

## **John 1:1-4 (NIV)**

In the beginning was the Word, and  
the Word was with God, and the  
Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God  
in the beginning.

## **John 1:3-4 (NIV)**

Through him all things were made;  
without him nothing was made that has  
been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that  
life was the light of men.

## **Malachi 4:5-6 (NIV)**

See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup> He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.

## **John 1:10-11 (NIV)**

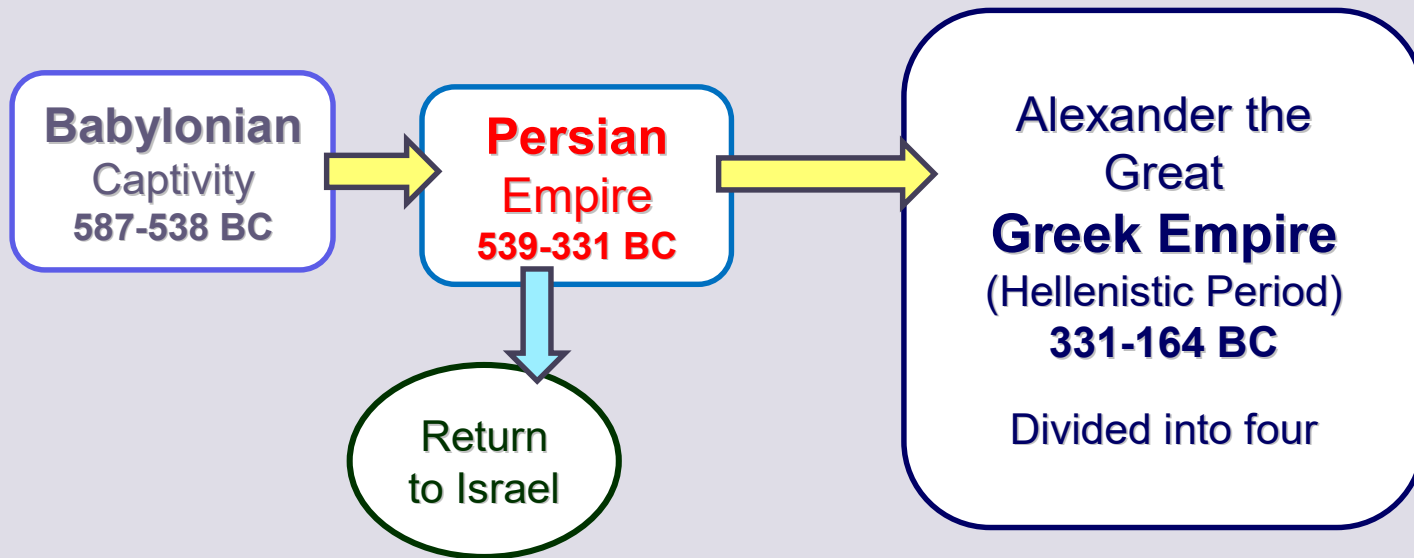
He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive Him.

**John 1:12 (NIV)**

Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God...

# **HOPE from Eternity PAST**

**John 1:1-5**



**Malachi 445 BC → SILENCE from God → John 5 BC**



<sup>6</sup> Both of them were **upright in the sight of God, OBSERVING ALL** the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly.

Luke 1:6-18 (NIV)



**14 He will be a joy and delight to you,  
and many will rejoice because  
of his birth...**

<sup>17</sup> And he will go on before the Lord,  
in the **spirit and power of Elijah**,  
to turn the **hearts of the fathers**  
**to their children...**

1- Before there was a beginning the  
**WORD** had **BEEN** HNTC

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning the **WORD** already  
**EXISTED**... (NLT)

**GENERAL Revelation** is God speaking to us about Himself **through** the **Universe He CREATED**

Colossians 1:16-17 (NIV)

For **BY Him ALL things were created:** things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; **ALL things were created BY Him and FOR Him.** <sup>17</sup> He is before ALL things, and **IN Him** ALL things hold together.

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Mark 1:4-5 (NIV)

...John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of **repentance for the forgiveness of sins.**

<sup>5</sup> The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. **Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.**

John 1:20-21 (NIV)

He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, **I am not the Christ.**

<sup>21</sup> They asked him, Then who are you?

Are you **Elijah**? He said, **I am not.**

Are you the **Prophet**? He answered, **No.**

John 1:22-23 (NIV)

<sup>22</sup> Finally they said, **Who are you?** Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us.

**What do you say about yourself?**

<sup>23</sup> John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet,  
**"I am the VOICE of one calling in the desert,  
'Make straight the way for the LORD.**



Matthew 11:13-14 (NIV)

For **ALL** the **Prophets** and the **Law**  
**PROPHESIED** until **John**.

<sup>14</sup> And if you are willing to accept it,  
he **IS** the **Elijah** who was to **COME**.

John 1:29 (NIV)

The next day **John saw Jesus**  
coming toward him and said,  
**Look, the Lamb of God,**  
**who takes away the sin of the world!**

...a **VOICE** of one calling in the desert,  
Make straight **the WAY** for the **Lord...**

John 20:23 (NIV)

**HE** must **INCREASE**,  
but I must decrease.

John 3:30 (ESV)

John 3:30 (NET)

**He** must become **MORE important**  
while I become less important.

Mark 1:6-7 (NIV)

John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And this was his message: After me will come **ONE more powerful** than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not **WORTHY** to stoop down and untie.

# John the Baptist

- was **HUMBLE**
- lived very **SIMPLY**
- had a **SINGLE Hearted** focus
- could **NOT** be sidetracked

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the **Universe He CREATED**



**SPECIAL Revelation** is God speaking  
to us **through** the **Living WORD** (Jesus)  
and **through** the **Written WORD** (the Bible)

Hebrews 1:1-2 (NIV)

In the past **God SPOKE** to our forefathers  
**THROUGH the prophets** at many times  
and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days  
**He has SPOKEN** to us **BY His Son**,  
whom He appointed heir of all things, and  
**through whom He made the universe.**

John 1:14 (NIV)

**The WORD became flesh** and made  
His dwelling among us. We have  
seen His glory, the glory of the  
**One and Only**, who came from the  
Father, **FULL of grace and truth.**

Galatians 4:4-5 (NIV)

But when the **TIME** had **fully come**,  
**God sent His Son**, born of a woman,  
born under law, <sup>5</sup> to **REDEEM** those  
under law, that we might receive the  
**full rights of sons.**

## Preparations for the Coming Messiah

- Old Testament translated into **Greek- LXX**
- Rome built a **System of Roads**
- Rome enforce **PEACE**

John 1:11-12 (NIV)

He came to that which was His own,  
but His own did **NOT** receive Him.

<sup>12</sup> Yet to **ALL who received Him,**  
to those who **BELIEVED** in His Name,  
He gave the **RIGHT** to become  
children of God...

<sup>11</sup> Even in His own land and among  
His own people, **He was NOT accepted.**

(NLT)

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