6 brings it in (Heb 10:13). Mt 21:43 must be restored first, then Mt 24:14 and Rev 11:15.

So when is the *times* of due restoration and establishment of the Kingdom promised to Israel, the hope of Israel (Acts 26:6; 28:20), the restoration which God spoke through the mouths of the holy prophets of old (Mk 9:11-12; Lk 1:17; Mal 4:5-6)?

Elijah must come first to raise up the tribes of Israel in this age, before the time can come for the next-age restoration of the twelve tribes. Mt 17:10 says why *then* do the scribes say that Elijah must come first, if the Kingdom is already here (as they thought, and Messiah said in verse 11)? Elijah *is* coming first, or *before* the next-age Kingdom, when Yahshua will reign on the throne, as Mal 4:5-6 was to be, and is to be fulfilled before the next-age Kingdom Israel.

Mk 9:10 — In the next age the dead will rise from the dead to be part of this Kingdom (Mt 19:28; Dan 12:11).

Mk 9:13 was John the baptist, but verse 12 is the Elijah who was yet future.

Ecc'cus 48:10-11 says Elijah comes to raise up the tribes of Israel. The prophets have known this from old. Isa 49:6 must come first, then verse 8, which is Gen 15:18; 17:7-9; 18:19. Mt 19:28 is the time of restoration in Acts 3:21. Isa 49:6 is the light of Mt 5:14. The days of Mt 28:18-20 are not yet fulfilled (Mal 1:5,11,14). Acts 1:6-8 — Only when He returns (verse 11) will He restore natural Israel, and He will be the King over all the earth (Eph 1:21).

The one new man (Eph 2:15) is now being restored from 1900 years in abeyance (Eph 1:22-23; 2:22; 1 Cor 12:12-13; Col 3:10-11). Heb 12:23 is the whole Edah, twelve tribes united together as Rev 21:9,12 (Eph 5:30-31; 2 Cor 11:2-4).

Acts 3:24 — Peter thought that Acts 1:6 was about to arrive, it seems, if Israel repented. Verse 20 — The times of refreshing by Messiah coming again to set up His earthly Kingdom, since He went to heaven until the times of restoration. Acts 1:6 — Are you going to restore the Kingdom to Israel at this present time? Peter knew, or should have known Acts 1:8 and Mt 28:19-20. Lk 24:47 — All over the world. So, Acts 1:11 — the angel said He would come again. So Israel, Peter thought, had better get ready (Acts 3:20).

Acts 2:17, the prophecy of Joel, still awaits for the future day of the restoration, that is, the coming of Elijah to restore the twelve-tribed Edah of Acts 26:7, 2:42-47, and 4:32-35 — the new man — since Acts 2:20 says, "Before the great day of Yahweh and all its glory." So, Acts 2:34-35 must first take place (Heb 10:13).

Acts 3:20 — Peter told of God sending Messiah in their lifetime, with hope, so as far as Peter knew (Acts 1:6) these times had come, which would be confirmed if Israel, or the Jews, had repented (Zech 12-14). Acts 3:25 — During the Kingdom age verse 25 would be fulfilled.

Acts 3:21 — Until the time of that restoration of all things. That is, after Heb 10:13 is accomplished, after the fruit of the Kingdom is produced as a witness (Mt 21:43; 24:14), after that generation accomplishes its designated goal (Mt 24:34; Isa 53:10; 52:15), which is Isa 49:6, which fulfills verse 8. Isa 49:8 is what Peter was speaking of in Acts 3:21.

Mt 17:11-12 shows that John the Baptist did not restore all things that would bring about the millennial Kingdom and the promise to Abraham (Gen 15:18). But he did fulfill all that he

was supposed to fulfill of things spoken of him. The other things would be fulfilled by the last Elijah. *The last Elijah must come first* (Mt 17:10) — first, that is, before the Millennial Kingdom, to fulfill Gen 15:18 and 18:19.

Mt 17:10 refers to Mt 16:28 — The disciples wanted to understand why, then, did the scribes say that Elijah must come first, if the Kingdom was already at hand, since they didn't recognize the work of restoration he was to accomplish. So Yahshua said in Mt 17:11, "Indeed Elijah is coming first, and when he comes he will restore all things through his ministry" (Isa 49:6, in order that verse 8 would be fulfilled).

Mt 17:12 — Since the Elijah that had already come and was killed did not do that work of restoring all things, since he was not received by all Israel, but was killed, so Mt 17:13. Then they understood that Messiah was speaking in verse 12 about John the baptist, and he did not restore all things. So they must look for another Elijah in the future, at the end of the age, to do what Malachi says.

The disciples thought the millennial Kingdom had begun (Mt 17:4), and Elijah had not come, they thought, since this was his first appearance. The scribes say he will come first. The disciples were not associating John the baptist with Elijah. Mal 4:5-6 was not fulfilled by John the baptist, since Elijah must come first, or before the great and terrible day of Yahweh (Mal 4:5) to do what only he can do, and will make himself known for this, his ministry (Lk 1:17). Plus Isa 49:6 requires a new covenant (Mal 3:1) in advance of the new-age Israel, as a foretaste of Mt 19:28.

Mal 3:1-5 is the restoration of the priesthood of 1 Pet 2:9; Mal 2:4-7; Lk 7:27-29. Once more God is in need of justification, since Christianity has marred His name. Verse 30 — The leaders of Christianity reject the ministry of the Elijah, and reject the will of God for themselves (Lk 7:35; 10:16).