

The Messiah in the TeNaKh and in the New Covenant Writings

“All the prophets, all of them, did not prophesy except of the days of the Messiah.” Babylonian Talmud, Sanhedrin 99a

We read in the TeNaKh that God has a plan *“to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint a most holy one (or the Most Holy One).”* Daniel 9:24

How will God bring about this atonement for sin and this authentication of the vision of the prophets? The biblical answer is: through a special anointed one, through a king *“in whose days Israel will be saved”* (Jeremiah 23:6).

This king, the Messiah, we want to present to you through the following selection of promises and prophecies from the TeNaKh, together with their fulfillment in the new covenant writings.

There is not enough space in this publication to include also the Hebrew text, but we encourage anyone who is able to read Hebrew, to read the verses quoted from the TeNaKh in its original language. All scripture quotations are taken from the New International Version 2011, unless otherwise indicated. BSI indicates Bible Society Israel.

Prophecy

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**The Messiah will be the seed of the woman
who will have victory over the serpent (Satan).**

Genesis 3:14-15: *“Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.¹ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”²*

See also: Isaiah 65:25, Micah 5:3, Habakkuk 3:13

Hebrews 2:14: *“...He too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil.”*

1 John 3:8: *“...The reason the son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.”*

See also: Revelation 12:9-11, Galatians 4:4-5, Romans 5:12, 15,17, Luke 10:18, Colossians 2:14-15

¹ this is a picture of the total defeat of the devil, comp. Ps. 72:9, Mic. 7:17

² usually the bite of a snake leads to suffering and even to death; this last sentence therefore points to the suffering of the Messiah.

The book of Genesis traces precisely the genealogy of the seed of the woman and attaches great hope and expectation to it. Genesis traces the genealogy of the seed of the woman through Seth, Shem, Abraham and finally through Judah to whom the promise is given of the Lion of Judah (Gen. 5:29, 9:26, 12:3, 49:8-12). Numbers 24:9 identifies this Lion as Israel’s king in the last days, the Messiah. (see also Numbers 24:14-19)

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The Messiah is the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob through whom the promised blessing will come to all peoples.

Genesis 12:1-3: *“The LORD had said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.’”*

Genesis 26:4: *“(The LORD said to Isaac): ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your seed all nations on earth will be blessed.’”*

Acts 3:25-26: *“And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, ‘Through your seed all peoples on earth will be blessed.’ When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”*

Galatians 3:8,13-14,16: *“Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: ‘All nations will be blessed through you.’ ... Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the law¹ by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: ‘Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.’”*

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Genesis 28:14: “(The LORD said to Jacob) ‘...All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and **your seed.**”

Read these passages against the background of Genesis 3:16, 5:29

See also: Genesis 18:18, 21:12, 22:18, Psalm 72:17

He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Messiah Yeshua ... The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say ‘and to seeds’, meaning many people, but ‘and to your seed’, meaning one person, who is Messiah.”

See also: Matt. 1:1-2, Luke 1:54-55, 72-73, John 8:56, Eph. 1:3

¹ The curse of the law is the Torah’s condemnation of sin. Yeshua took this condemnation upon himself.

The Hebrew word “seed” can point to many descendants but also to a single descendant (Gen. 4:25, 1 Chron.17:11, 12). On the one hand the seed of Abraham is plural, the people of Israel. The Apostle Paul is also aware of this (see Rom. 4:16). But on the other hand we see that the book of Genesis finally focuses on a single individual who is the “spearhead” of the seed of Abraham, to him the nations will be obedient (Genesis 49:8-10). That’s why Paul points to the fact that the word “seed” is singular and can be read as referring to an individual. This is in total agreement with the book of Genesis which also sees the blessing for the nations coming through a specific king, the Lion of Judah.

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**The Messiah will come from the tribe of Judah.
He will be the Lion of Judah.**

Genesis 49:8-12: *“Judah, your brothers will praise you; your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; your father’s sons will bow down to you. You are a lion’s cub, Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness—who dares to rouse him? The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his. He will tether his donkey to a vine, his colt to the choicest branch; he will wash his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes. His eyes will be darker than wine, his teeth whiter than milk.”*

See also: Num. 24:9, Ezek. 21:27, Mic. 5:2, Zech. 9:9, Am. 9:13, Joel 3:18

Hebrews 7:14: *“For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah...”*

Revelation 5:5-6: *“Then one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll¹ and its seven seals.’ Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders.”*

See also:

Matthew 1:3, Luke 3:33

¹ This scroll symbolizes God’s plan to establish his kingdom; the opening of the seven seals symbolizes the fulfillment of God’s plan.

The sentence “your father’s sons will bow down to you” in Genesis 49:8 is taken from Genesis 37:5-10 (the story of Joseph). By adding this sentence to the promise of the Lion of Judah, the book of Genesis forges a connection between the story of the life of Joseph and this coming king. The story of the life of Joseph resembles in many ways events in the life of the Messiah. Just as in the story of Joseph, the brothers of the Messiah (the people of Israel) who first rejected their brother will finally bow down before him; and the Messiah, just like Joseph, will be the one that preserves their lives.

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The Messiah is the star that will rise out of Jacob.

Numbers 24:17-19: *“I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel. He will crush the foreheads of Moab, the skulls of all the people of Sheth. Edom will be conquered; Seir, his enemy, will be conquered, but Israel will grow strong. A ruler will come out of Jacob and destroy the survivors of the city.”*

Luke 1:68-79: *“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us— to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham:*

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to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days And you, my child (John the Baptist), will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

Revelation 22:16: “.. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”

Prophecy**Fulfillment****Moses prayed for the coming of the Messiah, the king.**

Deuteronomy 33:5, 7: *“Let there be a king¹ over Jeshurun when the leaders of the people are assembled, along with the tribes of Israel. ... And this he (Moses) said about Judah: ‘Hear, O LORD, the cry of Judah; and bring him² to his people whose hands defend the cause for them. Oh, be his help against his foes!’”*
(translation BSI)

John 8:49: *“If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me.”*

¹ This translation renders the first Hebrew word of this verse with a slightly different vocalization of the text. The oldest known Jewish interpretation of this verse (in the Septuagint, a translation into Greek from around 300 BCE) reads this verse in the same way as translated above, as does the Targum Jerusalemi. The vowel points of the Hebrew Bible were not added to the text until The Middle Ages

² In the blessing for the tribe of Joseph in the same chapter, Moses quotes from the blessing of Jacob for Joseph (Genesis 49:22-26, Deuteronomy 33:13-16). It is reasonable therefore to assume that Moses also had Jacob's blessing of Judah in mind when he himself blessed Judah. Moses is praying for the coming of the Messiah who will stand up for his people. It is very difficult to see who else, but the Messiah, could be the one Moses asks God to bring to his people.

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The Messiah will be the son of David.

