



### 3. A Wilderness Route: Jesus and the Return of Yahweh

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

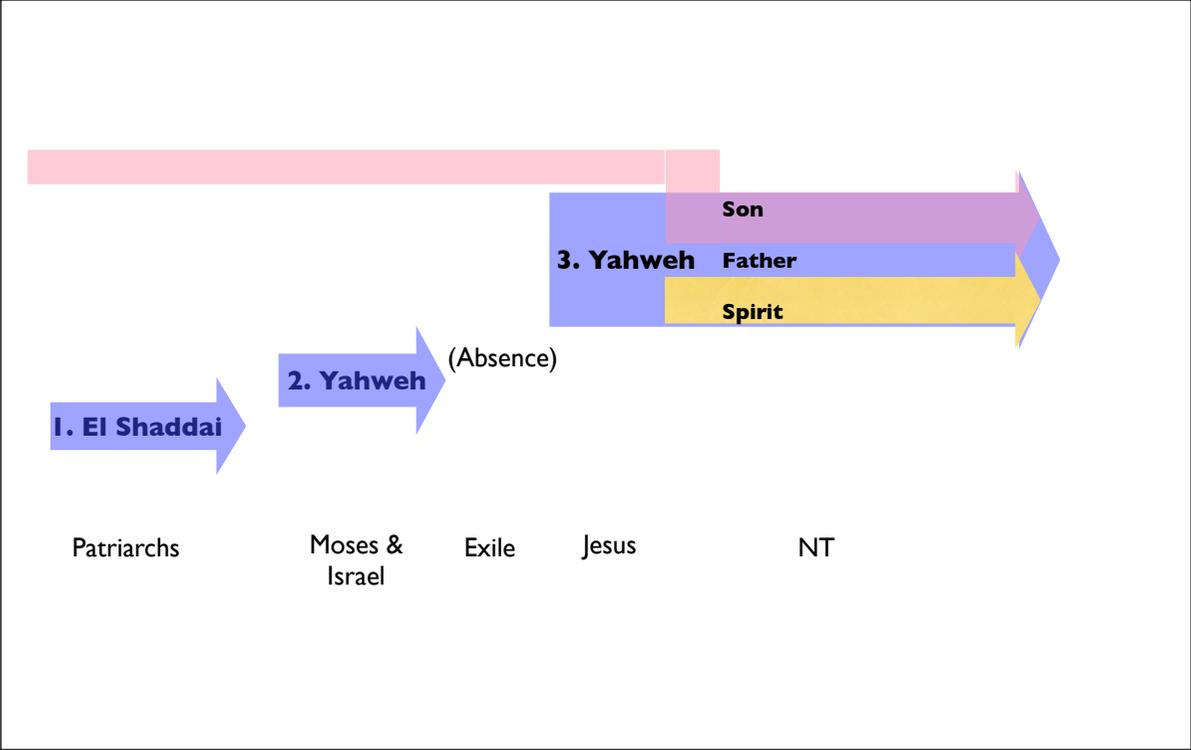
2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness (LXX):

