

MESSENGER

John the Baptist



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“400
Silent
Years”

John

Malachi 1:2

captivity apathy destruction
greed rebellion
idolatry immorality deception
empty rituals

“I have always loved you”

“Malachi”

3:1 “Behold, I am going to send **My Messenger** and he will clear the way before Me (The Lord)”

Mat 11:9 ... one who is more than a prophet
This is the one about whom it is written, 'BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.'

Step 1: The Messenger

Step 2: The Judge (3:1-5)

Step 3: The Glory (4:1-3)

The Messenger

The Son Of A Priest ...
Called To Be A Prophet

Luke 1:13-17 — 76-80

John will ...

Bring joy and gladness (Joy of Salvation)

Be great in the sight of the Lord

Drink no wine or liquor

Be filled with the Holy Spirit in the womb

Turn the sons of Israel back to the Lord

Go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah,

TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK

TO THE CHILDREN ...

To make ready a people prepared for the Lord

To give His people knowledge of salvation

The Messenger

Baptism: A Testimony Of Separation

Matt 3:1-12

Baptism: A Testimony Of Unity

Matt 3:13-17

To make ready a people prepared for the Lord

Isa 40:3 A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the **LORD in the wilderness**; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God"

The Messenger

Success Or Failure?

Matt 11:2-19

He Came ... And He's Coming ...

Matt 16:27-17:13

The Messenger

Elijah Precedes The Glory

Mal 4:4 Remember the law of **Moses My Servant ...**

Mal 4:5 Behold, I am going to send you **Elijah the Prophet** before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

Mal 4:6 He will restore the hearts of the fathers to children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, (*Luke 1:17*)

so that I will not come and smite the land with a **curse**

CURSE

(The Last Word of the Old Testament)



MESSENGER

Elijah

