

يوحنا المعمدان

¹وفي السنة الخامسة عشرة من سلطنة طيطاريوس قيصر، إذ كان يلاطس البنطي والياً على اليهودية، وهيرودس رئيس ربيع على الجليل، وفيلبس أخوه رئيس ربيع على إيطورية وكورة تراخونيتس، ولسانيوس رئيس ربيع على الأيلية،² في أيام رئيس الكهنة حنان وقفاكا كانت كلمة الله على يوحنا بن زكريا في البرية.³ فجاء إلى جميع الكورة المحيطة بالأردن يكرز بمعمودية التوبة لمغفرة الخطايا،⁴ كما هو مكتوب في سفر أفعال إسعفاء النبي القائل: "صوت صارخ في البرية: أعدوا طريق الرب، اصنعوا سبله مستقيمة." كل واحد يمتلي وكل جبل وكل شجرة ينقص وتبصر المعوجات مستقيمة والشعاب طرقاتاً سهلة،⁶ وتبصر كل بشر خلاص الله.

⁷وكان يقول للجموع الذين خرجوا ليعتمدوا منه: يا أولاد الأقاعي، من أراكم أن تهزروا من العصب الآتي؟⁸ فاصنعوا أنماراً تليق بالتوبة، ولا تبتدئوا تقولون في أنفسكم: لنا إبراهيم أباً، لأنني أقول لكم: إن الله قادر أن يقيم من هذه الجارة أولاداً لإبراهيم.⁹ والآن قد وضعت القاس على أصل الشجر، فكل شجرة لا تصنع ثمراً جيداً تقطع وتلقى في النار.¹⁰ وسأله الجموع قائلين: فماذا نفعل؟¹¹ فأجاب وقال لهم: من له ثوبان فليعط من ليس له ومن له طعام فليعمل هكذا.¹² وجاء عشارون أيضاً ليعتمدوا فقالوا له: يا معلم، ماذا نفعل؟¹³ فقال لهم: لا تستوفوا أكثر مما فرض لكم.¹⁴ وسأله جنديون أيضاً قائلين: ومماذا نفعل نحن؟ فقال لهم: لا تظلموا أحداً ولا تشؤوا بأحد واكتفوا بعلانيكم.

¹⁵وإذ كان الشعب ينتظر والجميع يفكرون في قلوبهم عن يوحنا لعله المسيح،¹⁶ أجاب يوحنا الجميع قائلًا: أنا أعمدكم بماء ولكن يأتي من هو أقوى مني الذي ليس له لست أهلاً أن أحل سبوره جدائي، هو سيعمدكم بالروح القدس وتار،¹⁷ الذي رفسته في يده وسينقي بذرته ويجمع القمح إلى مخزنه، وأما التبن فيحرقه بئار لا تطفأ.¹⁸ وبأسياء آخر كثيرة كان يعط الشعب ويبشرهم.¹⁹ أما هيرودس، رئيس الربيع، فإذا توبع منه لسبب هيروديا، امرأة فيلبس أخيه، ولسبب جميع الشرور التي كان هيرودس يفعلها،²⁰ راد هذا أيضاً على الجميع أنه حبس يوحنا في

¹Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,² Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.³ And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;⁶ And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.⁷ Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?⁸ Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.⁹ And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.¹⁰ And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?¹¹ He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do

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²¹ وَلَمَّا اعْتَمَدَ جَمِيعُ الشَّعْبِ اعْتَمَدَ يَسُوعُ أَيْضًا، وَإِذْ كَانَ يُصَلِّي انْفَتَحَتِ السَّمَاءُ ²² وَنَزَلَ عَلَيْهِ الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ بِهَيْئَةٍ جِسْمِيَّةٍ مِثْلِ حَمَامَةٍ، وَكَانَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ قَائِلًا: أَنْتَ ابْنِي الْحَبِيبُ، بِكَ سُرِرْتُ.

