



The Gospel of Matthew:

The Messiah of Israel
Chapters 3-4

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Man in God's Image



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- ◇ Mat 3:1-17
- ◇ (1) In those days **John the Baptist** came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
- ◇ (2) "Repent, for **the kingdom of heaven** is at hand."

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John the Baptist



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יְהוָה

y'hôvâh

yeh-ho-vaw'

From [H1961](#); (the) *self Existent* or eternal; *Jehovah*, Jewish national name of God: - Jehovah, the Lord. Compare [H3050](#), [H3069](#).

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Isa 40:3 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isa 40:4 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.

Isa 40:5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

- ◇ Mat 3:1-17
- ◇ (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.'"
- ◇ (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.

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◇ Isa 40:3-5




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Prophet Isaiah lived 700 BC

- ◇ Lived 700 Years before the Birth of Jesus
- ◇ Prophet to Judah 762 BC from Uzziah to Hezekiah 698 BC
- ◇ Preached against the sins of Judah,
- ◇ Foretold the coming Judgment on the land for sins
- ◇ Proclaimed the coming of the Messiah more than any other Prophet in the Bible
- ◇ Proclaimed the coming Kingdom of Heaven/God
- ◇ Described the Messianic Kingdom
- ◇ Proclaimed the victory of Sennecarib King of Assyria (Isaiah 37-38)

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- ◇ Mat 3:5-6
- ◇ (5) Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him,
- ◇ (6) and they were **baptized** by him in the river Jordan, **confessing their sins.**

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- ◇ Mat 3:7-8
- ◇ (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?"
- ◇ (8) **Bear fruit in** keeping with repentance.

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Pharisees



Heb. *persahin*, from *parash*, "to separate"

- Their leading tenets were the following: that the world was governed by fate, or by a fixed decree of God;
- that the souls of men were immortal, and were either eternally happy or miserable beyond the grave;
- that the dead would be raised;
- that there were angels, good and bad;
- God was under obligation to bestow special favor on the Jews; and that they were justified by their own conformity to the law. They maintained some of the laws of Moses very strictly.
- **Oral Law:** In addition to the written laws, they held to a multitude which they maintained had come down from Moses by tradition. These they felt themselves as much bound to observe as the written Law. Under the influence of these laws they washed themselves before meals with great scrupulousness;
- ; Joh_3:1; Joh_7:50.



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Sadducees



- **Sad'ducees.** (*followers of Zadok*)
 - *High Priest during the time of Solomon*
 - *Ruling class of priests, officials (Acts 5:17)*
 - Less numerous the Pharisees
 - Accepted only the laws of Moses
 - Rejected the "Oral Law"
 - Rejected the doctrine of the Resurrection
 - Denied Angels or Spirits
 - Party died out at the end of the 2nd Temple
- Act 5:17

(17) But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy

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◇ Mat 3:9-10

◇ (9) And **do not presume** 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.

◇ (10) 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**.

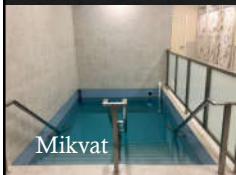


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Mikvat



Exo 30:18-20

(18) "You shall also make a basin of bronze, with its stand of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and **you shall put water in it,**

(19) with which Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet.

(20) When they go into the tent of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn a food offering to the LORD, **they shall wash with water,** so that they may not die.

◇ Mat 3:11-12

◇ (11) "I baptize you with **water for repentance**, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

◇ (12) His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."



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Water symbolized cleansing from "sins"



Messiah

Holy Spirit

Wheat

Barn

Fire

Chaff

Never Ending Fire

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Mal 3:1-3

(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.

(2) 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.

(3) He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.



