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John The Baptizer
Last Of The Old Testament Prophets
&
The Ushering In Of The Messianic Reformation
(διόρθωσις) - The New Order

El Último Profeta del Antiguo Testamento
Juan el Bautista

La Entranta De La Reforma Mesiánica
(διόρθωσις) - El Nuevo Orden

"A voice cries out in the desert:
"Clear a way for Yahweh.
Make a straight highway in the wilderness for our Elohim.
Every valley will be raised.
Every mountain and hill will be lowered.
Steep places will be made level.
Rough places will be made smooth.
Then Yahweh's glory will be revealed
and all people will see it together. Yahweh has spoken."
— Isaiah 40:3-5 Names Of God Translation (NOG)

"And he [John the Baptizer] went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,
'The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"
— Luke 3:3-6 (ESV)

"There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.
He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him."
— John 1:6-7 (NASB)

"Vino un hombre llamado Juan. Dios lo envió como testigo para dar testimonio de la luz,
a fin de que por medio de él todos creyeran."
— Juan 1:6-7 (RVR60)

"Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God,
so that we may know the things freely given to us by God.
We also speak these things, not in words taught by human wisdom,
but in those taught by the Spirit,
combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words."
— 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)

"Nosotros no hemos recibido el espíritu del mundo, sino el Espíritu que procede de Dios
para que entendamos lo que por su gracia él nos ha concedido.
Esto es precisamente de lo que hablamos, no con las palabras que enseña la sabiduría humana, sino
con las que enseña el Espíritu,
explicando lo espiritual en términos espirituales."
— 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 (RVR60)

"Now Jesus performed many other miraculous signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."
— John 20:30-31 (NET Second Edition - Strong's)

"Jesús hizo muchas otras señales en presencia de sus discípulos, las cuales no están registradas en este libro. Pero estas se han escrito para que ustedes crean que Jesús es el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, y para que al creer en su nombre tengan vida."
— John 20:30-31 (RVR60)

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First Premise[1] - Scripture first, contending for "the faith" as entrusted to the Saints

Jude 1:3 (Berean Standard Bible)
"Beloved, although I made every effort to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt it necessary to write and urge you to contend earnestly for the faith entrusted once for all to the saints."

Matthew 5:17-18 (English Standard Version)
"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished."

Titus 1:9b (New International Version)
"Hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it."

Start with what Scripture says about the topic at hand.

For example,
Jesus Christ the Nazarene makes an assertion about John the Baptist,
it is a declaration of John's greatness followed immediately by a statement of grace about those who are the "least."

"Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist!"
— Matthew 11:11a (NASB)

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one greater than John the Baptist has appeared, but the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."
— Matthew 11:11 (CSB Strong's)

· least ·
(Concise Greek-English Dictionary of the New Testament)
μικρός, ά, όν little, small; of least importance, insignificant

(CWSB Dictionary)
(III) Figuratively, of dignity, authority, meaning low, humble ((Matt. 10:42; 18:6, 10, 14; Mark 9:42; Luke 17:2). The comparative degree is mikróteros, smaller, humbler ((Matt. 11:11; Luke 7:28; 9:48)

[1] premise - noun
Logic a previous statement or proposition from which another is inferred or follows as a conclusion.

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(Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament)
(c) as measuring esteem or importance insignificant, lowly, unimportant (Matthew 10.42); comparative μικρότερος, τέρα, ον least, most insignificant (Matthew 11.11);

Second Premise -

Prophetically Words & Works testify together - TheProof ὦ by Works - the Word is ῥῆμα rhēma[2] a spiritual utterance, it is made Flesh in physical realm - Prophetic utterances in Scripture are fulfilled physically in the natural realm, for example, the Resurrection "destroy this Temple & in three days I will raise it up" John 2:18-21, spiritual rebirth, spiritual fruit be it good or bad, the destruction of the Temple was foretold & manifested in physical reality, ὃ eventually the we will experience the physical appearance of the Second Advent of Jesus Christ arriving with the clouds "every eye will see him.[3]"

Hebrews 9:27-28 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)
"And just as it is destined for people to die once, and after this comes judgment,
so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many,
will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin,
to those who eagerly await Him."

