

Angels (ἄγγελος—Gk.32 [to bring *tidings*] a messenger) (Context: 2 Cor 12:1-7 verses Rev 2:1)

The Angel of The Lord:

The Messenger of God

- Although mentioned in Acts 7:30 by Steven concerning Moses' encounter with Him (Ex 3:1-6) the Angel of the Lord does not appear in the New Testament! (Mat 28:2 KJV uses "the" whereas the ASV uses "an".)

Identified with God

Gen 16:7 And **the Angel of the LORD** found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. 8 And He said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai. 9 And **the Angel of the LORD** said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. 10 And **the Angel of the LORD** said unto her, **I will multiply thy seed** exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. 11 And the Angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou *art* with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. 12 And he will be a wild man; his hand *will be* against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren. 13 And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after Him that seeth me? 14 Wherefore the well was called Beerlahairoi; behold, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered. 15 And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael. 16 And Abram *was* fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

- The **Angel of the Lord** "*speaks for God and then speaks as God.*" "*...in order for the Angel of Jehovah to fulfill the promise He made to Hagar would require that He be both all-knowing and all-powerful as only God is...anyone to speak as God who is not divine would be blasphemous.*"

Gen 16:13 And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, **Thou God** seest (*EL ROI, that is, God is seeing*) me: for she said, Have I also here looked after Him that seeth me?

- "*Highlights the omniscience of the Being Who spoke to her.*" "*...all leads to one conclusion that the Angel was in fact an appearance of God in some physical form. In theology, this is call a theophany.*"

Gen 21:17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and **the Angel of God called** to Hagar out of heaven, and **said** unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for **God hath heard** the voice of the lad where he *is*. 18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; **for I will make** him a great nation. 19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. 20 And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. 21 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

Gen 22:1 And it came to pass after these things, that **God** did tempt (*Heb.5254-test*) Abraham, and **said unto him**, Abraham: and he said, Behold, *here I am*. 2 And He said, Take now thy son, thine only *son* Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. 3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, **and come again to you**. 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid *it* upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am I*, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering? 8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. 9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. 11 And **the Angel of the LORD** called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here *am I*. 12 And He (*the Angel of the Lord*) said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: **for now I know** that thou **fearest God**, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son from Me*. 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said *to* this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

- Where is the omniscience (*all knowing attribute*) in this passage attributed to **Jehovah**?

Mar 13:32 But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, **not the angels** which are in heaven, **neither the Son**, but the Father.

If **God** did not know in advance what **Abraham** would do then **He** wouldn't be considered all-knowing. In **Mk 13:32** **Jesus** made a statement that helps us understand **Who the Angel of the Lord** is. Take a look now at the next few verses.

Gen 22:15 And **the Angel of the LORD** called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, **16** And said, **By Myself have I sworn, saith the LORD**, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son*: **17** That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; **18** And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed My voice. **19** So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

Exo 33:20 And He said, **Thou canst not see My face: for there shall no man see Me, and live.**

Hos 12:2 The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will He recompense him. **3** He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and **by his strength he had power with God**: **4** Yea, **he had power over the angel, and prevailed**: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found Him *in* Bethel, and there he spake with Us; **5** **Even the LORD God of hosts**; the LORD *is* his memorial. (**Gen 32:24-30**)

Gen 32:30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for **I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.**

- Since no man can see **God's** face and live, **Jacob** must have wrestled with a theophany of **God**, and not the **Angel of Jehovah**. The following are other passages that will help to make his point.

Exo 3:2 And **the Angel of the LORD** appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed. **3** And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. **4** And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, **God called unto him out of the midst of the bush**, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here *am* I. **5** And He said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, **for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground**. **6** Moreover He said, I *am* the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for **he was afraid to look upon God**.

Num 22:22 And God's anger was kindled because he went: and **the Angel of the LORD** stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants *were* with him. **23** And the ass saw **the Angel of the LORD** standing in the way, and **His sword drawn in His hand**: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way. **24** But **the Angel of the LORD** stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall *being* on this side, and a wall on that side. **25** And when the ass saw **the Angel of the LORD**, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again. **26** And **the Angel of the LORD** went further, and stood

in a narrow place, where *was* no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. **27** And when the ass saw **the Angel of the LORD**, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff. **28** And **the LORD opened the mouth of the ass**, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times? **29** And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee. **30** And the ass said unto Balaam, *Am* not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since *I was* thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay. **31** Then the **LORD opened the eyes of Balaam**, and he saw **the Angel of the LORD** standing in the way, and **His sword drawn in His hand**: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face. **32** And **the Angel of the LORD** said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because *thy* way is perverse before **Me**: **33** And the ass saw Me, and turned from Me these three times: unless she had turned from Me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive. **34** And Balaam said unto **the Angel of the LORD**, I have sinned; for I knew not that Thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease Thee, I will get me back again. **35** And **the Angel of the LORD** said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

