

Matthew 3

King James Version (KJV)

3 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, (By now, he was now approx. 30 years old)

2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (John was sent to make way for the coming of Messiah. He was the last prophet before Jesus)

3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. (Written 600 years earlier – prophecy after prophecy was being fulfilled) See Isaiah-40:1-5

NOTE: (Preachers who only teach the New Testament are missing half of the story. This is the unfortunate truth in most Christian churches today)

4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. Leviticus-11:22 (This is the food of a prophet)

5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, (John drew many people to himself to hear the word of God and to be baptized in the name of Jesus)

6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. (This will get the attention of the corrupt priests in the Sanhedrin. They will see John as a threat to their revenue stream from peoples' tithes)

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? (These Pharisees and Sadducees <snakes> are Kenites, who took over the "religion" of Judah. They were using the religion and the temple to make money for themselves)

Genesis-3:15-16 (And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee)

(This was chastisement for Adam and Eve having had sex with Satan. The “serpent” in the garden was Satan. He wasn’t a real snake. He was an ark-angel in his spiritual body. He was called a serpent as a term of degradation)

(His plan was to pollute the seed line of Adam and Eve; because their descendants would bring Jesus Christ into the world. He failed)

⁸ Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: (Your fruits are your good works. These Kenites don’t have any good works. John is calling them out)

⁹ And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. (Abraham = the father of many nations)

(Abraham is called a blessing to many nations because Jesus would come into the world through Abraham’s lineage. Anyone who accepts Jesus as God and Savior can become a child of God)

¹⁰ And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. (The trees are symbolic for evil people who won’t make the eternity. Hell is the death of the soul. They will cease to exist)

See chapter-7:19 (Jesus made the same analogy)

¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: (John is speaking of Jesus. God’s fire warms the good, and destroys the evil)

Hebrews-12:29 (For our God is a consuming fire)

¹² Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. (The threshing floor separates the wheat from the chaff, with a winnowing fan. They beat the grain to remove the light chaff from the heavy grain; and then blew it off with a fan. The grain was kept for food and the chaff was burned)

¹³ Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. (Jesus was God, in the flesh. HE didn’t need to be baptized. HE was teaching us by example. We should all be baptized in God’s name)

¹⁴ But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? (John was uncomfortable baptizing God)

¹⁵ And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. (John obeyed Jesus and baptized Him. Jesus lived a perfect life without sin; in order to show us how to do it. Jesus was a teacher. HE taught us by example)

¹⁶ And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: (This miracle was done to make people aware that Messiah had arrived. That day began Jesus' ministry)

¹⁷ And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (My beloved son = My begotten)

Genesis-1:26 (God said- "Let us make man in our image." Jesus is God's image in the flesh; just as we are our image in the flesh. HE was not God's son. HE was God, in the flesh, begotten through Mary's womb)

Hebrews-2:14 (Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil)

NOTE: God would never ask us to do something that He wasn't willing to do Himself. Just as we have to pass through the flesh once, before returning to our spiritual bodies, so did He. HE passed through the flesh as Jesus Christ)