

PREPARATORY: THE HOLLOW LANDS



NOTES ON THE PREPARATION OF THE CHRISTIAN FORERUNNER

“Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins. **The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.** Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.” (Isaiah 40:1-5)

MISSAL III: THE ELIJAH TASK

The Year Of Our Lord, 2004

Now comes the *Elijah Task*, so named after a book with the same title in which the perils and tests of Job are visited.

First, the adversary shows you your darkside in *Missal I: The Valley Of Shadows*.

You survive, and immediately find yourself learning to walk all over again—but by faith this time in *Missal II: The Long March*.

You survive: and now you find yourself caught in the embrace of a loving God who is now going to test you—perhaps more rigorous than the others because He is VERY serious about both our reclamation and our place in the Kingdom. Now He will test you.

Missal III: The Elijah Task.

Chosen specifically not to pander to your petty darkside whims and bad habits—and not to fulfill your greatest fantasies from the kingdom of avarice.

Chosen specifically because they bring a measure of suffering to the new Soldier—not unto destruction, and not in anger, but to test the mettle of the metal—to blue-hot strength and temper.

Now you will see—for a little season—how Job might have felt. You will feel your structure fatigue and threaten to break under the stress; you will feel the new metal soften and bend, then finally glow yellow, then red, and finally white-hot. You hear the complaint of the metal as it conforms to a new matrix of strength, hardness, and toughness. You watch as the bluing of a quickened new metal—proof against the wiles of the adversary and case-hardened by God Himself—is born. A metal so special that the Full Armor Of God can be forged from it. You wait until it cools; you put it on, and it fits like an amorphous glove. Now you are fit! Then: a subtle transformation as you BECOME the armor, for The Father, The Son, And The Spirit! You are not only a Christian, but arrayed by God Himself for service to the Kingdom! Now only one thing is missing....

“**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.**” (Luke 4:18, 19)