



## REMINDERS FOR THE WEEK,

ONLINE ANNOUNCEMENTS,

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ONLINE MEETINGS \*,

**Tuesday, 7pm,** Women in the Bible with Coloring

**Wednesday, WE WILL BE BACK IN JANUARY**

**OF 2023,** Prayer in the Psalms

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# PREPARE THE WAY

*“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her...”*

*A voice of one calling:*

*“In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”*

**Isaiah 40:1-3 NKJV**

How do you get ready for a special occasion?

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## 1. HARD TIMES

1.1. NO \_\_\_\_\_ WORD, Malachi 4:5,6

*“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”*

## 1.2. SPIRITUAL LEADERS \_\_\_\_\_

### BY TRADITION, Matthew 15:7-9

*"Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 'These people draw near to me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men'."*

## 1.3. TERRIBLE \_\_\_\_\_ SCENARIO,

### Matthew 2:3, 14:3,4

*"When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him." Mt 2:3*

*"For Herod had laid hold of John and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. Because John had said to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." Mt 14:3,4*

## 2. RIGHTEOUS FAMILY

### 2.1. GOOD \_\_\_\_\_, Luke 1:6,7

*"And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. 7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years."*

### 2.2. FOUND \_\_\_\_\_, Luke 1:8,9

*"So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord."*

## 2.3 FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_, vv.13,14

*"But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have **joy and gladness**, and many will **rejoice** at his birth'."*

## 3. THE MESSAGE FOR US

***"The work of John the Baptist, and the work of those who in the last days go forth in the spirit and power of Elijah to arouse the people from their apathy, are in many respects the same."***

EGW, The Southern Watchman, March 21, 1905, par.10

### 3.1. GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_, v.15

*"For he will be **great in the sight of the Lord**, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also **be filled with the Holy Spirit**, even from his mother's womb." Luke 1:15 (see 1 Corinthians 10:31)*

### 3.2. TURN \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD, v.16

*"And he will **turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.**" Luke 1:16*

### 3.3 TO \_\_\_\_\_ A PEOPLE FOR THE LORD,

*"He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."*

**[ ] I want to be ready and make ready for Jesus' second coming**