2 Samuel 7:16: *“Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”*

Psalm 89:35-37: *“Once for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David: his seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before Me; it shall be established forever like the moon, and the witness in heaven is faithful.”* (translation BSI)

Jeremiah 23:5-6: *“I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a king shall reign and prosper and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely;”* (NKJV)

Acts 13:22-23: *“...He made David their king. God testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’ From this man’s descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Yeshua, as he promised.”*

Luke 1:30-33: *“But the angel said to her, ... ‘You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Yeshua. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”*

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See also: 2 Samuel 23:3-5, Isaiah 9:6-7, 11:1,10, 16:5, 55:3-4, Jeremiah 23:5-6, 30:9, 33:17, Ezekiel 34:23-24, 37:24-28, Hosea 3:5, Amos 9:11, Haggai 2:23, Psalm 89:3-4, 28-29, 34-35, 132:17-18, 1 Chronicles 17:11-14, 24-27

See also: Matthew 1:20, 9:27, 12:23, 20:29-30, 21:9, 15, 22:42-45, Mark 10:48, 11:10, 12:35-37, Luke 1:27, 68-69, 2:4, 18:38-39, 20:41-44, John 7:42, Acts 2:29-36, Romans 1:3-4, 2 Timothy 2:8, Revelation 5:5, 22:16

In the Gospels we find two genealogies of Yeshua (Matthew 1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-38). Most probably the one is Joseph's and the other is Mary's, both belonging to the house of David (compare also Luke 1:27, 1:33). Biologically Yeshua's mother was Mary, legally his father was Joseph by adoption and by Joseph's marriage to Mary.

Another possible explanation is that both lists are Joseph's genealogy. The one his biological genealogy and the other his legal genealogy (divergence between the legal and biological genealogy is possible through a levirate marriage of Joseph's father on behalf of a half-brother who had the same mother but a different father; an old tradition supports this explanation).

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**The Messiah is the lovely one of the songs of Israel
(a central character in the psalms)**

2 Samuel 23:1: *“These are the last words of David: the inspired utterance of David, son of Jesse, the utterance of the man who is raised up, about¹ the anointed of the God of Jacob and the lovely one of the psalms of Israel.”*
(translation BSI)

Luke 24:44: *“He (Yeshua) said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”*”

See for example: Psalm 2, 45, 72, 89, 110, 132

¹ As mentioned above the vowel points were not added to the text of the Hebrew Bible until The Middle Ages. The so-called Masoretic text of the Hebrew Bible uses a word here that means “on high”. However, when we read this same word with a slightly different vocalization, we get the word “about”. This is how also the oldest known Jewish interpretation of this verse (the Septuagint) understood the word. The context also supports this reading of the verse since the following verses, which record David’s utterance, clearly talk about a coming righteous king, God’s anointed, the Messiah.

Several times in the writings of the prophets the Messiah is simply called “David” (Jeremiah 30:9, Ezekiel 34:23-24, 37:24-28, Hosea 3:5). When we know this, we should not be too surprised to find amazing parallels between events in the life of the Messiah and the psalms of David which we find in The Book of Psalms. The psalms of David tell us how God saves David out of his troubles and from death (see for example Psalm 16:10, 18:4-6). But they don’t talk about David alone. These psalms show how God “makes great the salvation of his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his seed forever” (Psalm 18:50). The psalms show the ways God deals with his anointed, that is David but also his seed. David’s seed ultimately is the Messiah (Psalm 89:24-29, 36-37, Psalm 132:17-18). Therefore the psalms of David are also prophetic, sometimes going into amazing detail. The prophetic character of the psalms of David is very clear, for example, in psalms 21 and 22. Psalm 21 describes a glory far beyond that of David and Psalm 22 describes sufferings and a deliverance from death which will have a worldwide effect. This all goes far beyond events in David’s life alone.

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The Messiah will be the Son of God

Psalm 2:7-8,12: *“I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to me, ‘You are my son, today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession’ ... Kiss the son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in him.”* (NKJV)

Psalm 89:26-27: *“He will call out to me, ‘You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.’ And I will appoint him to be my firstborn, the most exalted of the kings of the earth.”*

Proverbs 30:4: *“Who has gone up to heaven and come down? Whose hands have gathered up the wind? Who has wrapped up the waters in a cloak?”*

Matthew 3:16,17: *“As soon as Yeshua was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’”*

Hebrews 1:1-3: *“In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.”*

Prophecy**Fulfillment**

*Who has established all the ends of the earth? **What is his name, and what is the name of his son? Surely you know!***"

After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven."

In the Zohar we read regarding the phrase "kiss the son" (Psalm 2:12): "You are the faithful shepherd; about you it is said: 'kiss the son', you are great here below, the Lord over all of Israel, the Lord of the ministering angels, the son of the most high, the son of the Holy one, blessed be he, and his Shekhina (the Divine presence)." (Zohar, part III, p307a)

The Messiah will be born in a miraculous way and will know to reject the wrong and choose the right, after the difficult time caused by Assyria.

Isaiah 7:14-17: *"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: Behold the virgin will be pregnant and bear a son and they shall call¹ his name Immanuel. Curds and honey they will eat² before he knows to reject the wrong and choose the right. For before the boy knows to reject the wrong and choose the right, will the land*

Matthew 1:20-22: *"...an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Yeshua, for he will save his people from their sins.'*

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whose two kings you dread, be deserted and will The LORD bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah—he will bring the king of Assyria.” (Translation BSI)

(Read Isaiah 7:1-13 for the background of this prophecy.)

See also: Isaiah 8:8, 10; 9:6-7; Micah 5:3.

On “knowing to reject the wrong and choose the good”, see also 1 Kings 3:9.

¹ This translation follows the great Isaiah scroll from Qumran which uses here a slightly different form of the verb “to call” than the one used in the traditional Hebrew text. It looks like Matthew had the same text of Isaiah 7:14 as the one found in Qumran. The text as found in Qumran should be translated with an impersonal “and they will call” or “and he will be called” (compare Isaiah 9:5).

² The Hebrew can be understood to mean “will be eaten” by the people (see verses 17-25). The Messiah will come **after** the dark period to be brought by the king of Assyria (see Isaiah 9:1-7 and chapters 10-11), during which the land will not produce, and there will be only honey and milk products from those animals that remain.

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All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel.”

See also: Luke 1:34-37. About Messiah’s “knowing to reject the wrong and choose the good”, see Matthew 4:1-11 (the Messiah stands in temptation)

Sometimes it is argued that if Isaiah had wanted to refer to a virgin he would have used the word *betulah* and not the word *almah*. This argument, however, is false since although *betulah* in later Hebrew indeed means “virgin”, such is not so clearly the case in biblical Hebrew. (In Genesis 24:16 the word needs the further addition “and no man had ever slept with her” and Joel 1:8 even refers to a *betulah* who lost her husband.)

What is clear is that the word *almah* refers to a young unmarried woman of marriageable age. In the days of Isaiah that meant a virgin. Therefore the Septuagint, a translation from before the Common Era, rendered the word *almah* as “virgin.”

