



The Messiah We Didn't Expect

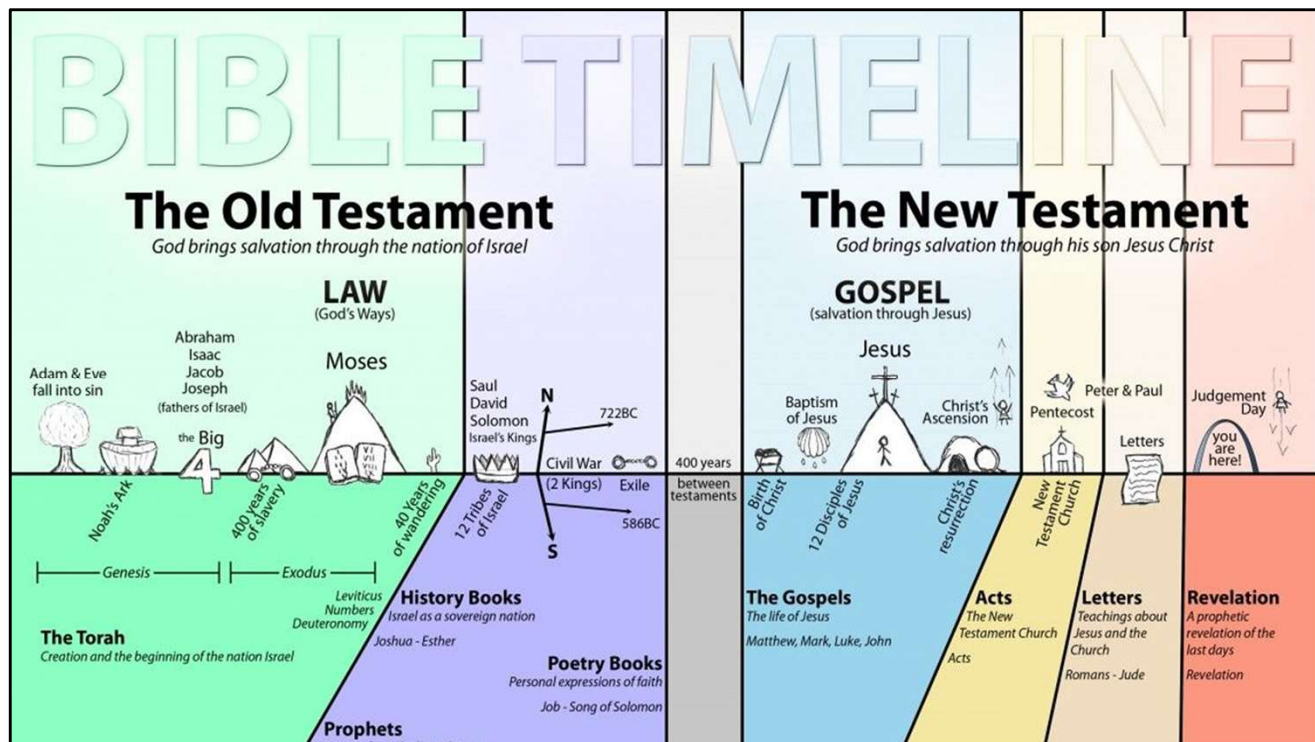


Isa.40

Mal.3 and 4

The Signs of the Messiahs coming started with...John!

[**Mat 21:23-27** ESV] 23 And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "**By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?**" 24 Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" **And they discussed it among themselves, saying, 'If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'** 26 **But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.**" 27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.



Adam & Eve

Noah's Ark

4 Patriarchs

400 years of slavery

Moses & Law

40 yrs of wandering

3 Kings/Unified kingdom

Divided Israel

Exile

400 years of silence

NT!

Birth of Christ

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As it is written ...

- Mark references scriptures authority 7-9 times!
 - Mark 1:2, 2:25, 7:6, 9:12-13, 10:4-5, 11:17, 12:19, 24, 26, 14:21, 27, 49
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The Gospel of Mark 'The Messiah We Didn't Expect'

BUT A Messenger we DID expect!!

John the Baptist!

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[2Ti 3:15-17 ESV] 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

[Jhn 5:39 NIV] 39 You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me,

Jesus compared the duration of Scripture to the duration of the universe. He said, "It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail" ([Luke 16:17](#)). So "all things which are written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished" ([Luke 18:31](#)).

64x sixty-four times Jesus quoted or alluded to the Old Testament while He never referred to other sources. Christ put His stamp of approval on the Old Testament in several key ways. Gty MacArthur

It has been estimated that over one-tenth of Jesus' recorded New Testament words were taken from the Old Testament. In the four Gospels, **180 of the 1,800 verses that report His discourses are either Old Testament quotes or Old Testament allusions.**

[Mar 1:2 ESV] 2 **As it is written** in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way,

[Mar 2:25 ESV] 25 And he said to them, "**Have you never read** what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him:

[Mar 7:6 ESV] 6 And he said to them, "**Well did Isaiah prophesy of you** hypocrites, as it is written, "'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

[Mar 9:12-13 ESV] 12 And he said to them, "Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how **is it written** of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? 13 But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him."

[Mar 10:4-5 ESV] 4 They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." 5 And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart **he wrote you this commandment.**

[Mar 11:17 ESV] 17 And he was teaching them and saying to them, "**Is it not written**, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers."

