

John the Baptist

Preparing a People for the LORD

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Review –

1. John's Purpose:

- Turn Israel to YHVH
- Give knowledge of salvation (Yeshua) to Israel
 - He was a Shaliah – a sent one – a witness
- Make ready a people prepared for YHVH

2. John's Message:

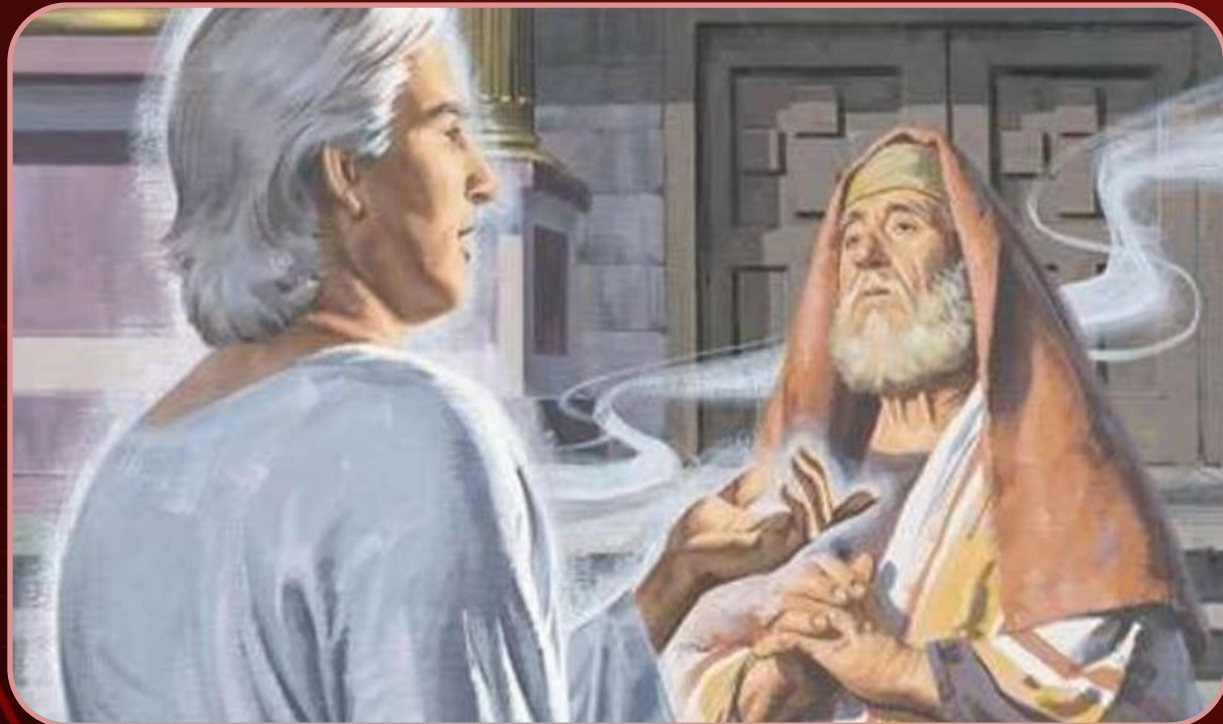
- To “immerse” yourself in repentance
 - Cease from doing evil; do good, seek justice, correct oppression
- Being a physical Israelite does not give you standing before God
- That the Messiah would follow

Our Plan –

- Discuss the reason John was born
- Find the message behind his ministry
- Why is it said that John came “in the spirit of Elijah”?
- Try to answer some of the questions we might have about John
- See how John’s calling parallels our own

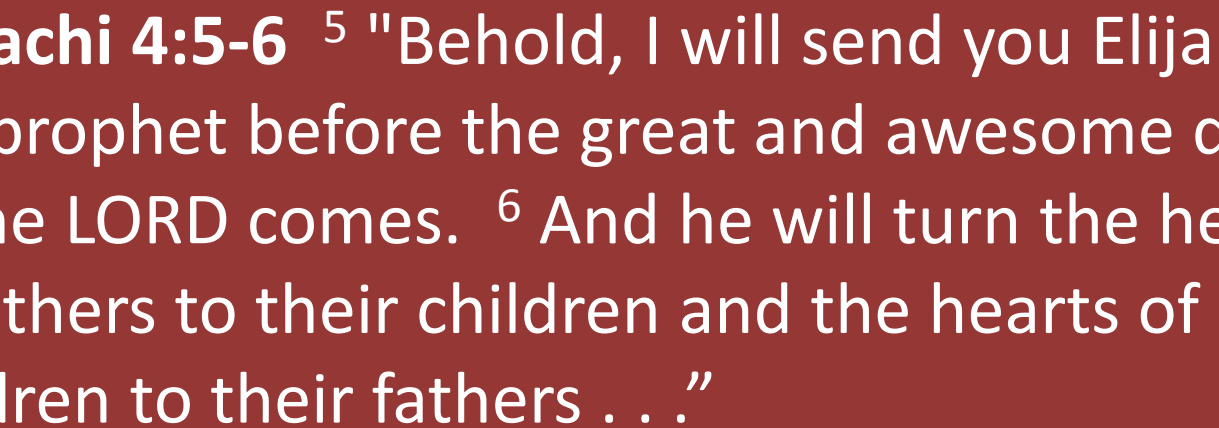
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Malachi 4:5-6 ⁵ "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers . . . ”