Also the famous Jewish interpreter Rashi seems to be aware of this meaning of the word. In Song of Songs 1:3 he interprets the word *alamot* (plural of *alma*) as “virgins”, and after his own interpretation of Isaiah 7:14 he adds: “and some interpret that this is the sign, that she (the woman who gave birth) was a young girl (*alma*) and incapable of giving birth.” (Miqraot Gedolot on Isaiah 7:14)

Furthermore we should not forget that the birth of Immanuel is a miraculous sign for which according to Isaiah 7:11, the sky is the limit. Even if it might not be possible to give a 100 percent watertight argument that the word *alma* refers to a virgin, it is clear that the text is open to the interpretation that the sign is a “virgin birth” and the text definitely refers to a birth which is miraculous. In the light of its fulfillment, Immanuel’s birth turned out to be a virgin birth indeed.

Prophecy**Fulfillment****Messiah's name will be made known before he is born
("from his mother's womb.")**

Isaiah 49:1: *"Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name." (ESV)*

Matthew 1:21: *"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Yeshua, for he will save his people from their sins."*

Luke 2:21: *"On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Yeshua, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived."*

See also: Matthew 1:25, Luke 1:31

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The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem-Ephrathah

Micah 4:7-8: *“...And the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forevermore. And you, O tower of the flock¹, hill of the daughter of Zion, to you shall it come, the former dominion shall come, kingship for the daughter of Jerusalem.” (ESV)*

Micah 5:2: *“But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you one will go forth for me to be ruler in Israel...” (NASB)*

¹ Hebrew: Migdal Eder, This is the name of a place in the area of Bethlehem. (See Genesis 35:20-21). This is also not far from Jerusalem; therefore, it can be called in the text also “hill or stronghold of the daughter of Zion”.

Matthew 2:1-6: *“After Yeshua was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.’ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ‘In Bethlehem in Judea,’ they replied, ‘for this is what the prophet has written: ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”*

See also: Luke 2:6, 10-11, John 7:42

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But Messiah is pre-existent

Micah 5:2-5: *“...His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.¹ Therefore He will give them up until the time when she who is in labor² has borne a child. Then the remainder of his brethren will return to the sons of Israel. And he will arise and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will remain, because at that time he will be great to the ends of the earth. This one will be our peace.” (NASB)*

Isaiah 9:5: *“And he will be called ... Everlasting Father³...”*

See also: Proverbs 8:22-23, 30:4

¹ Or “His appearances are from long ago, from days of old”. Messiah appeared as the angel of the LORD.

² Hebrew literally: “she who gives birth”

³ or “Father of eternity”

John 1:1-2: *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.”*

John 1:15: *“John (the Baptist) testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, ‘This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”*

John 17:5: *“(Yeshua prayed:) and now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.”*

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**Before the Messiah a messenger will come
to prepare the way for Him.**

Malachi 3:1: *“Behold I will send my messenger¹ and he will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord whom you are seeking will come to his temple, the angel¹ of the covenant whom you desire. Behold he comes, says the LORD of hosts”* (Translation BSI)

Isaiah 40:3-5: *“A voice of one calling: In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”*

Mark 1:4,7: *“And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins ... And this was his message: ‘After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.’”*

John 1:22-23: *“Finally they said (to John the Baptist), ‘Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, ‘I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’”*

¹ In the Hebrew we find twice the word *malach* which means both “messenger” and “angel.” The first time, it refers to a messenger who will go before the LORD. The second time it refers to a very special messenger, the “angel of the covenant” in whom the LORD himself is present.

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**The Messiah is the angel of the covenant,
the angel of the presence of God.
The person of the Godhead that man can see without dying.**

Malachi 3:1: *"...Then suddenly the Lord¹ whom you are seeking will come to his temple, the angel of the covenant whom you desire. Behold he comes, says the LORD of hosts" (Translation BSI)*

Isaiah 63:9: *"In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old."*

Genesis 32:31: *"So Jacob called the place Peniel², saying, 'It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.'"*

John 1:18: *"No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known."*

John 14:9: *"Yeshua answered: ... 'Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.'"*

Colossians 1:14: *"The Son is the image of the invisible God..."*

Concerning the Messiah's coming to his temple (Malachi 3:1) see: John 2:13-21, Matthew 21:10-16, Mark 11:15-16, Luke 19:45-47

¹ Rabbi David Kimchi on Malachi 3:1: *"The Lord is the king Messiah and he is the angel of the covenant"*. See also Psalm 110:1

² Peniel means "face of God"

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Exodus 3:2-6: *“There (at mount Horeb) the angel of the LORD appeared to him (Moses) in flames of fire from within a bush. ... God called to him from within the bush ... Then he said, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.’ At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.”*

(see the previous page)

Genesis 18:1-2,13: *“The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. ... Then the LORD said to Abraham...”*
 (one of the three men is the angel of the LORD, who is the LORD himself, the two other men are normal angels see also verse 22 and 19:1)

See also: Genesis 16:7-14, 17:1,22, 22:15-17, 48:15-16, Exodus 13:21 together with 14:19, 23:20-23, 24:9-11, 33:11, Numbers 12:8, Deuteronomy 34:10, Joshua 5:13-15, Judges 2:1-4, 6:12-23, 13:3-23, Ezekiel 1:26-28, Hosea 12:3-5, Zechariah 3:1-7

Prophecy

Fulfillment

The Messiah is God (The LORD)

Psalm 45:6-7: *“Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.”*

Isaiah 7:14: *“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: Behold the virgin will be pregnant and bear a son and they shall call his name Immanuel (God-with-us).”*
(Translation BSI)

Isaiah 9:6: *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”* (See also Isaiah 10:20-21)

Romans 9:4-5: *“...the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.”*

Colossians 2:9: *“For in the Messiah all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form”*

1 John 5:20: *“And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Yeshua the Messiah. He is the true God and eternal life.”*

Prophecy**Fulfillment**

Jeremiah 23:5-6: *“...I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A king shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In his days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is his name by which he will be called: **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**”*
(NKJV)

John 20:28: *“Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’”*

See also: Matthew 12:6-8, John 1:2, 1 Corinthians 8:5-6, 2 Peter 1:1, Hebrews 1:1-14, 3:3-5, Revelation 5:11-12

See also: Zechariah 12:10

God is therefore a complex unity.

Genesis 1:26: *“Then God said, ‘Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness’”*

Genesis 3:22: *“And the ‘LORD God said, ‘The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil.’”*

John 10: 30, 37-38: *“I and the Father are one. ... Do not believe me unless I do the works of my Father. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.”*

Prophecy

Isaiah 63:8-10: *“He said, ‘Surely they are my people, children who will be true to me’; and so **he became their Savior.** In all their distress he too was distressed, and **the angel of his presence** saved them.¹ In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. Yet they rebelled and grieved **his Holy Spirit.**”*

Deuteronomy 6:4: *“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”*

See also: Gen. 1:1-2, Isa. 6:8, 48:16

Fulfillment

Matthew 28:19: *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”*

See also: John 1:1-18, 5:15-23, 14:8-11, 1 Corinthians 8:6, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Revelation 5:13, 21:22-23, 22:1

¹ We can see this unity between God and the redeeming angel also in the blessing of Jacob to Ephraim and Manasseh in Gen. 48:15-16: “...God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, The God who has fed me all my life long to this day, **The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil,** Bless the lads; Let my name be named upon them, And the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; And let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.”

