

# Showdown Of The Empires

## STUDY GUIDE NO. 23

- 1 Kings 18** The story of Elijah, King Ahab, the 3 ½ year drought, Mt. Carmel, and the showdown of the empires.
- Malachi 4:5** The Bible predicts that Elijah the prophet will come again before Jesus returns. In other words, a movement will arise that will share God's final "Elijah" message with the world.
- Matthew 11:14** Jesus called John the Baptist Elijah, although he was not (see John 1:21).
- Luke 1:17** John's work would resemble in spirit and power the work of Elijah.
- Revelation 2:18-21** The teachings of Jezebel in the church of Thyatira represent how pagan teachings (Sunday sacredness, immortality of the soul, eternally burning hell, infant baptism, salvation by works, tradition over the Bible) entered Christianity which led to apostasy and the birth of Papal Rome.
- Revelation 12:13, 14** As God protected Elijah for 3 ½ years during the drought, God preserved His true church and truth during the 3 ½ prophetic years (1,260 years) of the Dark Ages. Groups like the Waldensians are an example of how God took care of His people during the middle ages.
- Revelation 13:13-15** Just as the prophets of Baal tried to get Israel to worship Baal, so in the last days end time Babylon will vie for global worship.
- Revelation 14:6, 7** Just as God sent Elijah to stem the tide of apostasy and to bring people back to the worship of the true God, in the last days God sends an "Elijah" message to the world to warn people of the urgency of the times and the nearness of Christ's return. It's a gospel message that is proclaimed by the first angel during the judgment hour that leads people to fear God, to give Him glory, and to worship Him as their Creator.
- Revelation 14:8** To help people not be deceived by spiritual Babylon, a second angel proclaims that Babylon is fallen, or is beyond repair.
- Revelation 14:9, 10** To stay the downward destruction of the world, a third angel joins the first and second in announcing not to worship the beast, its image, or to receive its mark.
- Revelation 18:1-4** Because Babylon is beyond repair and because God loves His people, He calls them out of Babylon – any church, tradition, religion, or worldview that teaches contrary or is contrary to God's word. If they stay they will be partakers of their sin and receive of its plagues.
- Revelation 19:11** When Jesus returns Babylon will be destroyed. Now is the time to come out of her!