The Plumb Line

"Then Yahweh spoke [spiritually] his word to me.
He said, 'Zerubbabel's hands have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish it [evidential works].
Then you will know that Yahweh Tsebaoth has sent me to you [exhibit]. Who despised the day when little things began to happen? They will be delighted when they see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand [works]. (These seven eyes of Yahweh roam over all the earth.)'"
— Zechariah 4:8-10 (NOG)

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[2] Matthew 4:4 (NIV)
Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

[3] Revelation 1:7 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)
"BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen."

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Scripturally, it would not be "prophecy" from Holy Spirit if it did not have fulfillment in verifiable works [evidence] — prophetic exhibits that testify that the utterances did indeed originate [spiritually] from YHWH Elohim to His servants through His Spirit glorifying His Son Jesus Christ the Nazarene — from Genesis to Revelation.

Our faith is an experiential faith, we experience God's love toward us and his creation, we experience his foreknowledge when he reveals hidden things to us, we participate in the Divine Nature. 🙌

"For His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. Through these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world on account of lust."
— 2 Peter 1:3-4 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)

"The heavens [physical] declare the glory [the spiritual power] of El,
and the sky [physical works] displays what his hands [spiritual power] have made [physical evidence]."
— Psalms 19:1 (NOG)

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.
For since the creation of the world [physical works exhibits] His invisible attributes [love, spiritual power, wisdom, knowledge & architectural prowess], that is, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, being understood by what has been made [evidential exhibits], so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their reasonings, and their senseless hearts were darkened [spiritual darkness that manifests physically]."
— Romans 1:18-21 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)

The algorithm of cause-and-effect has always been critically important as a witness since YHWH began revealing Himself to humankind. There is no wiggle room in this. This was literally set in Stone from YHWH Elohim's inscribed Stone Tablets given on the sacred Mountain of Hebron to the Words (λόγος logos) of Jesus Christ the Chief Cornerstone — this is our Foundational Bedrock. Who is inside of us, Holy Spirit, manifests Himself outside through our words & deeds "known & read by everyone"

Christians display the works & speak the words of Jesus Christ through our daily lives as "living epistles known & read by everyone[4]."

If we,

[4] "You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all people, revealing yourselves, that you are a letter of Christ, delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." — 2 Corinthians 3:2-3 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)

"wear the likeness of the man who came from heaven,"

[which we do, then our words should match His Words, precisely!]

"we all, with unveiled faces reflecting the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, which is from the Lord, who is the Spirit."
— 1 Corinthians 15:49c (NOG), 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NET Second Edition - Strong's)

Romans 8:9 (NET Second Edition - Strong's)
"You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, this person does not belong to him."

1 John 4:12-13 (NET Second Edition - Strong's)
"No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God resides in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we reside in God and he in us:
in that he has given us of his Spirit."

1 Corinthians 2:12-13 (NET Second Edition - Strong's)
"Now we have not received the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit who is from God,
so that we may know the things that are freely given to us by God.

And we speak about these things,
not with words taught us by human wisdom,
but with those taught by the Spirit,
explaining spiritual things to spiritual people."

Matthew 7:24 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)
"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts on them, will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

"Yahweh finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai. Then he gave him the two tablets with his words on them, stone tablets inscribed by Elohim himself."
— Exodus 31:18 (NOG)

"For it stands in Scripture:
See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and honored cornerstone,
and the one who believes in him
will never be put to shame."
— 1 Peter 2:6 (CSB Strong's)

"If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;
but if I do them, even though you do not believe Me,

believe the works,

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so that you may know and understand
that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father."
— John 10:37-38 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)

Jesus demonstrates that works Testify

John 10:24-25 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)
The Jews then surrounded Him and began saying to Him,
"How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered them,
"I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me."