Jos 5:13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with **His sword drawn in His hand**: and Joshua went unto Him, and said unto Him, *Art* Thou for us, or for our adversaries? **14** And He said, Nay; but *as* **Captain** of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto Him, What saith my lord unto His servant? **15** And **the Captain of the LORD'S host** said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for **the place whereon thou standest is holy**. And Joshua did so.

Heb 2:10 For it became Him, for Whom *are* all things, and by Whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the **Captain** of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Jdg 2:1 And an (*the*) **Angel of the LORD** came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, **I made you to go up out of Egypt**, and have brought you unto the land **which I swore unto your fathers**; and I said, **I will never break My covenant with you**. **2** And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed My voice: why have ye done this? **3** Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be *as thorns* in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. **4** And it came to pass, when **the Angel of the LORD** spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. **5** And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.

Jdg 6:11 And there came an (*the*) **Angel of the LORD**, and sat under an oak which *was* in Ophrah, that *pertained* unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son

Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide *it* from the Midianites. **12** And **the Angel of the LORD** appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD *is* with thee, thou mighty man of valour. **13** And Gideon said unto Him, Oh my **Lord** (*Heb.3068-self Existent or eternal; Jehovah*), if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where *be* all His miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. **14** And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee? **15** And he said unto Him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family *is* poor in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father's house. **16** And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man. **17** And he said unto Him, If now I have found grace in Thy sight, then shew me a sign that Thou talkest with me. **18** Depart not hence, I pray Thee, until I come unto Thee, and bring forth my present, and set *it* before Thee. And He said, I will tarry until thou come again. **19** And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought *it* out unto Him under the oak, and presented *it*. **20** And **the Angel of God** said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay *them* upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. **21** Then **the Angel of the LORD** put forth the end of the staff that *was* in His hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then **the Angel of the LORD** departed out of his sight. **22** And when Gideon perceived that He *was* an (*the*) **Angel of the LORD**, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an (*the*) **Angel of the LORD face to face**. **23** And the LORD said unto him, Peace *be* unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die. **24** Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom: unto this day it *is* yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Jdg 13:1 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years. **2** And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name *was* Manoah; and his wife *was* barren, and bare not. **3** And **the Angel of the LORD** appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou *art* barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. **4** Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean *thing*: **5** For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines. **6** Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and His countenance *was* like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked Him not whence He *was*, neither told He me His name: **7** But He said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean *thing*: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death. **8** Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which Thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born. **9** And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and **the Angel of God** came again unto the woman as she sat in

the field: but Manoah her husband *was* not with her. **10** And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the *other* day. **11** And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto Him, *Art* thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And He said, I *am*. **12** And Manoah said, Now let Thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and *how* shall we do unto him? **13** And **the Angel of the LORD** said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware. **14** She may not eat of any *thing* that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean *thing*: all that I commanded her let her observe. **15** And Manoah said unto **the Angel of the LORD**, I pray Thee, let us detain Thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for Thee. **16** And **the Angel of the LORD** said unto Manoah, Though thou detain Me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he *was* an (*the*) **Angel of the LORD**. **17** And Manoah said unto **the Angel of the LORD**, What *is* Thy name, that when Thy sayings come to pass we may do Thee honour? **18** And **the Angel of the LORD** said unto him, Why askest thou thus after **My name**, seeing it **is secret**? **19** So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered *it* upon a rock unto the LORD: and *the Angel* did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on. **20** For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that **the Angel of the LORD** ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on *it*, and fell on their faces to the ground. **21** But **the Angel of the LORD** did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that He *was* an (*the*) **Angel of the LORD**. **22** And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God. **23** But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, He would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would He have shewed us all these *things*, nor would as at this time have told us *such things* as these.

Dan 3:23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. **24** Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, *and* spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. **25** He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and **the form of the fourth is like the Son of God**.

