

## Messianic Prophecies Fulfilled

### The Messiah will be the seed of a woman.

- [Genesis 3:15 HCSB](#) I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.
- [Luke 1:35 HCSB](#) The angel replied to her: The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the holy One to be born will be called the Son of God.
- [Matthew 1:18-20 HCSB](#) The birth of Jesus Christ came about this way: After His mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, it was discovered before they came together that she was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. (19) So her husband Joseph, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her publicly, decided to divorce her secretly. (20) But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit.
- [Galatians 4:4 HCSB](#) But when the completion of the time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
- [Revelation 12:5 HCSB](#) But she gave birth to a Son--a male who is going to shepherd all nations with an iron scepter--and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

### The Messiah will suffer, will have his “heel” struck, but will deal a crushing defeat, will “strike the head” of Satan.

- [Genesis 3:15 HCSB](#) I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.

**Note:** The word "bruise" in Genesis 3:15 is from the Hebrew *shuwph*, which means "to crush". To "crush" the head is a fatal blow. If a man steps on a snake's *head*, it will be irreversibly crushed—thus the imagery points to the serpent's wound as being fatal. On the other hand a crushed heel may be nursed back to health.

By the way, the King James Version's translation is in error here. At this point the KJV's translators ignored the third person masculine, singular pronoun found in the text and instead of translating the pronoun "he," they mistranslated the pronoun as "it." But the grammar clearly indicates "he." The KJV wrongly says, "*It shall bruise thy head*" where the Hebrew says, "*He will bruise thy head.*"

- [Hebrews 2:14 HCSB](#) Now since the children have flesh and blood in common, He also shared in these, so that through His death He might destroy the one holding the power of death--that is, the Devil--
- [1 John 3:8-10 HCSB](#) The one who commits sin is of the Devil, for the Devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose: to destroy the Devil's works. (9) Everyone who has been born of God does not sin, because His seed remains in him; he is not able to sin, because he has been born of God. (10) This is how God's children--and the Devil's children--are made evident. Whoever does not do what is right is not of God, especially the one who does not love his brother.

### His bodily ascension to heaven is foreshadowed in the way that righteous Enoch was taken up into heaven.

- [Genesis 5:24 HCSB](#) Enoch walked with God, and he was not there, because God took him.
- [Luke 24:51 HCSB](#) And while He was blessing them, He left them and was carried up into heaven.

- [Acts 1:9 HCSB](#) After He had said this, He was taken up as they were watching, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

### He will be a descendent of Abraham.

- [Genesis 12:3 HCSB](#) I will bless those who bless you, I will curse those who treat you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you.
- [Matthew 1:1 HCSB](#) The historical record of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:
- [Luke 3:34 HCSB](#) *son of Jacob, son of Isaac, son of Abraham, son of Terah, son of Nahor,*

### As Abraham's seed He will bless all the nations.

- [Genesis 12:3 HCSB](#) I will bless those who bless you, I will curse those who treat you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you.
- [Genesis 18:18 HCSB](#) Abraham is to become a great and powerful nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him.
- [Matthew 8:5, 10 HCSB](#) When He entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him... (10) Hearing this, Jesus was amazed and said to those following Him, "**I assure you: I have not found anyone in Israel with so great a faith!**"

**Note:** Even during His lifetime, Jesus was already reaching out to Goyim. Here we see Him loving, serving and affirming an Italian military officer.

- [Acts 3:25-26 HCSB](#) You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your forefathers, saying to Abraham, **And in your seed all the families of the earth will be blessed.** (26) God raised up His Servant and sent Him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your evil ways."
- [Galatians 3:8-9 HCSB](#) Now the Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith and foretold the good news to Abraham, saying, **All the nations will be blessed in you.** (9) So those who have faith are blessed with Abraham, who had faith.
- [Galatians 3:14-16 HCSB](#) The purpose was that the blessing of Abraham would come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, so that we could receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. (15) Brothers, I'm using a human illustration. No one sets aside even a human covenant that has been ratified, or makes additions to it. (16) Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say "and to seeds," as though referring to many, but **and to your seed**, referring to one, who is Christ.
- [Galatians 3:29 HCSB](#) And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to the promise.

