

**Notes**  
**April 13, 2012 Messianic Service**  
**The Prophets: John the Baptist**  
**Pastor Geoffrey Cohen**

**Torah Portion:**

Ex. 12

1 Now the L-rd spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 “This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. 3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ‘On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. 7 And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.

Ex. 12

12 ‘For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the L-rd. 13 Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

Matthew 26:26 – 29

And as they were eating, Yeshua took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant , which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

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**Service Portion:**

**1) John broke from tradition**

Luke 1:5

5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

Luke 1:59 – 63

<sup>59</sup> So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. <sup>60</sup> His mother answered and said, “No; he shall be called John.”

<sup>61</sup> But they said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name.” <sup>62</sup> So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called.

<sup>63</sup> And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, “His name is John.” So they all marveled.

## **2) John grew**

Luke 1:80

80 So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

Luke 1:39-42

<sup>39</sup> Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, <sup>40</sup> and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb!

Luke 1:56

<sup>56</sup> And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

## **3) John was revealed**

Luke 1:80 NASB

80 And the child continued to grow and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

Luke 1:24-25

24 Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, 25 “Thus the L-rd has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people.”

Luke 3:2

2 while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of G-d came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

Luke 3:7

Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

**4) John was greatest**

Matthew 11:11a

11 “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist;

**5) You are greater**

Matthew 11:11

11 “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.