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²³ وَلَمَّا ابْتَدَأَ يَسُوعُ كَانَ لَهُ تَحْوُ ثَلَاثِينَ سَنَةً وَهُوَ عَلَى مَا كَانَ يُطْرُقُ ابْنُ يَوْسُفَ، بَنُ هَالِي ²⁴ بَنُ مَنَّاتِ بَنُ لَأَوِي بَنُ مَلْكِ بَنُ يَتَّا بَنُ يَوْسُفَ ²⁵ بَنُ مَتَّائِيَا بَنُ عَامُوصَ بَنُ تَاخُومَ بَنُ حَسَلِي بَنُ تَجَّايَ ²⁶ بَنُ مَاتَ بَنُ مَتَّائِيَا بَنُ شَمْعِي بَنُ يَوْسُفَ بَنُ يَهُودَا بَنُ يُوَحَّا بَنُ رِيسَا بَنُ رَزَّيَابِلَ بَنُ سَالْتَيْيَلَ بَنُ نِيرِي ²⁸ بَنُ مَلْكِ بَنُ أَدِّي بَنُ قُصَمَ بَنُ الْمُودَامَ بَنُ عِيرَ ²⁹ بَنُ يُونِسَى بَنُ أَلِيعَازَرَ بَنُ يُونِيمَ بَنُ مَنَّاتِ بَنُ لَأَوِي ³⁰ بَنُ شَمْعُونَ بَنُ يَهُودَا بَنُ يَوْسُفَ بَنُ يُونَانَ بَنُ أَلِيَاقِيمَ ³¹ بَنُ مَلِيَا بَنُ مِينَانَ بَنُ مَتَّائَا بَنُ تَاتَانَ بَنُ دَاوُدَ ³² بَنُ يَسَّى بَنُ عُوَيْدَ بَنُ بُوعَزَ بَنُ سَلْمُونَ بَنُ نَحْشُونَ ³³ بَنُ عَمِّيئَادَابَ بَنُ أَرَامَ بَنُ حَضْرُونََ بَنُ قَارَصَ بَنُ يَهُودَا ³⁴ بَنُ يَغْقُوبَ بَنُ إِسْحَاقَ بَنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ بَنُ تَارَحَ بَنُ تَاخُورَ ³⁵ بَنُ سَرْوَجَ بَنُ رَعُوَ بَنُ قَالَجَ بَنُ غَابِرَ بَنُ شَالَجَ ³⁶ بَنُ قَيْتَانَ بَنُ أَرْفَكْشَادَ بَنُ سَامَ بَنُ نُوحَ بَنُ لَامَكَ ³⁷ بَنُ مَتُوشَالَحَ بَنُ أَخُوخَ بَنُ يَارَدَ بَنُ مَهْلَلْيِيلَ بَنُ قَيْتَانَ ³⁸ بَنُ أُنُوشَ بَنُ شِيثَ بَنُ آدَمَ، ابْنِ اللَّهِ.

likewise. ¹² Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do? ¹³ And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you. ¹⁴ And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages. ¹⁵ And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not; ¹⁶ John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. ¹⁷ Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable. ¹⁸ And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, ²⁰ Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison. ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, ²² And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. ²³ And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli, ²⁴ Which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi, which

was the son of Melchi, which was the son of Janna, which was the son of Joseph,²⁵ Which was the son of Mattathias, which was the son of Amos, which was the son of Naum, which was the son of Esli, which was the son of Nagge,²⁶ Which was the son of Maath, which was the son of Mattathias, which was the son of Semei, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Juda,²⁷ Which was the son of Joanna, which was the son of Rhesa, which was the son of Zorobabel, which was the son of Salathiel, which was the son of Neri,²⁸ Which was the son of Melchi, which was the son of Addi, which was the son of Cosam, which was the son of Elmodam, which was the son of Er,²⁹ Which was the son of Jose, which was the son of Eliezer, which was the son of Jorim, which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi,³⁰ Which was the son of Simeon, which was the son of Juda, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Jonan, which was the son of Eliakim,³¹ Which was the son of Melea, which was the son of Menan, which was the son of Mattatha, which was the son of Nathan, which was the son of David,³² Which was the son of Jesse, which was the son of Obed, which was the son of Booz, which was the son of Salmon, which was the son of Naasson,³³ Which was the son of Aminadab, which was the son of Aram, which was the son of Esrom, which was the son of Phares, which was the son of Juda,³⁴ Which was the son of Jacob, which was the son of Isaac, which was the son of Abraham, which was the son of Thara, which was the son of Nachor,³⁵ Which was the son of Saruch,

which was the son of Ragau, which was the son of Phalec, which was the son of Heber, which was the son of Sala,³⁶ Which was the son of Cainan, which was the son of Arphaxad, which was the son of Sem, which was the son of Noe, which was the son of Lamech,³⁷ Which was the son of Mathusala, which was the son of Enoch, which was the son of Jared, which was the son of Maleleel, which was the son of Cainan,³⁸ Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.