

# ***ELIJAH'S RETURN***

## **BIBLE REFERENCE GUIDE #7**

- 1 Kings 17, 18** Elijah's example points forward to both Jesus' time and the end of time.
- Matthew 17:10–13** Jesus identifies Elijah with John the Baptist.
- Matthew 3:1, 2, 11** John the Baptist's role was preaching repentance and baptizing.
- Malachi 4:5, 6** The message of Elijah was preached by John the Baptist and will return at the end of time before the "Day of the Lord." (See also Luke 1:17.)
- Matthew 28:18–20** Christ's commission—Go, teach and baptize all nations.
- Mark 16:16** Here Jesus teaches that he who "believes the gospel *and is baptized* shall be saved."
- Romans 6:3–6** Baptism is symbolic of a death to sin, with the burial of sins, guilt, and old life, followed by a resurrection to a new life. We become a new creature—following Jesus.
- 1 Peter 2:21** The Christian is to "follow the steps" of his Lord by following His example.
- Acts 2:37, 38** Before baptism, there must first be repentance of sin (Proverbs 28:13).
- Ephesians 4:4, 5** There is only one true method of Bible baptism.
- Matthew 3:13–17** Jesus was baptized by immersion (gently lowered beneath the water, and brought up again) to fulfill all righteousness.
- John 3:23** John baptized where there was much water—showing us that true baptism requires a lot of water (because of the immersion principle).
- Acts 8:36–38** Philip baptized the Ethiopian eunuch by immersion after he taught him.
- 2 Thess. 2:10** It's not enough just to be taught. We must also love the truth!
- Romans 6:11** When baptized, we are "dead to sin."
- John 1:12, 13** When baptized and born again, we receive spiritual power to do God's will.
- Acts 19:1–5** Rebaptism is our privilege if we have been baptized in a way contrary to the Bible method, or if we have learned more truth and desire to show our love and loyalty to follow Jesus into all truth.
- 2 Cor. 11:2** Baptism is like a wedding: We pledge to belong to Christ and love Him in sickness, health, rich or poor, and forsake all others. We will grow and make mistakes, but with Jesus, we grow together.
- Acts 22:16** We will make mistakes as we grow as a Christian. However, we desire to remain in a committed relationship with Jesus.