"Soon afterward Jesus went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large crowd.

Now as He approached the gate of the city,
a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizable crowd from the city was with her.

When the Lord saw her,
He felt compassion for her and said to her,
"Do not go on weeping."
And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt.

And He said,
"Young man, I say to you, arise!"

And the dead man sat up and began to speak.

And Jesus gave him back to his mother.

Fear gripped them all,
and they began glorifying God,
saying,
"A great prophet has appeared among us!" and,
"God has visited His people!"

And this report about Him spread throughout Judea and in all the surrounding region.

The disciples of John also reported to him about all these things.
And after summoning two of his disciples,
John sent them to the Lord, saying,
"Are You the Coming One, or are we to look for another?"

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When the men came to Him [Jesus], they said,
"John the Baptist has sent us to You, to ask, 'Are You the Coming One, or are we to look for another?'"

At that very time He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He gave sight to many who were blind.

And He answered and said to them,
"Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: people who were blind receive sight, people who limped walk, people with leprosy are cleansed and people who were deaf hear, dead people are raised up, and people who are poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is anyone who does not take offense at Me."
— Luke 7:11-23 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)

The Works & Prophetic Utterances from John the Baptist

- John the Baptist the first eyewitness confirming Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God

John 1:28-34 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)
"These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan,
where John was baptizing people.

The next day he *saw Jesus coming to him,
and *said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

This is He in behalf of whom I said,
'After me is coming a Man who has proved to be my superior, because He existed before me.' [Even though John was born first.]

And I did not recognize Him, but so that He would be revealed to Israel, I came baptizing in water."

And John testified, saying,
"I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. And I did not recognize Him,

but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me,
'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."

John 1:35-36 (NASB)
"Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and *said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God!'"

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- John the Baptist the first eyewitness prophesying & confirming Jesus Christ was the One sent to baptize with Holy Spirit & Fire

Matthew 3:11 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)
"As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

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Luke 3:16 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)
"John responded to them all, saying, 'As for me, I baptize you with water; but He is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the straps of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'"

- John the Baptist prophesied that "the true Light was coming into the world" that "enlightens every person"

John 1:6-9 (ESV)
"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world."

- John the Apostle wrote that Creator God was in the world yet the world did not recognize him

- John the Apostle prophesied that even YHWH's own people did not recognize YHWH their Elohim

- John the Apostle prophesied that the spiritual sperma of God would beget His true children

- John the Apostle prophesied we are not orphans but true children of God

- John the Baptist stood up to the religious & political rulers of his day

John 1:9 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)
This was the true Light that, coming into the world, enlightens every person.

- John the Baptist prophesied the one who dove lands on

- John the Baptist prophesied the start of the Eternal Gospel "Repent or suffer"

- John the Baptist declared by prophesying the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

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- John the Baptist declared by prophesying Baptism with Fire

- Holy Spirit uses John, the last Old Covenant prophet, in the ushering of the new Messianic Reformation

Excursus[5]
Hebrews 9:8-15 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)
The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the outer tabernacle is still standing, which is a symbol for the present time.

Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience, since they relate only to food, drink, and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation. [until the time of the "new order."
Hebrews 9:10c (NIV, NET, CSB)]

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things having come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made by hands, that is, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all time, having obtained eternal redemption.

For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the violations that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance."
End of Excursus

· reformation ·
(Concise Greek-English Dictionary of the New Testament)
διόρθωσις, εως f new order, reformation

- John the Baptist declared by prophesying the threshing floor would be thoroughly cleared

- John the Baptist declared by prophesying the separation of chaff & wheat

- John the Baptist declared by prophesying the burning of chaff

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[5] excursus | ikˈskərsəs, ekˈskərsəs |
- noun (plural excursus) (plural or excursuses | ekˈskərsəsəz |)
a detailed discussion of a particular point in a book, usually in an appendix.

