

# Sepher MattithYahu (Matthew)

## Chapter 3

וְעַתָּה בָּאָזְנֵינוּ שָׁמַרְתָּנוּ מִלְּפָנֶיךָ וְעַתָּה  
בְּיָמִים הָהִם קָם יְהוֹחָנָן הַמְּטֻבֵּיל  
וַיֹּהִי קֹרֵא בְּמִדְבָּר יְהוּדָה לִאמְרָה:

1. 1. bayamim hahem qam Yahuchanan haMat'bil  
way'hi qore' b'mid'bar Yahudah le'mor.

Matt3:1 Now in those days Yahuchanan (John) the Immerser came, preaching in the wilderness of Yahudah, saying,

ε<sup>3:1</sup> Ἐν δὲ ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις παραγίνεται Ἰωάννης ὁ βαπτιστὴς κηρύσσων ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ τῆς Ἰουδαίας

1 En de tais hēmerais ekeinais paraginetai Iōannēs ho baptistēs kēryssōn  
In those days John the Baptist appeared, preaching,  
en tē erēmō tēs Ioudaias  
in the wilderness of Judea,

בְּשִׁיבוֹן כִּי מֶלֶכְתִּית הַשָּׁמְמִים קָרְבָּה לְבוֹא:

2. shubu ki mal'kuth hashamayim qar'bah labo'.

Matt3:2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heavens has come near!”

ε<sup>2</sup> [καὶ] λέγων, Μετανοεῖτε· ἥγγικεν γὰρ ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν.

2 [kai] legōn, Metanoeite; ēggiken gar hē basileia tōn ouranōn.  
saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

גַּבְּרֵל אֲשֶׁר נִבְּא עַלְיוֹ רִשְׁעָהָיו הַבְּרִיא לְאָמֵר  
קֹול קֹרֵא בְּמִדְבָּר פְּנֵי דָּרְךָ יְהוּדָה יְשַׁרוּ מְסֻלּוֹתָיו:

3. ki zeh hu' 'asher niba' `alayu Y'sha`Yahu hanabi' le'mor  
qol qore' bamid'bar panu dere'k Yahūwah yash'ru m'silotayu.

Matt3:3 For this is he who was spoken of by YeshaYahu (Isaiah) the prophet to you saying, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way of יְהוָה, make his paths straight.’”

ε<sup>3</sup> οὗτος γάρ ἔστιν ὁ ρήθεις διὰ Ἡσαΐου τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος,  
Φωνὴ βιώντος ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ· Ἐτοιμάσατε τὴν ὁδὸν κυρίου,  
εὐθείας ποιεῖτε τὰς τρίβους αὐτοῦ.

3 houtos gar estin ho hrētheis dia Ėsaioou tou prophētou legontos,  
For this is spoken of through Isaiah the prophet saying,

Phōnē boōntos en tē erēmō;

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

Hetoimasate tēn hodon kyriou, eutheias poieite tas tribous autou.

‘Prepare the way of YHWH, make his paths straight.’”

לְבִנְשׁוֹ שָׁעַר גָּמְלִים  
ד וַיְהִי חָנֵן לְבִנְשׁוֹ שָׁעַר גָּמְלִים  
וְאֶזֶר עֹז בְּמַתְנֵיו וּמְאַכְלֹו חֲגָבִים וְדַבְשָׁ הַיּוֹרֵד:

4. w'Yahuchanan l'busho s'ar g'malim

w'ezor `or b'math'nayu uma'akalo chagabim ud'bash haya`ar.

**Matt3:4** And Yahuchanan had his garment of camel's hair  
and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.

«4» Αύτὸς δὲ ὁ Ἰωάννης εἶχεν τὸ ἔνδυμα αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τριχῶν καμῆλου  
καὶ ζώνην δερματίνην περὶ τὴν ὁσφὺν αὐτοῦ,  
ἥ δὲ τροφὴ ἦν αὐτοῦ ἀκρίδες καὶ μέλι ἄγριον.

4 Autos de ho Iōannēs eichen to endyma autou  
Now John himself had the clothing of him  
apo trichōn kamēlou kai zōnēn dermatinēn peri tēn osphyn autou,  
from the hair of a camel and a leather belt around his waist,  
hē de trophē ēn autou akrides kai meli agrion.  
and his food was locusts and wild honey.

וְתִצְא אֶלְיוֹ יְרוּשָׁלָם וְכָל־יִהוּדָה וְכָל־כְּפָר הַיָּרֵן:

5. watetse' 'elayu Yrushalam w'kal-Yahudah w'kal-kikkar haYar'den.