### The promise of the land of Israel is made to Abraham's seed, singular.

- [Genesis 12:7 HCSB](#) But the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your offspring." So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.
- [Galatians 3:16 HCSB](#) Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say "and to seeds," as though referring to many, but **and to your seed**, referring to one, who is Christ.
- [Revelation 21:10 HCSB](#) He then carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
- [Revelation 22:3 HCSB](#) and there will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him.

- **Zechariah 14:16-19 HCSB** Then all the survivors from the nations that came against Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of Hosts, and to celebrate the Festival of Booths. (17) Should any of the families of the earth not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of Hosts, rain will not fall on them. (18) And if the people of Egypt will not go up and enter, then rain will not fall on them; this will be the plague the LORD inflicts on the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Festival of Booths. (19) This will be the punishment of Egypt and all the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Festival of Booths.

**Note:** God's capital city will descend from heaven and occupy the place presently inhabited by ancient Jerusalem. There His King will sit on the throne. There will still be sovereign nations throughout the world, so there will be a national, governmental difference between Israel and the other nations. Nevertheless, Israel and Israel's King will be the dominant force on the planet. Abraham's Seed will take primary possession of the Canaanite territories. This is why Nehemiah said,

- **Nehemiah 2:20 HCSB** I gave them this reply, "The God of heaven is the One who will grant us success. We, His servants, will start building, but you have no share, right, or historic claim in Jerusalem."

**He will be a priest in the same way, in the same line, of the same nature as Melchizedek.**

- **Genesis 14:18-20 HCSB** Then Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine; he was a priest to God Most High. (19) He blessed him and said: Abram is blessed by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, (20) and give praise to God Most High who has handed over your enemies to you. And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.
- **Psalms 110:1-6 HCSB** A Davidic psalm. The LORD declared to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies Your footstool." (2) The LORD will extend Your mighty scepter from Zion. Rule over Your surrounding enemies. (3) Your people will volunteer on Your day of battle. In holy splendor, from the womb of the dawn, the dew of Your youth belongs to You. (4) The LORD has sworn an oath and will not take it back: "Forever, You are a priest like Melchizedek." (5) The Lord is at Your right hand; He will crush kings on the day of His anger. (6) He will judge the nations, heaping up corpses; He will crush leaders over the entire world.
- **Hebrews 2:16-17 HCSB** For it is clear that He does not reach out to help angels, but to help Abraham's offspring. (17) Therefore He had to be like His brothers in every way, so that He could become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
- **Hebrews 6:20 HCSB** Jesus has entered there on our behalf as a forerunner, because He has become a "high priest forever in the order of Melchizedek."
- **Hebrews 7:1-3 HCSB** For this Melchizedek--King of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham and blessed him as he returned from defeating the kings, (2) and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything; first, his name means "king of righteousness," then also, "king of Salem," meaning "king of peace"; (3) without father, mother, or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God--remains a priest forever.

**Since He will be like Melchizedek, He will not only be a high priest but He will also be a King.**

- [Genesis 14:18 HCSB](#) Then Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine; he was a priest to God Most High.
- [Hebrews 7:1-2 HCSB](#) For this Melchizedek--King of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham and blessed him as he returned from defeating the kings, (2) and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything; first, his name means "king of righteousness," then also, "king of Salem," meaning "king of peace";

**In Melchizedek's encounter with Abram we also see the Last Supper foreshadowed.**

- [Genesis 14:18 HCSB](#) Then Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine; he was a priest to God Most High.
- [Matthew 26:26-29 HCSB](#) As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take and eat it; this is My body." (27) Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks, He gave it to them and said, "Drink from it, all of you. (28) For this is My blood that establishes the covenant; it is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins. (29) But I tell you, from this moment I will not drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it in a new way in My Father's kingdom with you."