Dan 6:21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. **22** My God hath sent **His Angel**, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before Him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

Distinguished from God

Exo 23:20 Behold, I send an **Angel** before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. **21 Beware of Him**, and **obey His voice, provoke Him not; for He will not pardon your transgressions**: for **My name is in Him**. **22** But if thou shalt indeed obey His voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. **23** For **Mine Angel** shall go before

thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.

Mat 9:2 And, behold, they brought to Him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; **Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.** **3** And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This *man* blasphemeth. **4** And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, **Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?** **5** For whether is easier, to say, *Thy sins be forgiven thee*; or to say, *Arise, and walk?* **6** **But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins,** (then saith He to the sick of the palsy,) **Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.** **7** And he arose, and departed to his house. **8** But when the multitudes saw *it*, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

2Sa 24:15 So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men. **16** And when **the Angel** stretched out His hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, **the LORD repented Him of the evil** (*changed His mode in which He dealt with Israel*), and said to **the Angel** that destroyed the people, It is enough: **stay now Thine hand.** And **the Angel of the LORD** was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite.

1Ch 21:14-16 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw **the Angel of the LORD** stand between the earth and the heaven, having a **drawn sword in His hand** stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders *of Israel, who were* clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. **17** And David said unto God, *Is it not I that* commanded the people to be numbered?...

Zec 1:12 Then **the Angel of the LORD** answered and said, **O LORD of hosts, how long wilt Thou** not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which Thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? **13** And **the LORD answered the Angel** that talked with me *with* good words *and* comfortable words.

Zec 3:6 And **the Angel of the LORD protested** unto Joshua, **saying,** **7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts;** If thou wilt walk in My ways, and if thou wilt keep My charge, then thou shalt also judge My house, and shalt also keep My courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

The Identity of the Angel of God

- "...a specific member of the Trinity, the Lord Jesus Christ...a pre-incarnate appearance of our Lord when He was known as 'The Word'." (The Logos Theory)

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was **the Word**, and **the Word** was **with God**, and **the Word** was **God**. **2** The same was in the beginning **with God**. **3** **All things were made by Him;** and **without Him** was not any thing made that was made.

Joh 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me.

Joh 12:37 But though He had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on Him: **38** That the **saying of Esaias the prophet** might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? **39** Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, **40** He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with *their* eyes, nor understand with *their* heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. **41** **These things said Esaias, when he saw His glory, and spake of Him.**

1Co 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; **2** And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; **3** And did all eat the same spiritual meat; **4** And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Exo 23:23 For **Mine Angel** shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.

Luk 24:44 And He said unto them, **These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me.**

Joh 8:52 Then said the Jews unto Him, Now we know that Thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and Thou sayest, If a man keep My saying, he shall never taste of death. **53** Art Thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: Whom makest Thou Thyself? **54** Jesus answered, **If I honour Myself, My honour is nothing: it is My Father that honoureth Me; of Whom ye say, that He is your God: 55** Yet ye have not known Him; but I know Him: and if I should say, I know Him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know Him, and keep His saying. **56** Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day: and he saw *it*, and was glad. **57** Then said the Jews unto Him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast Thou seen Abraham? **58** Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.**

- *"Jesus is clearly claiming to be Deity Himself."*

Exo 3:14 And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you.

- *"The Angel of the Lord ceases to appear with the incarnation of Christ."*
- **Rhodes:** *"This is highly significant. After reading about the active role played by the Angel throughout the Old Testament*

history, His sudden disappearance after the incarnation would be strange indeed unless He was the preincarnate manifestation of Jesus Christ. There is no other way to explain the Angel's complete inactivity among humans in New Testament times unless He is recognized as continuing His activity as God's incarnate, that is, as Jesus Christ."

Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: **6** Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: **7** But made Himself of no reputation, and **took upon Him the form of a servant**, and was made in the likeness of men: **8** And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; **15** And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. **16** For verily He took not on *Him the nature of angels*; but He took on *Him* the seed of Abraham.

Heb 10:5 Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldest not, but a body hast Thou prepared Me:

Old and New Testament ministries parallel

- **Rhodes:** *"The divine pattern in scripture is that of the Father as the Sender and the Son as the Sent One."*
"Both the Angel...and Christ...interceded to and called upon God the Father."

Both were involved in:

- revealing truth,
- commissioning individuals for service (*Moses, Apostles, etc*),
- delivering those enslaved,
- protecting the downcast,
- protecting **God's** servants,
- acting as judge.....

Mal 3:1 Behold, I will send My messenger (*John the immerser*), 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.

- The first messenger was to herald the second.

Mat 3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, **2** And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. **3** For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.

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