

Lesson 1 – Background of the Mikveh

“Taval” - טבל - “To dip, plunge, or immerse

Used in Second Kings 5 of Naaman “washing” in the Jordan river 7 times.

Usages: Genesis 1:10, Exodus 7:19, Leviticus 11:36

Mikveh Background – used for ritual purification

Lesson 2 – Context of the Baptism of John the Baptist

Isaiah 40:3

John on the Scene – Matthew 3

V. 16 – Why was Jesus baptized?

1. The same reason He was circumcised.
2. It was in a way his formal “Inauguration” into earthly ministry
3. He was validating what John was doing

John in Prison - Matthew 4:12; 11:2-15; 14:1-14 (Mark 6 – Herod married Herodias)

John in Spirit – Matthew 17:1-13 (Luke 1:17)

Last chapter of OT – Malachi 4

John in Example – Matthew 21:28-32

John as an example – John 3:22-36

Lesson 3 – Baptism as a New Testament Ordinance, and the Mikveh in Modern Judaism

Matthew 28:16-20

Acts 2:37-38

Acts 8:34-38

1Chronicles 29:15, Jeremiah 14:8, Jeremiah 17:13