**Elijah’s Return**

**Bible Reference Guide #7**

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<td>1 Kings 17, 18</td>
<td>Elijah’s example points forward to both Jesus’ time and the end of time.</td>
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<td>Matthew 17:10–13</td>
<td>Jesus identifies Elijah with John the Baptist.</td>
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<td>Matthew 3:1, 2, 11</td>
<td>John the Baptist’s role was preaching repentance and baptizing.</td>
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<td>Malachi 4:5, 6</td>
<td>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.)</td>
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<td>Matthew 28:18–20</td>
<td>Christ’s commission—Go, teach and baptize all nations.</td>
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<td>Mark 16:16</td>
<td>Here Jesus teaches that he who “believes the gospel and is baptized shall be saved.”</td>
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<td>Romans 6:3–6</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>1 Peter 2:21</td>
<td>The Christian is to “follow the steps” of his Lord by following His example.</td>
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<td>Acts 2:37, 38</td>
<td>Before baptism, there must first be repentance of sin (Proverbs 28:13).</td>
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<td>Ephesians 4:4, 5</td>
<td>There is only one true method of Bible baptism.</td>
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<td>Matthew 3:13–17</td>
<td>Jesus was baptized by immersion (gently lowered beneath the water, and brought up again) to fulfill all righteousness.</td>
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<td>John 3:23</td>
<td>John baptized where there was much water—showing us that true baptism requires a lot of water (because of the immersion principle).</td>
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<td>Acts 8:36–38</td>
<td>Philip baptized the Ethiopian eunuch by immersion after he taught him.</td>
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<td>2 Thess. 2:10</td>
<td>It’s not enough just to be taught. We must also love the truth!</td>
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<td>Romans 6:11</td>
<td>When baptized, we are “dead to sin.”</td>
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<td>John 1:12, 13</td>
<td>When baptized and born again, we receive spiritual power to do God’s will.</td>
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<td>Acts 19:1–5</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>2 Cor. 11:2</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Acts 22:16</td>
<td>We will make mistakes as we grow as a Christian. However, we desire to remain in a committed relationship with Jesus.</td>
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