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**The Messiah will come and be put to death
before the destruction of the second temple**

Daniel 9:25-26: *“Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens’, and sixty-two ‘sevens’. It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. After the sixty-two ‘sevens’, the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing.¹ The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.² The end will come like a flood: war will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.”*

¹ or “will have no one” or “no one will be for him” compare Isaiah 53:3

² It is a known fact that Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed in 70 CE.

Luke 3:1-2, 23: *“In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar¹ — when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Tracōnitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene — during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ... Now Yeshua himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry²...”*

¹ This is most likely the year 27-28.

² Yeshua’s ministry started not long after that of John the Baptist. Since he was born around 4 BCE (Mat. 2:1) and since the year “0” does not exist, Yeshua was indeed around 30 years old at that time. Yeshua was crucified about three years later in the year 30CE

Prophecy

Fulfillment

God will bring the Messiah out of Egypt

Numbers 24:8: “*God brings him out of Egypt...*”¹ (NKJV)

¹ This verse does not refer to the people of Israel but to a victorious king of Israel in the last days – the Messiah. As the one who will be the true Israel, Israel’s glory (Isaiah 49:3), he also will be brought up out of Egypt. See also the note on Numbers 24:7 on page lxxxvi.

Matthew 2:14-15: “*So he (Joseph) got up, took the child (Yeshua) and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: ‘Out of Egypt I called my son.’*”

See also: Hosea 11:1

There is in the scriptures a parallelism between the people of Israel and the Messiah. Both Israel and the Messiah are called God’s firstborn. (Exodus 4:22, Psalm 89:27) God calls the Messiah “the Israel in whom I will be glorified” (Isaiah 49:3, see also below). This is the reason that Matthew quotes from Hosea 11:1, although that passage talks in the first place about the people of Israel. Matthew was probably aware of the prophecy of Numbers 24:8 but quoted from Hosea to describe the Messiah as Israel’s representative and as God’s son.

Prophecy

Fulfillment

The Messiah will be poor, humble and gentle

Isaiah 53:2: *“He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.”*

Isaiah 42:2-3: *“He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice.”*

See also: Zechariah 9:9, Isaiah 53:7

Philippians 2:5-7: *“... have the same mindset as Yeshua the Messiah who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!”*

Matthew 11:28-30: *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

See also: Mat. 2:23, John 1:46, Mark 6:3, 10:45, Lk. 2:7, 9:58

Prophecy

Fulfillment

The spirit of God will rest on the Messiah

Isaiah 11:2: *“The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD.”*

Isaiah 42:1: *“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.”*

Isaiah 48:16: *“Come near me and listen to this: ‘From the first announcement I have not spoken in secret; at the time it happens, I am there.’ And now the Sovereign LORD has sent me, endowed with his Spirit.”*

See also: Isaiah 61:1

John 1:32-34: *“Then John gave this testimony: ‘I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”*

Acts 10:37: *“You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Yeshua of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.”*

See also: Mat. 3:16, Lk. 3:22, 4:16-21

The servant of the LORD in Isaiah 42 is also identified in rabbinical writings as the Messiah of Israel. Rabbi David Kimchi commented on Isaiah 42:1: “Behold my servant – this is the king-Messiah ... I have given my spirit upon him – just as he also said about him ‘and the spirit of the LORD will rest upon him.’” (Isaiah 11:2)

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**The Messiah will begin his ministry in the Galilee
and will be a great light.**

Isaiah 9:1-2: *“Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan— The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.”*

Matthew 4:12-14: *“When Yeshua heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah...”*

See also: Mark 1:14, 39, Matthew 4:23-24, 9:1, John 2:11

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**The Messiah will proclaim
the good news of the kingdom of God.**

Isaiah 52:7: *“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’”* (NKJV)

Isaiah 61:1-3: *“The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion — to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair...”*

Mark 1:14-15, 38: *“After John was put in prison, Yeshua went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ‘The time has come,’ he said. ‘The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!’ ... (Yeshua said), ‘Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.’”*

Matthew 4:23: *“Yeshua went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.”*

See also: Luke 4:17-21, Matthew 5:1-10

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**The Messiah will be a prophet like Moses
(humble, performing miracles and knowing God face to face).**

Deuteronomy 18:17-19:

“The LORD said to me: ‘What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name.’”

Deuteronomy 34:10-12:

“Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.”

John 6:14: *“After the people saw the sign Yeshua performed, they began to say, ‘Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.’”*

Acts 3:19-20, 22-23: *“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Yeshua. ... For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.’”*

See also: Luke 7:16, John 7:40, Acts 7:37, Hebrew 1:1-2, 3:1-2

Deuteronomy 34:10-12 says “*Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses*” and indeed, in the entire Tenakh we cannot find such a mediator between God and man. The only real candidate to be the prophet “like Moses” is the servant of the LORD which we find in the second part of the book of Isaiah. See also: Numbers 12:3, Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-2, 50:4-5 and 52:13.

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**When the Messiah comes,
the blind, deaf, and lame will be healed.**

Isaiah 35:5-6: “*Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.*”¹

¹ The Messiah already clearly left the fingerprints of this prophecy behind at his first coming, but this prophecy will be completely fulfilled at his second coming.

Matthew 11:4-6: “*Yeshua replied, ‘Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.’*”

See also: Matthew 4:23-24, 8:1-17, 9:1-8, 18-38, 12:15, 22-23, 14:13-36, 15:30-39, 19:2, 20:29-34, Mark 1:33-34, Luke 7:11-15, John 5:1-14, 11:1-45

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**The Messiah will be the Israel
in whom God will display his splendor.**

Isaiah 48:16, 49:1-3: *“Come near me and listen to this: from the first announcement I have not spoken in secret; at the time it happens, I am there. And now the Sovereign LORD has sent me, endowed with his Spirit... Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother’s womb he has spoken my name. He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel¹, in whom I will display my splendor.’”*

Luke 2:30-32: *“For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”*

¹ or better, according to the emphasis in the Hebrew: “the Israel in whom I will display my splendor”

Targum Jonathan translates Isaiah 52:13 as “Behold my servant the Messiah will succeed, and so identifies this servant, which also appears in Isaiah 42:1-9; 49:1-13; 50:4-11 and Isaiah 52:14-53:12, as the Messiah. But Isaiah himself also identifies this servant as the promised son of David as he describes the covenant that God will give through this servant (Isaiah 42:6, 49:8) as the fulfillment of God’s promises to David (Isaiah 54:4). In Isaiah 48 we see Israel’s failure to listen to God’s voice (see especially verse 8), but in the midst of this, against the background of Israel’s failure to be God’s servant, appears the Messiah himself and says: “But now the sovereign LORD has sent me, endowed with his Spirit.” (Isaiah 48:16)

Isaiah 49:3 describes the Messiah as the true Israel in which God will display his splendor. He appears as the true servant of the LORD, as the representative of Israel that fulfills Israel’s calling when Israel fails to do so.