[Mar 12:19 ESV] 19 "Teacher, **Moses wrote for us** that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.

[Mar 12:24 ESV] 24 Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason **you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?**

[Mar 12:26 ESV] 26 And as for the dead being raised, **have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage** about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?

[Mar 14:21, 27 ESV] 21 For the Son of Man goes **as it is written** of him, but woe

to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." ... 27 And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, **for it is written**, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

Mar 14:49 ESV] 49 Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. **But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.**"

80 exact phrases in Bible, 326x in 93 verses

Mt. 9x, Mk.7x, Lk.9x, Jn.5x, Rom.16x

[Mat 21:42 ESV] 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

[Mat 22:29 ESV] 29 But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.

[Mat 26:54, 56 ESV] 54 But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" ... 56 But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

[Luk 24:27, 32, 45 ESV] 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ... 32 They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ... 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

[Jhn 5:39 ESV] 39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,

[Act 17:2, 11 ESV] 2 And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ... 11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

[Act 18:28 ESV] 28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

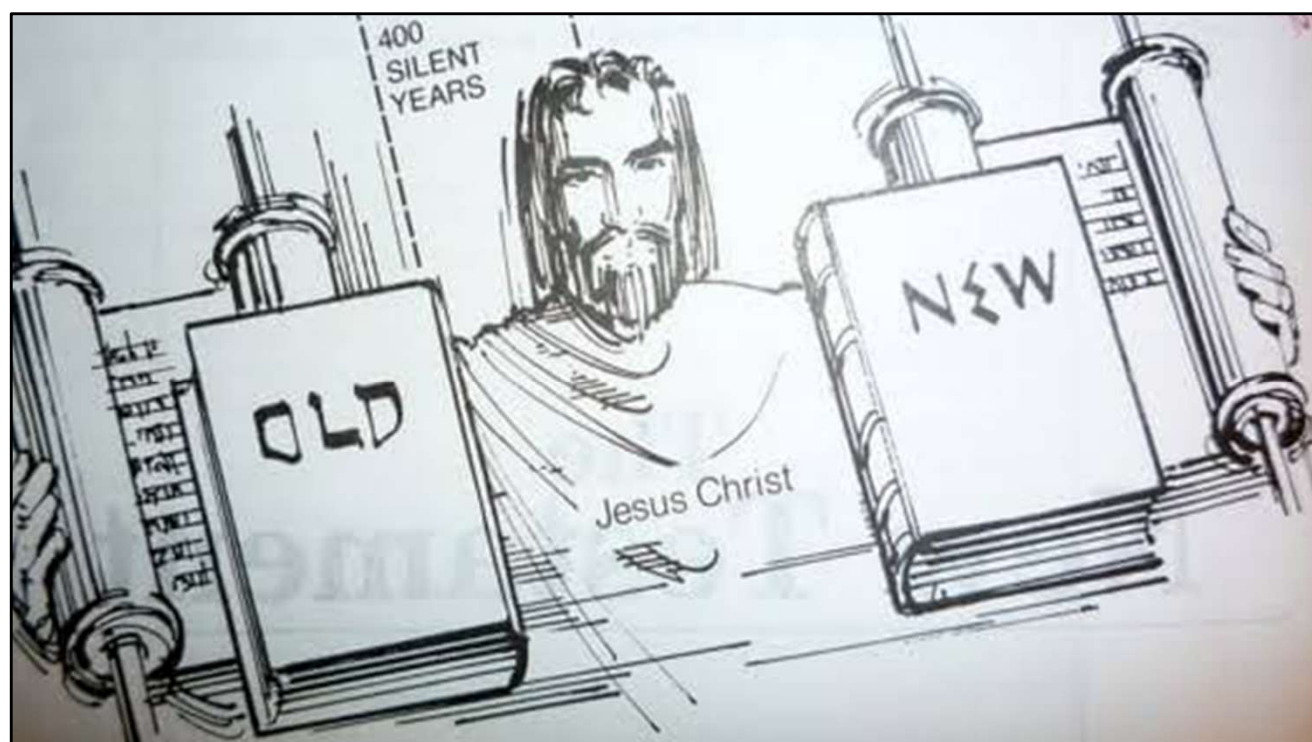
[Rom 1:2 ESV] 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,

[1Co 15:3-4 ESV] 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

[2Pe 3:16 ESV] 16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

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Isaiah 40

- In Isaiah the prophet; Isaiah 40
 - “Behold, I send my messenger before your face
 - the voice of one crying in the wilderness:
 - ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
 - make his paths straight,’”



Introducing the Introducer!

Behold!

Isa.40:3, Mal.4 “Behold, I send my messenger, Like Elijah

Jn.1:29 "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

in Isaiah the prophet; Isa.40

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face. (The Message: Comfort, her warfare is ended/received double for her sins, Forgiven, Cry, flesh is as grass, Good news!!

Behold your God, A Shepherd!)

the voice of one crying in the wilderness: (

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, (Repent!

make his paths straight,’”

[Isa 40:3-5 ESV] 3 A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.“

[Isa 40:1-2, 6-13, 27, 30-31 **Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ... 6 A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. 9 Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" 10 Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. 12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? 13 Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD, or what man shows him his counsel? ... 27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ... 30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; 31 but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.**

[Luk 1:15-17, 76 ESV] 15 for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. 16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, 17 and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared." ... 76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

[Mat 3:3 ESV] 3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he

said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

[Luk 7:27-28 ESV] 27 This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.' 28 I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

[Jhn 1:15, 19-34 ESV] 15 (**John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'"**) ... 19 And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but **confessed, "I am not the Christ."** 21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." 22 So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." 24 (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) 25 They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" 26 John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, 27 even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." 28 These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing. 29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" 30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." 32 And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 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.' 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

[Jhn 3:28 ESV] 28 You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.'