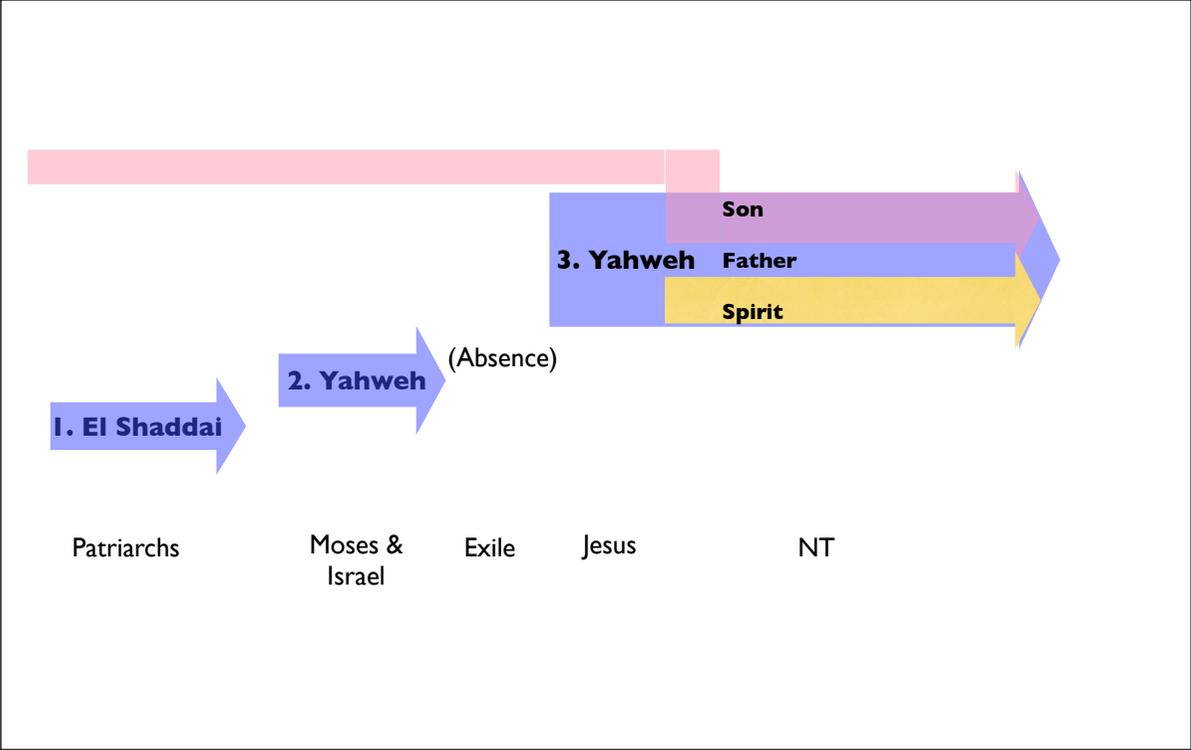
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.



