

# "John The Baptist"

The Last Aaronic Priest  
and Prophet,  
Under The Prophets & The  
Law.

(PART ONE)

"He must increase, but I must decrease"

John 3:30

John was the last aaronic/levitical priest, prophet, pastor (shepherd), and angel (messenger) under the Prophets & The Law.

John 3:25 Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying.

26 And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him.

27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.

29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.

32 And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.

33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.

34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

The Jews questioned the disciples of John about purification for baptism was one of the purifying rituals of the Old Covenant, but when they came to John the complaint went from the Jewish confrontation to Jesus, who was confirmed to be the Christ. He too was baptizing on the other side of Jordan, and they said "...and all men come to him".

John answered with these words "A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him".

Who Was John Sent To Bear Witness Of?

Many would say 'JESUS' but that is only correct in a sense. John was sent to bear witness of THE CHRIST, which was GOD, for "all men come to him". From the baptism of Jesus, the fullness of God took over as a visitation to mankind for the next 3 1/2 years. (Luke 1:68)

John 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

WHY?

John 6:27b "...for him hath God the Father sealed."

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself.

## QUOTES FROM THE VOICE OF THE SEVENTH ANGEL MESSENGER

115 Now, Matthew 3, It said, "This is My beloved Son," when He was coming down, a Voice speaking from That, God, that was coming down, like a dove, John bare record seeing It, And a Voice come from It, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom, in Whom I am pleased to dwell." And if I was going to make it so you'd understand it better, that the early translators in King James...If you get the original Greek, it reads like this: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I'm pleased to dwell in." But you see, it's the same thing. "In whom I'm pleased to dwell." See? "I am pleased to dwell in My Son." Then He became Emmanuel, God with us.

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33 But a Lamb is so gentle, that it can be led. And that's the reason that God represented Christ as the Lamb, and Himself as the Dove. And on the day that John baptized Jesus at the river of Jordan, one of the greatest events that had ever taken place, taken place right there. Notice how beautiful! The Lamb, the meekest of all the creatures of the earth, and the Dove, the meekest of all the fowls of Heaven. Now, that's the only way that they could ever be united. It's the only way that the Dove would ever come on the Lamb. Now, when the Dove came down, John saw Jesus, and he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, that take away

the sins of the world." And John said, "I bare record, seeing the Spirit of God like a Dove coming down, and abiding on Him." Hallelujah! There you are. The Dove and the Lamb united together. That's when God and Man became one. That's when Heaven and earth embraced each other. Hallelujah! That's when God was made flesh, brought it, that's when God came down from the Spirit form and was made a Man and dwelled among us. That's when all Eternities embraced each other. That's when the human fallen race of Adam's people and Jehovah God and every angel come together, when God and man was made one, on that great memorial day when John baptized Jesus.

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God was MANIFEST in Christ fully from River Jordan until his separation just before his suffering and death on Calvary tree, Amen.

# John The Baptist, Harmonizing The Priesthood, The Prophets & The Law

## THE ORDER OF GOD (TIMELINE)

The Law and The Prophets started way before Moses. The PRE- PATRIARCHAL Prophets existed before the Law, which takes us back to time of Adam.

Matthew 11:13 For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John.

Consider the statement of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour;

ALL THE PROPHETS, not some, but ALL did prophesy until John.

John the Baptist ended the Prophets of the Old Covenant, which is also called 'TESTAMENT'. They prophesied until the Law came and their prophesying continued and terminated with John. There is sweet harmony between the Prophets and The Law in relation to the ministry of John, and his many functions, which are mostly hidden yet scripturally proven.

If God gave The Law, of what use were The Prophets any longer?

The First man (Adam) was a prophet. A prophet is one to whom the Word of God comes to for he is God's contact man and mouthpiece on earth. Every of God's prophet was the expression of his grace, mercy and

judgment to his people. But the people by their attitude desired to be guided by The Law.

The Prophet Says;

65 And the dove was not clave apart, but the animal, showing the difference between them, that there would be a time that law would change to grace, and so forth, grace was first. And grace had already provided a Saviour down in Egypt. They already had a Moses to deliver them out. They already had a sacrifice. They already had everything, but where Israel made her final, fatal move is in Exodus 19, where she taken on, and wanted law, and rejected grace. That's right.

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If the people had the Law and could read and understand it, why then did Yahweh continue the act of sending them Prophets?

The Law of God was written and every Israelite was commanded to bind the Law about his neck, but that cannot take away the Prophets; for the Law was only a piece or a summary of God's mind. The Prophets were to reveal The Mind Of God (YAHWEH), his purpose, and his choice-men to fulfil that purpose.

If the Law was also written and accessible by the children of Israel, why did God send them PRIESTS?

The PRIESTS were teachers of the LAW. They served as pastors and guides to execute what the Law demanded of the people and they did that by interpreting the Law.  
Who was the First Prophet?