[Psa 40:7 ESV] 7 Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

[Mat 2:5 ESV] 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

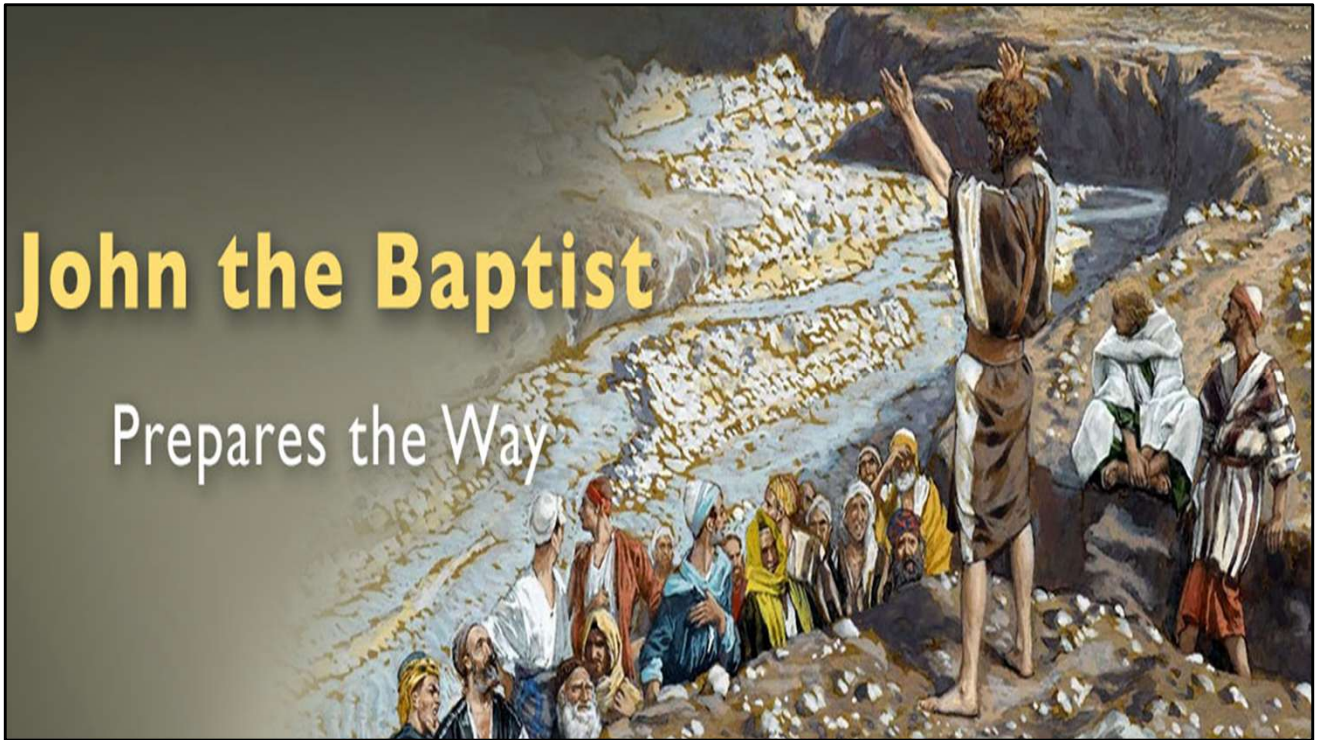
[Mat 26:24, 31 ESV] 24 The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." ... 31 Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

[Luk 1:70 ESV] 70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

[Luk 18:31 ESV] 31 And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

John the Baptist

Prepares the Way



Malachi, when we last heard from God

- Malachi 1:2 – “I have loved you,” says the LORD. But you say, “How have you loved us?” ...
- Malachi 4:5-6 – “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers



Before the 400 years of Silence, God was putting them in timeout! Again!

[Mal 1:2-3 ESV] 2 **"I have loved you," says the LORD. But you say, "How have you loved us?"** "Is not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the LORD. **"Yet I have loved Jacob 3 but Esau I have hated.** I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert."

[Mal 3:1 ESV] 1 **"Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me.** And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

[Mal 4:5-6 ESV] 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,** lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

