



A Summary of Dispensations; Paul Quotes Elijah, Rom 11:3; Elijah's Preoccupation with Disaster Leads to Fear & Irrational Conclusions

Romans 11:3 - "Lord, they have killed Your prophets, they have torn down your altars. In fact, I alone am left and they seek my life."

- 1- Elijah's pleading against the people of Israel indicates that he is divorced from doctrinal reality. The decrees are clear that the Jews have unconditional promises and that true Israel will become the millennial client nation.
- 2- This reality insures that throughout human history, no matter what happens to Jewish client nations, a "remnant" of believers will survive to carry on.
- 3- The history of the Age of Israel was controlled by prophecy. No matter what the conditions or circumstances, Jesus Christ controlled history according to the unconditional covenants to Israel. Generals and armies, kings and kingdoms, Lucifer and ambassador demons repeatedly attacked the Jew but there was always a remnant to carry on into the next generation.
- 4- Elijah became myopic regarding the challenge that faced the Northern Kingdom in his generation and was distracted by it. He was so arrogant as to think he was the only person left in the Pivot and therefore the prophecies could not be fulfilled.
- 5- But the foreknowledge of God was aware of not only these threats but also contained the solutions. Elijah should have had faith in these things.
- 6- The future of Israel was not affected by the failure of those who did not believe or who were in reversionism. The future of Israel was preserved by the integrity of God Who had promised the line of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob an eternal kingdom.
- 7- The Jews who would populate that eternal kingdom would be those who believed in the Messiah's deliverance through progressive revelation.
- 8- Over a millennia the Jewish people came to understand that Messiah would eventually appear through the "seed of the woman" (Genesis 3:15), the "line of Abraham Isaac, and Jacob" (Genesis 17:19), the "tribe of Judah" (Genesis 49:10), the "house of David" (2 Samuel 7:12, 16), and born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14), in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2).
- 9- They were confident that until that day arrived if they should ever suffer the cycles of discipline, the "remnant" would be big enough to deliver them and if not that the "remnant" would be preserved in history.
- 10- Elijah has simply noted certain indicators of national decline. The Lord's priests have been killed, His altars destroyed, and they've got a contract out on him.
- 11- Elijah has become preoccupied with disaster. In the time in which we live we, too, may entertain this distraction. Regardless of the historical trends we must remember these principles:
 1. It is appropriate to be historically informed so as not to be lured into the entrapments of satanic propaganda.
 2. But in order to do this effectively the believer must never be distracted from his top priority which is spiritual growth.
 3. Spiritual growth provides stability in the midst of disaster—the calm in the eye of the hurricane.



4. Understanding of historical trends plus knowledge of Bible doctrine enable the believer to make good decisions from a position of strength.
 5. Those who are distracted by disaster give disaster a higher priority than their spiritual growth. Through human viewpoint, they often try to solve political and social problems through crusader arrogance.
 6. The believer who is advancing understands that Jesus Christ controls history on behalf of the Pivot and thus stays the course while keeping out of God's line of fire.
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- 12- Elijah observes that the Lord's prophets have been killed but it's unclear whether all these prophets were loyal to Jehovah. It is obvious that many were involved in the worship of Baal.
 - 13- Elijah failed to remember that not one prophet of God can be taken out of this life unless the Lord permits it. The Northern Kingdom would be far better off with no prophets than to have apostate prophets.
 - 14- These attacks indicate the satanic modus operandi: attack the prophets who are the communicators and the altars which represent the rituals that inculcate their message.
 - 15- In the church age the attacks are against the communicators of biblical truth in order to discredit their message. It is not unusual that many of these communicators are functioning outside the boundaries delineated in Scripture.
 - 16- Widespread failure to teach doctrine by a large number of theologically confused pastors has resulted in an even more confused number of believers.