◇ Mat 3:13-14

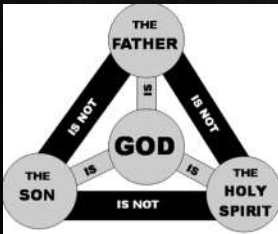
◇ (13) Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

◇ (14) John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"



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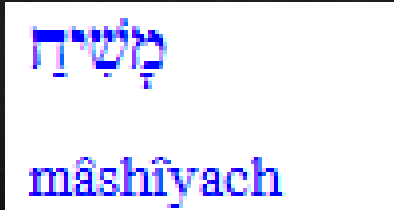
Jesus Baptized



- ◇ Mat 3:15-17
- ◇ (15) But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.
- ◇ (16) And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;
- ◇ (17) and behold, a voice from heaven said, "**This is my beloved Son**, with whom I am well pleased."

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Son of God



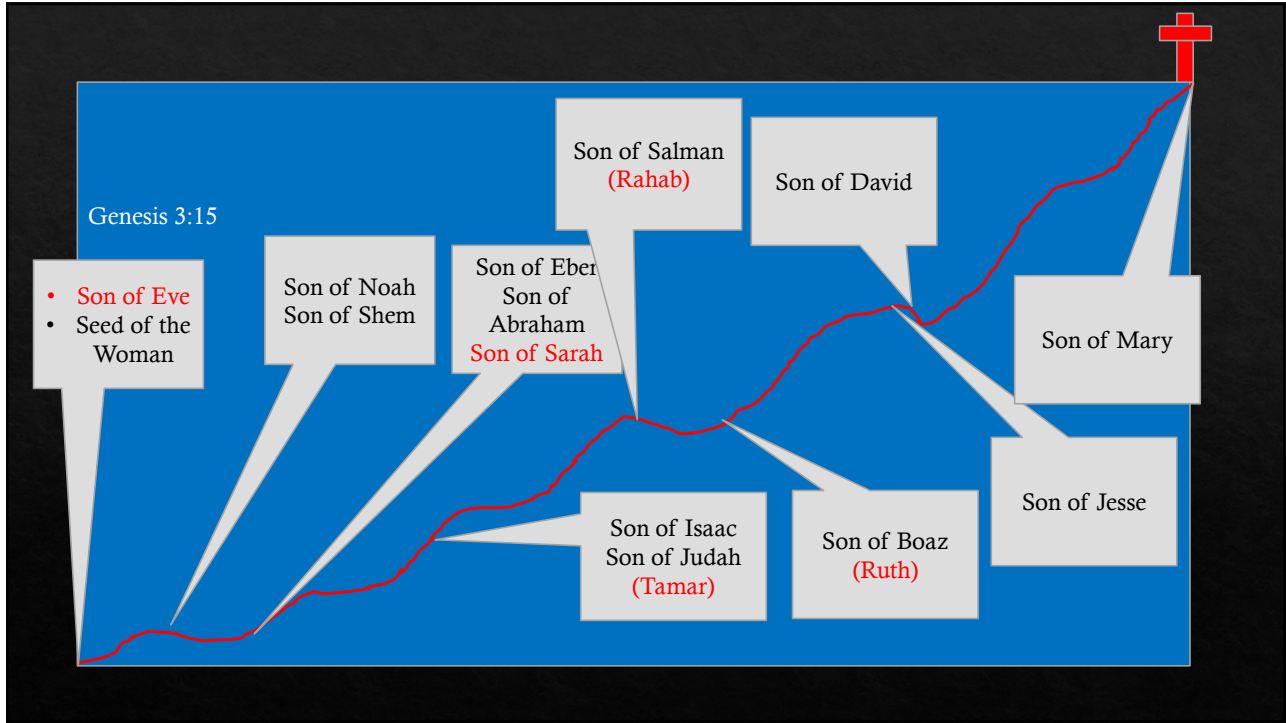
Fully God and Fully Man



Why Did the Messiah have to be "Fully Man" and "Fully God"?

- ◇ **2Samuel 7:12-14**
- ◇ (14) **I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son.** When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men,
- ◇ **Psalm 2:1-12**
- ◇ (1) Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
- ◇ (2) The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against **his Anointed**, saying,
- ◇ (3) "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."
- ◇ (7) I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "**You are my Son**"; today I have begotten you.
- ◇ (12) **Kiss the Son**, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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Satan Tempts Jesus



- ◇ Mat 4:1-2
- ◇ (1) Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- ◇ (2) And after **fasting forty days and forty nights**, he was hungry.