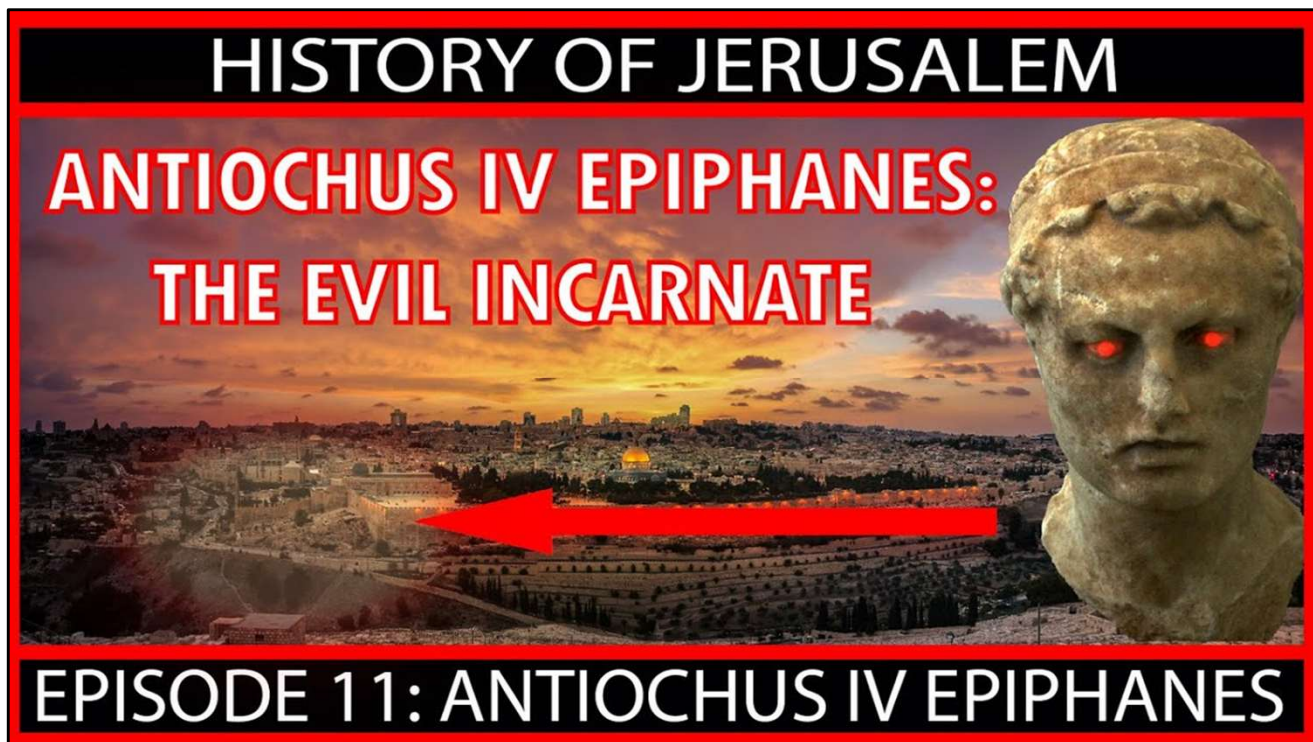
[**Luk 1:13-18** ESV] 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. 14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15 for **he will be great before the Lord.** And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and **he will be filled with the Holy Spirit,** even from his mother's womb. 16 And **he will turn many of**

the children of Israel to the Lord their God, 17 and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared." 18 And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years."

Malachi, when we last heard from God

- 400 years, No prophets! Until John the Baptist





1 Maccabees 9:26-28

Common English Bible

²⁶ They hunted down Judas' friends and brought them to Bacchides. He took vengeance on them and treated them terribly. ²⁷ So there was great distress in Israel, the worst since the time when prophets ceased to appear among them.

²⁸ Then the other friends of Judas assembled and said to Jonathan,

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The Silent years were filled with history. The Prototype of the Antichrist – Antiochus Epiphanes was wreaking havoc! The Maccabees arose!

Just no Prophet!

[Pro 29:18 ESV] 18 Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint (perish), but blessed is he who keeps the law.


Four hundred years is a long time. If we were to go back that far, we would be in 1612—the days of Pocahontas and Sir Walter Raleigh—and the year after first printing of the King James Version of the Bible.

At the time of Malachi's warning, about 430 B.C., the Jews had returned to Israel from the Babylonian captivity (as merchants, not shepherds). The [Medo-Persian Empire](#) still ruled Israel, and the temple had been rebuilt. Both the Law and the priesthood of Aaron's line had been restored, and the Jews had given up their worship of idols. Nevertheless, Malachi's warning was not without cause. The Jewish people were mistreating their wives, marrying pagans and not tithing, and the priests were neglecting the temple and not teaching the people the ways of God. In short, the Jews were not honoring God.

Jewish law and the priesthood remained more or less intact until Antiochus the Great of Syria captured Israel in 204 B.C. He and his successor, Antiochus Epiphanes, persecuted the Jews and sold the priesthood, and in 171 B.C. Epiphanes desecrated the Holy of Holies. This desecration resulted in an uprising by [Judas Maccabeus](#) of the priestly line of Aaron, and in 165 B.C. the Jews recaptured Jerusalem and cleansed the temple. However, fighting continued between the Jews and the Syrians until the Romans gained control of Israel in 63 B.C., at which time Pompey walked into the Holy of Holies, once again shocking and embittering the Jews. In 47 B.C., Caesar installed Antipater, a descendant of Esau, as procurator of Judea, and Antipater subsequently appointed his two sons as kings over Galilee and Judea.