**He will also be the Seed of Isaac.**

- [Genesis 17:19 HCSB](#) But God said, "No. Your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will name him Isaac. I will confirm My covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him.
- [Matthew 1:2 HCSB](#) Abraham fathered Isaac, Isaac fathered Jacob, Jacob fathered Judah and his brothers,
- [Romans 9:7 HCSB](#) Neither are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants. On the contrary, **in Isaac your seed will be called.**

**He is the promised Lamb of God Who is the sin offering for the entire world.**

- [Genesis 22:8 HCSB](#) Abraham answered, "God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." Then the two of them walked on together.

**Note:** The description of the burnt offering is found in Leviticus 1:1-17. A burnt offering was made for the atonement of sin (Leviticus 1:4). The offering was according to wealth. If the socioeconomic standing of the one making the offering was such that he owned a herd then he should offer a bullock. A lamb from a rich man would not have been accepted. If, however, the petitioner did not own a herd but did have a flock, then his offering must be a sheep or a goat. If neither a herd nor a flock were owned, then the offering could be a bird (turtledoves or pigeons). This offering was made by Mary, the mother of Jesus, at the time of her purification, which indicates that Jesus was born of parents who were poor and of low social standing. The fact that we all need God's perfect Lamb for our burnt offering not only depicts our sinful nature and resultant need for an atoning sacrifice but also points toward the necessary attitude. We must consider ourselves poor and unworthy.

- [Genesis 4:4-5 HCSB](#) And Abel also presented *an offering*--some of the firstborn of his flock and their fat portions. The LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, (5) but He did not have regard for Cain and his offering. Cain was furious, and he was downcast.
- [Exodus 12:5-7 HCSB](#) You must have an unblemished animal, a year-old male; you may take it from either the sheep or the goats. (6) You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembly of the community of Israel will slaughter the animals at twilight. (7) They must take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat them.

- [John 1:29 HCSB](#) The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

### The Seed of Isaac would be the promised Redeemer.

- [Genesis 26:2-5 HCSB](#) The LORD appeared to him (*Isaac*) and said, "Do not go down to Egypt. Live in the land that I tell you about; (3) stay in this land as a foreigner, and I will be with you and bless you. For I will give all these lands to you and your offspring, and I will confirm the oath that I swore to your father Abraham. (4) I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of the sky, I will give your offspring all these lands, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed by your offspring, (5) because Abraham listened to My voice and kept My mandate, My commands, My statutes, and My instructions."
- [Hebrews 11:18-19 HCSB](#) about whom it had been said, **In Isaac your seed will be called.** (19) He considered God to be able even to raise someone from the dead, from which he also got him back as an illustration.

**Note:** Isn't it interesting that Abraham associated the offering of the promised son to an act of resurrection?

### He will be of the tribe of Judah.

- [Genesis 49:10 HCSB](#) The scepter will not depart from Judah, or the staff from between his feet, until He whose right it is comes and the obedience of the peoples belongs to Him.
- [Matthew 1:1-3 HCSB](#) The historical record of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: (2) Abraham fathered Isaac, Isaac fathered Jacob, Jacob fathered Judah and his brothers, (3) Judah fathered Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez fathered Hezron, Hezron fathered Aram,
- [Luke 3:33 HCSB](#) son of Amminadab, son of Ram, son of Hezron, son of Perez, son of Judah,

### The time of His coming.

- [Genesis 49:10 HCSB](#) The scepter will not depart from Judah, or the staff from between his feet, until He whose right it is comes and the obedience of the peoples belongs to Him.