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Satan Tempts Jesus



- ◇ Mat 4:3-4
- ◇ (3) And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."
- ◇ (4) But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

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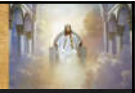
- ◇ Mat 4:5-6
- ◇ (5) Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple
- ◇ (6) and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

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- ◇ Mat 4:7-9
- ◇ (7) Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
- ◇ (8) Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.
- ◇ (9) And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

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Satan Tempts Jesus



- ◇ Mat 4:10-11
- ◇ (10) Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"
- ◇ (11) Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.


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- ◇ Mat 4:12-14
- ◇ (12) Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.



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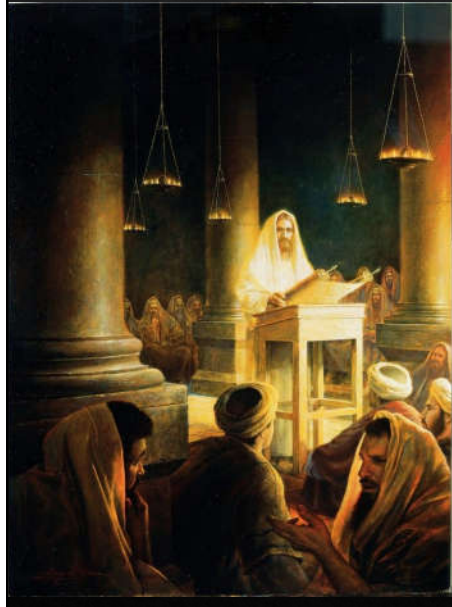
◆ Luke 4:14-15

◆ (14) And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.

◆ (15) And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

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Harmony of the Gospel



◆ Luke 4:16-30

◆ 16) And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.

◆ (17) And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

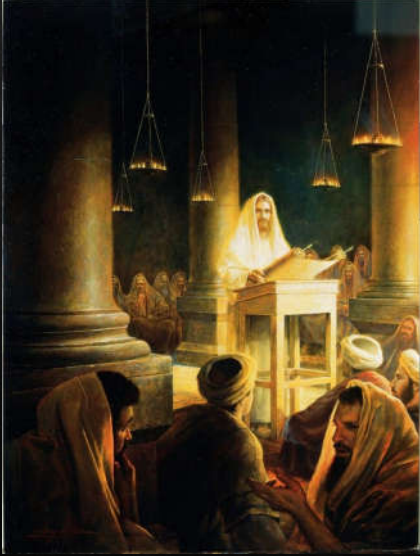
◆ (18) "**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me**, because he has anointed me to proclaim **good news** to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

◆ (19) to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

◆ (20) And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

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Harmony of the Gospel



- ◆ Luke 4:16-30
- ◆ (21) And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
- ◆ (22) And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"
- ◆ (23) And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well."
- ◆ (24) And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown."



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Harmony of the Gospel



- ◆ Luk 4:16-30
- ◆ (25) But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land,
- ◆ (26) and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.
- ◆ (27) And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."
- ◆ (28) When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.
- ◆ (29) And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff.
- ◆ (30) But passing through their midst, he went away.

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- ◇ Mat 4:12-14
- ◇ (13) And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,
- ◇ (14) so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

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The Preaching of the Kingdom



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- ◇ Mat 4:15-17
- ◇ (15) "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
- ◇ (16) the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."
- ◇ (17) From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand."

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The Preaching of the Kingdom



- ◇ Kingdom of Heaven 33X in Matthew
- ◇ Kingdom of God 4x

Isa 2:1-4

- (1) The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw **concerning Judah and Jerusalem.**
- (2) It shall come to pass in the **latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains,** and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,
- (3) and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
- (4) He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; **nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.**

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The Apostles Gathered



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◇ Mat 4:18-21



(18) While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

(19) And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

(20) Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

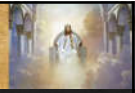
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- ◇ Mat 4:22-25
- ◇ (22) Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.
- ◇ (23) And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the **gospel of the kingdom** and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.
- ◇ (24) So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them.
- ◇ (25) And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.