· a temporary digression from a spoken or written narrative that adds important supporting documentation for a greater depth of knowledge & understanding for what the speaker or the author is conveying
(author's note)

- John the Baptist declared by prophesying the identification of the Messiah by the landing of the Dove in bodily form

- John the Baptist by works cleared the way to YHWH's Salvation something no other prophet had ever done

- John the Baptist declared by prophesying the mountains will be leveled

- John the Baptist declared by prophesying the valleys shall be filled

- John the Baptist declared by prophesying paths will be make straight

- John the Baptist declared by prophesying that it does not matter if Abraham is your father everyone needs to repent

- John the Baptist declared by prophesying the axe is already at the roots

- John the Baptist declared by prophesying, as the eyewitness, that he saw the Spirit of God landing as a the Dove lighting on Jesus

- John the Baptist prepared the first disciple's of Jesus Christ before they met the Him the Messiah

Scriptural Patterns, Icons & Prophetic Features Between Elijah & John the Baptist

Prophesying, Confronting Religious & Political Leaders, Declaring Salvation Through YHWH

1 Kings 18:16-18 (ESV)
So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him. And Ahab went to meet Elijah.
When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, “Is it you, you troubler of Israel?” And he answered, “I have not troubled Israel, but you have, and your father’s house, because you have abandoned the commandments of the LORD and followed the Baals.

Matthew 14:1-10 (NASB)
At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the news about Jesus, and said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.” For when Herod had John arrested, he bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip. For John had been saying to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” Although Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded John as a prophet. But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod,

so much that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked. Having been prompted by her mother, she *said, “Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist.” Although he was grieved, the king commanded it to be given because of his oaths, and because of his dinner guests. He sent and had John beheaded in the prison.

Mark 6:15-20 (ESV)
But others said,
“He [Jesus Christ] is Elijah.”
And others said,
“He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”
For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because he had married her.

For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” And Herodias (a Jezebel archetype who wanted Elijah dead) had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.”

Ministry motifs & commonalities of Elijah the Prophet & John the Baptizer

Building Altar for YHWH - Stones, Trench for Water, Seeds, Fire, Sacrifice, Ultimate Verification Producing Belief

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Elijah builds an altar identifies YHWH	John the Baptizer identifies YHWH
Elijah creates a foundation of Stones (12 Tribes)	- Announces & Identifies the Chief Cornerstone of God’s Kingdom Jesus [YHWH Saves] Christ
Elijah makes a Trench for water	- John baptizes in a river (a natural God made trench of water)
Elijah pours water	- John pours water for baptism & announces Jesus Christ who Baptizes with living water Holy Spirit
Elijah pours Seeds	- John Announces the Living Seed, the Word of God made flesh, the Logos, Seeds of the Word
Elijah & the Fire of YHWH	- John Announces He who will baptize with Holy Spirit Power & Fire
Elijah provides a bull for Sacrifice	- John announces & identifies the sacrificial Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

Both Ministries Demonstrated Evidence First Resulting In Belief

1 Kings 18:38-39 (NOG)
"So a fire from Yahweh fell down and consumed the burnt offering, wood, stones, and dirt.
The fire even dried up the water that was in the trench.
All the people saw it and immediately bowed down to the ground.
'Yahweh is Elohim!' they said. 'Yahweh is Elohim!'"

Hebrews 12:28-29 (KJV)
"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire."

Deuteronomy 4:23-24 (NOG)
"Be careful that you don't forget the promise that Yahweh your Elohim made to you. Don't make your own carved idols or statues that represent anything Yahweh your Elohim has forbidden.
Yahweh your Elohim is Esh Oklah [Consuming Fire], El Kanna [Jealous God]."

Matthew 3:11-12 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)
"As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Both Elijah & John Received Heavenly Instructions

1 Kings 18:30-39 (NOG)
Then Elijah said to all the people,
"Come over here." So all the people came to him. He rebuilt Yahweh's altar that had been torn down.

Elijah took 12 stones, one for each of the tribes named after Jacob's sons. (Yahweh had spoken his word to Jacob: "Your name will be Israel.")

