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Isaiah 40:3-5

- Foretells the appearing (glory) of the Messiah.
- Before that, a prophet who would prepare the way for the Messiah's coming.

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Malachi 3:1

A messenger prepares the way, and the Lord suddenly appears.

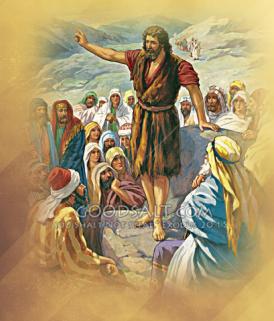


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Malachi 4:5-6

- > The prophet's work: turning hearts to God.
- Luke 1:17 the Bible's commentary on Mal. 4:5-6.
 - The power and spirit of Elijah.
 - "Turn the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

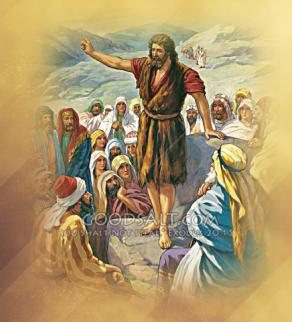


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Matthew 3:1-6

- > vs.4 Like Elijah.
- > vss.1,5 Jews came to him in the wilderness.
- > vs.2 "It is time for hearts to turn to God!"



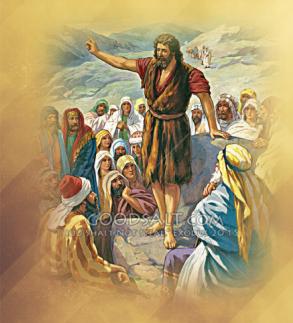
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John 1:19-28

- > vs.19 "Who are you?"
- > vs.20 "I am not the Christ."
- > vs.21 "I am not Elijah."
- > vs.21 "I am not the Prophet."
- > vs. 27 "I am not worthy."



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"Messiah Complex"

- Rom. 12:3 Thinking of oneself more highly than one ought to think.
- > 3 John 9-11 Diotrephes.
- 2 Pet. 2:10-13 presumptuous, self-willed, would perish.
- John the Baptist never forgot who he was, and who he was not.