We should not mistakenly think that this means God cancels his election of Israel; on the contrary, through this true servant God will bring Israel to the glory he always had in mind for them.

Prophecy

Fulfillment

The first task of the Messiah will be to bring Israel back to God.

Isaiah 49:5: *“And now the LORD says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him...”*

Matthew 15:24: *“He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.’”* (Yeshua sent his apostles to the gentiles only after his resurrection. see Mat. 28:19.)

See also: Mat. 10:5-6, Mark 1:14, Acts 3:26, Rom.1:16

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**But Israel will not let itself be gathered
(at the Messiah's first coming).**

Isaiah 49:4-5: *"But I said, 'I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God.' And now the LORD says, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him, but Israel would not be gathered..."*¹
(Translation BSI)

John 1:11: *"He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him"*

Matthew 23:37: *"(Yeshua said) 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.'"*

¹ This translation follows the text as it is written (the so called Ketib), which in this case is most likely the original reading.

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**Even though the Messiah is initially rejected by his people,
he will still be a light to the gentiles
and God's salvation for every human being.**

Isaiah 49:5-6: *"...yet I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—he says: 'It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will give you as a light to the gentiles, to be my salvation to the ends of the earth.'"*
(Translation BSI)

Psalm 118:22: *"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;"*

See also: Isaiah 49:7

Acts 4:8-12: *"Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them (the members of the Sanhedrin): 'Rulers and elders of the people! ... Yeshua the Messiah of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead ...is the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone. Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.'"*

See also: Matthew 11:20-21, Luke 19:41-42, John 12:37-40

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**The Messiah will enter Jerusalem as a king,
riding on a donkey.**

Zechariah 9:9: *“Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”*

See also: Genesis 49:11, Psalm 118:25-26

Mark 11:7-10: *“When they brought the colt to Yeshua and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, ‘Hosanna!’ ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ‘Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!’ ‘Hosanna in the highest heaven!’”*

See also: Matthew 21:1-11, Luke 19:29-40, John 12:12-15

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**Just like David, the Messiah is betrayed
by a close companion.**

Psalm 41:9: *“Even my close friend, someone I trusted, one who shared my bread, has turned against me.”*

John 13:19,21, 25-26: *“I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill this passage of Scripture: ‘He who shared my bread has turned against me.’... After he had said this, Yeshua was troubled in spirit and testified, ‘Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me.’ ... (John) asked him, ‘Lord, who is it?’ Yeshua answered, ‘It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.’ Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.”*

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**The Messiah will give himself willingly to suffering and death.
(He will not resist it.)**

Isaiah 50:6: *“I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.”*

Isaiah 53:7: *“He was oppressed and afflicted¹, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.”*

¹ or “it (the punishment, the price for sin) was exacted and he was the one that was afflicted”

See also: Psalm 40:6-9

Matthew 26:42: *“He went away a second time and prayed, ‘My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.’”*

John 10:17-18: *“The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”*

See also: Matthew 26:45-46, 52-54, John 12:27, 18:10-11

Prophecy

Fulfillment

Without a fair trial the Messiah will suffer and be killed, though he is innocent.

Isaiah 53:8-9: *“With no one preventing it and without justice he was taken away; And among his generation who considers that he was cut off from the land of the living for the transgressions of my people? He was stricken for them. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and was with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.”*
(translation BSI)

Mark 15:13-15: *“Crucify him!’ they shouted. ‘Why? What crime has he committed?’ asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, ‘Crucify him!’ Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Yeshua flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.”*

The Messiah will be pierced (crucified)

Isaiah 53:5: *“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”*

John 19:17-18: *“Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him...”*

Prophecy**Fulfillment**

Psalm 22:16: *“Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce¹ my hands and my feet.”*

Zechariah 12:10: *“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.”*

John 19:33-34, 36-37: *“...when they came to Yeshua and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Yeshua’ side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water... These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken,” and, as another scripture says, “They will look on the one they have pierced.”*

¹ There is an old debate whether the text says “like a lion” or “they pierce” (a difference of one letter in the Hebrew). The text of Psalm 22:16 found among the Dead Sea Scrolls settles this debate and shows the reading “they pierce” is the right one. This reading is also confirmed by some manuscripts of the Masoretic Text, the Septuagint and The Syriac (an old translation into Aramaic). Also the notes in the Masoretic text on Isaiah 38:13 (the so-called masora) tell us that the word in Psalm 22:16 does not mean “like a lion.”

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**As Israel suffered (in the Babylonian captivity)
so the Messiah will suffer likewise, and even more so.**

Isaiah 52:14: *“Just as many were astonished at you¹ (Israel)— so was his appearance marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind” (Translation BSI)*

Psalms 22:6, 11-15: *“But I am a worm and not a man ... Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against me. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me. My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.”*

Matthew 27:45-46: *“From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Yeshua cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”)*

¹ This refers to the nations’ astonishment over the judgment that befell Israel in the Babylonian captivity (compare 1 Kings 9:8-9).

Prophecy

Fulfillment

Lots will be cast for the Messiah's clothing.

Psalm 22:18: *“They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.”*

John 19:23-24: *“When the soldiers crucified Yeshua, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. ‘Let’s not tear it,’ they said to one another. ‘Let’s decide by lot who will get it.’ This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, ‘They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.’ So this is what the soldiers did.”*

See also: Matthew 27:35, Mark 15:24, Luke 23:34

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**In his suffering
the Messiah will be despised and shunned.**

Psalm 22:6-8: *“But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. “He trusts in the LORD,” they say, “let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”*

Isaiah 53:3: *“He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.”*

Matthew 27:39-43: *“Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, ‘You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!’ In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ‘He saved others,’ they said, ‘but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”*

See also: Matthew 27:46-49, Mark 15:29-36, Luke 23:35-36

Prophecy

Fulfillment

The Messiah will be numbered with the transgressors.

Isaiah 53:12: “...And he was numbered with the transgressors...”

Luke 22:37: “(Yeshua said:) it is written: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors’; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment.”

Luke 23:33: “When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.”

Gall and vinegar will be given to the Messiah.

Psalm 69:21: “They also gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.”(NKJV)

See also: Psalm 22:15 (the Messiah’s thirst)

Matthew 27:34, 48: “There they offered Yeshua wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. ... one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with winevinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Yeshua to drink.”

Prophecy

Fulfillment

As the true Passover lamb and the true righteous one, the bones of the Messiah will not be broken.

