

## Mark 1:1-8 **Entry of John the Baptist**

<sup>1</sup> The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup> As it is written in the Prophets:

"Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,  
Who will prepare Your way before You."

<sup>3</sup> "The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the LORD;  
Make His paths straight.' "

### Ministry of John the Baptist

<sup>4</sup> John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

### Response of the people

<sup>5</sup> And all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

### Attire of John the Baptist

<sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

### Representative of the One to come

<sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. <sup>8</sup> I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Mark presents Jesus as the servant without genealogy.
- ✚ The account begins when John begins his ministry to introduce Yehowah to the world. [\[Mark 1:1-3\]](#)

**Behold, I send My messenger,  
And he will prepare the way before Me.**

And Adoney (the Lord), whom you seek,  
Will suddenly come to His temple,  
Even the Messenger of the covenant,  
In whom you delight.  
Behold, He is coming,"

Says **Yehowah Tsebavta** (the LORD of hosts). [\[Malachi 3:1\]](#)

**The voice of one crying in the wilderness:**

**"Prepare the way of Yehowah (the LORD);**

**Make straight in the desert A highway for Eloheynov (our God). [\[Isaiah 40:3\]](#)**

- ✚ By quoting these particular prophecies, Mark is indicating that John the Baptist was the messenger of **Yehowah Tsebavta**, who would proceed **Adoney** whom the Jews are seeking, and prepare the way of **Yehowah Eloheynov**. These are all references to the God of Israel, names of God.

### Ministry of John the Baptist

- ✚ John was preaching in the wilderness like many of the prophets of old. [Mark 1:4, Luke 3:2-3]
- ✧ John's food and clothing was like one of the prophets of old. [Mark 1:6]
- ✧ John's message was baptism of **repentance** for the remission of sins, as was the common theme of the prophets of old. [Mark 1:4, Matthew 3:11, Luke 3:3, Acts 13:24, 19:4]

### Response of the people

- ✚ Looking at the evidence, the people counted John as a prophet. [Matthew 14:5, 16:14, 21:26, Mark 6:15]
- ✧ From all the land of Judea and from Jerusalem people went out to John and were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. [Mark 1:5, Matthew 3:5-6]

### Representative of the One to come

- ✚ John introduced the One to Come by saying:
 

"There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." [Mark 12:7-8, Matthew 3:11, Luke 3:16, John 1:33, Acts 1:5, 11:16]
- ✧ John is a faithful servant with a mission to perform as directed by God before the start of his ministry. [Luke 3:2]
- ✧ John was a humble man who felt himself unworthy to even loosen a strap of the sandal worn by Jesus.
- ✧ John called people to repentance and baptized them with water.
- ✧ The One coming after John is much mightier than John, and it is He Who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.
  - ✧ The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the source of enabling for our understanding as He opens the truths of Scriptures in our minds [John 14:26, 16:13-14]
  - ✧ And for the gifts and ministries of the Holy Spirit as He empowers and emboldens the Saints for the work of the ministry of the Gospel. [Luke 24:49, Acts 1:5, 2:1-47, 4:1-31]