**Matt3:5** Then Yerushalam was going out to him,  
and all Yahudah and all the district around the Yarden;

«5» τότε ἐξεπορεύετο πρὸς αὐτὸν Ἱεροσόλυμα  
καὶ πᾶσα ἡ Ἰουδαία καὶ πᾶσα ἡ περίχωρος τοῦ Ἰορδάνου,  
5 tote exeporeueto pros auton Hierosolyma  
Then went out to him Jerusalem  
kai pasa hē Ioudaia kai pasa hē perichōros tou Iordanou,  
and all Judea and all the region along the Jordan,

וְיִטְבְּלוּ עַל־יָדוֹ בַּיָּרֵן וַיְתַווּ אֶת־חַטֹּאתָם:

6. wayitab'lu `al-yado baYar'den wayith'wadu 'eth-chato'tham.

**Matt3:6** and they were being immersed by his hand in the Yarden,  
as they confessed their sins.

«6» καὶ ἐβαπτίζοντο ἐν τῷ Ἰορδάνῃ ποταμῷ  
ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ ἐξομολογούμενοι τὰς ἀμαρτίας αὐτῶν.

6 kai ebaptizonto en tō Iordanē potamō hyp' autou exomologoumenoi tas hamartias autōn.  
and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

וְיַהֲיֵה כִּרְאוֹתָו בְּבָנִים מִן־הַפְּרוּשִׁים  
וְהַצְדּוּקִים נְגָשִׁים לְהַטְבֵּל וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם יְהִי צְפֻעָנוּ  
מִי הַשְׁבֵיל אֶתְכֶם לְהַפְלֵט מִן־הַקָּצֶף הַעֲתִיד לְבָא:

7. way'hy kir'otho rabbim min-haP'rushim w'haTsadduqim nigashim l'hitabel  
wayo'mer lahem yal'dey tsiph''onim mi his'kil 'eth'kem l'himalet  
min-haqetseph he`athid labo'.

**Matt3:7** And it was when he saw many of the Prushim and the Tsadduqim coming for baptism, he said to them, You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath who was to come?

<7> Ἐδών δὲ πολλοὺς τῶν Φαρισαίων καὶ Σαδδουκαίων ἐρχομένους  
ἐπὶ τὸ βάπτισμα αὐτοῦ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, Γεννήματα ἔχιδνῶν,  
τίς ὑπέδειξεν ὑμῖν φυγεῖν ἀπὸ τῆς μελλούσης ὀργῆς;

7 Idōn de pollous tōn Pharisiōn kai Saddoukaiōn erchomenous epi to baptisma autou  
And seeing many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism of him,  
eipen autois, Gennēmata echidnōn,  
he said to them, "You children of vipers!  
tis hypedeiken hymin phygein apo tēs mellousēs orgēs?  
Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"

חַלְכָן עֲשֵׂו פָּרִי רָאוּי לְתִשְׁיבָה:

8. laken `aso ph'ri ra'uy lat'shubah.

**Matt3:8** Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance;

<8> ποιήσατε οὖν καρπὸν ἄξιον τῆς μετανοίας

8 poiēsate oun karpon axion tēs metanoias

Therefore produce fruit worthy of repentance.

טַוְאַל־תַחַשְׁבוּ בְּלִבְבָכֶם לֵאמֹר אֲבָרָהָם הוּא אָבִינוּ  
כִּי אָנָי אָמַר לְכֶם כִּי מִן־הָאָבָנִים הָאָלָה יְכֹל הָאָלָהִים  
לְהַקִּים בָנִים לְאָבָרָהָם:

9. w'al-tach'shu bil'bab'kem le'mor 'Ab'raham hu' 'abinu ki 'ani 'omer lakem  
ki min-ha'abanim ha'eleh yakol ha'Elohim l'haqim banim l'Ab'raham.

**Matt3:9** and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that from these stones the Elohim (El of all) is able to raise up children to Abraham.

<9> καὶ μὴ δόξητε λέγειν ἐν ἑαυτοῖς, Πατέρα ἔχομεν τὸν Ἀβραάμ.  
λέγω γὰρ ὑμῖν ὅτι δύναται ὁ θεὸς ἐκ τῶν λίθων τούτων ἐγεῖραι τέκνα τῷ Ἀβραάμ.

9 kai mē doxēte legein en heautois, Patera echomen ton Abraam.

Do not presume to say to yourselves, “As our father we have Abraham”; legō gar hymin hoti dynatai ho theos  
for I tell you that the Elohim is able  
ek tōn lithōn toutōn egeirai tekna tō Abraam.  
from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

וְכִרְבֵּר הַיּוֹשֵׁם הַגְּרִיזָן עַל־שֶׁרֶשׁ הַצְּדִים וְהַגָּה כָּל־עַזִּים  
אֲשֶׁר אַרְגְּנֵנוּ עַשְׂתָּה פְּרִי טֹב יִקְרָה וַיְשַׁלֵּךְ בְּאַשׁ:

**10.** u<sup>k</sup>'bar husam hagar'zen `al-shoresh ha`etsim w'hinneh kal-`ets  
'asher 'eynenu `oseh p'ri tob yikareth w'yush'la'k ba'esh.