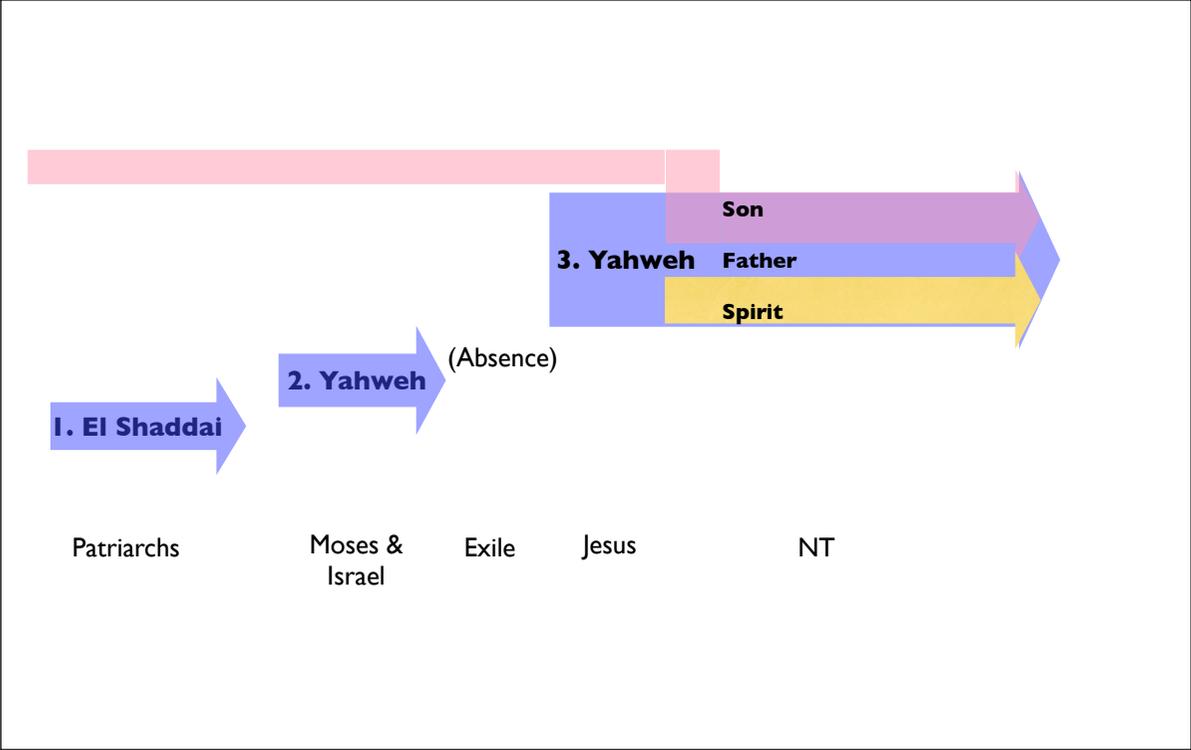
*Other gods*

Joshua 24:2-4



*God Almighty (El Shaddai)*

Gen 17:1; 28:3; 35:11; 48:3



'The LORD, the LORD, a God *merciful and gracious*, slow to anger,  
*and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for  
the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,*  
yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents  
upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth  
generation.'

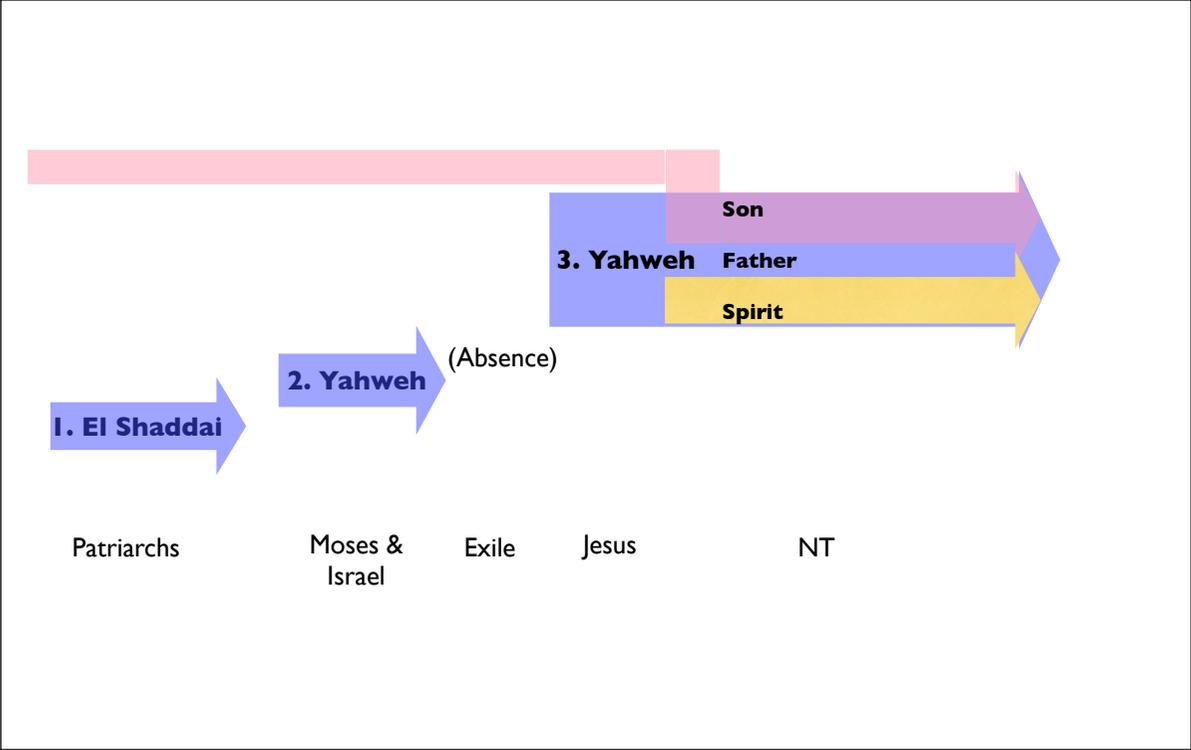
Ex 34:6-7

Mercy

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Anger

Grace



Merciful & Gracious = exorcism of the Gerasene demoniac (5:1-20); blind Bartimaeus (10:46-52); leper (1:40-45); feeding the 5,000 & 4,000 (6:30-44; 8:1-10).

Anger = Pharisees (3:1-6).

"The LORD, the LORD, a God *merciful and gracious*, slow to anger,

Love = Rich man (10:17-22)

*and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,*

Forgiveness = paralytic (2:1-12), eats with sinners (2:15-17).

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Guilt = Blaspheming the Holy Spirit (3:29).

Day of Wrath = Second Coming (13:24-27; cf. Joel 2:1-2)

“She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:16-20

