

# Ready for the Coming King

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# The Pining...



- Israel had suffered oppression under many foreign nations
- They longed for a King (the messiah) who would set them free from foreign oppression



<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”  
<sup>3</sup> 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.**’ ”

- Matt 3:1-3



## Revelation 21:3-4

<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will  
dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God  
himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away  
every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more,  
neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain  
anymore, for the former things have passed away.”



# The Preparation...

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<sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

- Matt 3:1-2,5-6







# The Proof.



<sup>7</sup> 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? <sup>8</sup> **Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.**

- Matt 3:7-8



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<sup>10</sup> 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.

- Matt 3:10

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# The Power...

<sup>11</sup> “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.”

- Matt 3:11



<sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

- Luke 11:13





# The Penalty...

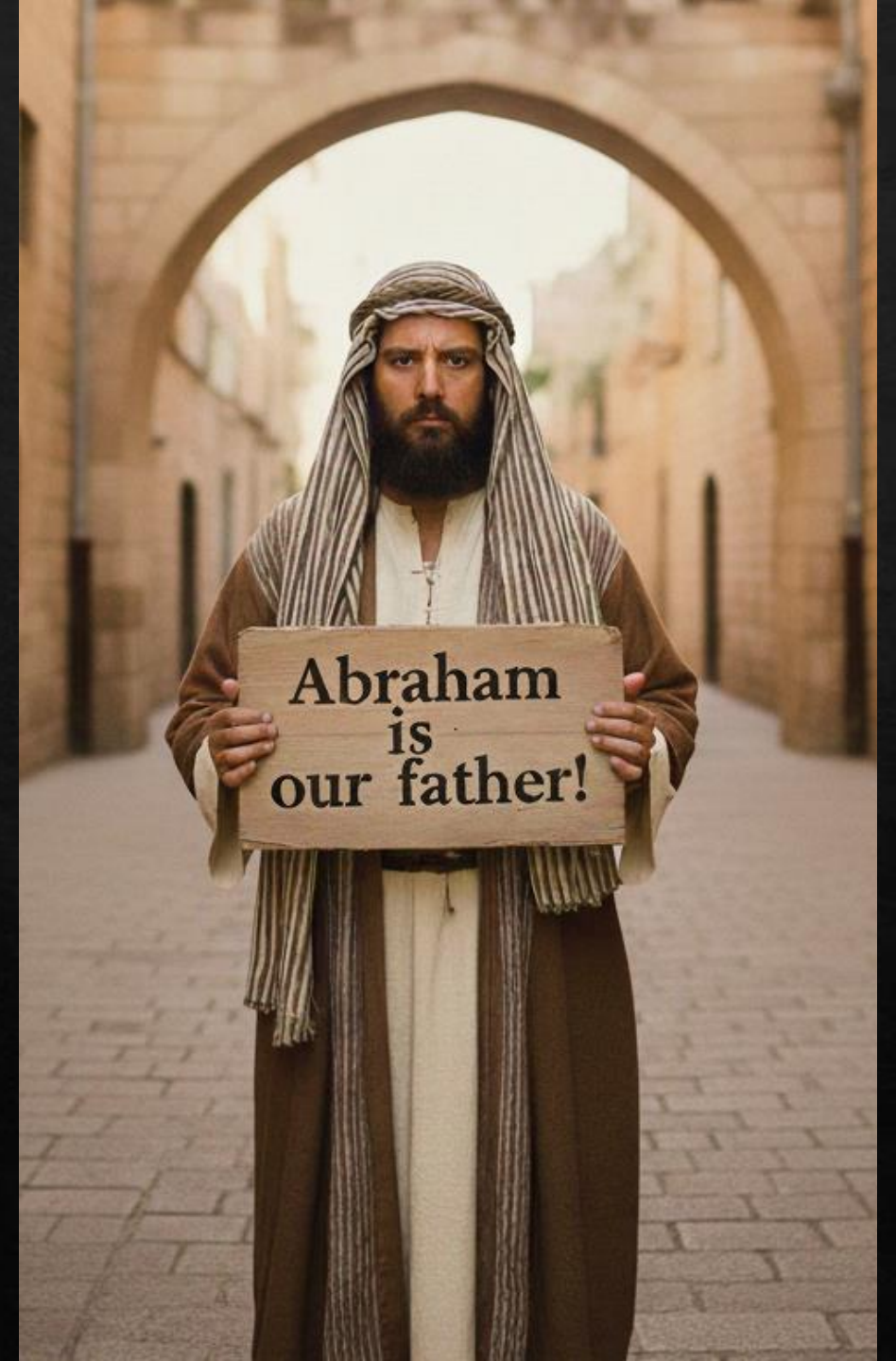


<sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand,  
and he will clear his threshing floor  
and gather his wheat into the barn,  
but the chaff he will burn with  
unquenchable fire.

- Matt 3:12

“<sup>9</sup> 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.”

- Matt 3:9





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# Our Response

1. Those who are aware of something that they need to repent of.
2. Those who desire a deeper work of the Holy Spirit/Fire in their lives.