

# STUDY GROUP 6 (MALACHI 4) "PREACHING IN THE KINGDOM"

## ELIJAH: STUDY GROUP 6 – SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS

### REMEMBER THE BIG PICTURE:

God educated Elijah by personal experience to be:

1. A Shepherd (like God): **Psalm 23v1-6; Isa 40v11.**
2. A Father (like God): **Psalm 103v7-12** (key quote)

### JOHN THE BAPTIST:

He came in the **Spirit and power of Elijah (Luke 1v17).**

He came to prepare the way of the Lord. To prepare them for Christ.

The **SPIRIT** of Elijah: To save lives and not destroy them cp. **Luke 9v54-55** "spirit"

The **POWER** of Elijah: The compelling voice of persuasion, **John 10v41** (John did "no miracle")

**Preaching:** How does this affect the way we preach the gospel NOW?

**Elijah learnt: 1 Kings 19** - The **WORD OF YAHWEH** allured him out of the cave.

Important to link back to **1 Kings 19** - the lesson Elijah learnt. Also his prayer in **1 Kings 18v36-38**  
Jesus Christ is that Word – His presence in Zion will emotionally affect them.

When Elijah was at Sinai he addressed God as **Yahweh Elohim of Armies**. He thought God would **enforce** his covenant on people by force. **Rom 11v2** – "intercession **AGAINST** Israel"

Read the final 3 page **conclusion** to the notes.

Elijah the man **best qualified** to bring Israel home – He learnt the same lesson in a wilderness.

He had an earnest **desire to save others** but needed to learn. The **best people to send** are those who learnt the same lesson themselves. Trust in Yahweh and throw off all self sufficiency.

### VISION OF THE KINGDOM:

Questions to ask:

- **Transfiguration** – Why the need for Christ to meet with Moses and Elijah?
- **What** is our Vision of the Kingdom? What do we want to do to help others?
- **Why** do we need a vision of the Kingdom for encouragement?
- What can we do to **help others** towards the Kingdom **now**?
- Can we see ourselves **preaching** in the Kingdom? How will we do it? **Rev 14v6-7.**
- If we really want to save others, God will give us the desire of our hearts: **Psa 37v4.**
- What can we do **now** to **encourage our friends** into the Kingdom?
- What will it be like to see **Christ** and speak with him? To experience the **love of God**?
- How can we be shepherds now? **John 10v1-15.** How can we be shepherds in the Kingdom?

**Imagine** being with all our friends in the Kingdom – What can we do together?

**Ask all** members of the group to give their vision of the Kingdom (only if they want).

### RETURN OF ISRAEL TO ZION:

**Key to Israel's conversion:** Personally/emotionally affected...

wilderness / shepherd / heart / inward parts / speak comfortably / allure her / the rod

How does the gospel affect **us personally**?

Israel's Salvation will be one of the most amazing events to have occurred on earth's surface.

**Gen 45v1-7; 50v17-21** Joseph and his brethren a type of Israel's repentance. Much emotion.

Israel shepherded back to Zion – Look up:

**Mal 4v4-6** Key words – **BEFORE / LEST**

**Jer 3v15-17** Saints will be **shepherds** – this is our future!

**Isa 40v1-11** **Key!!** **Jesus Christ is the glory of Yahweh.**

**Ezek 20v33-39** Jews go through Europe – that they may be personally affected cp. **Rev 17v3**

**Rev 19v13-15** Final struggle between Elijah and Jezebel.