Exodus 12:43, 46: “The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “These are the regulations for the Passover meal: ... Do not break any of the bones.” (See also: Numbers 9:12)

Psalm 34:20: “He protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.”

John 19:33, 36: “But when they came to Yeshua and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs ... These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: ‘Not one of his bones will be broken,’”

The suffering and death of the Messiah will be atonement for the sins of Israel and for those of the entire world. His suffering and death are according to God’s plan and will.

Isaiah 53:5-6: “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

1 John 2:1-2: “we have an advocate with the Father—Yeshua the Messiah, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”

Prophecy

Isaiah 53:12: “... He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”

Isaiah 53:10: “Yet it was the LORD’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer..”

Zechariah 13:7: “Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is my companion,’ Says the LORD of hosts.” (NKJV)

See also: Psalm 22

Fulfillment

Romans 3:25: “God presented the Messiah as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.”

1 John 1:7: “...the blood of Yeshua, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

See also: Matthew 20:28, Mark 10:45, Acts 2:23, 1 John 4:10

Prophecy

Fulfillment

Redemption, atonement and forgiveness can only be obtained through the shedding of the blood of sacrifice.

Leviticus 17:11: *“For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life.”*

Hebrews 9:22: *“In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.”*

See also: Gen. 4:4, 8:20-21, 22:8, 13-14, Ex. 12:21-23, 29:1-21, Ex. 35-46, Lev. 1-8, 16, Num. 7, 15:22-29, 2 Sam. 24:18-25, 1 Chr. 21:18-22:1

God will provide the Messiah as a sacrifice in our place on the mountain of the LORD (in Jerusalem).

Genesis 22:13-14: *“Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The LORD will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”*

John 3:16: *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

Romans 8:32: *“He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”*

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**The sacrifice of the Messiah fulfills (once and for all)
the sacrifices according to the law.**

Psalm 40:6-8: *“In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but ears you have dug for me. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.’” (ESV)*

Isaiah 53:10: *“When his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring¹” (ESV)*

¹ The Messiah's offspring or seed are “the many” that he will justify by his sacrifice. (See Isaiah 53:11)

Hebrews 10:8-10: *“First he said ‘Sacrifices and offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them’ - though they were offered in accordance with the law. Then he said, ‘Here I am, I have come to do your will.’ He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”*

John 1:29: *“The next day John (the Baptist) saw Yeshua coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’”*

1 Corinthians 5:7: *“...For Messiah, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.”*

See also: Matthew 27:50-51, Mark 15:37-38, Hebrews chapter 9-10

Prophecy

Fulfillment

The generation of the Messiah will not recognize that His death is atonement for His people.

Isaiah 53:8: *“And among his generation who will consider that he was cut off from the land of the living for the transgressions of my people? He was stricken for them.”*
(translation BSI)

Acts 13:26-30,38: *“Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead ... Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you...”*
(ESV)

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**The body of the Messiah will not see decay,
because he will rise from the death.**

Psalm 16:10: *“Because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your holy one see decay.”*

Psalm 22:11,15, 22-24: *“Be not far from me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help... You have brought me to the dust of death ... You have answered me. I will declare your name to my brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify him, and fear him, all you offspring of Israel! For he has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted...” (NKJV)*

Acts 2:23-32: *“This man (Yeshua) was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: ‘... my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.”*

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Isaiah 49:8: *“This is what the LORD says (to his servant): ‘In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you, I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people...”*

Isaiah 53:10-11: *“He will prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. After he has suffered, he will see the light of life¹ and be satisfied”*

Psalms 21:4-6: *“He asked life of you; you gave it to him, length of days forever and ever. His glory is great through your salvation; splendor and majesty you bestow on him. For you make him most blessed for ever²; you make him glad with the joy of your presence.”(ESV)*

Fulfillment

“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Yeshua to life, and we are all witnesses of it.”

See also: Matthew 28, Mark 16:1-14, Luke 24, John 20, Acts 1:3, 3:13-14, 4:10-11, 10:39-40, 13:33-37, 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

¹ This translation follows the Isaiah scroll of Qumran which has the word “light” after “he will see.” This reading is confirmed by the Septuagint which also has “he will see the light.” (“of life” is added to help understand the Hebrew expression “to see the light.” Compare Ps. 36:9; 49:19.)

² or “make him a source of blessing forever”

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**The Messiah will succeed through suffering,
and will see the fruit of his labor.**

Isaiah 52:13: *“See, my servant will prosper...”*

Isaiah 53:10-12: *“When his soul makes an offering for guilt, he will see his offspring; he will prolong his days; and shall the will of the LORD prosper in his hand. After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, justify many and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the many and he will divide the spoils with numerous people.¹”*
(Translation BSI)

Luke 24:26: *“(Yeshua said) ‘Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?’”*

Romans 3:23-24: *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Messiah Yeshua.”*

See also: 1 Peter 1:10-11, revelation 5:9-10, 7:9-10

¹The meaning of the prophecy here is that numerous people, those justified by the servant, his “offspring”, will share in his victory and the reward God gives him.

Because of the sacrifice and resurrection of the Messiah many gentiles from all nations will be cleansed and turn to God.

Isaiah 52:15: “so he will sprinkle¹ many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.”²”

Psalms 22:27: “All the ends of the earth will remember³ and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him.”

Isaiah 11:10: “In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.”

John 12:32-33: “(Yeshua said:) ‘And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.”

Acts 11:18: “they praised God, saying, ‘So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.’”

See also: Acts 14:27, 21:19, Romans 15:8-19, Revelation 7:9-10

¹ The Hebrew word used here refers to the sprinkling of the blood of the sacrifice in the tabernacle by the high priest (see Lev. 16:14). The meaning here is that through his sacrifice the Messiah will cleanse many gentiles.

² The “sprinkled” gentiles will understand the message of the prophecy that the servant of the LORD will bring great salvation through suffering and death, although this prophecy initially was not given to them.

³ This refers to Messiah’s sufferings and God’s amazing deliverance of him from death, which are described in the preceding verses of the psalm.

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Fulfillment

**Who would believe that a suffering Messiah would be
God's arm for salvation?**

Isaiah 53:1-2, 4: *“Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him ... we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.”*

See also: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 in its entirety.

1 Corinthians 1:23-24: *“But we preach Messiah crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Messiah the power of God and the wisdom of God.”*

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**The Messiah will ascend into the heavens
and sit at the right hand of God.**

Isaiah 52:13: *“See, my servant will prosper; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.”*

Psalm 110:1: *“Of David. A psalm. The LORD says to my lord: ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.’”*

See also: Psalm 68:18

Luke 24:51: *“While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.”*

Philippians 2:9-11: *“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Yeshua every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Yeshua the Messiah is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

Hebrews 1:3: *“... After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”*

See also: Matthew 28:18, Acts 1:9-10, 2:33-36, 7:55-56, Romans 8:34

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**The Messiah will sit at the right hand of God
as king and as an eternal high priest.**

Psalm 110:4: *“The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”*

Zechariah 6:11-13: *“Take from them silver and gold, and make a crown, and set it on the head of Joshua¹, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest. And say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Behold, the man whose name is the Branch²: for he shall branch out from his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD. It is he who shall build the temple of the LORD and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule on his throne. And he shall be a priest on his throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.’” (Translation BSI, minor variation of ESV).*

Hebrews 7:26-27: *“Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.”*

¹ In this symbolic act Joshua the high priest becomes a picture of the Messiah.