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ESV **1 Kings 17:1** . . . "As the LORD the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word."



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ESV 1 Kings 18:17-20 ¹⁷ When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is it you, you troubler of Israel?" ¹⁸ And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but you have, and your father's house, because you have abandoned the commandments of the LORD and followed the Baals. ¹⁹ Now therefore send and gather all Israel to me at Mount Carmel, and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table." ²⁰ So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel.

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^{ESV} **1 Kings 18:36-37** ³⁶ And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel . . . ³⁷ Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that **you have turned their hearts back.**"



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⁵Behold, I *am* sending you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of Jehovah. ⁶And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the sons, and the heart of the sons to their fathers, that I not come and strike the earth *with* utter destruction.

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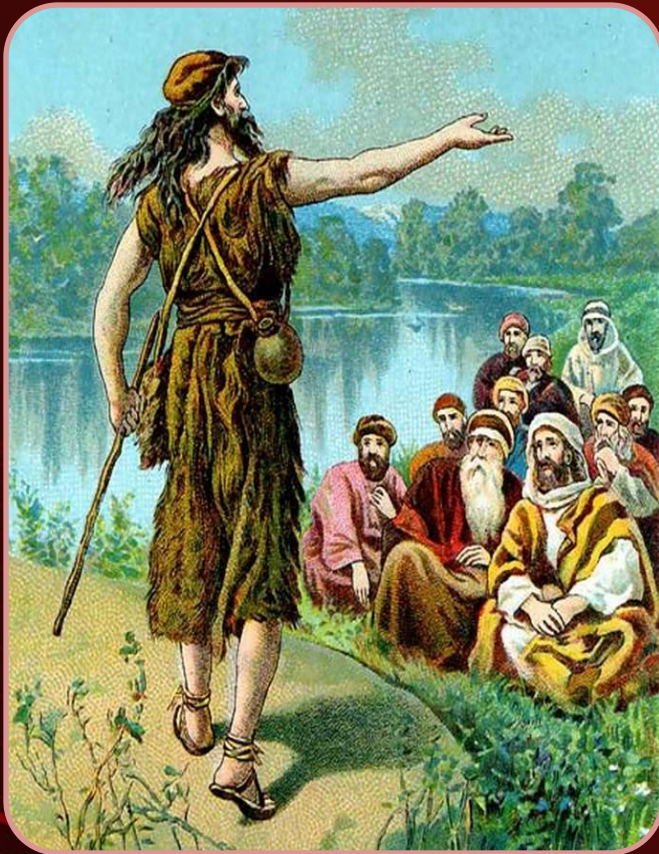
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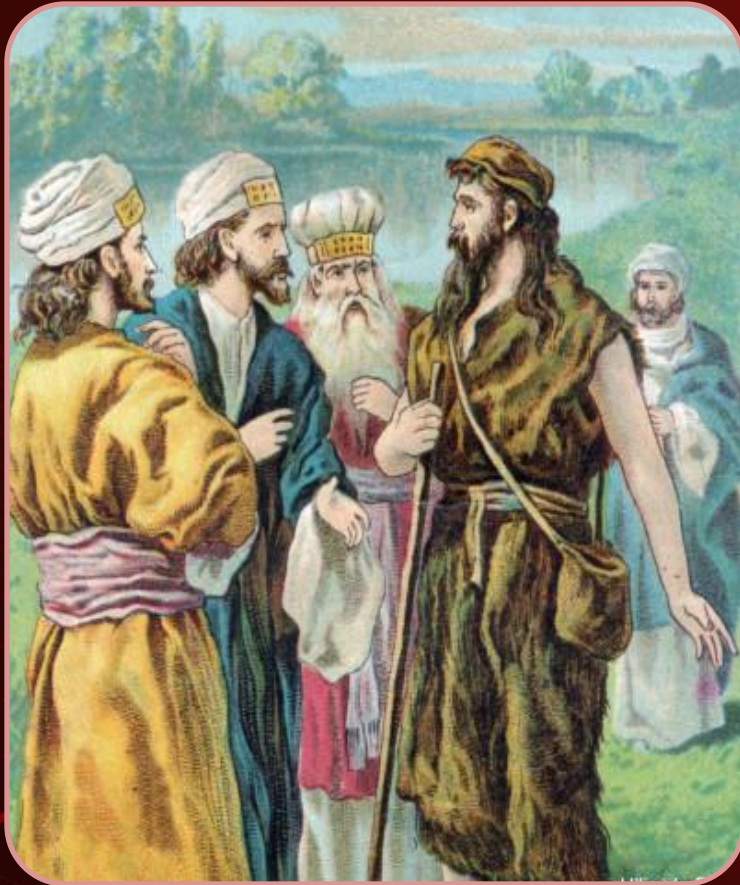
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^{NKJ} **Matthew 3:1** In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