<https://www.gotquestions.org/400-years-of-silence.html>

2 Messiahs or 2 comings?!

- Isaiah 9/11 & Isaiah 53 – Sovereign Ruler/Suffering Savior
 - Zechariah 9-13 & 14 – Humble Donkey / Conqueror
 - Daniel 7/9 and 4 – “Cut off” yet Reign over all/Forever
 - Psalms 22 & 2/72/110 – pierced my hands, “You are my son!”
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<https://jewsforjesus.org/learn/two-messiahs-in-judaism-ben-david-and-ben-joseph>

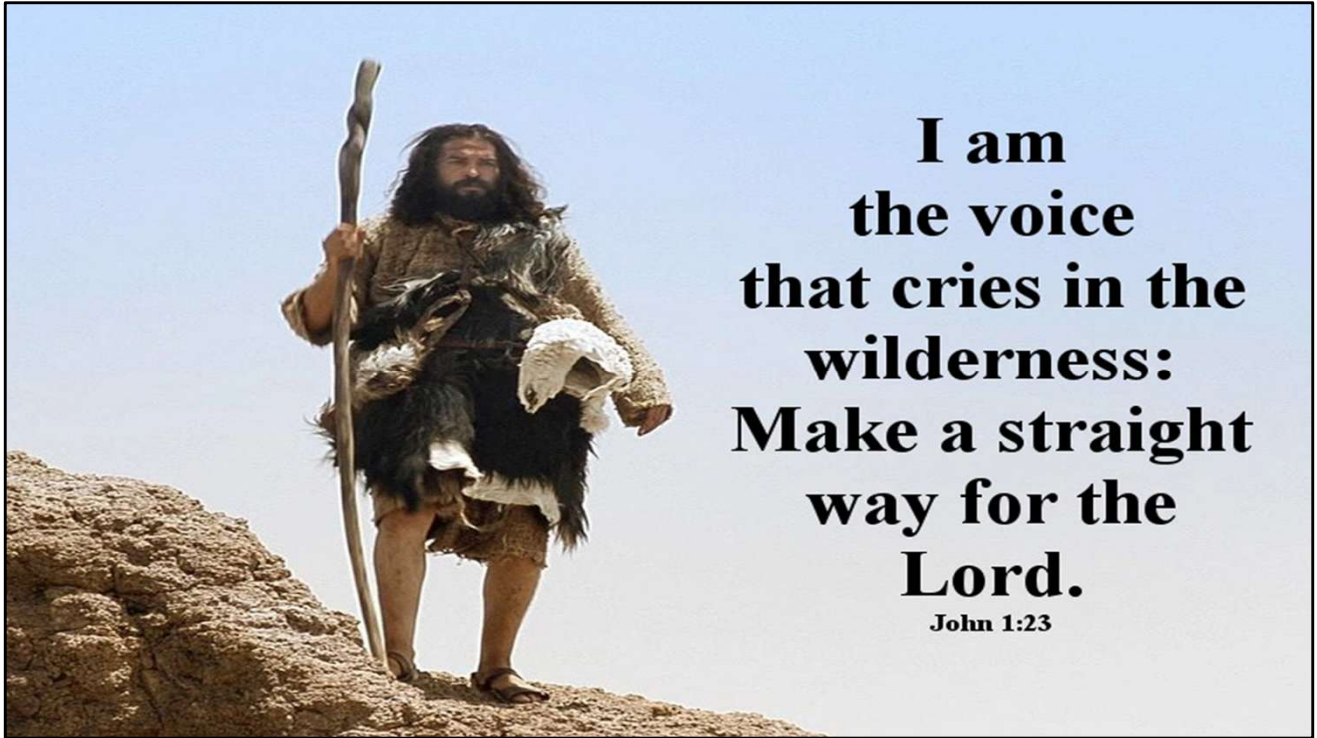
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[Dan 9:26 ESV] 26 And after the sixty-two weeks, **an anointed one shall be cut off** and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed.



**I am
the voice
that cries in the
wilderness:
Make a straight
way for the
Lord.**

John 1:23

Elijah and John

- Both wore Hairy garments, leather belts – 2 Kings 1:8; Matthew 3:4
 - They were “loners”, eccentric and Vocal Influencers!
 - Each preached Repentance! Turned the hearts!
 - Each perceived as Greats! – Matthew 11:11, 17:3, 10-13
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Both wore Hairy garments, leather belts in Desert Heat! Uncomfortable, like Sackcloth, and Abrasive! Matthew 3:4 and Mark 1:6. 2 Kings 1:8.

They were “loners” and eccentric.

They both spoke against rulers/threatened. Fearlessly preached truth to Power! King Ahab/Jezebel, King Herod Antipas/Herodias,

Both ministered at the Jordan, a significant watermark of Israel's growth on a few occasions

Both were perceived as above death! Mt.14:2, 16:14, Mk.6:14,

Both Spoke strongly worded rebukes “Brood of vipers! Lk.3:7

[2Ki 1:8 ESV] 8 They answered him, "He wore a garment of hair, with a belt of leather about his waist." And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

[Mat 3:4 ESV] 4 Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. (Elijah fed by Ravens)

[Isa 20:2 ESV] 2 at that time the LORD spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, "Go, and loose the sackcloth from your waist and take off your sandals from your feet," and he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

[Mat 11:8 ESV] 8 **What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing?** Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

[Luk 1:17 and he will go before him **in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children**, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

[Rev 11:3 ESV] 3 And **I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth**."

[**Mat 11:14** NIV] 14 And **if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come**.

[**Luk 1:17** NIV] 17 And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous--to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

[Zec 13:4 ESV] 4 "On that day every prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies. He will not put on a hairy cloak in order to deceive,

"How long will you falter between two opinions?"

