



FORETOLD
Shadows of
the Savior

Even before the Savior arrived
in **Bethlehem's manger**, the
prophets spoke of a voice
crying out from the wilderness

matthew 3:1-3



prepare
the way

Isaiah 40 reminds the **future generation** (those who will suffer under Babylonian captivity) that God has not **forgotten** about them

“Comfort” = console oneself;
ease your heart with this
knowledge

Isaiah 40:1-3

Before God's plan of **rescue**
officially arrives, God was
promising to send someone
who will clear the path

malachi 3:1

“Behold” = **Look and see;**
pay attention something
urgently important is about
to follow - Don't miss it

malachi 3:2-4

If our sin is not **dealt with**
then who among us is able
to **stand** before Almighty
Holy God?

Jesus **purifies** ALL
who believe in Him

All impurities of our **past**,
present and **future** sins are
removed through the finished
work of Jesus on the cross

no amount of **alternative
attempts** to clean ourselves up
is acceptable to the Almighty
(only Jesus purifies)

malachi 3:5-6

When **malachi** was writing
religious ritual had resumed,
however, the people's **hearts**
were still cold

malachi 3:7

“Turned aside” = to deviate;
to veer off the **correct path**

(This was a pattern of
deliberate departure from
God’s clear commands)

“Return to the Lord” =
to repent (we must change
direction – Go from **rebellion**
to **obedience** and this will
result in intimacy with God)