

# MESSIANIC PROPHECY— ISAIAH PART FOUR, MALACHI

## Isaiah 40:3-5

A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> "Let every valley be lifted up, And every mountain and hill be made low; And let the rough ground become a plain, And the rugged terrain a broad valley; <sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, And all flesh will see *it* together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." (NASB)

- The Messiah will be preceded by a forerunner who will prepare the way for the LORD
- The Messiah is associated as the LORD or "Yahveh" (Yahweh)

Fulfilled in John the Baptist (Matthew 3:1-6; Mark 1:2-8; Luke 1:76-80; 3:4-6; John 1:19-35)

## Malachi 3.1-3

<sup>1</sup> "Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear 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.

<sup>2</sup> "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup> "He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the LORD offerings in righteousness. (NASB)

- The Messiah will be preceded by a forerunner who will prepare the way before the LORD; quoted in Mark 1:2; Luke 7:27; Matthew 11:10

"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; For you will go on BEFORE THE LORD TO PREPARE HIS WAYS" (Zacharias speaking of John the Baptist- Luke 1:76 NASB)

## Malachi 4:5-6

"Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> "He will restore the hearts of the fathers to *their* children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse." (NASB)

- The Messiah's coming in connection with the great and terrible day of the LORD will be preceded by Elijah

But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. <sup>14</sup> "You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. <sup>15</sup> "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb. <sup>16</sup> "And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> "It is he who will go *as a forerunner* before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." (Luke 1:13-17 NASB)

As these men were going *away*, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> "But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft *clothing*? Those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings' palaces! <sup>9</sup> "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> "This is the one about whom it is written, 'BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.' <sup>11</sup> "Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen *anyone* greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup> "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force. <sup>13</sup> "For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John. <sup>14</sup> "**And if you are willing to accept *it*, John himself is Elijah who was to come.** <sup>15</sup> "**He who has ears to hear, let him hear.** (Mat 11:7-15 NASB)

Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. <sup>3</sup> And behold, Moses and **Elijah** appeared to them, talking with Him. <sup>4</sup> Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three

tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard *this*, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified. <sup>7</sup> And Jesus came to *them* and touched them and said, "Get up, and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead." <sup>10</sup> And His disciples asked Him, "**Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?**" <sup>11</sup> **And He answered and said, "Elijah is coming and will restore all things; <sup>12</sup> but I say to you that Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they wished. So also the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands."** <sup>13</sup> **Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about John the Baptist.** (Matt 17:1-13 NASB)

What happened between Matthew 11:14 and 17:12? Matthew 12:22-45, the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit and definite judgment.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *the city* that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen *gathers* her brood under her wings, and you would not *have it!*" <sup>35</sup> "Behold, your house is left to you *desolate*; and I say to you, you will not see Me until *the time* comes when you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'" (Luke 13:34-35 NASB)

When He approached *Jerusalem*, He saw the city and wept over it, <sup>42</sup> saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> "For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, <sup>44</sup> and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation." (Luke 19:41-44 NASB)