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The Bringer of Good News and The Eschatological Prophet:

The Bringer of Good News comes from the Hebrew word *la-vaser* (to bring news). “Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” (Isaiah 40:9). In this scripture the Lord is calling our focus to who he is and what he has done for his people. We are to pay attention to his light and glory, as well share and announce his good news across the lands loudly and clearly so others who have ears to hear will come to know him.

As believers we are to come to know his ways, and accept that he is the true living God, as well share his ways which makes a way for him. It is like what John the Baptist was called to do. John the Baptist role was to prepare a way for the Lord, Jesus Christ. He encouraged the people to wash and repent for their sins in Baptism. John was in place to make way for the bringer of good news.

When we compare the bringer of good news and eschatological prophet, we see they are both similar but presented differently. The bringer of good news is based on Jesus coming and delivering God’s children. However, the eschatological prophet gives more of the idea of the end of time and the end of the world, afterlife and or a new world. The kingdom of

heaven and eternity with God. I believe it gives the idea of the judgement day. “On their return they sang hymns and praises to heaven: “For he is good, for his mercy endures forever. “Thus, Israel had a great deliverance that day. Those of the foreigners who escaped went and reported to Lysias all that had happened. When he heard it, he was perplexed and discouraged, for things had not happened to Israel as he had intended, nor had they turned out as the King had ordered” (1 Macc 4:24-27). Based on this scripture, I believe it was based on Judgement Day, however many were praising, and worshipping based on the grace of the Lord. Many were delivered and thankful for God saving them from the harsh times in the world and the enemies tactics.

When we think of Jesus returning and or a prophet coming at the end of times, we cannot predict what is to come. However, we can share the gospel and read what is stated biblically in prophecy. Our redemption starts in the spirit internally when we repent. Repentance not only comes with our words or baptism but through our actions and the way we apply it to our daily lives. Not only is Jesus the bringer of good news, but we also have that responsibility. We are to announce the Kingdom of heaven is coming and prepare the way like John did. As believers we can spread the good news through songs like they did in scripture, prayer, and worship. We can offer encouragement to others and fellowship learning and hearing the voice of God.