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

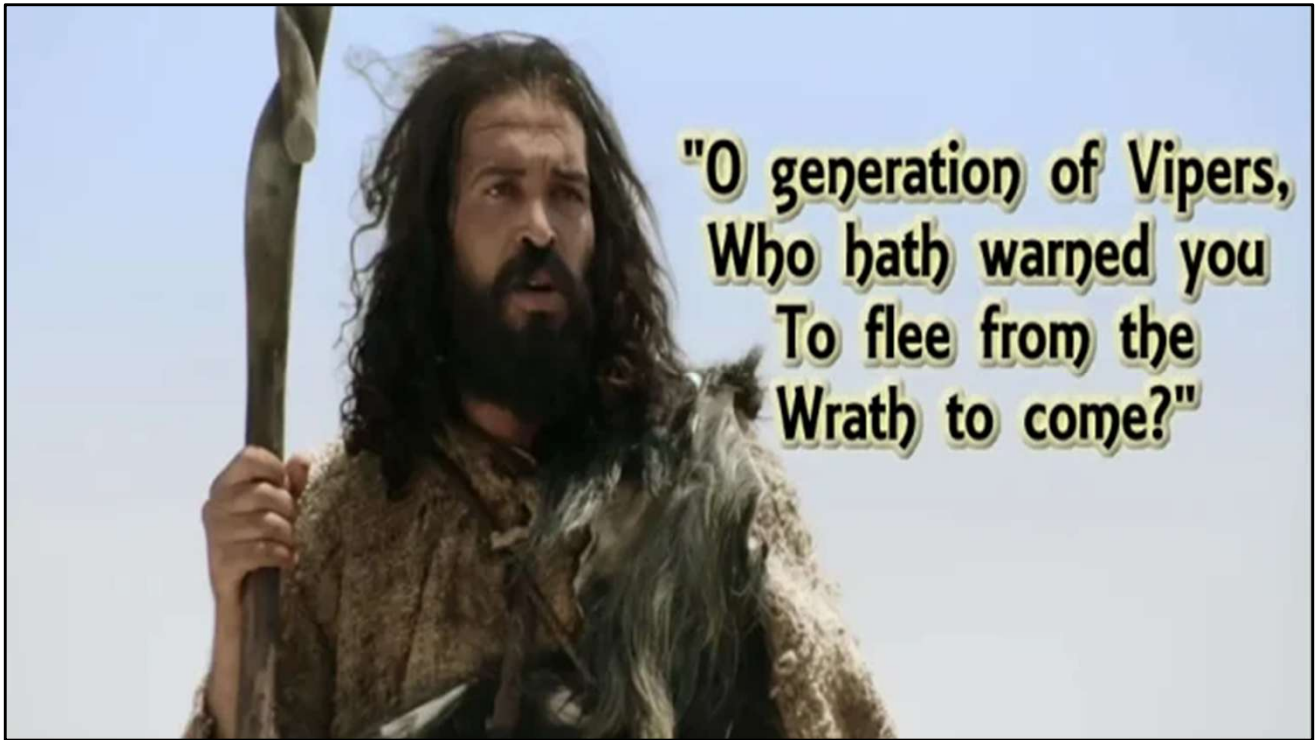
[Mat 11:11 ESV] 11 Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

[Mat 14:8 ESV] 8 Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter."

[Mat 16:14 ESV] 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

[Luk 3:2-20 ESV] 2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 And he went into

all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, 6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" 7 He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. 9 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." 10 And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" 11 And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." 12 Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" 13 And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." 14 Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." 15 As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, 16 John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." 18 So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. 19 But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, 20 added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.



[Mat 3:7 ESV] 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

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[Mat 12:34 ESV] 34 You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

[Mat 23:33 ESV] 33 You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?

Polarizing preachers

- Both ministered at the Jordan, a significant 'watermark' of Israel's growth on a few occasions
- Both were perceived as above death! – Matthew 14:2, Mark 6:14
- Both Spoke strongly worded rebukes "Brood of vipers!" – Luke 3:7
- John came in the spirit of Elijah! The Holy Spirit!