Elijah built an altar in Yahweh's name with those stones.

He also made a trench that could hold 12 quarts of grain around the altar.

He arranged the wood, cut up the bull, and put it on the wood.

He said,
"Fill four jars with water. Pour the water on the offering and on the wood."

Then he said,
"Do it again," and they did it again. Then he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time.

The water flowed around the altar, and even the trench was filled with water.

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Excursus
- Revelation 22:1-2 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)
"And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."
End Of Excursus

'When it was time to offer the sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward.'

He said,
"Yahweh Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel,
make known today that you are Elohim in Israel
and that I'm your servant and have done all these things by your instructions."

Excursus - John 1:32-34 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)
And John testified, saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. And I did not recognize Him,
but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."
End of Excursus

"Answer me, Yahweh! Answer me!

Then these people will know that you, Yahweh, are Elohim and that you are winning back their hearts."

So a fire from Yahweh fell down and consumed the burnt offering, wood, stones, and dirt. The fire even dried up the water that was in the trench. All the people saw it and immediately bowed down to the ground.

"Yahweh is Elohim !" they said. "Yahweh is Elohim!"

Matthew 12:6 (NASB)
"But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here."

Elijah & John's Taunting Spirit

1 Kings 18:25-27 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)
So Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose the one ox for yourselves and prepare it first, since there are many of you, and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under the ox." Then they took the ox which was given them and they prepared it, and they called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice and no one answered. And they limped about the altar which they had made. And at noon Elijah ridiculed them and said, "Call

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out with a loud voice, since he is a god; undoubtedly he is attending to business, or is on the way, or is on a journey. Perhaps he is asleep, and will awaken."

1 Kings 18:25-27 (NOG)
Elijah told the prophets of Baal, "Choose one bull for yourselves. Prepare yours first, because there are more of you. Call on the name of your god, but don't set the wood on fire."
They took the bull he gave them, prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon. They said, "Baal, answer us!" But there wasn't a sound or an answer. So they danced around the altar they had made. At noon Elijah started to make fun of them. "Shout louder, since he is a god. Maybe he's thinking, relieving himself, or traveling! Maybe he's sleeping, and you have to wake him!"

Matthew 3:7-9 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)
"But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore produce fruit consistent with repentance; and do not assume that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'; for I tell you that God is able, from these stones, to raise up children for Abraham.'"

Matthew 3:7-9 (NOG)
"But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to be baptized, he said to them, 'You poisonous snakes! Who showed you how to flee from God's coming anger? Do those things that prove you have turned to God and have changed the way you think and act. Don't think you can say, 'Abraham is our ancestor.' I can guarantee that God can raise up descendants for Abraham from these stones."

(Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament)
μαρτυρία; marturia, marturias, hē (martureō, which see) (from Homer down);
1. a testifying: the office committed to the prophets of testifying concerning future events, Rev. 11:7.
2. what one testifies, testimony: universally, John 5:34; in a legal sense, of testimony before a judge: Luke 22:71; Mark 14:56; with the genitive of the subject, Mark 14:59; John 8:17; 1 John 5:9; kata tinos, against one, Mark 14:55; in an historical sense, of the testimony of an historian: John 19:35; 21:24; in an ethical sense, of testimony concerning one's character: 3 3 John 1:12; 1 Tim. 3:7; Titus 1:13; in a predominantly dogmatic sense respecting matters relating to the truth of Christianity: of the testimony establishing the Messiahship and the divinity of Jesus (see martureō, a.), given by — John the Baptist: John 1:7; 5:32; hē marturia tou Iōannou, John 1:19; Jesus himself, with a genitive of the subject, John 5:31; 8:13f; God, in the prophecies of Scripture concerning Jesus tile Messiah, in the endowments conferred upon him, in the works done by him, John 5:36; through the Holy Spirit, in the Christian's blessed consciousness of eternal life and of reconciliation with God, obtained by baptism ((cf. references under the word baptisma, 3)) and the expiatory death of Christ, with a subject. genitive tou Theou, 1 John 5:9-11, cf. 1 John 5:6-8; the apostles, sou tēn marturian peri emou, Acts 22:18 (Winer's Grammar, 137 (130)); the other followers of Christ: Rev. 6:9; with a genitive of the subject autōn, Rev. 12:11; with a genitive of the object Iēsou, Rev. 12:17; 19:10; 20:4 (echein this marturia is to hold the testimony, to persevere steadfastly in bearing it, Rev. 6:9; 12:17; 19:10 (see echō, I. 1 d.); others, however, explain it to have the duty of testifying laid upon oneself); elsewhere the testimony of Christ is that which he gives concerning divine things, of which he alone has thorough knowledge, John 3:11,32f; hē marturia Iēsou, that testimony which he gave concerning

