The Preparing Witness

Two Hear and Follow

"Behold the Lamb of God!"



Two hear the witness and follow the Lamb.

John 1:35–39

The Coming One Revealed





The blind see. The lame walk.
The deaf hear. The dead are raised.
To the poor the gospel is preached.

Luke 7:19–23

Two See and Testify

"Tell John what you have seen and heard."



Two came with a question; they leave bearing witness.

Luke 7:22–24

The Preparing Witness

Remember the Law



Remember the Law of Moses.
I will send you Elijah the prophet.
Malachi 4:4–6

Prepare the People



John came in the spirit and power of Elijah.
To make ready a people prepared for the Lord.
Luke 1:17

Return to the Law



A prophetic call back to God's Law.
The hearts of the children to their fathers.
Malachi 4:6; Revelation 11:3–6

A proposed prophetic reading: the Elijah pattern calls the children back to the Law.

The Preparing Witness

The Word in Flesh
FLESH



John points to Yahshua.
The Word became flesh.
John 1:14, 35–37

The Word Within
SPIRIT



God's Law written on the heart.
His Spirit enables obedience.
Jeremiah 31:33; Ezekiel 36:26–27

Return to the Word
SOUL



A witness calls hearts and minds
back to God's instruction.
Malachi 4:4–6

A proposed chiastic reading: the Word seen, received within, and obeyed.

Meat in Due Season

The faithful servant nourishes the household
WITH THE WORD.

Feed My Sheep



Gathering leads to care.

John 21:15–17

Nourish the Household



The Word received.
The heart renewed.
A people prepared.

Matthew 24:45

Found So Doing



Blessed is the servant found faithfully serving.

Matthew 24:46–47

At the centre: the Spirit gives life, and the Word bears fruit.

Ezekiel 36:26–27

The Witness Must Bear Fruit

The Word entrusted calls for a faithful response.

What Is Entrusted



Different measures.
One responsibility: faithfulness.
Matthew 25:14–15

The Word Takes Root



Hear. Understand. Bear fruit.
Matthew 13:18–23

The Master Returns



Faithful with five. Faithful with two.
Both receive their master's praise.
Matthew 25:19–23



The preparing witness calls; the faithful response bears fruit.

A People Who Follow the Lamb

From two who followed to a people gathered.

At His Word



A fruitless night.
A new cast at Yahshua's direction.

John 21:3–6

The Net Holds



One hundred and fifty-three fish.
Yet the net was not broken.

John 21:11

Following the Lamb



They belong to the Lamb.
They follow wherever He goes.

Revelation 14:1–5

A proposed prophetic picture: gathered at His word, faithful to the Lamb.