Mt.16:14,

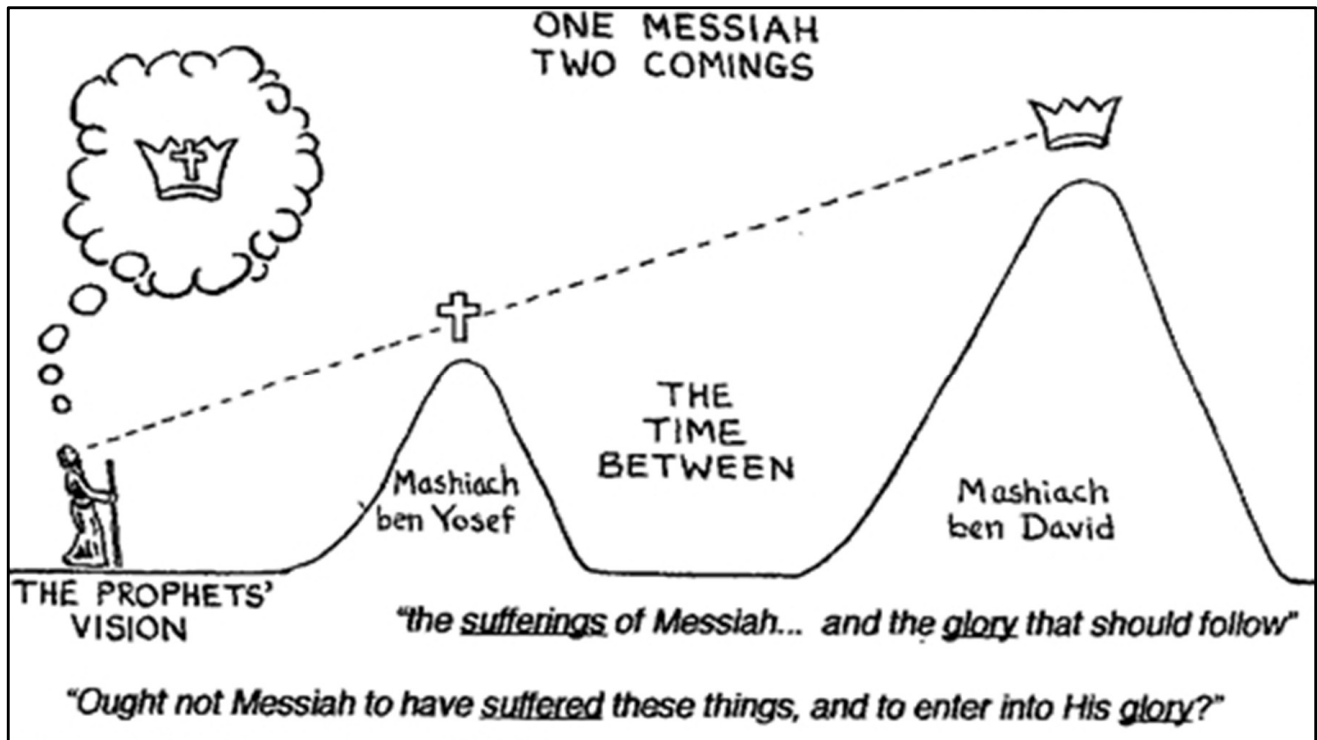
They each also had moments of weak faith:

Elijah [1Ki 19:9-10, 14 ESV] 9 There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ... 14 He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."

John

[Mat 11:1-14 ESV] 1 When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities. 2 Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" 4 And Jesus answered them, "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. 6 And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." 7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken

by the wind? 8 What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'" 11 Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, 14 and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.



1 Messiah and 2 comings

[1Pe 1:11 NIV] 11 trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow.

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‘Why then did you not believe him?’

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Refused to repent and believe

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[Jer 5:3 ESV] 3 O LORD, do not your eyes look for truth? You have struck them down, but they felt no anguish; you have consumed them, but they refused to take correction. They have made their faces harder than rock; they have refused to repent.

[Eze 3:19 NLT] 19 If you warn them and they refuse to repent and keep on sinning, they will die in their sins. But you will have saved yourself because you obeyed me.

[Mat 12:41 NLT] 41 "The people of Nineveh will stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for they repented of their sins at the preaching of Jonah. Now someone greater than Jonah is here--but you refuse to repent.

[Luk 11:32 NLT] 32 The people of Nineveh will also stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for they repented of their sins at the preaching of Jonah. Now someone greater than Jonah is here--but you refuse to repent.

[Rev 9:21 NLT] 21 And **they did not repent** of their murders or their witchcraft or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

[Rev 16:9, 11 NLT] 9 Everyone was burned by this blast of heat, and they cursed the name of God, who had control over all these plagues. **They did not repent of their sins and turn to God and give him glory.** ... 11 and **they cursed the God of heaven for their pains and sores. But they did not repent of their evil deeds and turn to God.**

MESSIAH BEN JOSEPH IS MESSIAH BEN DAVID



2 kinds of Crowns

2 Postures, humbled and Honored. On a Cross on a Throne!

2 Expressions; Weeping and Rejoicing

Carrying a rod of iron or a wooden Cross!

Have you experienced the Baptism of repentance?

- Are you hearing from God? Or silence?
- Do you value scripture as God's Word?!
- Do you refuse to repent? Love sin over God?
- We all preach something! Do you preach Christ?
- "He must increase, but I must decrease" – John 3:30