future events relating to the consummation of the kingdom of God, Rev. 1:2 (cf. Rev. 22:16,20); dia tēn marturian Iēsou Christou, to receive this testimony, Rev. 1:9.*

John 1:26 (NASB)
John answered them saying, "I baptize in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know."

- identifying the sacrificial Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!

John 1:34 (NASB)
"I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."

- Elijah repairs the altar of YHWH, John pointed to YHWH Jesus Christ who reclaimed the dignity of the Temple & opened the way to the Holy of Holies
1 Kings 18:16-18 (ESV) & 1 Kings 18:30-39 (NOG)

Comparing spiritual things with scripture

Matthew 3:7 (NASB)
But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

· witness ·
(New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology and Exegesis (NIDNTTE) (5 Vols.)) μαρτυρία G3456 (martyria), testimony, (act of) testifying, attestation; μαρτύριον G3457 (martyrion), testimony, proof; μαρτυρέω G3455 (martyreō), to bear witness, testify, speak well of, approve; μαρτύρομαι G3458 (martyromai), to testify, bear witness, affirm, plead; μάρτυς G3459 (martys), one who gives witness, a witness;

(Mounce's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words)
[3456] μαρτυρία martyria 37x judicial evidence, Mk. 14:55, 56, 59; Lk. 22:71;; testimony in general, Tit. 1:13; 1 Jn. 5:9 testimony, declaration in a matter of fact or doctrine, Jn. 1:19; 3,11; Acts 22:18;; attestation to character, Jn. 5:34, 36; reputation, 1 Tim. 3:7 [3141] See testimony; witness.

(Mounce's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words) New Testament Noun: μαρτυρία (martyria), GK 3456 (S 3141), 37x. martyria is similar to martyrion ("testimony") and is used frequently in conjunction with the verb martyreō ("to witness"; Jn. 3:11, 32; 5,31ff.; 1 Jn. 5:9, 10; 3 John 1:12; Rev. 1:2). martyria denotes the act of testifying or the content of a certain testimony. The former is exhibited in the statements that John "came for (the purpose of) testifying" ((Jn. 1:7), and "now when they completed their testimony" (Rev. 11:7). The latter use is seen in such statements as, "and this is the testimony of John" (Jn. 1:19), and "the word of his testimony" ((Rev. 12:11).

As with the noun martys ("witness"), martyria can have a legal meaning, such as in Mk. 14:55ff. and Lk. 22:71, in the accounts of Jesus' trial before the Jewish leadership. However, martyria is most frequently employed in the NT in the context of a testimony of or to Jesus or his gospel; e.g., "you people do not accept our testimony" (Jn. 3:11) and "your testimony about me" (Acts 22:18; also Jn. 1:7; Rev. 1:2; 12,17; 19,10).