The Word of God that was later made flesh in Jesus Christ. John 1:14

Who was the first Priest?

The Word of God that later manifested in the Lord Jesus Christ.

But watch, God by his Word was first 'The Priest before The Prophet'. What I mean by this is that God operated the office of Priest before that of Prophet by the slaying of the Lamb in his MIND. Brethren, that was in the THOUGHT of ELOHIM.

He was not yet YAHWEH, but ELOHIM (The Self Existing One)

It was by the VOICE of the dying (innocent) Lamb, when it cried for life in the MIND of God that REVEALED that same Mind of God as The LOGOS (Word/Christ) of God. So, in Killing the Lamb, God was THE FIRST PRIEST; And by the VOICE of the dying Lamb, God was THE FIRST PROPHET. Amen, amen, and amen. John 1:1.

Before the emergence of the Law, every man was his own Priest. They made their altars and sacrificed to God at will.

Like Noah, Job, Abraham, Jacob and many more, but once the Law was in place, that ceased because a Priesthood was set up by God for the people. No matter who you were, you must submit to the leadership of the PRIEST.

Therefore, all the kings of Israel and later Judah were not given the right of sacrificing for themselves because no human King was given the grace to be a Priest. Search the scriptures.

All men were under God's high priest, who stood as God's best man to the people of Israel.

"Until John..."

Matthew 11:13

[13] For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

God had to run the programs of The Prophets, The Law, and The Priesthood of Aaron (brought in by the Law) from different starting points, but ALL must end with God's special man 'JOHN'.

John 1:6

[6] There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

For John to be that Man, he must fit into all the classes mentioned.

\* A PROPHET

He was God's Prophet, sent not like any other. He was more than a prophet.

Matthew 11:9

[9] But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

\* A LEVITICAL PRIEST

He was a Priest even by birth as a Son to a Levitical Priest of the Order of Aaron.

Luke 1:5

[5] There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and

his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

#### \* STAR MESSENGER

Isaiah 40:3-5,9

[3]The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

[4]Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

[5]And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

[9]O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Malachi 3:1

[1]Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

Note that John was sent to PREPARE The Way OF YAHWEH (THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY) not the man Jesus. Israel was waiting for YAHWEH not Jesus. But The Way that John will PREPARE for GOD ALMIGHTY to pass by and VISIT his people (Israel) for

3 1/2 ( three and half years) was JESUS, The Son of God.

Therefore, That WAY John came to prepare was Jesus, the man. Amen

\* ELIJAH

Matthew 11:14

[14]And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.

Matthew 17:11-13

[11]And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

[12]But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

[13]Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

By being Elijah, a dispensation was committed into the hands of John the Baptist. Now this John must FULFIL all righteousness according to the Law.

Numbers 4:3,47

[3]From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

[47]From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that came to do the service of the ministry, and the service of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation,

God separated John from his parents, family, and from the religious training of the Priesthood. He was kept by God away from any form of pollution because he had the greatest task of witnessing the union of the God and Man in Jesus Christ.

When he turned 30 years, his ministry started. So for 6 months, John was the greatest Man on earth even with Jesus on the scene.

Jesus could not speak on behalf of God the Father while John was ministering. He was to LISTEN because THERE WAS A MAN SENT FROM GOD for that hour.

Now watch closely

Luke 3:1-2

[1] Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,

[2] Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

WHY THIS SCRIPTURAL QUOTE?

Come with me as we travel into the mind of the Almighty.

God must allow all things to be set as He is about to land on earth. Jesus was 29 years and six months in Luke 3:1-2.

He was NOT God but man. Yes, he was NOT an ORDINARY Man either, but was the Seed of the Woman.

He must be adopted by His True Father which was God Almighty according to God's Law. This adoption must be witnessed by a chosen messenger, a priest, and more than a priest, an high Priest.

(Though Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, God's true high Priest was John the Baptist.,)John 1: 6.

Now back to Luke 3:1-2

[1]Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, (SATAN HAD HIS POLITICAL/ MILITARY MAN IN THE OFFICE OF CAESAR IN ROME)

Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea (BY EXTENSION, ROME HAD CONQUERED ISRAEL, THEY MADE IT A BRANCH OF ROME AND PUT THEIR AGENT THERE), and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, (THE SAME ROME HAVING INFLUENCED THE MINDS OF THE JEWS PLACED PUPPET KINGS TO RULE GOD'S PEOPLE. MOST OF WHO WERE NOT QUALIFIED LIKE HEROD, WHO WAS A DESCENDANT OF ESAU TO FULFIL Genesis 27:40).

[2]Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, (ROME ALSO MANIPULATED ISRAEL BY INFLUENCING THEIR FAITH AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, THEY HAD TWO HIGH PRIESTS),

the Word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

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