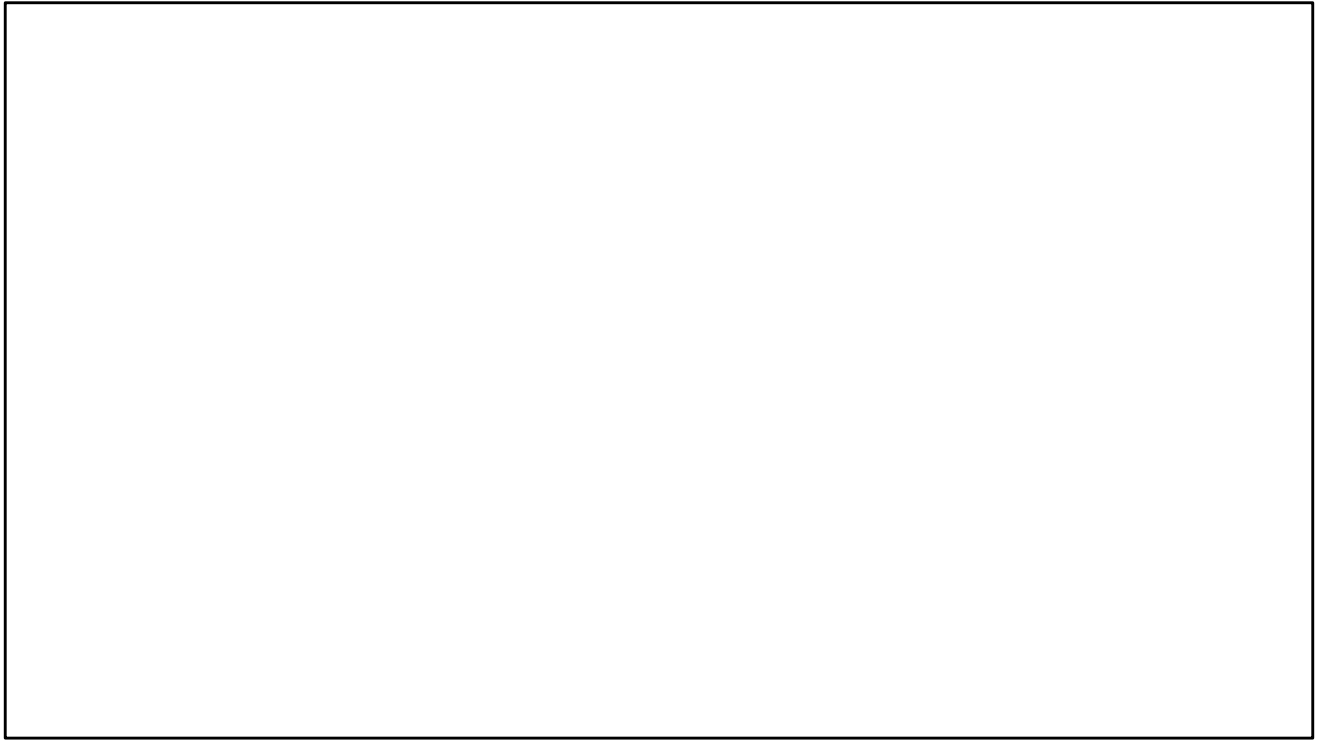
JOHN the BAPTIST

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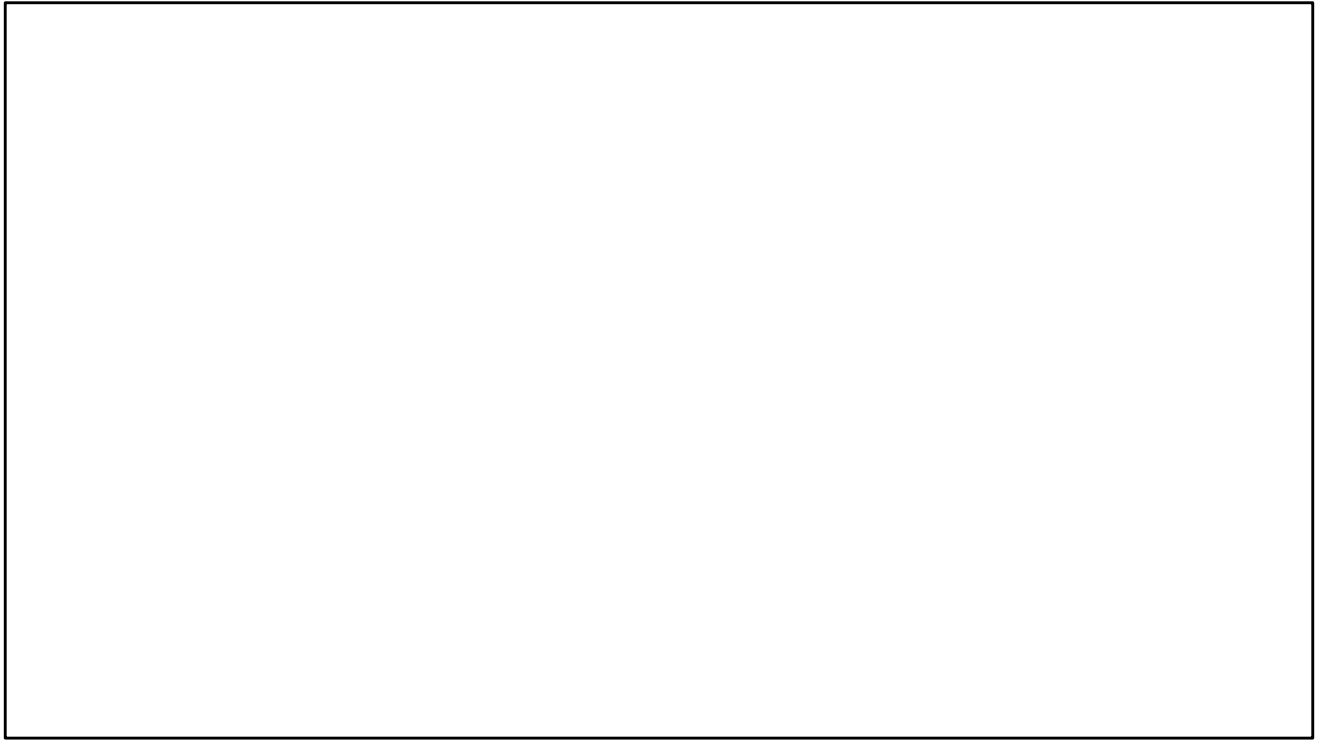














THE MESSIAH WE DIDN'T EXPECT