



Matthew 11:7-15

John the Baptist Is the Prophet Like Elijah

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John the Baptist Was a Truth Teller

Matthew 11:7-8

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?** **8** But what did you go out to see? **A man dressed in soft clothing?** Those who wear soft clothing are in kings' palaces!"

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John: The Unique Messenger

Matthew 11:9-11

But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and **one who is more than a prophet.** **10** This is the one about whom it is written, "**BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.**" **11** 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.

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The Elijah Who Was to Come

Matthew 11:12-15

From the days of John the Baptist until now **the kingdom of heaven suffers violence**, and violent men take it by force. **13** For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John. **14** And if you are willing to accept it, **John himself is Elijah who was to come.** **15** **He who has ears to hear, let him hear.**

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Applications

1. We must know that John the Baptist fulfills the prophecies of the messenger who prepares the path for the Messiah.
2. We should know that there will be a future coming of an Elijah-like prophet in the last 7 years.
3. We should believe Jesus is the Messiah.

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Prophecies Fulfilled by John

Malachi 3:1

"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.

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Prophecies Fulfilled by John

Luke 1:16-17

And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. 17 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.

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Elijah Comes Twice?

Matthew 17:10-13

And His disciples asked Him, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" **11** And He answered and said, "**Elijah is coming and will restore all things; 12 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." **13 Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about John the Baptist.**

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Elijah and Moses in Daniel's 70th Week

Revelation 11:2-4 Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for **forty-two months.** **3** And I will grant **authority to my two witnesses,** and they will prophesy for **twelve hundred and sixty days,** clothed in sackcloth. **4** These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.



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Jesus Is the Messiah

Isaiah 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."

Matthew 3:1 Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching **in the wilderness** of Judea, saying...

Revelation 12:6 Then **the woman** fled **into the wilderness** where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.



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