

THE TIME OF MOSHIACH

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ELIYAHU HANAVI

Before the war of Gog and Magog, a prophet will arise to inspire Israel to be upright and prepare their hearts, as Malachi (3:22) states: "Behold, I am sending you Elijah."

He will not come to declare the pure impure, or to declare the impure pure. He will not dispute the lineage of those presumed to be of proper pedigree, nor will be validate the pedigree of those whose lineage is presumed blemished. Rather, he will establish peace within the world as Malachi (3:24) continues: "He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children."

There are some sages who say that Elijah's coming will precede the coming of the Moshiach. (Mishneh Torah, Melachim 12:2)

Eliyahu Hanavi will serve three jobs:

- He will announce the Redemption at the beginning of Moshiach's coming.
- He will bring peace to the world by spreading truth.
- He will perform many tasks as a prophet, as he did previously, such as helping to clarify who is pure and who is impure.

Although it is agreed that Eliyahu will perform all three of these tasks, it is not clear which of these tasks will be part of the Redemption and which will be separate.