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^{ESV} **Matthew 3:5-8** ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

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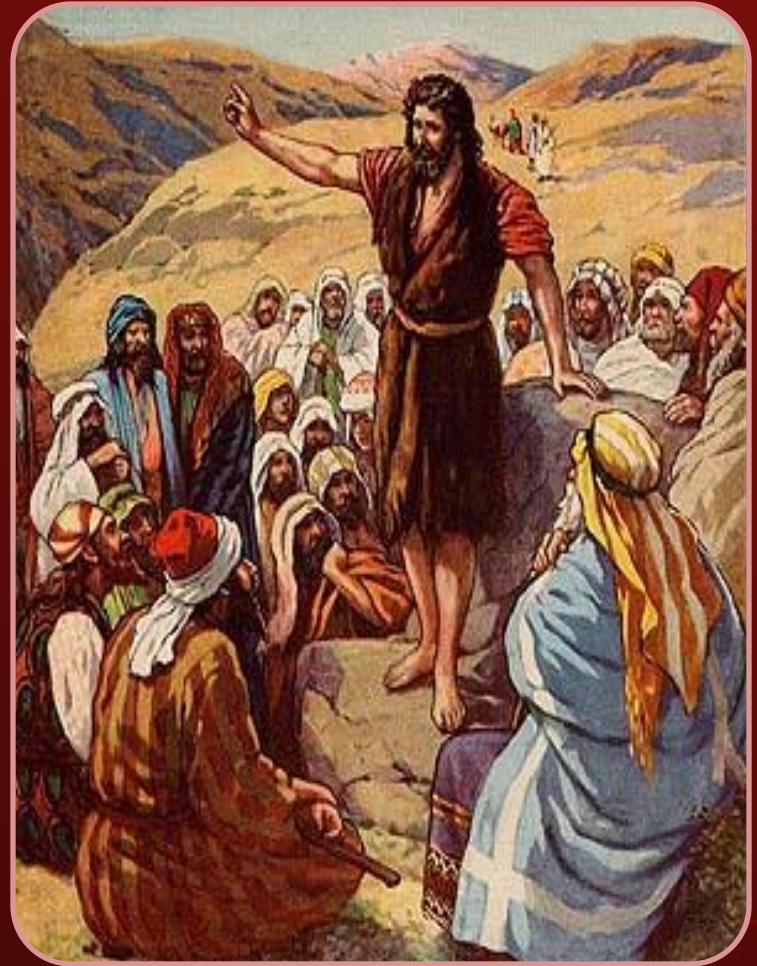
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^{ESV} **Luke 7:20** And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'"