In the KJV it renders the first phrase of the second half of this verse "till Shiloh come". However, *shilo* cannot refer to the city of Shiloh for that town was destroyed before Judah ever rose to power (Jeremiah 7:14). The following clause, moreover indicates a person. As a noun or adjective from the root *shala* (pronounced shaylay), "to be at ease", *shilo* might suggest a "peaceful one" or "rest-giver," as a term for the Messiah; but this view lacks Scriptural confirmation and is a recent, modern phenomenon. It seems best then to render *Shilo* as the LXX does. The LXX divided the term into three elements:

Shi-she whom

L' – to

Oh – Him

The thought would thus be expressed "to whom it is". The sentence would thus read (as most modern translations render it), "the scepter shall not depart from Judah until the One come whose it is."

This same Hebrew syntax is repeated in the confirmatory Messianic prophecy of Ezekiel 21:27.

- [Ezekiel 21:27 HCSB](#) A ruin, a ruin, I will make it a ruin! Yet this will not happen until He comes; I have given the judgment to Him.

It is therefore the first biblical prophecy in which the deliverance, which had been mankind's anticipation from Genesis 3:15 onward, is explicitly said to come about through ONE INDIVIDUAL.

- [Luke 2:1-7 HCSB](#) In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be registered. (2) This first registration took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. (3) So everyone went to be registered, each to his own town. (4) And Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David, (5) to be registered along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant. (6) While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. (7) Then she gave birth to her firstborn Son, and she wrapped Him snugly in cloth and laid Him in a feeding trough--because there was no room for them at the inn.
- [Galatians 4:4 HCSB](#) But when the completion of the time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

Many would look toward the first advent of the Messiah as the fulfillment of this prophecy but I believe that this situation must pertain to Christ's SECOND advent, when His kingship becomes a political reality because it is when the nations obey Him. So too Ezekiel 21:27 connects His coming with the ending of the overthrow of the sovereignty of Judah (note that Old Jerusalem is destroyed and Revelation teaches that New Jerusalem will descend from heaven) and Revelation 5:5 describes His redemptive victory by saying "the Lion" that is from the tribe of Judah has overcome. Genesis 49:10 thus, not only predicts Christ's spiritual lordship, but looks beyond that to His actual political domination in the future kingdom of God on earth.

### **He will come before Judah loses its identity.**

- [Genesis 49:10 HCSB](#) The scepter will not depart from Judah, or the staff from between his feet, until He whose right it is comes and the obedience of the peoples belongs to Him.
- [John 11:47-48 HCSB](#) So the chief priests and the Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin and said, "What are we going to do since this man does many signs? (48) If we let Him continue in this way, everybody will believe in Him! Then the Romans will come and remove both our place and our nation."

Ironically, they crucified the Messiah on a Roman cross, only to have Rome go ahead and destroy Jerusalem and the Temple in AD 70. The relevance of this verse is that all the tribal records were kept in the Temple. You see back in 586 BC Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon destroyed the first Temple and the people of Israel very nearly lost their tribal identities. This caused no end of consternation and considerable grief in the time of Ezra (458 BC) and Nehemiah (444 BC).

- [Nehemiah 7:61 HCSB](#) The following are those who came from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer, but were unable to prove that their families and ancestry were Israelite:

This second destruction, wrought by the Roman general Titus was more devastating. Not only were all the records destroyed when the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 AD, subsequent records kept in synagogues were also destroyed over the centuries through various unfortunate Jewish persecutions including of course the great Holocaust.

The Messiah, in order to be confirmed to be of the tribe of Judah, thus had to come before AD 70.

### To Him will the obedience of the people be.

- [Genesis 49:10 HCSB](#) The scepter will not depart from Judah, or the staff from between his feet, until He whose right it is comes and the obedience of the peoples belongs to Him.
- [Matthew 10:37-38 HCSB](#) The person who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; the person who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. (38) And whoever doesn't take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.
- [John 10:16 HCSB](#) But I have other sheep that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. Then there will be one flock, one shepherd.
- [Philippians 2:9-11 HCSB](#) For this reason God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, (10) so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow--of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth-- (11) and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### He will be the great I AM.