² The Branch is a name of the Messiah. Compare e.g. Jeremiah 23:5.

³ Between the LORD and the Branch, comp. Zech. 13:7, Ps. 110:1

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**The Messiah is the priest, the sacrifice
and the mediator of the new covenant**

Isaiah 42:6: *“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles.”*

Jeremiah 30:21-22: *“And there will be their (Israel’s) mighty one from them, and their ruler will come out of their midst and I will make him come near and he will approach me¹. For who is this who pledged his heart to approach me?” says the LORD, ‘and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.’”*
(Translation BSI)

Luke 22:19-20: *“And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.’”*

Hebrews 7:21-22: *“He (Yeshua) became a priest with an oath when God said to him: ‘The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: ‘You are a priest forever.’ Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant.”*

¹ The verbs “to draw near” and “to approach” in connection with God, refer to the exclusive right of the priests to approach God. (compare Exodus 19:22; 30:20, Leviticus 21:21-23, Ezekiel 44:13)

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Jeremiah 31:30-32: *“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”*

Isaiah 55:3: *“Incline your ear, and come to me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you: The sure mercies of David.”*¹ (NKJV)

Hebrews 9:15: *“For this reason Messiah is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.”*

See also: Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Romans 8:3-5, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25, 2 Corinthians 3:6-11, Hebrews 8, 10:15-18

¹“The sure mercies of David” or “the mercies promised to David which can be trusted” are the promise that the Messiah would come from the seed of David. (See Psalm 89:24-29; 33-37)

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Fulfillment

**The Messiah will be the cornerstone
and builder of God's temple**

Isaiah 28:16: *“So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: ‘See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic.’”*

Psalms 118:22: *“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;”*

Zechariah 6:12,13: *“...This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the LORD. It is he who will build the temple of the LORD’...”*

See also: Zech. 3:8-9, 1 Chron. 17:12

Ephesians 2:19 -22: *“you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Messiah Yeshua himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”*

1 Peter 2:4-5: *“As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Yeshua the Messiah.”*

¹This prophecy was given at the time that Zerubbabel was actually building the temple. It says therefore that although Zerubbabel is building the temple now, the Messiah will build the true temple. It points beyond the temple that was built to the future reality the temple stands for: that God will dwell among his people forever. See also: Revelation 21:3, 22

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The day will come when the Messiah will reveal Himself to Israel and redeem and save them.

Jeremiah 23:6: *“In his days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is his name by which he will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”* (NKJV)

Zechariah 12:10, 13:1: *“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son ... On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.”*

Romans 11:11-12, 15, 25-27: *“Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery?” Not at all Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring! For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written: “The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins.”*

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Hosea 3:5: *“Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.”*

Isaiah 53:4-5: *“Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”¹*

Isaiah 59:20: *“The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,”² declares the LORD.”*

See also: Eze. 37:14, 23-28, 39:29

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Acts 3:18-21: *“God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Yeshua. Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.”*

Matthew 23:39: *“For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name’”*

See also: 2 Corinthians 2:15-16

¹ Isaiah 53 gives us the words of Israel’s confession at the time of their future repentance and recognition of the Messiah.

² Septuagint: “and he will turn sin away from Jacob.” This might be more original.

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Fulfillment

**The Messiah will be Israel's most high king
who will be victorious over all his enemies.**

Numbers 24:7-9: *“his king shall be higher than Gog¹, and his kingdom shall be exalted. God brings him out of Egypt and is for him like the horns of the wild ox; he shall eat up the nations, his adversaries, and shall break their bones in pieces and pierce them through with his arrows. He crouched, he lay down like a lion and like a lioness; who will rouse him up? Blessed are those who bless you, and cursed are those who curse you.”* (translation BSI, minor variation of ESV)

¹ This translation follows here, Qumran, the Samaritan Pentateuch, the Septuagint, the later Jewish translations into Greek and the Old Latin translation (the *Vetus Latina*). They all have “Gog” instead of “Agag,” “Gog,” which is thus probably the most original reading. Gog is the leader of the peoples that come to war against Israel in the last days (Ezekiel 38:2, 17).”

Revelation 19:11-16: *“I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron scepter. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”*

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Isaiah 63:1-4: *“Who is this coming from Edom, from Bozrah, with his garments stained crimson? Who is this, robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of his strength? ‘It is I, proclaiming victory, mighty to save.’ ‘Why are your garments red, like those of one treading the winepress?’ ‘I have trodden the winepress alone; from the nations no one was with me. I trampled them in my anger and trod them down in my wrath; their blood splattered my garments, and I stained all my clothing. It was for me the day of vengeance; the year for me to redeem had come.*”

Psalms 110:5-6: *“The Lord is at your right hand (of the Messiah); he will crush kings on the day of his wrath. He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.”*

See also: Numbers 24:14-19, Psalm 2, 21:8-9, Zechariah 12, 14

Fulfillment

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Prophecy

Fulfillment

The Messiah will return on the clouds of heaven.

Daniel 7:13-14: *“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him...”*

Matthew 26:64: *“...Yeshua replied. ”But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”*

Acts 1:9-11: *“After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ‘Men of Galilee,’ they said, ‘why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Yeshua, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”*

See also: Matt. 24:30, Mark 8:38, 14:62, Lk. 23:69, 1 Thess. 4:15-17

Prophecy

Fulfillment

The Messiah's kingdom will be worldwide and everlasting.

Daniel 7:14: *“He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”*

Isaiah 9:7: *“Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.”*

See also: Micah 4:7, 5:4, Psalm 2:8, 45:6, 72:8-11, 89:24-29, Zechariah 9:10

Luke 1:33: *“And he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”*

Revelation 11:15: *“The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:”The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”*

Prophecy

Fulfillment

Through the Messiah God will judge the entire world with righteous judgment.