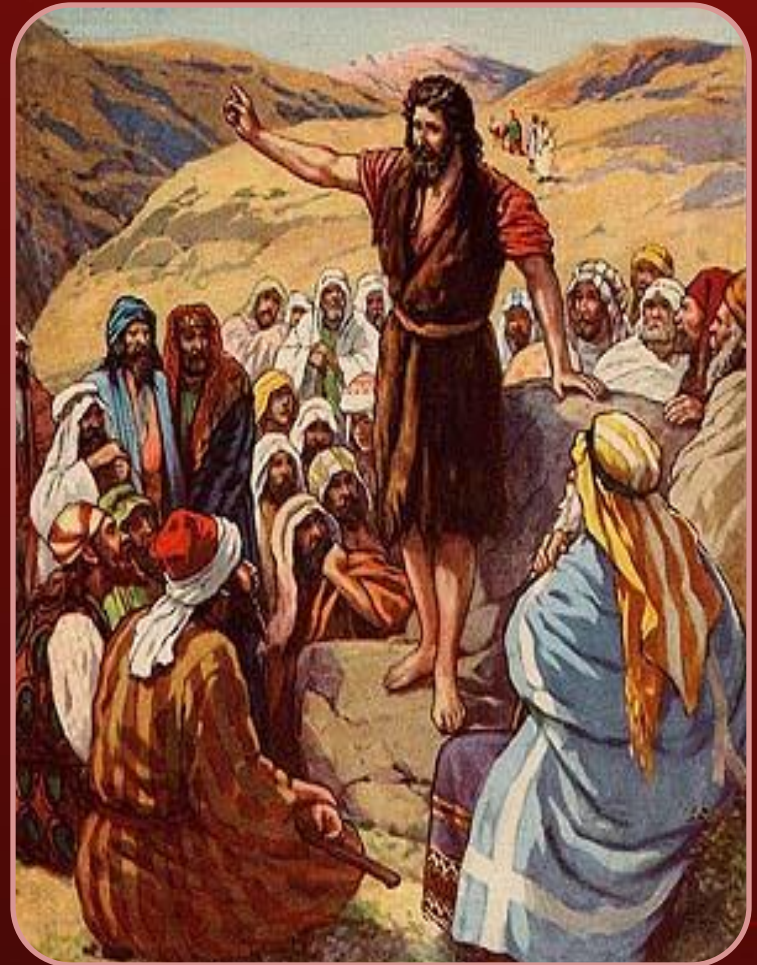
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^{ESV} **John 1:33** “I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'”



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John 1:32 “And John bore witness: ‘I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.’”



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Luke 3:15 As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ . . .

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Daniel 7:13-14 I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

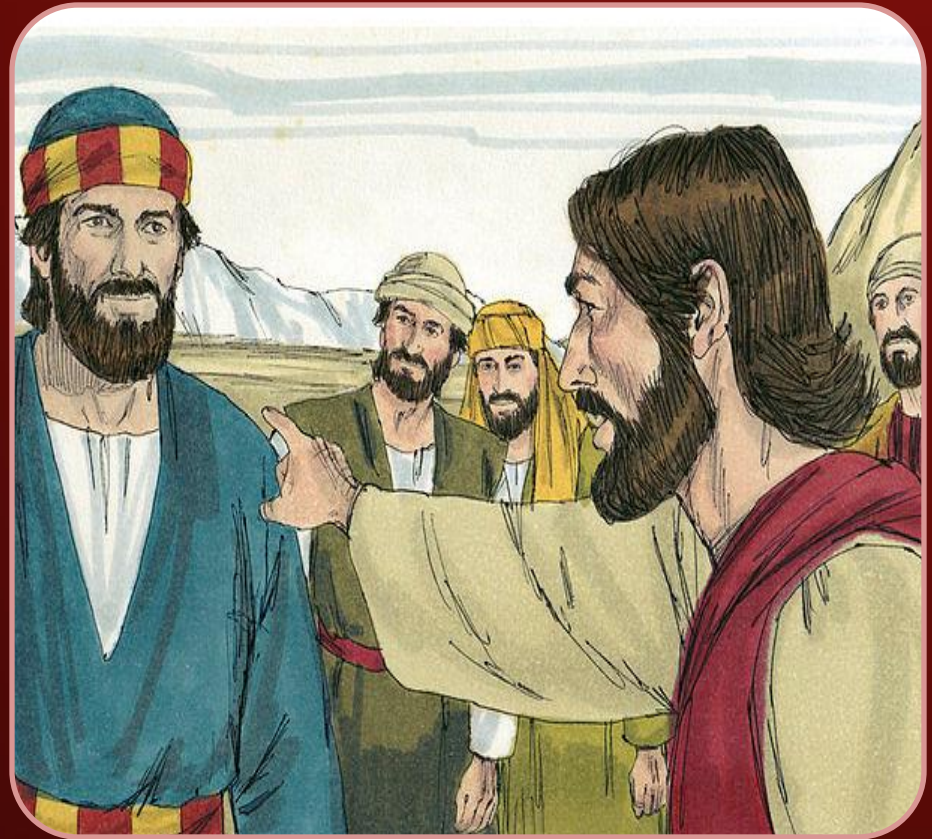
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Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

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Matthew 11:4-5 "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.



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