**Matt3:10** “And the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<10> ἥδη δὲ ἡ ἀξίνη πρὸς τὴν ρίζαν τῶν δένδρων κεῖται· πᾶν οὖν δένδρον μὴ ποιοῦν καρπὸν καλὸν ἐκκόπτεται καὶ εἰς πῦρ βάλλεται.

10 ēdē de hē axinē pros tēn hrizan tōn dendrōn keitai; pan oun dendron  
“And already the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that mē poioun karpon kalon ekkoptetai kai eis pyr balletai.  
does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

וְאֵין אַנְכֵי טוֹבֵל אֶתְכֶם בְּמִים לְתַשְׁיבָה  
וְהַבָּא אַחֲרֵי חִזְקָן מִפְנֵי אֲשֶׁר קָטַנְתִּי מִשְׁאָת נַעֲלִיו  
וְהַוָּא יִטְבֶּל אֶתְכֶם בְּרוּחַ הַקָּדֵשׁ וּבְאַשׁ:

**11.** hen 'anoki tobel 'eth'kem bamayim lat'shubah w'haba' 'acharay chazaq mimeni  
'asher qaton'ti mis'eth n`alayu w'hu' yit'bol 'eth'kem b'Ruach haQodesh uba'esh.

**Matt3:11** “I indeed immerse you with water for repentance, but One who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals; I am not worth to bear. He shall immerse you with Ruach haQodesh and with fire.

<11> ἐγὼ μὲν ὑμᾶς βαπτίζω ἐν ὕδασι εἰς μετάνοιαν,  
ὁ δὲ ὀπίσω μου ἐρχόμενος ἵσχυρότερός μού ἐστιν, οὐδὲ εἰμὶ ἱκανὸς τὰ ὑποδήματα βαστάσαι· αὐτὸς ὑμᾶς βαπτίσει ἐν πνεύματι ἀγίῳ καὶ πυρί·

11 egō men hymas baptizō en hydati eis metanoian,  
 “I indeed baptize you with water for repentance,  
 ho de opisō mou erchomenos ischyroteros mou estin,  
 but One who is more powerful than me is coming after me;  
 hou ouk eimi hikanos ta hypodēmata bastasai;  
 of whom I am not worthy to carry the sandals.  
 autos hymas baptisei en pneumati hagiō kai pyri;  
 He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

יְהוָה־יְהוּדָה וְזֶה אֶת־צְבָרָנוּ וְאַסְפָּה אֶת־הַנָּנוּ אֶל־אֹזֶר־  
 וְאֶת־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ יְשַׁרְּפָנוּ בְּאַשׁ אֲשֶׁר לֹא תִּכְבֹּה:  
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**12.** ub'yado hamiz'reh w'zarah 'eth-gar'no  
 w'asaph 'eth-d'gano 'el-'otsaro w'eth-hamots yis'r'phenu ba'esh 'asher lo' thik'beh.

**Matt3:12** “His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He shall thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He shall gather His wheat into the barn, but He shall burn up the chaff with fire which is not quenchable.”

<12> οὐ τὸ πτύον ἐν τῇ χειρὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ διακαθαριεῖ τὴν ἄλωνα αὐτοῦ καὶ συνάξει τὸν σῖτον αὐτοῦ εἰς τὴν ἀποθήκην, τὸ δὲ ἄχυρον κατακαύσει πυρὶ ἀσβέστῳ.

**12** hou to ptuon en tē cheiri autou kai diakathariei tēn halōna autou  
 Of whom the winnowing fork is in His hand, and He shall clear his threshing floor  
 kai synaxeit ton siton autou eis tēn apothēkēn,  
 and shall gather His wheat into the granary;  
 to de achyron katakausei pyri asbestō.  
 but the chaff He shall burn with unquenchable fire.”

יְהוָה־יְהוּדָה וְאַתָּה יְהוּשָׁעַ מִן־הַגָּלִיל הַיְהוּדָה אֶל־יְהוּחָנָן לְהַטְבֵּל עַל־יְדֵךְ:  
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**13. wayabo' Yahushua min-haGalil haYar'denah 'el-Yahuchanan l'hitabel `al-yado.**

**Matt3:13** Then **Owādžāy** came from the Galil at the Yarden to Yahuchanan, to be immersed by his hand.

<13> Τότε παραγίνεται ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἀπὸ τῆς Γαλιλαίας ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰορδάνην πρὸς τὸν Ἰωάννην τοῦ βαπτισθῆναι ὑπὸ αὐτοῦ.

**13 Tote paraginetai ho Iēsous apo tēs Galilaias epi ton Iordanēn pros ton Iōannēn**  
 Then **Yahushua** came from **Galilee** to **John** at **the Jordan**,  
 tou **baptisthēnai** hyp' autou.  
 to be **baptized** by **him**.

