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Luke 9:18–27

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Matthew 14:2 — [Herod to his servants:] “This is **John the Baptist**. He has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him.”

Malachi 4:5 — “Behold, I will send you **Elijah** the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD.”

Deuteronomy 18:15 — “The LORD your God will raise up for you **a prophet like me** from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen.”

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Luke 1:32 — *He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him **the throne of his father David.***

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Luke 4:35 — *Jesus **rebuked** him (a demon), saying, “Be silent and come out of him!”*

Insider **EXPECTATION**

Jubilees 22:16 — “Separate yourself from **the gentiles**, and do not eat with them, and do not perform deeds like theirs. And do not become associates of theirs. Because their deeds are **defiled**, and all of their ways are **contaminated**, and **despicable**, and **abominable**.”

Insider **EXPECTATION**

Psalms of Solomon 17 — Raise up unto them their **king**, the **son of David**. . . .that he may shatter unrighteous rulers, and that he may **purge Jerusalem from gentiles** who trample her down to destruction. . . .And he shall gather together a holy people. . . .and neither sojourner nor alien shall dwell with them anymore. . . .he shall have the gentile nations to serve him under his yoke. . . .there shall be no unrighteousness in his days in their midst, for all shall be holy and their king the **Lord Messiah**.

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Acts 1:6 — *They asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom **to Israel?**”*

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A HUMAN BEING

Numbers 23:19 — God is not man, that he should lie, or a **son of man**, that he should change his mind.

Psalms 146:3 — Put not your trust in princes, in a **son of man**, in whom there is no salvation.

Ezekiel 2:3 — And he said to me, “**Son of man**, I send you to the people of Israel.”

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WAY MORE THAN A HUMAN BEING

Daniel 7:13-14 — “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one **like a son of man**, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples. . .should serve him. . .and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.”

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Do >>> Receive

No Moral Imperative

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