1 Samuel 2:10: *“...the LORD will judge the ends of the earth. He will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.”*

Isaiah 11:3-5: *“and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.”*

See also: Isaiah 2:4, Jeremiah 23:5, Psalm 2:8-12, 96:13, 98:9

Acts 17:31: *“For he (God) has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”*

John 5:27-29: *“And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.”*

See also: matthew 25:31-46, Acts 10:42, Romans 2:16, 2 Timothy 4:1

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**The Messiah will bring true peace
(personal and worldwide)**

Isaiah 53:5: *“...the punishment that brought us peace was on him.”*

Micah 5:4: *“And he will be our peace.”*

Isaiah 9:6-7: *“...And he will be called ... Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end...”*

Isaiah 11:6-9: *“The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra’s den, the young child will put its hand into the viper’s nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.”*

Luke 2:13-14: *“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.’”*

John 14:27: *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

See also: Luke 19:38, John 16:33, Acts 10:36, Romans 5:1, Ephesians 2:15, 17, Philippians 4:7, Colossians 1:20

See also: Isaiah 2:1-4, Isaiah 65:25, Zechariah 3:10, 9:10, Psalm 72

Prophecy

Fulfillment

**Through the Messiah will God establish His kingdom
and will He dwell in Zion in the midst of His people**

Jeremiah 23:6: *"In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS"*

Zephaniah 3:14-17: *"Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."*

Revelation 21:1-4, 22-27, 22:3-5: *"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'"*

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Zechariah 2:10-12: *“Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you,” declares the LORD. ‘Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. The LORD will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem.’”*

See also: Isaiah 60:1, 19-20, Ezekiel 37:24-28, 48:35

Fulfillment

Revelation 21: 22-27, 22:3-5: *“I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life. ... No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign forever and ever.”*

Selected Passages from Isaiah

Isaiah 40:1-11

1 Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.

2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her

that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

3 A voice of one calling in the wilderness:
"prepare the way for the LORD;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.

5 And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

6 A voice says, "Cry out."

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are like grass,

and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

7 The grass withers and the flowers fall,

because the breath of the LORD blows on them."

"Surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers and the flowers fall,

but the word of our God endures forever."

9 Zion, bringer of good news,

go up on a high mountain.

Jerusalem, bringer of good

lift up your voice with a shout,

lift it up, do not be afraid;

say to the towns of Judah,

"Here is your God!"

10 See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power,
and he rules with a mighty arm.¹

See, his reward is with him,
and his recompense accompanies him.

11 He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have young.

¹ God's arm is revealed in the servant of the LORD. He is God's saving power. See Isaiah 53:1

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (translation by BSI)

- 13 Behold, my servant shall prosper;¹
he shall be high and lifted up, and highly exalted.
- 14 Just as many were astonished at you²
so was his appearance marred,
even beyond human semblance,³
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind.
- 15 This way he shall sprinkle⁴ many gentiles;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
- 16 for that which has not been told to them they will see,
and that which they have not heard will they
understand.

¹Targum Jonathan renders this sentence as: “Behold my servant the Messiah will succeed”

²“at you Israel”; this refers to the nations’ astonishment over the judgment that befell Israel in the Babylonian captivity (compare 1 Kings 9:8-9). Just as they were shocked about this judgment so shocking will the suffering of the servant be.

³Compare Psalm 22:6: “I am a worm and not a man”

⁴The Hebrew word used here refers to the sprinkling of the blood of the sacrifice in the tabernacle by the high priest (see Leviticus 16:14). The meaning here is that through his sacrifice the Messiah will cleanse many gentiles.

- 1 Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
- 3 He was despised and forsaken by men;
a man of sufferings, and acquainted with pain¹
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

¹ In the Hebrew we have here the word “sickness.” This word however does not only refer to sickness in a strict medical sense. The word can also refer to the result of a severe beating or to being severely wounded as is the case here (see Jeremiah 10:19, Isaiah 1:5-6.) The servant is beaten for Israel, He takes over Israel’s punishment. See Isaiah 1:5-6.

- 4 Surely he took up our pain¹
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.
- 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
- 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
But the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

¹ see note on verse 3, the servant is beaten for Israel, he takes Israel's punishment. See Isaiah 1:5-6.

7 The punishment¹ was exacted,
and he was the one that was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a he lamb he was led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers,
so he opened not his mouth.

8 With no one preventing² it and without justice
he was taken away
And among his generation who considered
that he was cut off from the land of the living
for the transgressions of my people?
He was stricken for them.³

9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and was with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.”

¹ Literally: “it was exacted”. “It” refers back to the punishment mentioned in verse 5

² Literally: “without restraint” or “without holding back”

³ The Masoretic text reads: “the plague was for them”; this translation follows the Isaiah scroll from Qumran which reads: “He was stricken for them.” The meaning is the same.

- 10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has caused him to suffer;¹
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring²; he shall prolong his days;
and the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
- 11 After he has suffered, he will see the light of life³
and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one,
my servant, justify many
and he shall bear their iniquities.
- 12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the many
and he will divide the spoils with numerous people.⁴
Because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

¹ Hebrew literally: “made him sick”, see also note on verses 3 and 4

² The many people justified by him

³ This translation follows the Isaiah scroll of Qumran which has the word “light” after “he will see”. This reading is confirmed by the Septuagint which also reads “he will see the light.” (“of life” is added to help the reader understand the Hebrew expression “to see the light”. Compare Psalm 36:9; 49:19).

⁴ The meaning of the prophecy here is that numerous people, those justified by the servant, his “offspring” will share in his victory and the reward God gives him.

Isaiah 54

- 1 “Sing, barren woman, you who never bore a child;
burst into song, shout for joy,
you who were never in labor;
because more are the children of the desolate woman
than of her who has a husband,”
says the LORD.
- 2 “Enlarge the place of your tent,
stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back;
lengthen your cords,
strengthen your stakes.
- 3 For you will spread out to the right and to the left;
your descendants¹ will dispossess nations
and settle in their desolate cities.
- 4 “Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame.
Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated.
You will forget the shame of your youth
and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood.

¹ This is the same Hebrew word as in 53:10. The children of this renewed Jerusalem are the many people who have been justified by the servant of the LORD (53:11).

- 5 For your Maker is your husband—
the LORD Almighty is his name—
the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer;
he is called the God of all the earth.
- 6 The LORD will call you back
as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit—
a wife who married young, only to be rejected,”
says your God.
- 7 “For a brief moment I abandoned you,
but with deep compassion I will bring you back.
- 8 In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment,
but with everlasting kindness
I will have compassion on you,”
says the LORD your Redeemer.
- 9 “To me this is like the days of Noah,
when I swore that the waters of Noah would never
again cover the earth.
So now I have sworn not to be angry with you,
never to rebuke you again.
- 10 Though the mountains be shaken
and the hills be removed,
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken
nor my covenant of peace be removed,”
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

1 “Afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted,
I will rebuild you with stones of turquoise,
your foundations with lapis lazuli.

12 I will make your battlements of rubies,
your gates of sparkling jewels,
and all your walls of precious stones.

13 All your children will be taught by the LORD,
and great will be their peace.

14 In righteousness you will be established:

Tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear.
Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you.

15 If anyone does attack you, it will not be my doing;
whoever attacks you will surrender to you.

16 “See, it is I who created the blacksmith
who fans the coals into flame
and forges a weapon fit for its work.
And it is I who have created the destroyer to wreak havoc;

17 no weapon forged against you will prevail,
and you will refute every tongue that accuses you.

This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD,
and this is their vindication¹ from me,” declares the LORD.

¹ Literally: their righteousness is from me. Compare Isaiah 53:11

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