יְהוָה־יְהוּדָה וְאַתָּה יְהוּשָׁעַ מִן־הַגָּלִיל הַיְהוּדָה אֶל־יְהוּחָנָן לְהַטְבֵּל עַל־יְדֵךְ:  
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וְאַתָּה בָּא אֶלְيָה:

14. w'Yahuchanan chasa'k 'otho le'mor 'anoki tsari'k l'hitabel `al-yadeak  
w'atah ba' 'elay.

Matt3:14 But Yahuchanan was hindering Him, saying,  
“I need to be immersed by Your hand, and You come to me?”

<14> ὁ δὲ Ἰωάννης διεκώλυεν αὐτὸν λέγων,  
Ἐγὼ χρείαν ἔχω ὑπὸ σοῦ βαπτισθῆναι, καὶ σὺ ἔρχῃ πρός με;

14 ho de Iōannēs diekōluen auton legōn,  
But John tried to prevent Him, saying,

Egō chreian echō hypo sou baptisthēnai, kai sy erchē pros me?  
“I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?”

טו וְיִעַן רְחוֹשׁ עַזְבֵּן אֶלְיָהוּ הַפִּיחָה לֵי  
כִּי כֵן נָאֹה לְשִׁגְנִינוּ לְמַלְאָכָלְהַצְדָּקָה וַיַּגֵּחַ לוֹ:

15. wayā`an Yahushuā wayo'mer 'elayu hanichah li  
ki ken na'awah lish'neynu l'male' kal-hats'daqah wayanach lo.

Matt3:15 But οὐδὲν answering said to him, “Permit it now,  
for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he permitted Him.

<15> ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν πρὸς αὐτόν, Ἄφες ἄρτι,  
οὕτως γὰρ πρέπον ἐστὶν ἡμῖν πληρῶσαι πᾶσαν δικαιοσύνην. τότε ἀφίησιν αὐτόν.

15 apokritheis de ho Iēsous eipen pros auton, Aphes arti,

But answering Yahushua said to him, “Permit it now;  
houtōs gar prepon estin hēmin plērōsai pasan dikaiosynēn. tote aphiēsin auton.  
for thus it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he permits Him.

טו וְיִהְיֶה כַּאֲשֶׁר נִטְבֵּל רְחוֹשׁ עַזְבֵּן וַיִּמְהַר  
וַיַּעַל מִן־הָמִים וַיַּגַּהֵה הַשְׁמִים נִפְתָּחִי־לוֹ  
וַיַּרְא אֶת־רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים יוֹרֶדֶת כִּיּוֹנָה וַנֵּחַה עַלְיוֹ:

16. way'hi ka'asher nit'bal Yahushuā way'maher wayā`al min-hamayim  
w'hinneh hashamayim niph'tchu-lo wayar' 'eth-Ruach 'Elohim yoredeth k'yonah  
w'nachah `alayu.

Matt3:16 And it came to pass, after being immersed, οὐδὲν came up immediately  
from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened,  
and He saw the Spirit of Elohim descending as a dove and lighting on Him,

<16> βαπτισθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εὐθὺς ἀνέβη ἀπὸ τοῦ ὕδατος·  
καὶ ἵδού ἡνεῳχθησαν [αὐτῷ] οἱ οὐρανοί, καὶ εἰδεν [τὸ] πνεῦμα [τοῦ] θεοῦ

καταβαῖνον ὡσεὶ περιστερὰν [καὶ] ἐρχόμενον ἐπ' αὐτόν·

16 baptis theis de ho Iēsous euthys anebē apo tou hydatos;

And when Yahushua had been baptized, just as He came up from the water,

kai idou ēneōchthēsan [autō] hoi ouranoi,

and behold the heavens were opened to Him

kai eiden [to] pneuma [tou] theou katabainon hōsei peristeran [kai] erchomenon ep' auton;

and He saw the Spirit of Elohim descending like a dove and alighting on Him.

זצק עזב ייְהוָה קֹדֶשׁ מִן־הַשָּׁמָיִם אָמֵר זוּ בְּנֵי יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר־רָצַיתִי בָּךְ: 17

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17. w'hinneh qol min-has̄hamayim 'omer zeh b'ni y'didi 'asher-ratsithi bo.

Matt3:17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens said,

"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

<17> καὶ ἤδοὺ φωνὴ ἐκ τῶν οὐρανῶν λέγουσα,  
Οὗτός ἔστιν ὁ υἱός μου ὁ ἀγαπητός, ἐν ᾧ εὐδόκησα.

17 kai idou phōnē ek tōn ouranōn legousa,

And behold a voice from heaven said,

Houtos estin ho huios mou ho agapētos, en hō eudokēsa.

"This is My Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."