(Theological Dictionary of the New Testament (TDNT-10 vol. set))
μάρτυς κτλ.
† μάρτυς, †μαρτυρέω, † μαρτυρία, † μαρτύριον.
(Theological Dictionary of the New Testament (TDNT-10 vol. set))
2. Witness to Facts generally, and also to Truths or Views. But the stem words μάρτυς, μαρτυρεῖν and μαρτυρία also find a very general use outside the legal sphere. In so doing they undergo a broadening of meaning and thus come to be used in two senses. The group now refers not merely to the establishment of events or actual relations or facts of experience on the basis of direct personal knowledge. It signifies also the proclamation of views or truths of which the speaker is convinced. It thus relates to things which by their very nature cannot be submitted to empirical investigation. This distinction is plainly developed by Aristot. in Rhet., I, 15. Aristot. first compares πίστεις ἄτεχνοι and ἔντεχτοι, i.e., natural means of proof and those fashioned by methodical art (I, 2, p. 1355b, 35 f.).

(Theological Dictionary of the New Testament (TDNT-10 vol. set))
2. The Use of μάρτυς, μαρτυρέω, μαρτυρία.
a. In the Legal Sphere. In the LXX, too, μάρτυς belongs to the legal world and denotes the witness before the judgment, in the first instance the witness for the prosecution, cf. Nu. 5:13; 35:30; Deuteronomy 17:6, 7; 19:15.

LXX
Exodus 20:16 (ESV) "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

- John the Baptist was the first Christian martyr

Mark 6:21-29 (NET Second Edition - Strong's)
"But a suitable day came, when Herod gave a banquet on his birthday for his court officials, military commanders, and leaders of Galilee.

When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl,
'Ask me for whatever you want and I will give it to you.'
He swore to her,
'Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom.'

So she went out and said to her mother,
'What should I ask for?'

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Her mother said,
'The head of John the baptizer.'

Immediately she hurried back to the king and made her request:
'I want the head of John the Baptist on a platter immediately.'

Although it grieved the king deeply, he did not want to reject her request because of his oath and his guests.

So the king sent an executioner at once to bring John's head, and he went and beheaded John in prison.

He brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When John's disciples heard this, they came and took his body and placed it in a tomb."

The word "martyr[6]" derives from the Greek word "witness" - a person who refuses to change their eyewitness testimony even unto death.

Revelation 17:6 (ESV)
"And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.
When I saw her, I marveled greatly."

Heart, actions, words, fruit demonstrate what is in the inside of a person

Matthew 12:33 (NIV)
"Make a tree good and its fruit will be good,
or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad,
for a tree is recognized by its fruit."

Luke 6:45 (KJV)
"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good;
and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil:
for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."

Matthew 12:33-37 (KJV)
"Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the

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[6] · martyr ·
g3144. μάρτυς martys; of uncertain affinity; a witness (literally (judicially) or figuratively (genitive case)); by analogy, a "martyr": — martyr, record, witness.

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day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Matthew 12:33-37 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)
"Either assume the tree to be good as well as its fruit good, or assume the tree to be bad as well as its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit. You offspring of vipers, how can you, being evil, express any good things? For the mouth speaks from that which fills the heart.

The good person brings out of his good treasure good things; and the evil person brings out of his evil treasure evil things. But I tell you that for every careless word that people speak, they will give an account of it on the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

The Believer's Heart - A New Creation

2Corinthians 5:17 (Mounce New Testament)
"Therefore if anyone is in Christ,
there is a new creation;
what is old has passed away;
behold, what is new has come!"

Romans 5:5 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)
"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Ephesians 3:14-19 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)
"For this reason I bend my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner self, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to all the fullness of God."

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· heart ·
(Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament) καρδία, ας, ἡ heart; in the NT inner self;
(1) viewed as the seat of physical vitality (AC 14.17;
(2) viewed as the innermost self, the source and seat of functions of soul and spirit in the emotional life (AC 2.26), the volitional life (2 Corinthians 9.7), the rational life (AC 7.23);
(3) viewed as the human dwelling place of heavenly beings and powers (RO 5.5; 2 Corinthians 1.22; EP 3.17);
(4) figuratively, of the depths of the earth interior, center (MT 12.40)

Conclusion

Matthew 11:13-14 (NASB 2020 Strong's Bible)
"For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to accept it, John himself is Elijah who was to come."

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