

~FORERUNNER (217)

- **One who goes in advance to prepare for the coming of another.** This might include scouting and spying, clearing the way, proclaiming and giving notice of another's approach, or showing the way for others to follow. The forerunner is usually, but not always, of less importance than the person who follows.
- It was the Oriental custom that runners go before the royal chariot to prepare and announce the king's coming and to assist him generally.
- And he proceeded to say; This will become the rightful due of the king that will reign over you. Your sons he will take and put them as his in his chariots and among his horsemen, and some will have to run before his chariots. (**1 Samuel 8:11**)
- Absalom and Adonijah, in imitation of such regal dignity and to add prestige and seeming sanction to their respective rebellions, placed 50 runners before their personal chariots.
- And it came about following such things that Absalom proceeded to have a chariot made for himself, with horses and with fifty men running before him. (**2 Samuel 15:1**)
- All the while Adonijah the son of Haggith was lifting himself up, saying; I myself am going to rule as king! And he proceeded to have a chariot made for himself with horsemen and fifty men running before him. (**1 Kings 1:5**)

See Also RUNNERS

- John the Baptizer was in reality the **forerunner** of Christ, in fulfillment of,
- Listen! Someone is calling out in the wilderness; Clear up the way of Yehowah, you people! Make the highway for our God through the desert plain straight. (**Isaiah 40:3**)
- Look! I am sending my messenger, and he must clear up a way before me. And suddenly there will come to His temple the true Lord, whom you people are seeking, and the messenger of the

covenant in whom you are delighting. Look! He will certainly come, Yehowah of armies has said. (**Malachi 3:1**)

- Look! I am sending to you people Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and fear-inspiring day of Yehowah. (**Malachi 4:5**)
- And he must turn the heart of fathers back toward sons, and the heart of sons back toward fathers, in order, that I may not come and actually strike the earth with a devoting of it to destruction. (**Malachi 4:6**)
- Someone is calling out in the wilderness; Clear up the way of Yehowah. Make the highway straight. I am sending my messenger, and he must clear up a way before me. John's advance proclamation, therefore, aroused people to expect, look for, and wait for Jesus, that, in turn, they might listen to him, honor him, and follow him.
- In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea. (**Matthew 3:1**)
- Saying; Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near. (**Matthew 3:2**)
- This, in fact, is the one spoken of through Isaiah the prophet in these words; Listen! Someone is crying out in the wilderness, Prepare the way of Yehowah, you people! Make his roads straight. (**Matthew 3:3**)
- But this very John had his clothing of camels hair and a leather girdle around his loins. His food too was insect locusts and wild honey. (**Matthew 3:4**)
- Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the country around the Jordan made their way out to him. (**Matthew 3:5**)
- And people were baptized by him in the Jordan River, openly confessing their sins. (**Matthew 3:6**)
- When he caught sight of many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to the baptism, he said to them; You offspring of vipers, who has intimated to you to flee from the coming wrath? (**Matthew 3:7**)

- So then produce fruit that befits repentance. (**Matthew 3:8**)
- And do not presume to say to yourselves; As a father we have Abraham. For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. (**Matthew 3:9**)
- Already the ax is lying at the root of the trees. Every tree, then, that does not produce fine fruit is to be cut down and thrown into the fire. (**Matthew 3:10**)
- I, for my part, baptize you with water because of your repentance, but the one coming after me is stronger than I am, whose sandals I am not fit to take off. That one will baptize you people with Holy Spirit and with fire. (**Matthew 3:11**)
- His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will completely clean up his threshing floor, and will gather his wheat into the storehouse, but the chaff he will burn up with fire that cannot be put out. (**Matthew 3:12**)
- While these were on their way, Jesus started to say to the crowds respecting John; What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed being tossed by a wind? (**Matthew 11:7**)
- This is he concerning whom it is written: Look! I myself am sending forth my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way ahead of you! (**Matthew 11:10**)
- And if you want to accept it, he himself is Elijah, who is destined to come. (**Matthew 11:14**)
- And they began to question him, saying; Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come? (**Mark 9:11**)
- He said to them; Elijah does come first and restore all things. But how is it that it is written respecting the Son of man that he must undergo many sufferings and be treated as of no account? (**Mark 9:12**)
- But I say to you, Elijah, in fact, has come, and they did to him as many things as they wanted, just as it is written respecting him. (**Mark 9:13**)
- However, the angel said to him; Have no fear, Zechariah,

because your supplication has been favorably heard, and your wife Elizabeth will become mother to a son to you, and you are to call his name John. ([Luke 1:13](#))

- And you will have joy and great gladness, and many will rejoice over his birth. ([Luke 1:14](#))
- For he will be great before Yehowah. But he must drink no wine and strong drink at all, and he will be filled with Holy Spirit right from his mother's womb. ([Luke 1:15](#))
- And many of the sons of Israel will he turn back to Yehowah their God. ([Luke 1:16](#))
- Also, he will go before him with Elijah's spirit and power, to turn back the hearts of fathers to children and the disobedient ones to the practical wisdom of righteous ones, to get ready for Yehowah a prepared people. ([Luke 1:17](#))
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- Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples. ([John 1:35](#))
- And as he looked at Jesus walking he said; See, the Lamb of God! ([John 1:36](#))
- And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. ([John 1:37](#))
- In a similar manner, messengers were sent out in advance of Jesus, and these went into a village of the Samaritans to make preparation for him.
- So he sent forth messengers in advance of him. And they went their way and entered into a village of Samaritans, to make preparation for him. ([Luke 9:52](#))
- Jesus himself, however, is the one referred to in the only passage of Scripture using the word **forerunner**.

- This hope we have as an anchor for the soul, both sure and firm, and it enters in within the curtain. ([Hebrews 6:19](#))
- Where a **forerunner** has entered in our behalf, Jesus, who has become a High Priest according to the manner of Melchizedek forever. ([Hebrews 6:20](#))
- He was not a **forerunner** in the sense of being inferior to those who followed after him. Rather, he was the first to enter heavenly glory, opening and preparing the way for the heavenly congregation of his footstep followers.
- In the house of my Father there are many abodes. Otherwise, I would have told you, because I am going my way to prepare a place for you. ([John 14:2](#))
- Also, if I go my way and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you home to myself, that where I am you also may be. ([John 14:3](#))
- Hence, they have boldness of approach to God through the way their **Forerunner** inaugurated.
- Therefore, brothers, since we have boldness for the way of entry into the holy place by the blood of Jesus. ([Hebrews 10:19](#))
- Which he inaugurated for us as a new and living way through the curtain, that is, his flesh. ([Hebrews 10:20](#))
- And since we have a great priest over the house of God. ([Hebrews 10:21](#))
- Let us approach with true hearts in the full assurance of faith, having had our hearts sprinkled from a wicked conscience and our bodies bathed with clean water. ([Hebrews 10:22](#))