- [Exodus 3:13-14 HCSB](#) Then Moses asked God, "If I go to the Israelites and say to them: The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they ask me, 'What is His name?' what should I tell them?" (14) God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you."

The verb here is *'ehyeh*, a form of the verb *haya* which means "to be". When we refer to Him as Yahweh, we are using the third person masculine singular form of the same verb. Thus to call Him Yahweh is to call Him "He is".

- [John 4:25-26 HCSB](#) The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will explain everything to us." (26) "I am He," Jesus told her, "the One speaking to you."

Notice that "He" is at the beginning of verse 26 in Jesus' response is in italics? That's because it's not actually in the original text. Jesus actual response was "I AM". He was calling Himself Yahweh. He was clearly identifying Himself as the Messiah, God come in flesh.

- [John 8:58 HCSB](#) Jesus said to them, "I assure you: Before Abraham was, I am."

### He will be the unblemished Lamb.

- [Exodus 12:5 HCSB](#) You must have an unblemished animal, a year-old male; you may take it from either the sheep or the goats.
- [1 Peter 1:19 HCSB](#) but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

### His blood will save from God's wrath.

- [Exodus 12:13 HCSB](#) The blood on the houses where you are staying will be a distinguishing mark for you; when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No plague will be among you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.
- [Romans 5:8-9 HCSB](#) But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us! (9) Much more then, since we have now been declared righteous by His blood, we will be saved through Him from wrath.

### He will be our Pesach' lamb.

- [Exodus 12:21-23 HCSB](#) Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go, select an animal from the flock according to your families, and slaughter the Passover lamb. (22) Take a cluster of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the

basin, and brush the lintel and the two doorposts with some of the blood in the basin. None of you may go out the door of his house until morning. (23) When the LORD passes through to strike Egypt and sees the blood on the lintel and the two doorposts, He will pass over the door and not let the destroyer enter your houses to strike you.

- 1 Corinthians 5:7 HCSB Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, since you are unleavened. For Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

### **Not a bone of His would be broken.**

- Exodus 12:46 HCSB It is to be eaten in one house. You may not take any of the meat outside the house, and you may not break any of its bones.
- John 19:31-33 HCSB Since it was the preparation day, the Jews did not want the bodies to remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a special day). They requested that Pilate have the men's legs broken and that *their bodies* be taken away. (32) So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man and of the other one who had been crucified with Him. (33) When they came to Jesus, they did not break His legs since they saw that He was already dead.

### **His exaltation upon bringing salvation is predicted.**

- Exodus 15:2 HCSB The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. This is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him.
- Philippians 2:8-9 HCSB He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death--even to death on a cross. (9) For this reason God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name,
- Acts 7:55-56 HCSB But Stephen, filled by the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven. He saw God's glory, with Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and he said, (56) "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

### **He will be holy.**

- Exodus 15:11-13 HCSB LORD, who is like You among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, revered with praises, performing wonders? (12) You stretched out Your right hand, and the earth swallowed them. (13) You will lead the people You have redeemed with Your faithful love; You will guide *them* to Your holy dwelling with Your strength.

The One who is glorious in holiness is the One who will redeem us with His faithful love. Job described Yahweh as "the Holy One."

- Job 6:10 HCSB It would still bring me comfort, and I would leap for joy in unrelenting pain that I have not denied the words of the Holy One.

Of whom is Job speaking? He identifies the Holy One more specifically thirteen chapters later.

- Job 19:25-27 HCSB But I know my living Redeemer, and He will stand on the dust at last. (26) Even after my skin has been destroyed, yet I will see God in my flesh. (27) I will see Him myself; my eyes will look at *Him*, and not as a stranger. My heart longs within me.

Who is the Holy One? God in flesh. The only person of the Godhead who may be seen. The incarnate Son.

- Luke 1:35 HCSB The angel replied to her: The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the holy One to be born will be called the Son of God.

- [Acts 4:27 HCSB](#) "For, in fact, in this city both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, assembled together against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed,