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Preface.

This is a study of the Anointed Office of Prophet and Christ Jesus' Fulfillment of that Office as Messiah (Lord's Holy Anointed One).

This is a Survey (Overview) of Jesus Christ as Messiah-Prophet Revealed in Scriptures, using Summaries, Examples and Excerpts of Biblical Texts.

A Prophet is anointed to speak forth the Word of the Lord, and so this study includes many quotes spoken by the Lord's Prophets. Many of these quotations are used repeatedly throughout this study, showing the multi-faceted application and/or fulfillment of those Scriptures.

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PART II – MESSIAH-PROPHET

A. Office of Prophet

1. Anointed Offices in Lord's Kingdom
 - a. Prophet = Speaks Forth God's Word
 - b. Priest = Intercedes for Man by Atoning Sacrifice
 - c. King = Ruler of Israel/Judah (Lord's Chosen People)

2. Study of Messiah's Fulfillment of Office of Prophet
 - a. As Revealed / Formulated in Old Testament & Fulfilled in New Testament
 - b. Prophet is Person Chosen & Anointed by the Lord to be His Spokesman on Earth.
 - 1) Jesus is Messiah (Lord's Holy Anointed One) - God's Spokesman on Earth
 - a) As Announced by Angel at His Conception Luke 1:26-38
 - "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:31-33)
 - "And the angel said to her in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." (Luke 1:35)
 - b) As Proclaimed by Jesus During His Ministry Matt. 5:17-18
 - "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place."
 - c) As Jesus Anoints & Commissions His Disciples to Continue His Work
 - "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." John 14:12
 - "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matt. 28:18-20
 - 2) The Lord God Reveals His Word to His Prophets.
 - a) Jesus Christ is the Word of God Revealed to Prophets of Old Testament Matt. 1:18-23
 - Angel's Announcement to Joseph. "..... For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her . She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means 'God is with us.' (Quotes Isa. 7:14)" (Matt. 1:20-23)

- 3) Prophet's Role is to Speak Forth God's Word to People.
- a) Jesus is the Word of God Manifest in Flesh John 1:1-14
- (1) "And the Word (of God) became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)
- b) Jesus Fulfills Role of a Prophet by Speaking Forth the Word of God
- (1) Prophet Proclaims the Word of God.
- Jesus Delivers Sermon on Mount – Proclaiming Word of God Matt. 5 – 7
 - "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' (Quoting the Law. Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18) But I say to you (Christ's Application of Law to His Kingdom), everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Matt. 5:27-28
 - "This is how you are to pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one." Matt. 6:9-13
- (2) Prophet Instructs People in Ways of God.
- Jesus Teaches Ways of God in Parables
 - "What is the kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it? It is like a mustard seed (Faith) that a person took and planted in the garden (Faith Put into Action). When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches (Results Beyond Human Expectations)." Luke 13:18-19
 - "For the Son of Man (Messiah) has come to save what was lost; What is your opinion? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray? And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not stray. In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost." Matt. 18:11-14
- (3) Prophet Verifies & Confirms Lord's Laws.
- Jesus Confirms & Verifies the Law. "The first (Commandment) is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' (Quotes Deut. 6:4-5) The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' (Quotes Lev. 19:18) There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31
- (4) Prophet Rebukes Erring Officials (Religious & Governmental) - Pronouncing Lord's Judgment / Chastisement
- Jesus Rebukes & Chastises Religious Authorities Matt. 23
 - "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You

lock the kingdom of heaven before human beings. You do not enter yourselves, nor do you allow entrance to those trying to enter.” (*Matt. 23:13*)

- “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You pay tithes , and have neglected the weightier things of the law: judgment and mercy and fidelity. (But) these you should have done, without neglecting the others.” (*Matt. 23:23*)

(5) Prophet Encourages & Builds Up Lord’s People.

- Jesus Encourages People to Trust in Lord.
 - “But seek first the kingdom (of God) and his righteousness, and all these things (*Life’s Provisions*) will be given you besides” *Matt. 6:33*
 - “Therefore I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours.” *Mark 11:24*
- Jesus Encourages Believers. “Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father” *Matt. 10:32*

(6) Prophet Admonishes, Exhorts & Corrects Lord’s People.

- Jesus Exhorts Unbelieving / Impenitent Towns *Matt. 11:20-24*
 - “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you” (*Matt. 11:21-22*)
- Jesus Admonishes His Disciples for Lack of Faith *Matt. 8:23-27*
 - “Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?” (*Matt. 8:26*)
- Jesus Corrects Sadducees (Don’t Believe in Life After Death) *Mark 12:8-27*
 - “Are you not misled because you do not know the scriptures or the power of God? When they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like the angels in heaven. As for the dead being raised, have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God told him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, (the) God of Isaac, and (the) God of Jacob’? (*Quoting Ex. 3:6*) He is not God of the dead but of the living. You are greatly misled.” (*Mark 12:24-27*)

(7) Prophet Announces / Effects Lord’s Intervention in the Affairs of Man

- The Lord Intervened in the Affairs of Man by Becoming a Man – Jesus Christ the Son of Man. “And the Word (*of God*) became flesh (*Jesus Christ*) and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.” *John 1:14*
 - Fulfilling Old Covenant & Inaugurating a New & Better Covenant. “Now he (*Jesus Christ*) has obtained so much more excellent a ministry as he is mediator of a better

- covenant, enacted on better promises.” Heb. 8:6
 - Delivering Man from Sin, Offering Salvation & Eternal Life to All Peoples of Earth. “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned” Mark 16:15-16
 - Effecting the Lives of Billions of People throughout the Ages
 - Destroying Satan’s Dominion. John 12:27-32. “Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world (Satan) will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” (John 12:31-32)
 - Lord Jesus will Again Intervene by Coming to Establish His Kingdom on Earth Rev. 19 - 22
- (8) Prophet Warns of Lord’s Judgments.
- Jesus Warns Against False Prophets. “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but underneath are ravenous wolves. By their fruits you will know them.....” Matt. 7:15-15
 - Jesus Warns Against Blaspheming the Holy Spirit. “Therefore, I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.” Matt. 12:31-32
 - Jesus is the Lord’s Righteous Judge. “Nor does the Father judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to his Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.” John 5:22-23
 - Jesus Will Judge the Nations Matt. 25:31-46
 - “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. (Matt. 25:31-32)
- (9) Prophet Predicts Future Events.
- Jesus Predicted His Own Death & Resurrection. “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem and everything written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be handed over to the Gentiles and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon; and after they have scourged him they will kill him, but on the third day he will rise.” Luke 18:31-33
 - Prophecy Fulfilled Luke 22:47 – 24:49
 - Jesus Predicted Peter’s Denials. “Amen, I say to you (Simon Peter), this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” Matt. 26:34
 - Prophecy Fulfilled Matt. 26:69-75

- Jesus Predicted the Fall of Jerusalem. “You see all these things (*Temple Precincts & Buildings*), do you not? Amen, I say to you, there will not be left here a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.” Matt. 24:2
 - Prophecy Fulfilled When Rome Destroyed Temple in 70 AD
- Jesus Predicted His Second Coming Matt. 24:29-35
 - “And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” (*Matt. 24:30*)

(10) Prophet Points to the Coming Messiah (Lord’s Holy Anointed One).

- Prophet John Declares Jesus as Messiah. John 1:29-34
 - “John testified further, saying, ‘I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him (*Jesus of Nazareth*). I did not know him, but the one (*Lord God*) who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.’” (*John 1:32-34*)
- Jesus Declares Himself Messiah:
 - He is a Prophet Greater than Jonah. “..... there is something greater than Jonah here.” Matt. 12:41
 - He is Greater than Temple (Where Priests’ Officiate). “I say to you, something greater than the temple is here” Matt. 12:6
 - He is a King Greater than Solomon. “..... there is something greater than Solomon here” Matt. 12:42
 - Testimony Before Sanhedrin. “..... Again the high priest asked him and said to him, ‘Are you the Messiah, the son of the Blessed One?’ Then Jesus answered, ‘I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven’ (*Quoting Dan. 7:13*)” Mark 14:61-62

4) Prophets are Lord’s Advisors to Kings.

- a) Jesus is Both Prophet & King of Kings. Heb. 1:1-4
- 1) “In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets (*Old Covenant*); in these last days, he spoke to us through a son (*Jesus Messiah-Prophet*), whom he made heir of all things When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (*Enthroned in Heaven as King of All Creation*) as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.”

3. Office of Prophet Established by Moses – Fulfilled by Messiah Deut. 18:9-22
- a. Israel Forbidden to Listen to or Follow False Prophets Deut. 18:9-14
- 1) Sorcerers, Fortune Tellers, Astrologers, Mediums, etc.
 - 2) They are Abominations to the Lord
 - 3) Lord will Dispose False Prophets & Practices from Promise Land
 - 4) Jesus’ Warning Against False Prophets.

- a) “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but underneath are ravenous wolves. By their fruits you will know them.....”
Matt. 7:15-16
- b) “False messiahs and false prophets will arise and will perform signs and wonders in order to mislead, if that were possible, the elect. Be watchful! I have told it all to you beforehand.”
Mark 13:22-23
- b. The Lord’s Prophet Deut. 18:15-20
- 1) The Lord will Raise Up a Prophet Like Moses
- a) “A prophet like me (*Moses*) will the LORD (*Yahweh*), your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen; to him you shall listen.”
- b) “This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.’”
(*Deut. 18:15-16*)
- c) A Prophet Like Moses:
- (1) Jesus is Greater than Moses Heb. 3:1-6
- (a) “..... Moses was ‘faithful in (all) his (*God’s*) house’ (*Re: Num. 12:7*). But he (*Jesus Christ*) is worthy of more ‘glory’ than Moses, as the founder of a house has more ‘honor’ than the house itself.” (*Heb. 3:2-3*)
- (b) “Moses was ‘faithful in all his house’ (*Re: Num. 12:7*) as a ‘servant’ to testify to what would be spoken, but Christ was faithful as a son placed over his house.....” (*Heb. 3:5-6*)
- (2) Jesus Fulfills Moses’ Prediction of a Coming Prophet like Him:
- (a) Moses was Lord’s Anointed Spokesman.
- Jesus IS the Word of God Made Flesh - God’s Spokesman for Eternity. “In the beginning was the Word (*God the Son*), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.” John 1:1
 - “And the Word became flesh (*Jesus Christ – Son of Man*) and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14
- (b) God Revealed His Presence to Moses.
- Jesus is One with Father God. “The Father and I are one.” John 10:30
 - Jesus (Son of God) & Father God are Coexistent. “..... Whoever has seen me has seen the Father..... Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves.” John 14:9-11
- (c) God Spoke Directly to Moses.
- Father God Spoke Audibly to Jesus in Public:
 - At His Baptism. “After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened (for him), and he saw the Spirit of God descending like

- a dove (and) coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, **‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’** Matt. 3:16-17
- At His Transfiguration. “Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, **‘This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.’**” Mark 9:7
 - At the Conclusion of His Public Ministry. **“‘Father, glorify your name.’** Then a voice came from heaven, **‘I have glorified it and will glorify it again.’**” John 12:28
- (d) Moses was Israel’s Deliverer from Bondage.
- Jesus Delivers Man from Bondage of Sin.
 - “Jesus then said to those Jews who believed in him, **‘If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’**” John 8:31-32
 - **‘Amen, amen, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin.’**” John 8:34
- (e) Moses was Empowered to Perform Works (Miracles) by Lord.
- Moses Performed Many Miracles
 - Provided Manna from Heaven Ex. 16
 - Jesus Performs Many Miracles & Healings.
 - Multiplies 5 Loaves & 2 Fish to Feed Over 5,000 People John 6:1-15
 - Refers to Himself as the Bread of Life. **“Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”** John 6:32-33 & 35
- (f) Moses was Israel’s Anointed Judge.
- Jesus is the Lord’s Righteous Judge.
 - Jesus is Supreme Judge. **“Nor does the Father judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to his Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.”** John 5:22-23
 - Moses is Prosecutor. **“Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father: the one who will accuse you is Moses, in whom you have placed your hope. For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, because he wrote about me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”** John 5:45-47
- (g) Moses was Intercessor Between Israel & Lord.
- Jesus is Sole Mediator Between God & Man. **“For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself**

- as ransom for all.....” 1 Tim. 2:5-6
- (h) Moses Authored the Lord’s Covenant of Laws with Israel.
- Jesus is Guarantor of New Covenant. “..... Jesus (also) become the guarantee of an (even) better covenant.” Heb. 7:22
 - In Jesus’ New Covenant the Law is Written on Hearts & Minds of People. Heb. 8:7-13
 - “For if that first covenant had been faultless, no place would have been sought for a second one. But he (*Lord God*) finds fault with them (*Israel & Judah*) and says: ‘Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will conclude a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt (*i.e. Covenant Given to Moses*); for they did not stand by my covenant and I ignored them, says the Lord. But this is the covenant I will establish with the house of Israel after those days (*i.e. Christ’s Suffering, Death & Resurrection*), says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds and I will write them upon their hearts (*Indwelling of the Holy Spirit*). I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall not teach, each one his fellow citizen and kinsman, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for all shall know me (*Personal Relationship with Lord*), from least to greatest. For I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sins no more (*Eternal Salvation*) (*Quoting Jeremiah’s Prophecy. Jer. 31:31-34*).”
 - “When he speaks of a ‘new’ covenant, he declares the first one (*i.e. Mosaic Covenant*) obsolete. And what has become obsolete and has grown old is close to disappearing.”
- (i) Moses Authored Holy Scripture (Books of Moses).
- Jesus IS The Word of God John 1:1-14
 - “From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” John 1:16-17
 - “You search the scriptures, because you think you have eternal life through them; even they testify on my behalf.” John 5:39
 - Jesus Fulfills All (Mosaic) Law & Prophets. “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.” Matt. 5:17
 - Jesus Teaches Scriptures. “Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures.” Luke 24:27

- (j) Lord Appointed Moses to Ordain the Office of Israel's Priesthood
- Jesus is Eternal High Priest Appointed by God. Heb. 5:5-10
 - ".....it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one (*Father God*) who said to him: 'You are my son; this day I have begotten you' (*Quoting Psa. 2:7*); just as he says in another place: 'You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.' (*Quoting Prophecy in Psalm 110:4*)".
 - In the days when he (*Jesus Christ – Son of God*) was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, declared by God high priest according to the order of Melchizedek."
 - Priestly Order of Melchizedek is Superior to Priestly Order of Aaron (Ordained by Moses) Heb. 7
- 2) The Lord Will Speak Through His Prophet
- a) "I (*Lord*) will raise up for them a prophet like you (*Moses*) from among their kinsmen (*Israelites*), and will put my words into his mouth; he (*Lord's Anointed Prophet*) shall tell them all that I command him." (*Deut. 18:13*)
- (1) Moses Wrote of Messiah – Fulfilled by Jesus. "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, because he wrote about me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?" John 5:46-47
 - (2) Jesus Speaks the Words of Father God – Fulfilling the Requirement of a "Prophet Like Moses".
 - "My teaching is not my own but is from the one who sent me. Whoever chooses to do his will shall know whether my teaching is from God or whether I speak on my own" John 7:16-17
 - "..... I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and speak." John 12:49
 - (3) Jesus Performs the Works of God – Sign of Lord's Anointing.
 - "Amen, amen, I say to you, a son cannot do anything on his own, but only what he sees his father doing; for what he does, his son will do also. For the Father loves his Son and shows him everything that he himself does, and he will show him greater works than these, so that you may be amazed." John 5:19-20
 - "..... The works that the Father gave me to accomplish, these works that I perform testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. (*The Lord's Holy Anointed One*)" John 5:36
- b) The Lord's Anointed Prophet
- (1) The Promised Prophet must Possess All the Attributes, Capabilities,

Revelations & Authority of Moses.

- Jesus is Greater than Moses. Heb. 3:1-6
 - Jesus the Founder of God's Household
 - Moses a Servant in God's Household
 - Jesus' Supremacy Confirmed at His Transfiguration
Matt. 17:1-8
 - "..... Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him."
(Matt. 17:1-3)
 - Peter Says to Jesus: "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (*Honoring All 3 the Same*)
(Matt. 17:4)
 - "While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, **"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."** (*Proclaiming Christ's Supremacy. He is the Son of God.*) (Matt. 17:5)
- (2) Chosen from Among the Tribes of Israel.
- Jesus is an Israelite from Tribe of Judah Matt. 1:2-16
 - Jesus Chosen & Anointed by God Matt. 3:13-17; John 1:29-34
- (3) Anointed with the Word of God in His Mouth.
- Uncompromisingly Declares Lord's Word to People
 - Accurately Declares Lord's Word to People
 - Jesus is the Lord's Holy Anointed One Who Uncompromisingly & Accurately (Truthfully) Proclaims the Word of God
 - "My teaching is not my own but is from the one who sent me. Whoever chooses to do his will shall know whether my teaching is from God or whether I speak on my own. Whoever speaks on his own seeks his own glory, but whoever seeks the glory of the one who sent him is truthful, and there is no wrong in him." John 7:16-18
 - "But because I speak the truth, you do not believe me. Can any of you charge me with sin? If I am telling the truth, why do you not believe me?" John 8:45-46
 - "He (*Jesus Christ*) committed no sin, and no deceit (*Lies*) was found in his mouth." 1 Pet. 2:22
 - Jesus IS Truth Itself. "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6
 - Jesus IS the Word of God. John 1:1-18
 - "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." (*John 1:14*)
 - "From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace

and truth came through Jesus Christ.” (John 1:16-17)

- 3) Israel Required to Listen to Lord’s Prophet
- a) “If any man will not listen to my (*Lord’s*) words which he (*Prophet*) speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it.” (*Deut. 18:19*)
- (1) Lord God Himself will Judge those Who Reject or Ignore His Prophet
 - (2) Those Who Reject Jesus Remain in their Sins and are Condemned
John 3:16-21
 - “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son (*Jesus Christ- Savior*), so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”
 - “Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned (*i.e. Remaining in their Sins*), because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”
 - “And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world (*Jesus the Light of the World*), but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.”
- (3) Jesus is Our Righteous Judge
- Appointed by Father God. “Nor does the Father judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to his Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him” John 5:22-23
 - Attested to by Moses. “Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father: the one who will accuse you is Moses, in whom you have placed your hope. For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, because he wrote about me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?” John 5:45-47
- (4) Jesus’ Lament Over Jerusalem – Knowing They Will Reject Him
- Consequences of Rejecting Lord’s Visitation. Luke 19:41-44
 - “As he drew near, he (*Jesus*) saw the city (*Jerusalem*) and wept over it, saying, ‘If this day you only knew what makes for peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.
 - Jesus Predicts Destruction of Jerusalem. “For the days are coming upon you when your enemies will raise a palisade against you; they will encircle you and hem you in on all sides. They will smash you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another within you because you did not recognize the time of your visitation. (*Messiah-Son of God*)”
 - Consequences for Persecuting Lord’s Prophets. Matt. 23:37-39
 - “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone

those sent to you, how many times I (*God the Son*) yearned to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her young under her wings, but you were unwilling!. Behold, your house will be abandoned, desolate” (*Without Lord’s Presence – Messiah Jesus*).....”

- Jesus Predicts the Destruction of Israel & Temple

- Rome Destroyed Jerusalem & Temple 70 AD, As Jesus Predicted

4) Prophet Required to Speak the Lord’s Words

a) “But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.” (*Deut. 18:20*)

(1) Penalty of False Prophets is Death Deut. 13:2-6

(2) Jesus Speaks What Father God Commands Him.

- “My teaching is not my own but is from the one who sent me. Whoever chooses to do his will shall know whether my teaching is from God or whether I speak on my own” *John 7:16-17*
- “..... I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and speak.” *John 12:49*

(3) Jesus IS One With Father God. “The Father and I are one.” *John 10:30*

- Including the Words He Speaks

(4) Jesus IS the Word of God John 1:1-18

(5) Jesus – Son of God – IS Life & Truth Itself! John 14:6

c. Verification of Prophet’s Words Deut. 18:21-22

1) Prophet’s Words are Always Fulfilled or Verified

a) “.... How can we recognize an oracle which the LORD has spoken?”, know that, even though a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if his oracle is not fulfilled or verified, it is an oracle which the LORD did not speak. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously, and you shall have no fear of him.”

(1) All of Jesus’ Prophecies to Date have been Fulfilled
(*See Section C.1.a Below*)

- Conspiracy Against Him John 8:39-41
 - Prophecy Fulfilled John 11:45-54
- Judas’ Betrayal Matt. 26:20-25
 - Prophecy Fulfilled Matt. 26:47-50
- Disciples’ Desertion Mark 14:27-28
 - Prophecy Fulfilled at Jesus’ Arrest Mark 14:50-52
- Peter’s Denials Mark 14:29-31
 - Prophecy Fulfilled Mark 14:66-72
- His Suffering, Death & Resurrection Luke 18:31-33
 - Prophecies Fulfilled Luke 22:47 – 24:53
- The Descent of the Holy Spirit Acts 1:4-8
 - Prophecy Fulfilled Acts 2:1-4
- Persecution of His Disciples Luke 21:12-15
 - Prophecy Fulfilled & Being Fulfilled Acts 5:17-42
- Fall of Jerusalem Matt. 24:1-2

- Prophecy Fulfilled 70 AD when Roman Armies Destroyed Jerusalem & Temple
- Etc.
- (2) Jesus IS One with Father God (Creator). “The Father and I are one.” John 10:30
 - His Words are the Creative Force - Whatever He Says is Brought into Existence
- b) Israel Required to Discern Words of Prophets
 - (1) Are Prophet’s Words Consistent with Word of God (Mosaic Law)?
 - Jesus IS the Word of God John 1:1-18
 - His Words are Consistent with Himself!
 - Jesus Fulfills All (Mosaic) Laws & Prophets Matt. 5:17-18
 - Scriptures Testify of Jesus. “You search the scriptures, because you think you have eternal life through them; even they testify on my behalf.” John 5:39
 - (2) Are Prophet’s Words in Accordance with the Will / Nature of God (As Revealed in Books of Moses)?
 - (a) Jesus IS the Son of God.
 - Angelic Announcement to Mary Luke 1:26-38
 - “..... you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,.....” (Luke 1:31-32)
 - “..... The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.” (Luke 1:34-35)
 - (b) Jesus Reveals God’s Nature to Man
 - “He (Jesus – Son of God) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.” Col. 1:15
 - “In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the (*Old Testament*) prophets; in these last days, he spoke to us through a son (*Jesus Christ*), who is the refulgence (Reflection) of his (God’s) glory, the very imprint of his being.....” Heb. 1:1-3
 - “..... Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.....” John 14:9
 - (c) Jesus IS the Will of God. “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him (on) the last day.” John 6:40
 - (d) Moses, Prophets & Psalmists Testified of Jesus. “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.” Luke 24:44
- (3) Are Prophet’s Words Accurate & True?
 - (a) Jesus IS Truth Itself! “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6
 - He Speaks Only Truth – It IS His Nature

4. Prophets are Lord's Advisors to Kings of Israel/Judah

- a. Office of King Deut. 17:14-20
- 1) Lord's Covenant with King David 1 Chron. 17:3-14
- a) Lord Spoke through Prophet Nathan: "..... I declare to you that I, the LORD, will build you (*King David*) a house; I will raise up your offspring after you who will be one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He it is who shall build me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me, I will maintain him in my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne shall be firmly established forever." (*1 Chron. 17:10-14*)
- 2) Office & Covenant Fulfilled by Jesus Messiah & King
- a) Jesus from House & Lineage of King David through Kings of Judah
Matt. 1:6-16 (Kings of Judah. Matt. 1:6-11)
- Rightful Heir to Throne of Israel & Judah
- b) Angelic Announcement to Mary. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Luke 1:31-33
- c) Jesus Christ Exalted by God. "....., God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phil. 2:9-11
- d) Jesus Christ Enthroned in Heaven. "..... When he (*Jesus Christ*) had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat (Throne) at the right hand of the Majesty on high" Heb. 1:3
- b. Kings of Israel & Judah to be Appointed by the Lord
- 1) "..... you (*Israel*) shall set that man over you as your king whom the LORD, your God, chooses." (*Deut. 17:15a*)
- a) Prophets are the Lord's Spokesmen
- b) Prophets Responsible for Announcing Lord's Chosen Kings to Israel/Judah.
- 2) Jesus is Messiah – The Lord's Chosen One
- a) Messiah is Both Prophet & King
- b) Announced by Prophet John the Baptist: John 1:29-34
- (1) "The next day he (*John the Baptist*) saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me." I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel.'"
- (2) "John testified further, saying, 'I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, "On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit." Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.'"

- c) Confirmed by Lord God
- (1) Father God's Voice: "..... Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, **"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."** Mark 1:9-11
 - (2) Jesus' (Son of God's) Testimony: John 5:36-39
 - "But I have testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father gave me to accomplish, these works that I perform testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me."
 - "Moreover, the Father who sent me has testified on my behalf..... You search the scriptures, because you think you have eternal life through them; even they testify on my behalf."
- 3) Jesus Announces Himself as Messiah-King
- a) Alluding to Himself as Son of God in Kingdom Parables
 - (1) For Example His Parable of Wedding Banquet Matt. 22:1-14
 - "King" = Father God (*Jewish "King of the Universe"*)
 - "Son" = Messiah-Son of God – Heir to Heavenly Throne
 - b) Messiah – Son of King David. Matt. 22:41-45
 - (1) Jesus Asks Pharisees: "What is your opinion about the Messiah? Whose son is he?"
 - (2) They Reply: "David's"
 - (3) Jesus Says: "How, then, does David, inspired by the Spirit, call him 'lord,' saying: 'The Lord (*Yahweh*) said to my lord (*Messiah*), 'Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your feet' (*Quoting David's Proclamation Written in Psa. 110:1*)? If David calls him 'lord,' how can he be his son?"
 - Declaring Himself King David's Lord
- c) At His Trial Before Roman Governor: John 18:33-37
- (1) Pilate Asks Jesus: "Are you the King of the Jews?"
 - (2) Jesus Answers: "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?"
 - (3) Pilate Replies: "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"
 - (4) Jesus Testifies: "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants (would) be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here."
 - (5) Pilate Responds: "Then you are a king?"
 - (6) Jesus Testifies: "You (*Highest Governmental Official in Judea*) say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."
- c. Kings Required to Rule Under the Law
- 1) "When he (*King*) is enthroned in his kingdom, he shall have a copy of this law (*Mosaic Law*) made from the scroll that is in the custody of the levitical priests. He shall keep it with him and read it all the days of his life that he may learn to fear the LORD, his God, and to heed and fulfill all the words of this law and

these statutes.” (*Deut. 17:18-19*)

- a) Kings are Responsible to Live & Govern by the Law
- b) Law Written by Moses – Lord’s Anointed Prophet.
 - (1) Jesus IS that Word of God John 1:1-18
 - It is in His Innermost Being
 - (2) Jesus Fulfills All the Law Matt. 5:17-18
 - (3) Jesus was Totally Obedient to Law
 - “Can any of you charge me with sin?.....” John 8:46
 - “..... he (*God the Son*) emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness (*Jesus of Nazareth*); and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross (*Fulfilling Old Covenant*).” Phil 2:7-8
 - “He (*Jesus Christ*) committed no sin, and no deceit (*Lies*) was found in his mouth.” 1 Pet. 2:22
- c) Prophets are to be the Lord’s Representative in Royal Courts.
 - (1) Jesus is Enthroned at the Right Hand of Father God Making Constant Intercession for Us.
 - “For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as ransom for all.....” 1 Tim. 2:5-6
 - He is Both God & Man

5. Jesus Acknowledged as a Prophet

- a. People Recognize Jesus as a Prophet
 - 1) People Witness Jesus Performing Miracles (Sign of God’s Anointing)
 - a) Jesus Multiplies Food John 6:1-15
 - (1) Jesus Multiplies 5 Loaves of Bread & 2 Fish
 - Feeds 5000 Men Plus Women & Children
 - Disciples Gather 12 Baskets of Left Over Food
 - (2) People Declare: “This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.” (*John 6:14*)
 - Want to Make Him King
 - b) Jesus Restores Dead Man to Life Luke 7:11-17
 - (1) Jesus Encounters a Funeral Procession
 - Widow’s Only Son had Died
 - (2) Jesus Touches Coffin, Saying: “**Young man, I tell you, arise!**” (*Luke 7:14*)
 - Dead Man Comes Back to Life
 - (3) People Exclaim (*Luke 7:16*):
 - “A great prophet has arisen in our midst”
 - “God has visited his people.”
 - 2) Personal Encounters with Jesus
 - a) Jesus Witnesses to Samaritan Woman John 4:4-42
 - (1) Jesus Enters into Conversation with Woman at Well
 - Testifies that He is the Source of “**Living Water**”
 - Speaks a Word of Knowledge Concerning Her Personal Life
 - (3) Woman Confesses: “Sir, I can see that you are a prophet....”

(John 4:19)

- (4) Jesus Expands His Testimony
 - (5) Woman Responds: “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Anointed; when he comes, he will tell us everything.” (John 4:25)
 - (6) Jesus Reveals that He is the Messiah: “I am he, the one who is speaking with you.” (John 4:26)
- b) Jesus Heals Man Born Blind John 9
- (1) Jesus Makes Clay & Puts it on Blind Man’s Eyes
 - Tells Man to Go to Pool of Siloam & Wash
 - Man Obeys and Gains His Sight
 - (2) Man Testifies of His Healing to Religious Authorities (John 9:17)
 - Authorities Ask Him: “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?”
 - Man Answers: “He is a prophet.”
 - (3) Jesus Later Reveals Himself to Man Given Sight (John 9:35-38)
 - Jesus Asks Man: “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”
 - Referring to Promised Messiah
 - Man Answers: “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”
 - Jesus: “You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he.”
 - Man Worships Jesus: “I do believe, Lord”
- c) Witnesses on the Day of Jesus’ Resurrection Luke 24:13-35
- (1) Jesus Joins 2 Disciples Traveling on Road to Emmaus
 - Disciples’ Eyes Prevented from Recognizing Him
 - (2) Jesus Asks: “What are you discussing as you walk along?” (Luke 24:17)
 - (3) Disciples’ Witness (Luke 24:19b-24):
 - “The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him.”
 - “But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place.”
 - “Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.”
 - “Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see.”
 - (4) Jesus’ Response: “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” (Luke 24:25-26)
 - “Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures.” (Luke 24:27)
 - (5) Jesus Joins Them for Supper – Revealing Himself
 - Jesus Blesses the Bread (Jewish Blessing: “Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, Who bringest forth bread from the earth.”)

- *Jesus the Bread of Life was Brought Forth from Grave*
 - Jesus Breaks & Serves Bread (*Exposing Nail Pierced Hands?*)
 - Their Eyes Where Open Recognizing their Risen Lord
- 3) People Hear Jesus Teaching with Authority
- a) Jesus Celebrates Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem John 7:1-44
- (1) Jesus Teaches His Messiahship in Temple Precincts
 - (2) On Last Day Jesus Invites People to Join Him (*John 7:37-38*):
 - “Let anyone who thirsts (*Spiritual Needs – Like Salvation*) come to me and drink (*Jesus Satisfies Those Needs*).”
 - “Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: ‘Rivers of living water will flow from within him.’ (*Promise of the Holy Spirit*)”
 - (3) People Divided Concerning Jesus (*John 7:40-42*):
 - Some Recognize His Anointing. “This is truly the Prophet.”
 - Some Accept Him as Messiah. “This is the Messiah.”
 - Others Reject Him. “The Messiah will not come from Galilee, will he? Does not scripture say that the Messiah will be of David’s family and come from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?”
 - *Unbeknown to Them Jesus was from Linage of David & Born in Bethlehem*
- b) Jesus Confronts Religious Authorities Matt. 21:28-46
(After His Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem)
- (1) Jesus Tells Parable of 2 Sons Matt. 21:28-32
 - Father Asks 1st Son to Work in Vineyard & Son Refuses
 - Son Changes His Mind Later & Did the Work
 - Father Asks 2nd Son to Work in Vineyard & Son Agrees
 - Son Never Does the Work
 - Application of Parable: “..... ‘Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes (*Represented by 1st Son*) are entering the kingdom of God before you (*Israel’s Religious Authorities – Represented by 2nd Son*). When John came to you in the way of righteousness (*Preaching Repentance*), you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.”
(*Matt. 21:31-32*)
 - (2) Jesus Tells Parable of the Tenants Matt. 21:33-44
 - Lord Established Israel as His Chosen People/Nation (*Vineyard*)
 - Established Priesthood & Religious Offices (*Tenants*)
 - Lord Sent Prophets Who They Persecuted, Killing Some
 - Lord Finally Sent His Son – Whom They Will Murder
 - Application of Parable (*Matt. 21:42-43*):
 - “Did you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone (*Messiah – Son of God*) that the builders (*Israel’s Authorities*) rejected has become the cornerstone (*Foundation of God’s Kingdom*); by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes (*Quoting Psa. 118:22-23*)’?”
 - “Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you (*Israel’s Religious Authorities*) and given to

a people that will produce its fruit.”

- (3) Reaction of Religious Leaders. “When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they knew that he was speaking about them. And although they were attempting to arrest him, they feared the crowds, for they regarded him as a prophet.” Matt. 21:45-46
- 4) People Witness Jesus’ Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem Matt. 21:1-11
 - a) Jesus Mounts Ass/Colt & Rides into Jerusalem
 - (1) Large Crowd Accompanies Jesus
 - People Lay Cloaks & Palm Branches in Jesus’ Path
 - People in the Procession Proclaim (Matt. 21:9):
 - “Hosanna to the Son of David” (*Save Us King Jesus*)
 - “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”
 - “Hosanna in the Highest”
 - b) All Jerusalem Astir: “Who is this?”
 - (1) Crowd Testifies: “This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.” (Matt. 21:11)
- 5) Who is Jesus? Matt. 16:13-20; Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-22
 - a) Jesus Asks His Disciples: “**Who do people say that the Son of Man is?**” (Matt. 16:13)
 - (1) Disciples Answer: “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” (Matt. 16:14)
 - People Identify Jesus with the Prophets
 - b) Jesus Asks His Disciples: “**But who do you say that I am?**” (Matt. 16:15)
 - (1) Peter Answers: “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” (Matt. 16:16)
 - c) Jesus’ Response: “**Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.**” (Matt. 16:17)
 - (1) Jesus Christ is Messiah-Son of God Who is Greater than the Prophets
- b. Authorities Ridicule Jesus as a Prophet
 - 1) Authorities Conspire Against Jesus John 7:45-53
 - a) Nicodemus Calls for a Fair Trial According to Law (Re: Deut. 19:15-21)
 - b) Chief Priests & Pharisees Ridicule Nicodemus: “You are not from Galilee also, are you? Look and see that no prophet arises from Galilee.” (John 7:52)
 - (1) *There’s No Restrictions in Scripture Where Lord May Call a Prophet*
 - *They were Probably Referring to Messiah-Prophet*
 - (2) *Ignorant of, or Ignoring, that Jesus was Born in Bethlehem as Prophesied for Messiah (Re: Micah 5:1)*
 - 2) Reaction to Jesus’ Mercy to Penitent Woman Luke 7:36-48
 - a) A Pharisee Invited Jesus to Dine in His Home
 - b) Sinful Woman Came to Jesus Weeping
 - (1) Bathed His Feet with Her Tears
 - (2) Wiped His Feet with Her Hair
 - (3) Kissed & Anointed His Feet
 - c) Pharisee Said to Himself: “If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner.” (Luke 7:39)

- d) Jesus Asks Pharisee: “Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred days’ wages and the other owed fifty. Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?” (Luke 7:41-42)
- e) Pharisee Answers: “The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven.” (Luke 7:43a)
- f) Jesus Replies: “You have judged rightly.” (Luke 7:43b)
- g) Jesus Applies Parable to Woman: “..... So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.” (Luke 7:44-47)
- h) Jesus Addresses Woman:
- (1) “Your sins are forgiven.” (Luke 7:48)
 - (2) “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.” (Luke 7:50)
 - (3) Jesus has the Authority to Forgive Sin
 - Greater than Any Prophet’s Authority
- 3) At Jesus’ Trial Before Sanhedrin Matt. 26:57-67; Mark 14:53-65
- a) No Two Witnesses Agreed in their Testimonies Against Jesus
 - b) High Priest Orders Jesus: “I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” (Matt. 26:63)
 - c) Jesus Answers: “You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see ‘the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power’ and ‘coming on the clouds of heaven.’” (Matt. 26:64)
 - d) High Priest Declares: “He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?”.....” (Matt. 26:65-66a)
 - e) Court’s Verdict: “He deserves to die!” (Matt. 26:66b)
 - f) They Abused Jesus, Blindfolding & Slapping Him: “Prophecy for us, Messiah: who is it that struck you?” (Matt. 26:67)
- c. Jesus Refers to Himself as Prophet
- 1) Jesus in Nazareth – His Hometown
 - a) Jesus Announces His Ministry Luke 4:14-30
 - (1) Jesus Attends Synagogue on Sabbath
 - Stands Up & Reads Scripture (Isa. 61:1-2): “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” (Luke 4:18-19)
 - Prophecy of Messiah’s Ministry
 - Applies Prophecy to Himself: “Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4:21)
 - (2) People Reject Jesus’ Claim
 - (3) Jesus a Prophet is Not Accepted in His Hometown
 - “Surely you will quote me this proverb, ‘Physician, cure yourself,’ and say, ‘Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.’” (Luke 4:23)
 - “Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.” (Luke 4:24)
 - Identifies with Prophets of Old – Who Also Were Not Accepted

in their Homeland

- Elijah. “Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon (*Outside Israel; Re: 1 Kings 17:7-16*).” (*Luke 4:25-26*)
 - Elisha. “Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian (*A Gentile; Re: 2 Kings 5*).” (*Luke 4:27*)
- (4) People Become Furious
- Drove Him Out of Town
 - Attempt to Throw Him Off a Cliff
- (5) Jesus Walks Through Crowd Unharmed
- Goes Back to Capernaum Luke 4:31
- b) Jesus Rejected in Nazareth Matt. 13:54-58; Mark 6:1-6
- (1) Jesus Goes to Nazareth & Teaches in Synagogue
- (2) People Astonished at His Teaching (*Mark 6:2b-3*):
- “Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!”
 - “Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, ?”
 - They Took Offense at Jesus
- (3) Jesus Declares: “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and in his own house.” (*Matt. 13:57*)
- He was Unable to Perform Many Miracles because of their Lack of Faith (*To Receive His Miracles*)
- 2) Jesus Sends His Disciples on Mission Matt. 10
- a) Jesus Gives His Disciples Authority to Heal Sickness & Expel Demons
- b) Jesus Instructs His Disciples & Sends Them on their First Campaign
- (1) Proclaim Kingdom of God to House of Israel
 - (2) Continue Messiah’s Work (Signs of Lord’s Anointing)
 - (3) Rely on Lord for Daily Sustenance
 - (4) Warnings of Rejection & Persecution
 - (5) Jesus’ Promise: “Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father” (*Matt. 10:32-33*)
- c) Rewards for Accepting the Lord’s Prophet (*Matt. 10:40-42*)
- (1) “Whoever receives you (*Jesus’ Disciples*) receives me (*Jesus Christ*), and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me (*Father God*).
 - (2) “Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is righteous will receive a righteous man’s reward.”
 - (3) “And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”

- 3) Jesus Warned of Herod's Plan to Kill Him Luke 13:31-33
- a) Some Pharisees Warn Jesus: "Go away, leave this area because Herod (*Tetrarch of Galilee*) wants to kill you."
- b) Jesus Replies:
- (1) "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and I perform healings today and tomorrow, and on the third day I accomplish my purpose.'"
- Jesus Will Complete His Ministry as Planned
- (2) "Yet I must continue on my way today, tomorrow, and the following day, for it is impossible that a prophet should die outside of Jerusalem"
- Jesus Will Die in Jerusalem as Planned
- 4) Jesus Charges Religious Leaders of Persecuting the Prophets
Matt. 23:24-39; Luke 11:45-52
- a) "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the memorials of the righteous, and you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have joined them in shedding the prophets' blood.' Thus you bear witness against yourselves that you are the children of those who murdered the prophets (*Descendants of Officials Who Murdered the Prophets*); now fill up what your ancestors measured out (*Your Turn to Complete their Task by Killing Messiah-Prophet!*)" (Matt. 23:29-32)

6. Speaking the Word of God

- a. Prophets are the Lord's Anointed Spokesmen on Earth
- b. Old Testament Prophets Spoke in the Name of the Lord
- 1) Prophets Received a Word from the Lord, and then Proclaimed that Word to the King and/or People, Saying: "Thus says the Lord", or "Hear the Word of the Lord", or Other Phrases Identifying the Lord as its Source
- a) Examples from Historical Books
- (1) Prophet Nathan 2 Sam. 7:1-17
- Lord Answers David's Desire to Build Him a House (Temple). "But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: 'Go, tell my servant David, Thus says the LORD:'" (2 Sam. 7:4-5)
 - Lord's Covenant with David. "Now then, speak thus to my servant David, 'The LORD of hosts has this to say:.....'" (2 Sam. 7:8)
 - "Nathan reported all these words and this entire vision to David." (2 Sam. 7:17)
- (2) Prophet Ahijah 1 Kings 11:26-39
- Prophecies the Split Up of Israel to Jeroboam. "Ahijah took off his new cloak, tore it into twelve pieces, and said to Jeroboam: 'Take ten pieces for yourself; the LORD, the God of Israel, says: "I will tear away the kingdom from Solomon's grasp and will give you ten of the tribes....."' (1 Kings 11:30-31)
- (3) Prophet Elisha 2 Kings 7
- Prophecies Rescue of Israel from Overwhelming Forces. "Elisha said: 'Hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the LORD,'"

(2 Kings 7:1)

b) Examples from Prophetic Books

(1) Prophet Isaiah

Isa. 6

- Lord Calls & Commissions Isaiah. “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said; ‘send me!’ And he (Lord) replied: ‘Go and say to this people:.....’” (Isa. 6:8-9)

(2) Prophet Ezekiel

Ezek. 12:1-16

- Lord Instructs Ezekiel to Demonstrate Judah’s Exile. “Thus the word of the LORD came to me: ‘Son of man, you live in the midst of a rebellious house;.....’” (Ezek. 12:1-2)
 - Prepare His Baggage in Public
 - Dig Hole in Wall & Go through it Publicly
- Lord Gives Ezekiel a Word for People. “Then, in the morning, the word of the LORD came to me: ‘Son of man, did not the house of Israel, that rebellious house, ask you what you were doing? Tell them: Thus says the Lord GOD:’” (Ezek. 12:8-10)

(3) Prophet Zechariah

Zech. 1:1-6

- A Call to Repentance. “The LORD was indeed angry with your fathers..... say to them: ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: Return to me, says the LORD of hosts, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts.’” (Zech. 1:2-3)

c. Jesus (Messiah-Prophet) Speaks in His Own Name

1) Jesus Qualifies His Office as Prophet (Lord’s Anointed Spokesman)

- a) “My teaching is not my own but is from the one (Father God) who sent me..... Whoever speaks on his own seeks his own glory, but whoever seeks the glory of the one who sent him is truthful, and there is no wrong in him.” John 7:16 & 18

(1) Jesus (Son of Man) Speaks What He Hears from Father God

2) Jesus Goes Beyond that Qualification & Exclaims He is ONE with Father God

- a) “The Father and I are one.” John 10:30
- b) “..... Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves.” John 14:9-11

c) Jesus Is The Son of God

d) Jesus Is the Word of God Itself

John 1:1-14

3) When Jesus Wanted to Emphasize What He is About to Say as Eternally

Important, He Does Not Say: “Thus says the Lord” (*Speaking for the Lord*); He Says “Amen, (So Be It) I (Messiah- Son of God) Say to You” [Other Translations: “Verily, (Truly) I Say Unto Thee”, “I Solemnly Assure You”, “I Tell You the Truth”, etc.]

a) An Example from Each of the Gospels:

- (1) “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part

of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place.”
Matt. 5:17-18

- (2) “Have faith in God. Amen, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it shall be done for him. Therefore I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours.” Mark 11:22-24
- (3) “Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” Luke 18:17
- (4) “Amen, amen (*Confirming His Amen*), I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”
“Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.” John 3:3 & 5

d. Jesus Delegates His Authority to the Church

- 1) Jesus Promises to be With Us When We Unite in Prayer
 - a) Power of Agreement. “Again, (amen,) I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matt. 18:19-20
- 2) Jesus Gives Us Authority to Speak in His Name
 - a) Jesus Challenges His Church. “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.” John 14:12
 - (1) How are We to Perform the Same Works as Christ?
 - (2) How are We to Perform Greater Works than Christ?
 - (3) Because Christ has Returned to Father God
 - b) Jesus Enthroned at Father God’s Right Hand Heb. 1:1-4
 - (1) We are to Pray in Jesus’ Name. “And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it.” John 14:13-14
 - c) Jesus Enables Us by Sending the Holy Spirit
 - (1) We Receive the Holy Spirit in Jesus’ Name. “I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that (I) told you.” John 14:25-26
 - The Same Holy Spirit Who Spoke through the Prophets
2 Pet. 1:20-21
 - The Same Holy Spirit by Whom Jesus was Conceived in Mary
Luke 1:26-35
 - The Same Holy Spirit Who Anointed Jesus for Ministry
John 1:29-34
 - d) We Represent Jesus on Earth When We Pray in His Name. “It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.” John 15:16
 - e) Jesus Gives Us “Power of Attorney” to Use His Name John 16:23-27
 - (1) Authority to Pray in Jesus’ Name. “..... Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you. Until now

you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.”

- Pray to Father God as Though Jesus was Praying
- (2) Authority Given Upon Our Baptism in the Holy Spirit
(Initially Received on Day of Pentecost – Birth of Church)
(Can Personally be Received by Every Believing Christian)
 - “I have told you this in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures but I will tell you clearly about the Father.”
 - Christ’s Figures of Speech Will be Clarified by Holy Spirit
 - “On that day you will ask in my name, and I do not tell you that I will ask the Father for you. For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God ”
 - Church Given Power of Attorney to Use Jesus’ Name
(As Inspired & Led by the Holy Spirit. Rom. 8:26-27)
 - Giving Us Personal Access to God’s Throne Heb. 4:14-16
- 3) The Church Declares the Name of Jesus
 - a) Examples from Acts of the Apostles
 - (1) Crippled Man Healed in the Name of Jesus Acts 3 – 4
 - Peter & John Go to Temple Area
 - Man, Crippled from Birth, Asks Peter & John for Alms
 - Peter Speaks to Man: “I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, (rise and) walk.” (Acts 3:6)
 - Takes Man by Hand & Raises Him to His Feet
 - Man Immediately Healed & Walks into Temple with Them
 - Leaping & Praising God
 - Peter Confronts the Crowd: “You Israelites, why are you amazed at this, and why do you look so intently at us as if we had made him walk by our own power or piety? The God of Abraham, (the God) of Isaac, and (the God) of Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus whom you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence, when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, this man, whom you see and know, his name has made strong, and the faith that comes through it has given him this perfect health, in the presence of all of you.” (Acts 3:12-16)
 - Calls for People to Repent & Accept Jesus as Messiah
 - Temple Guards Arrest Peter & John
 - Peter & John Brought before Sanhedrin
 - Religious Authorities Ask: “By what power or by what name have you done this?” (Acts 4:7)
 - Peter Testifies: “Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all

the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.” (Acts 4:8-12)

- Church’s Praise & Thanksgiving: “..... enable your servants to speak your word with all boldness, as you stretch forth (your) hand to heal, and signs and wonders are done through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” (Acts 4:29-30)
 - Place Where They Gathered & Prayed Shook
- (2) Gospel Preached in the Name of Jesus Acts 10
- Peter Led to the House of Cornelius a Roman Centurion
 - Gentile Who Feared God & was Generous to Jews
 - Peter Preached Salvation through Name of Jesus: “..... God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and (in) Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree (*Cross*). This man God raised (on) the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.” (Acts 10:38-43)
 - Holy Spirit Fell Upon those Gentiles
 - Peter Responds: ““Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the holy Spirit even as we have (*On Day of Pentecost*)?” He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.” (Acts 10:47-48)
- (3) Demons Expelled in the Name of Jesus Acts 16:16-24
- Girl with Clairvoyant Spirit Kept Disrupting Paul & Silas
 - Paul Expels Evil Spirit in Name of Jesus: “..... I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” (Acts 16:18)
 - Demon Immediately Leaves Girl
- (4) Willingness to be Martyred in the Name of Jesus Acts 21:7-14
- Paul Returning to Jerusalem After Missionary Trip
 - Agabus Bound Himself with Paul’s Belt & Prophecies: “Thus says the holy Spirit: This is the way the Jews will bind the owner of this belt in Jerusalem, and they will hand him over to the Gentiles.” (Acts 21:11)
 - Paul Replies: “What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? I am prepared not only to be bound but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.” (Acts 21:13)

- b) Excerpts from the Epistles
- (1) We are Sanctified in the Name of Jesus. “..... to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.” 1 Cor. 1:2
 - (2) We are Justified in the Name of Jesus. “..... now you have had yourselves washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.” 1 Cor. 6:11
 - (3) Supremacy of the Name of Jesus. “..... God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Phil. 2:9-11
 - (4) We are to Glorify the Name of Jesus. “To this end, we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.” 2 Thess. 1:11-12
 - (5) Healing in the Name of Jesus. “Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint (him) with oil in the name of the Lord (Jesus), and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.” James 5:14-15
 - (6) Love One Another in the Name of Jesus. “And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us.” 1 John 3:23
 - (7) Eternal Life in the Name of Jesus. “Whoever believes in the Son of God has this testimony within himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar by not believing the testimony God has given about his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever possesses the Son has life; whoever does not possess the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you so that you may know that you have eternal life, you who believe in the name of the Son of God (Jesus).” 1 John 5:10-13
- c) Today, We Can Confidently Say, “In the name of Jesus”
- (1) “..... Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you. Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.” John 16:23-24

B. John the Baptist

John the Baptist was the Last Prophet of the Old Covenant.

John’s Ministry was to be the Forerunner of Messiah: 1) Calling the People to Repentance, Preparing them to Recognize & Accept Messiah, and 2) to Herald (Announce) Messiah to Israel. Messiah will Fulfill the Old Covenant and Usher in the Lord’s New Covenant.

1. John's Life & Ministry

a. Prophecies of the Coming of Messiah's Herald / Messenger

- 1) "A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD (*"Messiah – Son of God"*)! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in (*Lift Up the Downtrodden*), every mountain and hill shall be made low (*Humble the Proud*); Then the glory (*Salvation*) of the LORD shall be revealed, and all mankind shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." Isa. 40:3-5
 - a) "Voice in Desert" Shall Prepare the Hearts of People to Receive Messiah
 - b) Lord will Reveal His Salvation through His Messiah the Son of God
- 2) "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me (*Messiah – Son of God*); And suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (*Lord's Physical Visitation at the Temple in Jerusalem*), And the messenger (*John the Baptist*) of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts." Mal. 3:1
- 3) "Lo, I will send you Elijah, the prophet, Before the day of the LORD comes, the great and terrible day (*Day of Messiah's Suffering & Death*), To turn the hearts of the fathers (*Jewish Priests & Religious Authorities*) to their children (*Jewish People*), and the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the land with doom. Lo, I will send you Elijah, the prophet, Before the day of the LORD comes, the great and terrible day." Mal. 3:23-24
 - a) Prophesied "Elijah" will Warn People to Repent & Turn to the Lord

b. John's Birth

- 1) John's Parents & Lineage Luke 1
 - a) Father: Zechariah a Priest Luke 1:5-7
 - b) Mother: Elizabeth Wife of Zechariah
 - c) Both Parents from the House of Aaron (Israel's Priests), Tribe of Levi
 - (1) Lived Righteously Before God, Observing the Law
 - d) Childless – Elizabeth Barren & Both Elderly
- 2) Angelic Announcement of the Birth of John Luke 1:8-25
 - a) Zechariah Performing Priestly Duties at Temple
 - (1) Chosen to Enter Sanctuary (Inner Court) to Burn Incense Before the Holy of Holies (God's Throne on Earth)
 - (2) Angel Appears to Zechariah at the Right of Altar of Incense
 - Angel Says to Zechariah: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of (the) Lord. He will drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will be filled with the holy Spirit even from his mother's womb, and he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go before him (Messiah) in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord." (*Luke 1:13-17*)
 - *Applying Prophecies of Coming Elijah (Messiah's Herald) to John Who is About to be Conceived*
 - Zechariah Says: "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." (*Luke 1:18*)

- Angel Replies: “I am Gabriel, who stand before God. I was sent to speak to you and to announce to you this good news. But now you will be speechless and unable to talk until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled at their proper time.” *(Luke 1:19-20)*
 - (3) People Outside Sanctuary (In Outer Court) Waiting for Zechariah
 - Concerned it was Taking Him So Long
 - Zechariah Emerges Unable to Speak
 - People Realize He had Seen a Vision
 - (4) Zechariah Returns Home & Elizabeth Conceive
 - Elizabeth Goes into Seclusion, Exclaiming: “So has the Lord done for me at a time when he has seen fit to take away my disgrace before others.” *(Luke 1:25)*
- 3) Angelic Announcement of the Birth of Messiah Luke 1:26-38
- a) Six Months After Elizabeth Conceived John
 - b) Angel Gabriel Appears to Mary & Says:
 - (1) “Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you.” *(Luke 1:28)*
 - (2) “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus (“*Yeshua*” = “*Yahweh is Salvation*”). He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High (*Son of God*), and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father (*Promised Messiah – Son of David*), and he will rule over the house of Jacob (*Israel*) forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end (*Universal King of Kings*.” *(Luke 1:30-33)*
 - c) Mary, Who is a Virgin, Asks: “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?” *(Luke 1:34)*
 - d) Gabriel Answers:
 - (1) “The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. *(Luke 1:35)*
 - (2) “And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.” *(Luke 1:36-37)*
 - e) Mary’s Acceptance: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” *(Luke 1:38)*
- 4) Mary Visits Elizabeth Luke 1:39-56
- a) John Leaps in Elizabeth’s Womb at Jesus’ Presence (In Mary’s Womb)
 - b) Elizabeth Filled with the Holy Spirit Cries Out in Loud Voice: “Most blessed are you (*Mary*) among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb (*Jesus*). And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant (*John – Messiah’s Herald*) in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” *(Luke 1:42-45)*
 - c) Mary’s Canticle Luke 1:46-55
 - d) Mary Stays with Elizabeth About 3 Months then Returns Home Luke 1:56

- 5) Birth of John the Baptist Luke 1:57-79
- a) Elizabeth Gives Birth to a Son Luke 1:57-66
John is from the Tribe of Levi the House of Aaron (Israel's Priesthood)
- (1) Infant Circumcised on 8th Day
Initiates a Male Into God's Covenant with Abraham. Gen. 17
- Witnesses Want to Name Him Zechariah After His Father
 - Elizabeth Says: "No. He will be called John." (Luke 1:60)
 - They Answer: "There is no one among your relatives who has this name." (Luke 1:61)
 - Zechariah Writes on a Tablet: "John is his name," (Luke 1:63)
 - Immediately His Mouth Opens & He Speaks – Blessing God
- (2) People Remark: "What, then, will this child be? For surely the hand of the Lord was with him." (Luke 1:66)
- b) Zechariah Filled with the Holy Spirit Prophesies: Luke 1:67-79
- (1) Of the Coming Messiah: "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and brought redemption to his people. He has raised up a horn for our salvation within the house of David (Messiah from House & Lineage of David) his servant, even as he promised through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old:..... without fear we might worship him in holiness and righteousness before him all our days (*Promise of Salvation in God's Holy Presence*)." (Luke 1:68-75)
- (2) Over His Son John: "And you, child (His Son John), will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his (Messiah's) ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God by which the daybreak from on high (*Son of God*) will visit us to shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace." (Luke 1:76-79)
- 6) John's Preparation for Ministry Luke 1:80
- a) "The child (*John*) grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel."
- c. John's Ministry Matt. 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-22; John 1:19-28
"A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light (Jesus the Light of the World), so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world." John 1:6-8
- 1) John the Baptist Preaches in the Desert
(Desert Symbolizes Israel's Spiritual Dryness)
- a) John Proclaims Baptism of Repentance for the Forgiveness of Sins
 Preparing the People to Receive the Coming Messiah
(Fulfilling Old Testament Prophecy. Isa. 40:3-5; Mal. 3:1; Mal. 3:23-24)
(Fulfilling Angel's Prophecy to John's Father Zechariah. Luke 1:5-25)
(Fulfilling Zechariah's Prophecy Over His Son John. Luke 1:76-79)
- (1) John's Message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"
(Matt. 3:2)
- (2) People from All Walks of Life Come to John to be Baptized
- Acknowledging their Sins
- (3) John's Exhortation to Live Honestly & Perform Good Works

- To the People. “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” (*Luke 3:11*)
 - To Tax Collectors. “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed” (*Luke 3:13*)
 - To Soldiers. “Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages.” (*Luke 3:14*)
- b) John’s Persona was Like that of the Prophet Elijah
- (1) He Wore Clothes of Camel Hair with Leather Belt
 - (2) He Ate Locusts & Wild Honey
- c) People Regard John as a Prophet
Matt. 21:25-27; Mark 11:30-33; Luke 20:3-7
- 2) John Confronts Religious Elite Who Came to be Baptized
- a) Show Proof of a Repentant Heart. “You brood of vipers (*Symbol of Satan*)! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit (*Works*) as evidence of your repentance.” (*Matt. 3:7-8*)
 - b) Do Not Rely on Your Heritage. “And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones.” (*Matt. 3:9*)
 - c) Warning of the Coming Judgment. “Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” (*Matt. 3:10*)
- 3) Religious Authorities Send an Envoy to Question John John 1:19-28
- a) Priests & Levites Ask John: “Who are you?”
 - (1) John Answers: “I am not the Messiah.”
 - b) They Continue Questioning Him:
 - (1) “What are you then? Are you Elijah?”
 - John Answers: “I am not.”
 - *Jews were Expecting the Physical Return of Elijah*
 - *John was Not the Prophet Elijah, Who was Taken into Heaven, but was Anointed in the Spirit of Elijah*
 - (2) “Are you the Prophet?”
(*Referring to the Promised Prophet Like Moses. Deut. 18:15*)
 - John Answers: “No.”
 - *Prophet Like Moses Refers to Messiah’s Office of Prophet*
 - (3) “Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?”
 - John Answers: “I am ‘the voice of one crying out in the desert, Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as Isaiah the prophet said.”
 - *Applying Isaiah’s Prophecy of Messiah’s Herald to Himself*
 - c) Pharisees Question John: “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet?”
 - (1) John Answers Testifying of Coming Messiah. “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.”
- 4) John Testifies of the Coming Messiah (*Matt. 3:11-12*):
- a) John is Messiah’s Herald. “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one (*Messiah*) who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not

- worthy to carry his sandals (*Symbolizing Messiah's Walk & Ministry*).”
- b) Messiah's Baptism. “He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”
- 5) John Baptizes Jesus of Nazareth
- a) Jesus Comes to John to be Baptized Matt. 3:13-15
- (1) John Tries to Prevent Him: “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?” (*Matt. 3:14*)
- John Discerns Jesus Did Not Need to Repent of Sin
- (2) Jesus Insists on Being Baptized. **“Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”** (*Matt. 3:15*)
- b) John Baptizes Jesus in Jordan River
- c) Jesus Comes Out of the Water After Being Baptized (*Matt. 3:16-17*):
- (1) Spirit of God Descends Upon Him. “.....the heavens were opened (for him), and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove (and coming upon him (*Anointing Messiah for Ministry*).”
- (2) God Speaks: “And a voice came from the heavens, saying, **‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’**”
- 6) John Testifies that Jesus of Nazareth is Messiah
- a) John & His Disciples See Jesus John 1:29-34
- (1) John Declares Jesus as God's Holy Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin. “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”
- *John was from the Tribe of Levi, House of Aaron (Israel's Priestly Order) Who are Responsible for Offering Sacrifices*
 - John Declares Jesus as the Sacrificial Lamb of God
- (2) John Declares Jesus as Messiah & Son of God. “He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man (i.e. Messiah) is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’”
- Messiah is Superior to John
 - *From a Natural Perspective John was 6 Months Older than Jesus - Jesus, as Son of God, Existed Before John was Conceived*
- (3) John Explains His Mission. “I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel”
- (4) John Confirms His Declarations. “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”
- b) John & Two of His Disciples See Jesus the Next Day John 1:35-42
- (1) John Repeats His Declaration: “Behold the Lamb of God” (*John 1:36*)
- The Two Disciples Follow Jesus
 - One is Named Andrew
- (2) Andrew Testifies to His Brother Simon Peter: “We have found the Messiah” (*John 1:41*)
- Simon Peter Follows Jesus

- c) John's Final Testimony of Jesus John 3:22-30
- (1) Jesus' Disciples Baptizing People in Judea
 - (2) John Baptizing in Aenon
 - (3) John's Disciples Ask Him: "Rabbi, the one (*Jesus*) who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing and everyone is coming to him." (*John 3:26*)
 - (4) John Answers (*John 3:27-30*):
 - "No one can receive anything except what has been given him from heaven. (*Referring to Lord's Anointing*)."
 - "You yourselves can testify that I said (that) I am not the Messiah, but that I was sent before him (*As Messiah's Herald*)."
 - "The one who has the bride is the bridegroom; the best man, who stands and listens for him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made complete."
 - Refers to Messiah Jesus as the Bridegroom
 - Refers to Himself as the Best Man (*Announcing Bridegroom*)
 - "He must increase; I must decrease."
 - *John Humbly Submits to Jesus' Authority*
 - *John's Ministry is Ending - Jesus' Ministry is Beginning*
 - *John was the Last Prophet of Old Covenant - Jesus will Institute a New Covenant*
- d. John's Persecution & Death Matt. 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; Luke 3:19-20
- 1) John Rebuked Herod, Tetrarch of Galilee
 - a) For Marrying His Brother Philip's Wife Herodias: "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." (*Mark 6:18*)
 - b) For Other Evil Deeds
 - 2) Herod Arrested & Imprisoned John
 - a) Herodias Wanted John Killed
 - b) Herod Feared John Knowing He was a Holy Man
 - 3) John Hears of Messiah's Works While in Prison Matt. 11:2-6; Luke 7:18-23
 - a) Sends His Disciples with a Question: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (*Matt. 11:3*)

(1) *John Needs to Confirm that His Ministry has been Completed*
 - b) Jesus Replies: "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. (*Jesus is Performing the Prophesied Works of Messiah*) And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." (*Matt. 11:4-6*)
 - 4) Herod Executes John
 - a) Herod's Birthday Celebration
 - (1) Herodias' Daughter Performed Seductive Dance
 - (2) Herod Pleased & Swore to Give Her Anything She Asked
 - (3) Prompted by Her Mother, She Asked for John's Head on Platter
 - (4) Herod Dishearteningly Ordered John Beheaded
 - Keeping the Oath He Swore Before His Guests
 - b) John Beheaded
 - (1) Head Brought on Platter to Girl, Who Presented it to Her Mother
 - (2) John's Disciples Retrieved & Buried Corpse

- Went & Told Jesus

2. Messiah's Testimonies of John the Baptist

- a. Jesus' Witness of John – When John was in Prison Matt. 11:7-15; Luke 7:24-30
 - 1) John & His Ministry. “What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: ‘Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you (Messiah); he will prepare your way before you.’ (Quoting Mal. 3:1 – *Prophecy Fulfilled by John Who Announced the Coming Messiah*)”
 - 2) John is the Final & Greatest Old Covenant Prophet. “Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven (Messiah's New Covenant) is greater than he.”
 - 3) John's Persecution. “From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffers violence (*Persecution*), and the violent are taking it by force (*Messiah's Ultimate Victory*).”
 - 4) John is “Elijah” Prophesied to Come (*Mal. 3:22-24*): “All the prophets and the law prophesied (*Of the Coming Messiah*) up to the time of John. And if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah (Prophesied Forerunner of Messiah), the one who is to come. Whoever has ears ought to hear” (*Matt. 11:7-15*)
- b. Jesus' Witness of John – After Jesus' Transfiguration Matt. 17:9-13
 - 1) Jesus with Peter, James & John Returning from Mount of Transfiguration
 - a) Where Moses & Elijah Appeared with Jesus
 - b) Disciples Ask Jesus: “Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” (*Matt. 17:10*)
 - (1) *Old Covenant Prophecies “Elijah” Must Come & Restore Everything Before Messiah is Revealed* *Isa. 40:3-5; Mal. 3:23-24*
 - *Prepare Peoples' Hearts to Accept Messiah*
 - *Introduce Messiah to People*
 - 2) Jesus Affirms that Elijah Had Come. “Elijah will indeed come and restore all things; but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him but did to him whatever they pleased (Murdered John). So also will the Son of Man (Jesus the Messiah) suffer at their hands.” (*Matt. 17:11-12*)
 - a) Predictions of Coming “Elijah” had been Fulfilled by John the Baptist
 - 3) Disciples Understood that Jesus was Speaking of John the Baptist
- c. John was the Last Prophet of Old Covenant Luke 16:16-17
 - 1) “The law and the prophets (Old Covenant) lasted until John; but from then on the kingdom of God (Messiah's New Covenant) is proclaimed, It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for the smallest part of a letter of the law to become invalid (Messiah Will Fulfill All Law & Prophets. Matt. 5:17).”
- d. John & Father God Testify that Jesus is Messiah John 5:31-37
 - 1) “If I testify on my own behalf, my testimony cannot be verified.”
 - a) Law Requires Two Witnesses to Verify a Testimony Deut. 19:15
 - 2) John Verifies Jesus' Testimony that He is Messiah. “But there is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that the testimony he gives on my behalf is true. You (Religious Authorities) sent emissaries to John, and he testified to the

truth (That Jesus is Messiah). I do not accept testimony from a human being, but I say this so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and for a while you were content to rejoice in his light.”

- 3) Father God Testifies that Jesus is Messiah. “But I have testimony greater than John’s. The works that the Father gave me to accomplish, these works that I perform testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. Moreover, the Father who sent me has testified on my behalf”
- a) John & Father God Have the Same Testimony
 - (1) Jesus is the Messiah (Lord God’s Holy Anointed One)
 - (2) Jesus is the “Lamb of God” (God’s Holy & Perfect Sacrifice)
 - (3) Jesus is the “Son of God”

3. Old Testament Foreshadows of John the Baptist

- a. Example 1: Prophet Samuel 1 Sam. 1 – 16, 19, 21, 25, & 28
(See “Prophet Samuel” within “Anointed Prophet – Part I” Study.)

- 1) Overview of Prophets Samuel & John the Baptist
 - a) Samuel was the Lord’s First Official Prophet in the Old Covenant
 - (1) John was the Last Prophet of the Old Covenant Luke 16:16-17
 - b) Samuel Established Israel’s Monarchy – Anointing Israel’s First Kings
 - (1) John Anointed (Baptized) Messiah Who Established His Kingdom
 - c) Samuel was the Lord’s Prophet During Israel’s Transition from Period of the Judges to a Monarchy.
 - (1) John was the Lord’s Last Prophet of Old Covenant, Preparing the Hearts of the People (Through Baptism of Repentance) to Receive the Coming Messiah / Savior, and Announcing the Lord’s Holy Anointed One (Jesus of Nazareth) Who Fulfills Old Covenant and Establishes a New Covenant.
- 2) Some Similarities Between Samuel & John the Baptist
 - a) Miraculous Births & Early Lives 1 Sam. 1:1 – 2:11
 - (1) Elkanah & Wife Hannah Make Pilgrimage to Shiloh (Tabernacle Site)
 - Hannah is Barren
 - Prays to Lord for a Son at Tabernacle
 - Vows to Give Him to Lord as Nazirite (Order Dedicated to Lord)
 - Priest Eli Witnesses Her
 - Initially Thinks She is Drunk
 - Hannah Explains She was Praying
 - Eli Agrees & Blesses Her
 - (2) Zechariah Ministering in Temple Luke 1:5-22
 - Wife Elizabeth is Barren & Both Elderly
 - Zechariah Offering Incense to Lord (*Symbolic of Prayer*)
 - Angel Gabriel Appears & Announces: “. your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John.” (*Luke 1:13*)
 - He Will be Dedicated to Lord & Raised as a Nazirite
 - Zechariah Initially Disbelieves Gabriel and is Struck Mute
 - Zechariah Accepts Angel’s Announcement
 - (3) Hannah Conceives & Bears a Son

- Names Son “Samuel” (*Meaning “Name of God”*)
 - Hannah Offers Samuel to Lord at Tabernacle
 - Samuel Presented to Priest Eli (Eli from House of Aaron)
 - Priest Eli Raises Samuel as Nazirite to Serve the Lord
 - Samuel Raised in House of the Lord
 - Hannah Worships Lord in a Canticle
- (4) Elizabeth Conceives & Bears a Son Luke 1:23-25 & 57-79
- Names Son “John” as Instructed by Angel Gabriel
 - Zechariah Worships Lord in a Canticle
 - Priest Zechariah Raises John as Nazirite to Serve the Lord
 - John Raised in House of Lord (Parents from House of Aaron)
- b) Prophet Samuel Establishes Israel’s Monarchy
John the Baptist Heralds Messianic Kingdom
- (1) Samuel Appointed as Judge in Israel 1 Sam. 7
- Samuel Calls Israel to Repentance
 - Israel Repents & Turns to Lord
 - John Calls Israelites to Repentance Preparing Them for Messiah’s Kingdom Matt. 3:1-6; Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:1-6
 - “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” (*Matt. 3:2*)
 - Many Israelites Repent Acknowledging their Sins
- (2) Israel Asks for a King 1 Sam. 8
- Many Israelites Praying for Coming of Messiah
(e.g. Luke 2:25-35)
- (3) Samuel Institutes Kingdom of Israel 1 Sam. 9 – 12
- Lord Reveals His Chosen King to Samuel
 - Samuel Anoints Saul as King of Israel
 - Samuel Prophesies the Signs of Lord’s Anointing
 - Lord Reveals His Messiah-King to John John 1:29-34
 - John Anoints (Baptizes) Messiah
Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22
 - Dove Descends from Heaven as Sign of Lord’s Anointing
 - Samuel (Ruling Judge) Transfers All Governing Authority to King
 - John Acquiesces His Authority to Messiah
 - “He (*Messiah*) must increase; I must decrease” John 3:30
- (4) Samuel Uncompromisingly Confronts Israel’s Authorities
John the Baptist Uncompromisingly Confronts Israel’s Authorities
- Samuel Prophesies Against Israel’s Wicked Priests
1 Sam. 3:1-18
 - Sons of Eli Who were Misusing their Priestly Offices
 - John Prophesies Against Israel’s Religious Leaders Matt. 3:7-12
 - “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.”
 - “Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”
 - Samuel Rebukes King Saul 1 Sam. 13 - 15

- For Disobeying Lord's Prophet & Offering a Presumptuous Sacrifice
 - For Swearing an Oath Without Consulting the Lord or His Prophet
 - For Disobeying the Lord's Command to Purge Israel's Archenemy
 - The Lord Will Take Kingdom Away from Saul & Give it to "a man after his own heart....." (*1 Sam. 13:13-14*)
 - John Rebukes King Herod (Tetrarch of Galilee)
Matt. 14:3-5; Mark 6:18; Luke 3:19
 - For Disobeying Law by Marrying His Brother Philip's Wife
 - For Other Evil Deeds
 - King Saul Tears Samuel's Mantle (*Symbol of Prophet's Anointing*) *1 Sam. 15:24-31 & 34-35*
 - Samuel Departs from Saul - Never See Each Other Again
 - King Herod Beheads John (Last Prophet) Ending His Ministry
Matt. 14:6-11; Mark 6:22-28
 - John Departs from Israel – Never See Each Other Again
- c) Prophet Samuel & David ("*The Man After God's Own Heart*")
- (1) Samuel Anoints a New Dynasty to Rule Israel *1 Sam. 16:1-13*
John the Baptist Anoints Messiah a New Ruler of Israel
- Lord Commands Samuel to Anoint a New King of Israel
 - Lord Will Choose One of the Sons of Jesse from Bethlehem
 - Lord Instructs John to Baptize the People Looking for Messiah
 - "I did not know him (*Messiah*), but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." *John 1:31*
 - Messiah Prophesied to be from "Stump (Son) of Jesse" *Isa. 11:1-5*
 - Messiah Prophesied to Come from Bethlehem *Micah 5:1*
 - Lord Instructs Samuel to Go to Bethlehem:
 - Take a Heifer to Sacrifice & Invite Jesse
 - Anoint the One the Lord Points Out
 - Lord Instructs John to Anoint the One He Points Out as Messiah
 - "I did not know him (*Messiah*), but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.'" *John 1:33*
 - Messiah to be the Lamb of God (Lord's Holy Sacrifice)
 - Samuel Invites Jesse & His Sons to Cleanse Themselves and Join the Sacrifice
 - John Invites All Jews to Cleanse Themselves (Baptism of Repentance) & Participate in Messiah's Redemption
 - John Testifies of Jesus: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world...." *John 1:29*
 - Jesse Presents His Sons to Samuel
 - 7 Sons Rejected by Lord
 - Jesse's Youngest Son (David) is Out Tending Sheep

- David Brought in from Fields
 - Lord: "There-anoint him, for this is he!" (*1 Sam. 16:12c*)
 - All Jerusalem, Judea & Region of Jordan Presented Themselves to John to be Baptized Matt. 3:1-5
 - They are Not Chosen by Lord to be Messiah
 - Messiah is the Good Shepherd John 10
 - Samuel Anoints David to be King of Israel
 - Spirit of Lord Rushes Upon David
 - John Anoints (Baptizes) Jesus of Nazareth, from Lineage of David, as Messiah Matt. 3:13-17
 - Holy Spirit Descends from Heaven & Rests Upon Jesus
 - Voice from Heaven Declares: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (*Matt. 3:17*)
 - John Testifies: "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." John 1:32-34
- d) Samuel Dies Before David Ascends to the Throne 1 Sam. 25:1
 John Dies Before Jesus Ascends to His Throne Matt. 14:3-12; Heb. 1:1-4
- b. Example 2: Prophet Elijah 1 Kings 17 – 19 & 21; 2 Kings 1 – 2; 2 Chron. 21
 (*See "Prophet Elijah" within "Anointed Prophet – Part I" Study.*)
 Elijah is the Precursor (Image) of John the Baptist
 Elijah Prefigures Messiah's Heralds (1st & 2nd Comings)
 Isa. 40:3-5; Mal. 3:1; Mal. 3:23-24; Matt. 11:7-15; Luke 7:24-28
 Elijah Represents All Old Covenant Prophets Cumulating with John the Baptist
- 1) Prophet Elijah Pronounces a Drought in Israel 1 Kings 17
- a) Result of King Ahab's Unprecedented Idolatry 1 Kings 16:29-31
 - b) Lord Gives Elijah Authority Over Drought
 (*To Impose Lord's Chastisement*)
 - c) John Proclaims Spiritual Drought in Israel
 - (1) John Given Authority to Discern True Repentance Luke 3:1-14
 - "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance....."
 (*Luke 3:7-8*)
 - d) Lord Sent Elijah to Wadi Cherith East of Jordan
 - (1) Elijah Wore Leather Girdle Around His Loins 2 Kings 1:8
 - (2) Ravens Brought Elijah Bread & Meat to Eat (*Fed by Lord/Nature*)
 - (3) Elijah Drank from Stream (*Symbol of Lord's Cleansing*)
 - e) John Preached in Desert & Baptized in Jordan Matt. 3:1-6; John 1:28
 - (1) Wore Camel's Hair Clothes & Leather Belt Around His Waist
 - (2) Ate Locusts & Wild Honey (*Fed by Lord/Nature*)
 - (3) Drank from River/Stream (*Symbol of Lord's Cleansing/Baptism*)
 - f) Lord Sent Elijah to Zarephath
 - (1) After the Stream Ran Dry
 - (2) Lord Tells Elijah: "..... I have designated a widow there to provide for you." (*1 Kings 17:9*)
 - (3) Elijah Goes to Zarephath
 - Sees a Widow Gathering Sticks
 - Asks Widow for Cup of Water & Piece of Bread

- Widow Confesses She Only has Handful of Flour & Little Oil
 - For Her & Her Son to Eat, then Die
 - Elijah Replies (*1 Kings 17:13-14*):
 - “..... first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son.”
 - “For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, ‘The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth (*Drought Over*)’
 - Widow Obeys Elijah; She & Her Son Eat for a Year
 - Jar of Flour Did Not Empty
 - Jug of Oil Did Not Go Dry
- g) Elijah’s Mission to Zarephath Foreshadows John’s Ministry
 Matt. 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-22; John 1:19-28
- (1) Stream Ran Dry
- Lord’s Chosen Nation, Israel, had Spiritually Run Dry When John Came Preaching & Baptizing
- (2) Prophet Sees a Widow Gathering Sticks
- Widow Symbolizes Israel Without the Lord Her Bridegroom
 - John Announces Israel’s Bridegroom (Messiah)
John 3:28-30
 - Gathering Sticks Represents Israel’s Spiritual Poverty
- (3) Prophet Asks for a Cup of Water & Piece of Bread
- John’s Call for a Baptism of Repentance in Water, Leading to Messiah the Bread of Life
- (4) Widow Confesses Her Poverty to Prophet
- People Repent Acknowledging their Sins (*Spiritual Poverty*)
- (5) Prophet Asks Her to Feed Him First (*Sign of Faith*)
- (6) Prophet Promises the Lord Will Feed Her & Her Son
- John Baptizes (Anoints) Jesus Initiating His Ministry:
 - Flour & Oil are Used to Make Bread
 - Jesus was Anointed by the Holy Spirit (*Symbolized by Oil*)
 - Jesus is the “Bread of Life” (*Symbolized by Cake of Bread*)
 - Jesus, as Lord, Promises to Feed Us: “**I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.**”
John 6:35
- (7) Widow Obeys Prophet - She & Her Son Ate for a Year
- Jar of Flour Did Not Empty & Jug of Oil Did Not Go Dry
 - Whereas, the Widow’s Flour & Oil Multiplied Until Drought was Over; Jesus (Lord’s Holy Anointed One & Bread of Life) Continues Feeding Us unto Eternal Life
 - Jesus, as Lord, Promises Us Eternal Life: “**I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.**”
John 6:51
- 2) Elijah Confronts the Prophets of Baal
 John the Baptist Confronts Israel’s Religious Leaders
 a) Lord Instructs Elijah to Present Himself to King Ahab
 (1) That Lord May End the Drought
 1 Kings 18

- b) Lord Instructs John When to Present Himself to Israel
(1) To Call People to Repentance, Ending Spiritual Drought in Israel
- c) Elijah Meets Obadiah (King's Vizier) on the Way
(1) Obadiah Remained Zealous for the Lord
 - Saved 100 Prophets from Jezebel's Death Sentence
(2) Tells Obadiah to Inform King that Elijah has Returned
- d) Obadiah is a Type of Old Testament Prophets Culminating with John
(1) They Remained Zealous for the Lord
 - Many Martyred by Israel's Authorities (e.g. Matt. 23:29-36)
(2) They Foreshadowed & Prophesied Coming of Elijah (John the Baptist) (Prophecies: Isa. 40:3-5; Mal. 3:1, 23-24)
- e) King Ahab Meets with Prophet Elijah
(1) Elijah Blames Drought on Ahab's Idolatry
 - Instructs King to Summon People & False Prophets
- f) Religious Authorities Meet with John Matt. 3:7-10
(1) John Blames Them for Spiritual Drought in Israel
 - "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance."
 - "And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones."
 - "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."
- g) Ahab Calls an Assembly at Mount Carmel
(1) People Gather to be Baptized by John Matt. 3:5-6
- h) Elijah's Proposition to People: "How long will you straddle the issue? If the LORD is God, follow him; if Baal, follow him." (*1 Kings 18:21*)
(1) 450 Prophets of Baal: Prepare Sacrifice to Baal & Place on Altar
 - Call Upon Baal to Send Fire to Consume Sacrifice
(2) Elijah the Lord's Prophet: Prepare Sacrifice to Lord & Place on Altar
 - Call Upon Lord to Send Fire to Consume Sacrifice
- i) John's Proposition to People
(1) "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Matt. 3:2
- j) Prophets of Baal Prepare Sacrifice & Lay it on Wood of Altar
(1) Call Upon Baal from Morning to Noon
 - No Sound / No Answer
(2) Elijah Taunts False Prophets: "Call louder, for he is a god and may be meditating, or may have retired, or may be on a journey. Perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." (*1 Kings 18:27*)
 - Man-Made Idols are Not Gods
(3) Baal's Prophets Cry Louder, Cut Themselves, etc.
 - No Sound / No Answer
(4) *Spiritual Application - Israel's Ritualistic Sacrifices Can Not Provide Eternal Salvation* *Heb. 10:1-4*
 - "Since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come,..... it can never make perfect those who come to worship by the same sacrifices that they offer continually each year..... But in those

sacrifices there is only a yearly remembrance of sins, for it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats take away sins.”

- k) Elijah Repairs Lord’s Altar Using 12 Stones
(Representing 12 Tribes of Israel – Reminding Lord of His Covenant)
(1) Digs Trenches Around Altar & Arranges Wood
- l) John Prepares Hearts of Israelites to Accept Lord’s Sacrifice (Messiah)
- m) Elijah Prepares Sacrifice & Lays it on Wood of Altar
(1) Elijah Pours Water 12 Times Over Sacrifice & Wood
 - Water Flows Around Altar & Fills Trenches
(2) Elijah’s Sacrifice Prefigures Jesus’ Ministry
 - Initiated by John’s Baptism (Water)
 - Concluded by Jesus’ Sacrifice on a Cross (Wooden Altar)
(3) Elijah Calls Down Fire from Heaven (*1 Kings 18:36-37*):
 - “LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things by your command.
 - “Answer me, LORD! Answer me, that this people may know that you, LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to their senses.”
(4) John Announces Messiah – Fire from Heaven
 - “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I.....”
 - “He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire.” Matt. 3:11
(5) John Baptizes Jesus of Nazareth in Water
Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22
 - Lord Answers from Heaven: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Matt. 3:17
(6) John Proclaims Jesus as the Lord’s Holy Sacrifice: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” John 1:29
- (7) Fire Descends from Heaven - Jesus Came Down from Heaven
 - Fire Consumed Elijah’s Sacrifice
 - Jesus’ Body was Totally Consumed as Lord’s Pure Sacrifice
 - Fire Consumes Wood, Stones & Dust
 - Man’s (Wood), Sin/Hardheartedness (Stones) & Death (Dust) Consumed by Christ’s Sacrifice
 - Fire Laps Up Water in Trenches
 - Repentance & Baptism (Water) Must Lead to Personal Acceptance of Jesus’ Sacrifice for Eternal Salvation
- n) People Fall Prostrate: “The LORD is God! The LORD is God!”
(*1 Kings 18:39b*)
(1) People Repent and are Baptized Acknowledging their Sins Matt. 3:6
- o) Elijah Kills Prophets of Baal (*Obeying the Law to Purge Israel from False Prophets. Deut. 18:9-14 & 20*)
(1) Satan Destroyed by Jesus’ Sacrifice: “Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up (On Cross) from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” (*Fulfilling the Law. Matt. 5:17*) John 12:31-32
- p) Elijah Informs Ahab When Drought is Over

q) John Announces Jesus as Messiah & Lord's Holy Sacrifice

(1) Spiritual Drought is Over for Those Who Repent & Personally Accept Jesus as Lord & Savior

- 3) Elijah's Visitation from the Lord God of Israel 1 Kings 19:1-18
- a) Jezebel (King Ahab's Wife) Vows to Kill Elijah
- (1) Elijah Flees to Desert
- (a) Sits Under Broom Tree & Prays for Death
- (2) Lord Sustains & Strengthens Elijah
- b) Herodias (King Herod's Wife) Wants to Kill John Mark 6:17-19
- (1) John the Baptist Comes from Desert Matt. 3:1-6
- (a) Calls People to Repentance & Baptism (Cleansing) Leading Them to Messiah & Eternal Life
- (2) Lord Sustains & Strengthens John in Wilderness
- c) Elijah Goes to Mount Horeb
- (1) Takes Shelter in Cave
- (2) Word of Lord Comes to Elijah: "Why are you here, Elijah?"
- (a) Elijah Answers: "I have been most zealous for the LORD..... Israelites have forsaken your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to the sword. I alone am left, and they seek to take my life." (1 Kings 19:10)
- (b) John Rebukes Unrepentant Sinners Seeking Baptism Luke 3:7-9
- (c) Lord Orders Elijah. "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kings 19:11a)
- (d) Lord Orders John to Look for Messiah. John 1:29-34
- "I did not know him (*i.e. Messiah*), but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." (John 1:31)
 - "..... the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.'" (John 1:33)
- (3) The Lord's Visitation
- All of these Manifestations are Revealed in Messiah's Visitation. (The Sequence of these Manifestations to Elijah are Mirror [Reverse] Images of their Fulfillment by Messiah. [*i.e. First is Last, etc.*])
- (a) First there was a Strong Heavy Wind - Lord Not in the Wind
- Fulfilled by Messiah Sending the Holy Spirit After His Ascension into Heaven. "When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." Acts 2:1-4
- (b) Second there was an Earthquake - Lord Not in the Earthquake
- Fulfilled At Messiah's Death. "..... The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints

- who had fallen asleep were raised.” Matt. 27:45-54
- (c) Third there was Fire - Lord Not in the Fire
- Fulfilled by Messiah’s Ministry. “I (*John*) am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire.” Luke 3:16
- (d) Fourth there was a Still Small Voice - It is the Voice of the Lord
- Fulfilled at Jesus’ Baptism Initiating His Messianic Ministry Matt. 3:13-17
 - Jesus Comes to John to be Baptized
 - John Objects: “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?” (*Matt. 3:14*)
 - Jesus’ “Still Small Voice”: “**Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.**” (*Matt. 3:15*)
 - John Obeys & Baptizes His Lord
 - Dove (Holy Spirit) Descends Upon Jesus Anointing Him, Revealing Messiah to John John 1:29-34
 - Voice of God. “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” (*Matt. 3:17*)
(Confirming & Expanding That Revelation)
 - Elijah Hides His Face in His Cloak (*Mantle - Symbol of His Anointed Office*)
 - John’s Humility at Jesus’ Presence. “..... the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals.” Matt. 3:11
 - John’s Submission to Jesus’ Authority. “He (*Messiah*) must increase; I must decrease.” John 3:30
- (4) Elijah Stands at Cave Entrance & Listens
- (a) Lord Asks: “Elijah, why are you here?” (*1 Kings 19:13b*)
- (b) Elijah Gives Lord the Same Answer (*See 1 Kings 19:10 Above*)
- (5) Lord Commands Elijah
- (a) Anoint Hazael King of Aram (*Hazael Will Chastise Israel*)
- John Anoints (Baptizes) Jesus – King of Kings Rev. 19:16
- (b) Anoint Jehu King of Israel (*Jehu Will Annihilate House of Ahab*)
- John Anoints (Baptizes) Jesus – King of Israel Mark 15:2
- (c) Anoint Elisha as Your Prophet Successor
- John Anoints (Baptizes) Jesus as Messiah-Prophet to Succeed Him as Lord’s Anointed Prophet. “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Matt. 3:11-12
- (6) Lord Pronounces Judgment on Rebellious (*Lord will Purify Israel*)
- (a) “If anyone escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill him. If he escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill him.” (*1 Kings 19:17*)
- (b) Messiah Laments Lord’s Judgment of Israel. “..... **If this day you only knew what makes for peace** (*Jesus – Prince of Peace*)

—but now it is hidden from your eyes. For the days are coming upon you when your enemies will raise a palisade against you; they will encircle you and hem you in on all sides. They will smash you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another within you because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.” Luke 19:41-44

- (7) Lord’s Faithful Remnant: “Yet I will leave seven thousand men in Israel—all those who have not knelt to Baal or kissed him”
(1 Kings 19:18) (*Elijah is Not the Only Faithful Israelite*)
(a) **Prefigures Multitudes Throughout the Ages Who Will Believe & Follow Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior**
- 4) Elijah Anoints Elisha as Successor Prophet 1 Kings 19:19-21
(*Elisha is a Type of Messiah*)
John Anoints (Baptizes) Jesus as Messiah-Prophet
- a) Elijah Comes Upon Elisha Plowing Behind 12 Yoke of Oxen
(12 Yoke of Oxen Symbolizes Lord Covenant with 12 Tribes of Israel)
(Represents the Whole Sacrificial Law of Old Covenant)
- b) Elijah Throws His Cloak Over Elisha
(Mantle/Cloak is Symbol of Elijah’s Prophetic Office. Throwing Cloak on Elisha’s Shoulders Symbolizes Transferring that Office)
- (1) John Baptizes Jesus of Nazareth as Messiah
Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22
- Transferring His Prophetic Office, Declaring: “He (*Messiah-Prophet*) must increase; I (*Old Covenant Prophet*) must decrease.” John 3:30
- c) Elisha Goes Home & Kisses His Parents Good-Bye
(1) Slaughters Oxen & Cooks Them Using Plow as Fuel
(2) Serves Meat to People
- d) Jesus Fulfills Old Covenant Matt. 5:17
(1) Offers Himself as Sacrifice on Cross (*Wooden Plow*) Heb. 10:1-18
(2) Offers Himself to Believers as True Eternal Food. “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.”
John 6:54-55
- e) Elisha Follows Elijah as His Attendant
(1) Jesus’ Ministry Follows John’s Ministry – Fulfilling It.
- John Declares: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’”
John 1:29-30
- 5) Elijah Rebukes Kings of Israel & Judah
- a) Pronounces Lord’s Judgment on Israel’s King Ahab & His Family
1 Kings 21
- b) Rebukes King Ahaziah of Israel (Ahab’s Son) 2 Kings 1
- c) Rebukes King Jehoram of Judah (Ahab’s Son-In-Law) 2 Chron. 21
- d) John Rebukes King Herod - Tetrarch of Galilee (Son of Herod the Great)
Matt. 14:3-5; Mark 6:18; Luke 3:19
- 6) Elijah Taken Up into Heaven 2 Kings 2:1-18
(*Elijah is a Type of John the Baptist the Last Prophet of Old Covenant.*)

(Elisha is a Type of Jesus – Messiah Who Fulfills Old Covenant Establishing a New Covenant.)

- a) Elijah Journeys to Place where He will be Taken to Heaven
 - (1) Elisha Accompanies Elijah
 - (2) Represents Brief Period when John’s & Jesus’ Ministries Overlap
John 3:22-30
- b) Elijah & Elisha Stop at River Jordan
 - (1) Elijah Strikes Water with His Mantle & River Divides
(Elijah Striking the Water with his Mantle – Represents the Anointing of the Holy Spirit - Dividing the River.)
 - (2) Elijah & Elisha Cross Jordan on Dry Ground
 - (3) John Baptizes Jesus in Jordan – Holy Spirit Descends Upon Jesus Anointing Him to Divide Covenant of Laws from Covenant of Grace
- c) Elisha Asks for Double Portion of Elijah’s Anointing *(During His Ministry, Elisha Performed Twice as Many Miracles as Elijah)*
 - (1) John Testifies of Jesus’ Greater Anointed: “.....the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals.....”
Matt. 3:11
 - (2) Jesus’ Anointing is Infinitely Greater than John’s and All the Old Testament Prophets – Evidenced by Many More Signs & Wonders
John 21:24-25
- d) Flaming Chariot & Horses Took Elijah to Heaven in Whirlwind
- e) Elijah’s Mantle Falls to Earth
(Symbolizing that Lord’s Anointing Remains on Earth)
 - (1) Elisha Picks Up Elijah’s Mantle
(Elisha Succeeds Elijah as Lord’s Anointed Prophet)
(Elisha Begins His Ministry After Elijah’s Departure)
 - (2) Jesus Begins His Public Ministry After John Completes His Mission
 - Jesus’ Ministry Intensifies After John’s Death
 - (3) Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit After His Ascension into Heaven
 - To Anoint His Church with the Holy Spirit Acts 2:1-4
 - To Carry Out His Ministry Throughout the Age
 - “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.” John 14:12
 - “But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

C. Jesus Messiah-Prophet

(See “Life of Christ” Study for the Life & Ministry of Jesus Christ)

(See Section A. Above for Office of Prophet & Jesus Christ’s Fulfillment of that Office.)

1. Signs of a Prophet (Signs of Prophets Performed by Messiah-Prophet Jesus.)

There are Two Clear Signs of a Prophet that Evidence the Lord’s Anointing:

1) *The First Sign, Exhibited by All the Lord’s Prophets, are that All of their Prophetic Predictions Come to Past to the Glory of God.*

- “How can we recognize an oracle which the LORD has spoken?’, know that,

even though a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if his oracle is not fulfilled or verified, it is an oracle which the LORD did not speak.....”

Deut. 18:21-22

2) *The Second Sign, Exhibited by Some Prophets, are the Performance of Signs and Wonders (Miracles) that Bring Glory to God.*

- *Jesus Proclaims: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” (Quoting Isa. 61:1-2) Luke 4:18-19*

Jesus, Messiah-Prophet, Exhibited Both of these Signs Throughout His Ministry.

a. Jesus’ Prophetic Predictions – Verifying His Prophetic Office

1) Jesus Prophecies Conspiracy Against Him

a) Predictions

(1) Jesus Accuses Religious Authorities of Conspiring to Kill Him. *“Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?”* John 7:19

(2) Jesus Repeats His Accusation John 8:37-40

- *“ I know that you are descendants of Abraham. But you are trying to kill me, because my word has no room among you. I tell you what I have seen in the Father’s presence; then do what you have heard from the Father.”*
- *Religious Leaders Answer: “Our father is Abraham.”*
- *“If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing the works of Abraham. But now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God; Abraham did not do this”*

(2) Jesus Chastises Religious Leaders: *“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the memorials of the righteous, and you say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have joined them in shedding the prophets’ blood.’ Thus you bear witness against yourselves that you are the children of those who murdered the prophets; now fill up what your ancestors measured out! (Alluding to the Fulfillment / Climax of Killing Prophets – Murdering Messiah Himself) ”*

Matt. 23:29-32

b) Fulfillment

(1) After Jesus Healed on the Sabbath

- *Healed a Man with Withered Hand. “The Pharisees (*Religious Authorities*) went out and immediately took counsel with the Herodians (*Political Authorities*) against him to put him to death.”* Mark 3:6
- *Healed a Lame Man. “For this reason the Jews (*i.e. Jewish Leadership*) tried all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the sabbath but he also called God his own father, making himself equal to God.”* John 5:18

(2) After Jesus Taught at Feast of Tabernacles John 7:45-52

- *“So the guards went to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, ‘Why did you not bring (*Arrest*) him?’ The guards*

answered, ‘Never before has anyone spoken like this one.’ So the Pharisees answered them, ‘Have you also been deceived? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, which does not know the law, is accursed.’”

- Nicodemus Calls for Fairness. “Does our law condemn a person before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing?”
 - They Rebuke & Insult Nicodemus
- (3) After Jesus Raised Lazarus from the Dead John 11:47-53
- “So the chief priests and the Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin and said, ‘What are we going to do? This man is performing many signs. If we leave him alone, all will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our land and our nation.’”
 - “But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, ‘You know nothing, nor do you consider that it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish.’”
 - “So from that day on they planned to kill him.”
- (4) Days Before Jesus is Arrested. “Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and they consulted together to arrest Jesus by treachery and put him to death.” Matt. 26:3-4
- 2) Jesus Prophecies His Suffering, Death & Resurrection
- a) Jesus’ Direct Prophecies
- (1) First Prediction Matt. 16:21-23; Mark 8:31-33; Luke 9:22
- “The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.” (Luke 9:22)
- (2) Second Prediction Matt. 17:22-23; Mark 9:30-32; Luke 9:43b-45
- “The Son of Man is to be handed over to men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.” (Matt. 17:22b-23a)
- (3) Third Prediction Matt. 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-34
- “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise.” (Mark 10:33-34)
- (4) Final Prediction Matt. 26:1-2
- “You know that in two days’ time it will be Passover, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.” (Matt. 26:2)
- b) Fulfillment of Jesus’ Direct Prophecies
- (1) Messiah Rejected by Jewish Elders, Chief Priests & Scribes, as He Prophesied John 12:37-43
- “Although he (*Jesus Christ*) had performed so many signs in their presence they did not believe in him, in order that the word which Isaiah the prophet spoke might be fulfilled: ‘Lord, who has believed our preaching (*Word of God*), to whom has the might (*Works of God*) of the Lord been revealed?’ (*Fulfilling Isa. 53:1*)

- “For this reason they could not believe, because again Isaiah said: ‘He (*Lord*) blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, so that they might not see with their eyes and understand with their heart and be converted, and I would heal them’. (*Fulfilling Isa. 60:10*) Isaiah said this because he saw his glory and spoke about him.”
 - “Nevertheless, many, even among the authorities, believed in him, but because of the Pharisees they did not acknowledge it openly in order not to be expelled from the synagogue. For they preferred human praise to the glory of God.”
- (2) Jesus & His Disciples Go to Jerusalem to Celebrate Passover, as He Prophesied
Mark 14:12-16; Luke 22:7-13
- “On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said, ‘Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?’ He said, ‘Go into the city (*Jerusalem*) to a certain man and tell him, The teacher says, “My appointed time (*To be Sacrificed*) draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.”’ The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover.” Matt. 26:17-19
 - Jesus Celebrates Passover Supper with His Disciples
Matt. 26:20-35; Mark 14:17-31; Luke 22:14-38; John 13
- (3) Jesus Arrested & Tried by Jewish Sanhedrin
- Jesus Arrested
Matt. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:1-14
 - Jesus Handed Over to Chief Priests & Scribes, as He Prophesied
Matt. 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65; Luke 22:63-71; John 18:19-24
 - To be Rejected by Chief Priests & Scribes. “They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together.” (*Mark 14:53*)
 - Conspiracy to Kill Him. “The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none,.....” (*Matt. 26:59-60*)
 - Mocked & Abused. “The men who held Jesus in custody were ridiculing and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying, ‘Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?’ And they reviled him in saying many other things against him.” (*Luke 22:63-65*)
 - Condemned to Death. “When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death.” Matt. 27:1
- (4) Jews Hand Jesus Over to Gentile Authorities, as He Prophesied
Matt. 27:1-31; Mark 15:1-20; Luke 23:1-25; John 18:28 – 19:16
- Jesus Handed Over to Gentiles. “As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.” (*Mark 15:1*)
 - Jesus Tried by Roman Governor. “They brought charges against

him, saying, ‘We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Messiah, a king.’ Pilate asked him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’” (Luke 23:2-3)

- Jesus Scourged. “Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged.” (John 19:1)
 - Jesus Sentenced to be Crucified. “Then he (*Pilate*) handed him over to them to be crucified.” (John 19:16)
 - Jesus Mocked, Abused & Spat Upon. “Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.” (Matt. 27:27-31)
- (5) Jesus Executed by Crucifixion, as He Prophesied
Matt. 27:32-61; Mark 15:21-47; Luke 23:26-56; John 19:17-42
- Jesus Crucified. “So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him...” (John 19:17-18)
 - Jesus Dies on Cross. “Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ‘**Father, into your hands I commend my spirit**’; (Quoting Psa. 31:6) and when he had said this he breathed his last.” (Luke 23:46)
 - Jesus’ Body Entombed. “Taking the (*Jesus*) body, Joseph wrapped it (in) clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed.” (Matt. 27:59-60)
- (6) Jesus Rises from Dead on Third Day, as He Prophesied
Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20 & 21; Acts 1:1-11
- Jesus’ Empty Tomb. “But at daybreak on the first day of the week (*i.e. Third Day*) They (*Women*) found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus..... two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee, that ‘**the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified, and rise on the third day.**’ And they remembered his words (*Prophecies Concerning His Resurrection*)” (Luke 24:1-8)
 - Jesus Appears to the Women. “..... Jesus met them on their way (*To Testify to Disciples*) and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage.” (Matt. 28:9)
 - Jesus Appears to 2 Disciples on Road to Emmaus. “Now that

very day (*Resurrection Day*) two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them” (*Luke 24:13-15*)

- Jesus Appears to His Disciples in Jerusalem
 - “On the evening of that first day of the week (*i.e. Resurrection Day*), when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, ‘**Peace be with you.**’ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.” (*John 20:19-20*)
 - “Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, ‘**Peace be with you.**’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘**Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.**’” (*John 20:26-27*)
- Jesus Later Appears to His Disciples in Galilee. “After this, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias.....” (*John 21:1*)
- Jesus Appears to More than 500 People Over 40 Day Period
 - “..... He (*Jesus*) presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered (*and Died*), appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.” (*Acts 1:1-3*)
 - “..... Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared to Kephas, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once,..... After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, he appeared to me (*St. Paul*).” 1 Cor. 15:1-8
- Jesus Appears When He Ascended into Heaven. “When they had gathered together they asked him, ‘Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He answered them, ‘**It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**’ When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.” (*Acts 1:6-9*)

Comment. Jesus made many predictions about His persecution and death, all of which were fulfilled as spoken. But, the most remarkable of His prophecies was that He would rise from the dead on the Third Day, which He did, fulfilling those prophecies. No one else in all of Human History has predicted and then fulfill their own resurrection from the dead.

c) Some of Jesus' Symbolic/Implied Prophecies

(1) The Living Temple

John 2:13-22

- Jesus Cleanses Temple Area
- Authorities Confront Jesus
- Jesus Replies: ““Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” he was speaking about the temple of his body.”
(John 2:19 & 21)
 - Fulfilled When Jesus Rose from the Dead on the Third Day After His Body was Destroyed
- “Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.” (John 2:22)

(2) The Sign of Jonah

Matt. 12:38-41; Matt. 16:1-4; Luke 11:29-30 & 32

- Authorities Ask Jesus for a Sign - That He is Messiah
- Jesus Replies: “An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth (Netherworld) three days and three nights.” (Matt. 12:39-40)
 - Fulfilled by Jesus Laying in Tomb Three Days & then Rising

(3) The Bronze Serpent

John 3:14-16

- Jesus Explains to Nicodemus: “And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”
- Jesus Refers to Moses & Bronze Serpent Num. 21:4-9
 - Israel was in the Wilderness
 - People Complained Against God (Sin)
 - Lord Sent Serpents that Bit & Killed People (Condemnation of Sin)
 - People Repent & Moses Intercedes to Lord
 - Lord Instructs Moses to Make a Bronze Serpent & Mount it on a Pole (*Symbol of Christ Bearing Our Sins on Cross*)
 - Dying People Who Looked (*Act of Faith*) Upon Serpent (*Christ*) were Healed (*Saved*)
- Fulfilled When Jesus Suffers & Dies on Cross for Sins of World

(4) The Good Shepherd Who Lays Down His Life John 10:1-18

- “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)
- “I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” (John 10:14-15)
- “This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.”
(John 10:17-18)
- Fulfilled When Jesus Voluntarily Lays Down His Life as a

Sacrifice for Sin.

- Fulfilled When Jesus Takes Back His Life by Rising from Dead
- (5) The Landowner's Son in Parable of Tenants
Matt. 21:33-44; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19
- “Hear another parable. There was a landowner (*Lord God*) who planted a vineyard (*Symbolizing Israel*), put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants (*Israel's Priests/Authorities*) and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants (*Prophets*) to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned.....” (*Matt. 21:33-36*)
 - “Finally, he sent his son (*Jesus – Son of God*) to them, thinking, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.’ They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.” (*Matt. 21:37-39*)
 - Fulfilled When Authorities Condemned Jesus to Death
 - Fulfilled When Jesus was Executed Outside of Jerusalem
- (6) Anointed for Burial Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; John 12:1-8
- Jesus Reclining at Table in Bethany
 - Woman Pours Expensive Perfume on Jesus' Head
 - Disciples Protest the Extravagance
 - Money Could be Given to Poor
 - Jesus Honors Woman's Action: “Let her alone. She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She has anticipated anointing my body for burial. Amen, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.” (*Mark 14:6-9*)
 - Fulfilled by Jesus' Anointed Death & Burial
 - Fulfilled. Woman Honored by this Incident being Recorded in Gospels and Read throughout Ages
- (7) Jesus 'Lifted Up' John 12:20-36
- “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” (*John 12:23-24*)
 - Jesus is Glorified by Dying on Cross, Fulfilling this Prophecy
 - Fulfilled. Billions of People throughout Ages are His Produce
 - “Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.’ He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.” (*John 12:31-33*)
 - Fulfilled by Jesus being Lifted Up on Cross

- Christ's Obedience & Sacrifice Will Draw People from All Walks of Life from the Nations of World throughout Ages.

3) Jesus Prophecies His Betrayal

a) Prediction

Matt. 26:20-25; Mark 14:17-21; Luke 22:21-23; John 13:18-30

(1) "..... he (*Jesus*) reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, '**Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.**' Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, 'Surely it is not I, Lord?' He said in reply, '**He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me.**'"

(*Matt. 26:20-23*)

(2) "Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, 'Surely it is not I, Rabbi?' He answered, '**You have said so.**'" (*Matt. 26:25*)

b) Fulfillment

(1) Conspiracy Against Jesus Mark 14:10-11; Luke 22:1-6; John 13:2a

- "Then one of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, 'What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?' They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over." Matt. 26:14-16

(2) Betrayal of Jesus Mark 14:43-46; Luke 22:47-48; John 18:1-9

- "While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people. His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying, 'The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him.' Immediately he went over to Jesus and said, 'Hail, Rabbi' and he kissed him. Jesus answered him, '**Friend, do what you have come for.**' Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him." Matt. 26:47-50

4) Jesus Prophecies His Disciples' Desertion

a) Prediction

Mark 14:27-28

(1) "Then Jesus said to them, '**This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken, for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed"; (Quoting Zech. 13:7)**'"

Matt. 26:31-32

b) Fulfilled that Night when Jesus was Arrested

Matt. 26:56b

(1) "And they all left him and fled. Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked." Mark 14:50-52

5) Jesus Prophecies Peter's Denials

a) Prediction

Matt. 26:33-35; Mark 14:29-31; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:36-38

(1) "Peter said to him in reply, 'Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be.' Jesus said to him, '**Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.**'"

(*Matt. 26:33-34*)

b) Fulfilled that Night During Jesus' Trial

Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18 & 25-27

(1) 1st Denial. "Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the

maids came over to him and said, ‘You too were with Jesus the Galilean.’ But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, ‘I do not know what you are talking about!’”

- (2) 2nd Denial. “As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, ‘This man was with Jesus the Nazorean.’ Again he denied it with an oath, ‘I do not know the man!’”
 - (3) 3rd Denial. A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, ‘Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away.’ At that he began to curse and to swear, ‘I do not know the man.’ And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: ‘**Before the cock crows you will deny me three times.**’ He went out and began to weep bitterly.” Matt. 26:69-75
- 6) Jesus Prophecies Peter’s Death
- a) Prediction. “**Amen, amen, I say to you (Peter), when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.**’ He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God.....” John 21:18-19
 - b) Fulfilled Years Later when Peter was Executed by Crucifixion
- 7) Jesus Prophecies the Coming of the Holy Spirit
- a) Promise to Send the Holy Spirit John 14:15-27; John 16:5-16
 - (1) “**And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate (Paraclete / Counselor / Holy Spirit) to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you.**” (John 14:16-17)
 - (2) “**But now I am going to the one who sent me (Predicting His Death, Resurrection & Ascension), and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I told you this, grief has filled your hearts. But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate (Holy Spirit) will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.**” (John 16:5-7)
 - b) Prediction at His Ascension Acts 1:1-11
 - (1) “While meeting with them, he (*Jesus*) enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for ‘**the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the holy Spirit.**’” (Acts 1:4-5)
 - (2) “When they had gathered together they asked him, ‘Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He answered them, ‘It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. **But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**’ When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.” (Acts 1:6-9)
 - c) Fulfilled 10 Days After His Ascension. “When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,

which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.” Acts 2:1-4

- 8) Jesus Prophecies Persecution of His Disciples
- a) Prediction. “Therefore, behold, I (Messiah-Lord) send to you (Israel) prophets and wise men and scribes (Jesus’ Disciples/Followers); some of them you will kill and crucify, some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and pursue from town to town” Matt. 23:34
- b) Fulfillment – Examples from Acts of the Apostles
- (1) Peter & John Persecuted for their Testimony
- “While they were still speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple guard, and the Sadducees confronted them, disturbed that they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. They laid hands on them and put them in custody until the next day, since it was already evening.” Acts 4:1-3
 - “After recalling the apostles, they had them flogged, ordered them to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them.” Acts 5:40
- (2) Stephen Martyred. “They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them’; and when he said this, he fell asleep.” Acts 7:58-60
- (3) Church Persecuted.
- “..... On that day, there broke out a severe persecution of the church in Jerusalem, and all were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.” Acts 8:1
 - “Now Saul, still breathing murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, that, if he should find any men or women who belonged to the Way, he might bring them back to Jerusalem in chains.” Acts 9:1-2
- (4) James Murdered & Peter Imprisoned. “About that time King Herod laid hands upon some members of the church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also. He had him taken into custody and put in prison under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each.....” Acts 12:1-4
- 9) Jesus Prophecies the Destruction of Temple in Jerusalem
- a) Prediction Matt. 24:1-2; Luke 21:5-6
- (1) “As he was making his way out of the temple area one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, teacher, what stones and what buildings!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? There will not be one stone left upon another that will not be thrown down.’” Mark 13:1-2
- b) Fulfilled in 70 AD When Roman Armies Destroyed Temple in Jerusalem
- 10) Jesus Prophecies the Siege & Fall of Jerusalem
- a) Lament Over Jerusalem & Jewish People Matt. 23:37-39; Luke 23:28-31

- (1) “As he drew near, he saw the city (*Jerusalem*) and wept over it, saying, ‘**If this day you only knew what makes for peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. For the days are coming upon you when your enemies will raise a palisade against you; they will encircle you and hem you in on all sides. They will smash you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another within you because you did not recognize the time of your visitation (Coming of Messiah-Son of God).’” Luke 19:41-44**
- b) Prediction of Fall of Jerusalem. Luke 21:20-24
- (1) “**When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, know that its desolation is at hand. Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains. Let those within the city escape from it, and let those in the countryside not enter the city, for these days are the time of punishment when all the scriptures are fulfilled.**”
- (2) “**Woe to pregnant women and nursing mothers in those days, for a terrible calamity will come upon the earth and a wrathful judgment upon this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken as captives to all the Gentiles (*Diaspora*); and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**”
- c) Fulfilled
- (1) Jerusalem Destroyed in 70 AD by Roman Armies to Crush Rebellion
- Starvation So Great that Mothers Ate their Children
 - Over Million Jews Killed or Captured
 - Jewish People Scattered throughout Empire
- (2) Jerusalem Destroyed Again in 135 AD by Roman Armies to Crush Another Jewish Rebellion
- Rome Rebuilt City Naming it ‘Aelia Capitolina’
 - Jews Banned from Jerusalem
 - Pagan Temple Built on Jewish Temple Site
 - Country Renamed ‘Palestine’
 - Jewish People Forced into Diaspora Among Gentile Nations
 - Suffer Persecution throughout Centuries
- (3) Jerusalem Occupied by Many Gentile Nations Until Reconquered by Israel in 1967 AD
- 11) Jesus Prophesies the Church Age & His Second Coming
- a) His Enthronement in Heaven
- (1) Predictions Matt. 26:62-64; Mark 14:61-62
- “..... **in the new age, when the Son of Man is seated on his throne of glory,**” Matt. 19:28
 - “**How do they claim that the Messiah is the Son of David? For David himself in the Book of Psalms says: ‘The Lord (*Father God*) said to my lord (*Messiah*), ‘Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool.’ (Quoting *Psa. 110:1*) ’ Now if David calls him ‘lord,’ how can he be his son?” Luke 20:41-44**
 - “..... they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said, ‘If you are the Messiah, tell us,’ but he replied to them, ‘**If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But**

from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God. They all asked, 'Are you then the Son of God?' He replied to them, 'You say that I am.'" Luke 22:66-70

- (2) Fulfilled - Jesus Christ Enthroned in Heaven After His Ascension
- "So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God." Mark 16:19
 - "..... God greatly exalted him (*Jesus Christ*) and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phil. 2:9-11
 - "In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he spoke to us through a son (*Jesus Son of God*), whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs." Heb. 1:1-4

b) End-Time Prophecies for His Church

Jesus' Response to Disciples' Question: "Tell us, when will this happen (Destruction of Temple), and what sign will there be of your coming, and of the end of the age?" Matt. 24:3

- (1) Predictions Mark 13:3-13; Luke 21:7-19
- Spiritual Warfare: False Messiahs, Impostors & Deception. "See that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah,' and they will deceive many.
 - Warfare Among Nations & Kingdoms. "You will hear of wars and reports of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for these things must happen, but it will not yet be the end. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;
 - Intensification of Famines & Natural Disasters. "there will be famines and earthquakes from place to place. All these are the beginning of the labor pains (*About to Give Birth to Messianic Kingdom on Earth*).
 - Persecution of His Church. "Then they will hand you over to persecution, and they will kill you. You will be hated by all nations because of my name.
 - Increase of Evil. "And then many will be led into sin; they will betray and hate one another. Many false prophets will arise and deceive many; and because of the increase of evil-doing, the love of many will grow cold.
 - Promise of Redemption. "But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved.
 - Completion of Christ's Commission. "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come. (*End of Church Age, then Christ's Second Coming*)" Matt. 24:4-14

(2) Christ's End Time Prophecies for His Church are Being Fulfilled

- Spiritual Warfare: False Messiahs, Impostors & Deception.
 - The Recent Appearance of Many False Messiahs, 'New Age' Religions, Apostate Churches, Rise of the Occult, Unprecedented Idolatry (e.g. Materialism, Intellectual Elitism), etc.
- Warfare Among Nations & Kingdoms.
 - There Have Been More Wars, Revolutions, Insurrections, etc., in the 20th Century, Killing & Maiming More People than in All Preceding Human History.
- Intensification of Famines & Natural Disasters.
 - In the Later Years of the 20th & Early 21st Centuries, there has been an Exponential Increase in Famines & Natural Disasters (e.g. Earthquakes, Hurricanes, Tsunamis, etc.) throughout the World.
- Persecution of His Church.
 - Christians are Currently being Persecuted as Never Before in Many Countries Across the Globe (e.g. China, Islamic Regimes, Sudan, etc.). Even in the U.S., Christians are Maligned & Mocked by the Media, and Disenfranchised by Many Institutions.
- Increase of Evil.
 - There is Currently an Intensification of Evil, being Manifest through Demonic Inspired Entertainment, Worldwide Terrorism, Genocide, Abortion, etc. Some Churches have Grown Cold to the Uncompromising Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Promise of Redemption.
 - There is Currently a Great Move of the Holy Spirit Bringing Multitudes into Repentance & Acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior ("*... where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more*" Rom. 5:20).
- Completion of Christ's Commission.
 - For the First Time in the Christian Era, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is being Proclaimed throughout the Entire World, through International Evangelistic Campaigns, Satellite Communications, Radio & Television Transmissions, etc.

c) End-Time Prophecies for Israel

Jesus Continues His Response to Disciples' Question: "Tell us, when will this happen (Destruction of Temple), and what sign will there be of your coming, and of the end of the age?" Matt. 24:3

(1) Predictions

Mark 13:14-23

- Israel Final Battlefield. "When you see the desolating abomination spoken of through Daniel the prophet standing in the holy place (Temple Site) then those in Judea must flee to the mountains, a person on the housetop must not go down to get things out of his house, a person in the field must not return to get his cloak. Woe to pregnant women and nursing mothers in those days.
- The Great Tribulation. "Pray that your flight not be in winter or on

the sabbath, for at that time there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will be. And if those days had not been shortened, no one would be saved; but for the sake of the elect (*Christ's Followers*) they will be shortened.

- Great Deceptions & Persecution. “If anyone says to you then, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. False messiahs and false prophets will arise, and they will perform signs and wonders so great as to deceive, if that were possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told it to you beforehand. So if they say to you, ‘He is in the desert,’ do not go out there; if they say, ‘He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it.
- Rescued by Israel’s Messiah-King. “For just as lightning comes from the east and is seen as far as the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”
Matt. 25:15-28

(2) The Stage is Set for Fulfillment of Messiah’s End-Time Prophecies for Israel

- After Prophesying the Fall of Jerusalem and the Destruction of the Temple (See Matt. 24:1-2, Mark 13:1-2, Luke 21:5-6 & Luke 21:20-24 Above), Jesus then Speaks of Israel as a Nation. After being Scattered Among the Gentile Nations for Almost 19 Centuries, the Jewish People Returned to their Promise Land & Established the Nation of Israel in 1948 AD.
- Israel is a Modern, Free, Democratic Nation of About 6 Million People (0.1% of World’s Population). However, It has Become a Central Focus of the War on Terrorism with Incessant Media Attention, Becoming a Stumbling Block for the Nations, Setting the Stage for the Fulfillment of Messiah’s End-Time Prophecies.

d) His Second Coming

(1) Predictions Mark 13:24-31; Luke 21:25-28

- Jesus will Return from Heaven in Glory. “Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
- Jesus Returns with Great Power & Authority. “And then the sign of the Son of Man (*Jesus Christ*) will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
- Jesus Gathers His People. “And he will send out his angels with a trumpet blast, and they will gather his elect (*Christ's Followers*) from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.
- Signs of the End-Times:
 - Fig Tree Represents Nation of Israel. “Learn a lesson from the fig tree (*Symbol of Israel*). When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near (*Israel a Young Maturing Nation*)
 - Same Generation that Witnesses these Signs will Witness

Christ's Second Coming. "In the same way, when you see all these things, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place." Matt. 24:29-34

(2) Jesus Christ's Second Coming Will Be Fulfilled in God's Time

- "When they had gathered together they asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He answered them, 'It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority.'"

Acts 1:6-7

- Jesus' Coming is the Blessed Hope of Church. "..... we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of the great God and of our savior Jesus Christ" Titus 2:13

- Church's Anticipation of Jesus' Coming Rev. 22:6-21

- Jesus Christ's Promise: "Behold, I am coming soon"

- "The (*Holy*) Spirit and the bride (*Church*) say, 'Come.' Let the hearer say, 'Come.' (*Accepting Christ's Invitation*) Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water (*Eternal Salvation*)."

- "The one who gives this testimony (*Jesus Christ*) says, 'Yes, I am coming soon.'"

- The Church Responds: "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"

- e) Validity of Jesus' Words. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." Matt. 24:35

(1) He IS the Creative Word of God! John 1:1-14

12) Jesus Prophecies His Judgment of the Nations

- a) Prediction Matt. 25:31-46

(1) "When the Son of Man (*Jesus Christ*) comes in his glory (i.e. *His Second Coming*), and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left."

(2) Sheep Rewarded by Inheriting Kingdom of God. "Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

- Showed Compassion (Love) to Christ's Brethren
- Aided the Advancement of God's Kingdom on Earth
- Who are Christ Jesus' Brethren?
 - Jews Since Jesus is an Israelite of the Tribe of Judah
 - Christians Since We are Spiritual Brothers of Christ

- (3) Goats Condemned to Hell with Satan. “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.’ Then they will answer and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry , and not minister to your needs?’ He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’ And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”
- Showed No Compassion to Christ or His Brethren
 - Obstacles to the Advancement of God’s Kingdom on Earth
- b) To be Fulfilled at Christ’s Second Coming
- b. Jesus Performs Miraculous Works – Evidencing His Prophetic Office
- 1) Miraculous Works Manifest by Old Testament Prophets
- a) Prophet Samuel
- (1) Lord Sends Loud Thunder on Battlefield 1 Sam. 7:7-14
- Confounding Enemy & Giving Israel the Victory
- (2) Prophet Commands Sudden Unseasonable Storm 1 Sam. 12:13-18
- Confirms Lord’s Displeasure with Israel Requesting a King
 - Prophet Commands Storm to Cease
- b) Prophet Gad
- (1) Lord Sends Fire from Heaven 1 Chron. 21:18-26
- Consuming David’s Sacrifice at Future Temple Site
- c) Man of God from Judah
- (1) Prophet Disrupts King’s Sacrifice at Pagan Altar 1 Kings 13:1-6
- King Stretches Out His Hand to Order Prophet Seized
 - King’s Hand Withers & Can Not be Drawn Back
 - Pagan Altar Breaks Up & Ashes Strewn About
 - King Asks Prophet to Intercede to Lord for His Hand
 - Prophet Entreats Lord & King’s Hand Restored
- d) Prophet Elijah
- (1) Prophet Multiplies Widow’s Food 1 Kings 17:7-16
- (2) Prophet Brings Widow’s Son Back from Dead 1 Kings 17:17-24
- (3) Prophet Calls Fire Down from Heaven 1 Kings 18:16-40
- Consuming His Sacrifice Before Israel & Pagan Prophets
- (4) Prophet Calls Down Fire from Heaven 2 Kings 1:9-12
- Consuming Soldiers Sent to Arrest Him
- (5) Prophet Parts River Jordan 2 Kings 2:6-8
- (6) Prophet Taken to Heaven by Whirlwind 2 Kings 2:9-12
- e) Prophet Jahaziel
- (1) Holy Appearance Goes Before Judah’s Army 2 Chron. 20:13-30
- Confusing Enemy Armies Who Destroy Each Other
- f) Prophet Elisha
- (1) Prophet Parts Jordan River 2 Kings 2:13-14
- (2) Prophet Purifies Contaminated Water 2 Kings 2:19-22
- (3) Prophet Curses Boys Who Mock Lord’s Anointed 2 Kings 2:23-24
- Bears Kill those Boys

- (4) Prophet Produces Water in the Desert 2 Kings 3:9-24
 - Strengthening Armies of Israel & Their Allies
 - Confusing Enemy Troops Giving Israel the Victory
- (5) Prophet Multiplies Woman's Oil 2 Kings 4:1-7
 - Paying Her Debts & Sustaining Her Family
- (6) Prophet Prophesies Life into Barren Woman 2 King 4:8-17
 - Woman Conceives & Bears a Son
- (7) Prophet Brings Dead Boy Back to Life 2 Kings 4:32-37
- (8) Prophet Purifies Poisoned Stew 2 Kings 4:38-41
- (9) Prophet Multiplies Bread 2 Kings 4:42-44
- (10) Prophet Cures Naaman of Leprosy 2 Kings 5:1-14
- (11) Prophet Curses His Servant 2 Kings 5:15-27
 - Who Misrepresented Lord's Prophet
 - Leprosy Afflicts Servant & His Descendants
- (12) Prophet Makes Iron Ax Float on Water 2 Kings 6:1-7
- (13) Prophet Captures Enemy Troops 2 Kings 6:8-23
 - Strikes Soldiers Blind
 - Leads Soldiers to Israel's Capital Where They are Surrounded
 - Opens Soldiers' Eyes
- (14) Prophet Predicts Deliverance of Israel from Invading Army 2 Kings 7
 - Enemy Hears Sound of Large Approaching Army & Flees
 - Israel Plunders Enemy Camp
- (15) Dead Man Restored to Life When Thrown into Prophet's Grave
2 Kings 13:20-21
- g) Prophet Isaiah
 - (1) Prophet Invokes Lord to Rescue Jerusalem
2 Kings 18:13–19:37; 2 Chron. 32:1-23; Isa. 36 & 37
 - Jerusalem Surrounded by Stronger Enemy Army
 - Angel of Lord Kills 185,000 Enemy Soldiers in One Night & Army Retreats
 - (2) Prophet Heals Mortally Ill King
2 Kings 20:1-11; 2 Chron. 32:24-26; Isa. 38
 - Shadow Retreats 10 Steps Backwards as a Sign for King
- 2) Miracles Performed by Jesus Christ
 - a) Jesus' Non-Healing Miracles:
 - (1) Multiplies Food to Feed 5000
Matt. 14:15-21; Mark 6:35-44; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:1-14
 - (2) Multiplies Food to Feed 4000 Matt. 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-9
 - (3) Raises Jairus' Daughter from Dead
Matt. 9:18-26; Mark 5:22-24 & 35-43; Luke 8:41-42 & 49-56
 - (4) Raises Nain Widow's Son from Dead Luke 7:11-16
 - (5) Raises Lazarus from Dead John 11:1-45
 - (6) Stills the Storm Matt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25
 - (7) Walks on Water Matt. 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:19-21
 - (8) Curses a Fig Tree Matt. 21:17-22; Mark 11:12-14 & 20-24
 - (9) Money from a Fish Matt. 17:24-27
 - (10) Draught of Fishes - First Time Luke 5:1-11
 - (11) Draught of Fishes - Second Time (After His Resurrection)

- John 21:1-14
- (12) Turns Water into Wine John 2:1-11
- (13) Rises from the Dead Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20
- b) Jesus' Healing Miracles
- (1) Casts Out Demons & Sends Them into Swine
Matt. 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39
- (2) Casts Out Demons from Possessed Man Mark 1:23-26; Luke 4:33-36
- (3) Casts Out Demons Healing Blind & Mute Man
Matt. 12:22; Luke 11:14
- (4) Casts Out Demons Healing a Mute Matt. 9:32-33
- (5) Woman with Issue of Blood
Matt. 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48
- (6) Paralytic at Capernaum Matt. 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26
- (7) Leper at Gannosrat Matt. 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-15
- (8) Peter's Mother-in-law Matt. 8:14-17; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38-39
- (9) Restores Withered Hand Matt. 12:9-13; Mark 3:1-5; Luke 6:6-11
- (10) Lunatic Child Matt. 17:14-21; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-42
- (11) Blind Bartimaeus Matt. 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43
- (12) Syrophenician Girl Matt. 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30
- (13) Centurion's Servant Matt. 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10
- (14) Two Blind Men Matt. 9:27-31
- (15) Deaf Mute Matt. 7:31-37
- (16) Blind Man at Bethsaida Mark 8:22-26
- (17) Woman with 18 Year Infirmary Luke 13:10-17
- (18) Man with Dropsy Luke 14:1-6
- (19) Ten Lepers Luke 17:11-19
- (20) Ear of Malchus Luke 22:49-51
- (21) Nobleman's Son at Cana John 4:46-54
- (22) Lame Man at Bethesda John 5:1-16
- (23) Man Born Blind John 9:1-8
- (24) Multitudes Cured by Jesus Matt. 12:15; Matt. 14:13-14;
Matt. 14:34-36; Matt. 15:29-31; Matt. 19:1-2; Matt. 21:14;
Mark 1:32-34; Mark 3:7-11; Mark 6:53-56; Luke 4:40; Luke 5:15;
Luke 6:17-19; Luke 7:21; Luke 8:1-3; Luke 9:11
- "He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people. His fame spread to all of Syria, and they brought to him all who were sick with various diseases and racked with pain, those who were possessed, lunatics, and paralytics, and he cured them....." Matt. 4:23-25
 - "..... they brought him many who were possessed by demons, and he drove out the spirits by a word and cured all the sick, to fulfill what had been said by Isaiah the prophet: 'He took away our infirmities and bore our diseases' (*Isa. 53:4*)." Matt. 8:16-17
- c) Eye Witness Account. "It is this disciple (*John*) who testifies to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written." John 21:24-25

- 3) Sampling of Jesus' Fulfillment of Miracles Manifest by the Prophets
- a) Lord Sends Thunder from Heaven
- (1) Samuel Rallies Israel to Stop Philistine Invasion 1 Sam. 7:7-14
(*Philistines Represent Forces of Evil & Unrepentant Sinners*)
- (a) Samuel Implores Lord
- Sacrifices Unweaned Lamb
- (b) Lord Sends Loud Thunder
- Throws Philistines into Confusion
 - Israel Routs & Pursues Philistines
- (c) Samuel Sets Up Border Stone between Israel & Philistia
- Philistine Invasions Cease
- (2) Voice "Thunders" from Heaven During Jesus' Ministry
- (a) Jesus' Baptism at Beginning of His Public Ministry
Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23a
- John Baptizes Jesus of Nazareth
 - Spirit of God Falls on Jesus
 - Voice from Heaven: **"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."** (*Mark 1:11*)
 - John Declares Jesus as Lord's Sacrifice: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29
- (b) At Climax of Jesus' Public Ministry – His Transfiguration
Matt. 17:1-10; Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28-36
- Jesus Takes Peter, James & John to High Mountain
 - Jesus Transfigured Before Them
 - Moses & Elijah Appear Talking with Jesus (*Moses Represents the Law & Elijah Represents the Prophets*)
 - Voice from Heaven: **"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."** (*Matt. 17:5*)
(*Jesus Fulfills All the Law & Prophets. Matt. 5:17*)
- (c) At Conclusion of Jesus' Public Ministry John 12:20-36
- Jesus' Appointed Time to be Sacrificed has Arrived
 - Jesus Cries Out: **"Father, glorify your name."**
 - Voice from Heaven Replies: **"I have glorified it and will glorify it again."** (*John 12:28*)
 - *God's Name Glorified in Old Covenant (Law & Prophets)*
 - *God's Name Will be Glorified in Christ, His Sacrifice (Fulfilling the Law & Prophets) & His New Covenant*
 - Crowd Thought it Thundered or Angel Spoke to Him
 - Jesus Declares: **"This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out (Jesus Will Conquer Satan & Sin). And when I am lifted up (Crucified) from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."** (*John 12:30-32*)
 - *Just as Samuel Set Up a Border Stone Between Israel (God's Chosen) & Philistia (Forces of Evil); So Jesus Divides Humanity Between Those Who Repent of their Sins & Follow Him, and Those Who Remain in their*

- Sins. Matt. 10:34-39; John 3:16-21*
- *Jesus is the Stone that the Builders (Israel's Elite) Rejected. Isa. 28:16; Matt. 21:42-44*
- b) The Lord's Authority Over Nature
- (1) Samuel Commands Sudden Unseasonable Storm 1 Sam. 12:13-18
- (a) Confirms Lord's Displeasure with Israel Requesting a King
(The Lord their God is King of Israel)
- (b) Prophet Commands Storm to Cease
(Confirming Lord's Authority)
- (2) Jesus Stills a Storm Matt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25
- (a) Jesus & Disciples in Boat on Sea
- (b) Violent Storm Suddenly Appears Awashing the Boat
- Jesus Asleep
- (c) Disciples Wake Jesus: "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"
(Matt. 8:25)
- (d) Jesus Admonishes His Disciples: "Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?" *(Matt. 8:26)*
- (e) Jesus Rebukes Winds & Waves *(Revealing His Authority)*
- Storm Immediately Ceases & Sea Calms
- (f) Disciples' Remark: "What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?" *(Matt. 8:27)*
- c) Multiplication of Food
- (1) Elijah Multiplies Food for Widow & Her Son 1 Kings 17:7-16
- (a) Israel Suffering from Drought
- (b) Lord Instructs Elijah to Go to Zarephath
- "...I have designated a widow there to provide for you."
(1 Kings 17:9)
- (c) Elijah Goes to Zarephath
- Sees Widow Gathering Sticks
 - Asks Widow for Cup of Water & Piece of Bread
 - Widow Confesses She Only has Handful of Flour & Little Oil
 - For Her & Son to Eat, then Die *(Last Meal)*
 - Elijah Multiplies Widow's Food *(Lord - Provider)*
 - "... first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son."
 - "For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'"
(1 Kings 17:13-14)
 - Widow Obeys Lord's Prophet
 - She, Son & Elijah Ate for a Year Until Drought Ended
 - Flour Jar Did Not Empty & Oil Jug Did Not Run Dry
(The Lord Provides to Meet their Need)
- (2) Jesus Multiplies Food to Feed Over 4,000 People
Matt. 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-9
- (a) Jesus Asks His Disciples: "My heart is moved with pity for the crowd, for they have been with me now for three days and have

nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, for fear they may collapse on the way.” (Matt. 15:32)

- Disciples Answer: “Where could we ever get enough bread in this deserted place to satisfy such a crowd?” (Matt. 15:33)
- (b) Jesus Asks Disciples: “How many loaves do you have?” (Matt. 15:34)
- Disciples Answer: “Seven, and a few fish.”
- (c) Jesus Orders People to Sit (*Dining Position*)
- (d) Jesus Takes 7 Loaves & Fish
- Blesses & Breaks Bread
 - Gives Food to His Disciples Who Distribute to People
 - Everyone Ate & Was Satisfied
- (e) Those Fed were 4,000 Men Plus Women & Children
- (f) Disciples Collect 7 Baskets Full of Leftovers
(*The Lord Provides to Abundance*)
- d) Resuscitation of the Dead
- (1) Elijah Brings Widow’s Son Back to Life 1 Kings 17:17-24
- (a) Widow’s Son Falls Sick & Dies
- (b) Elijah Lays Dead Boy’s Body on His Bed
- Stretches Himself on Body 3 Times, Calling to Lord: “O LORD, my God, let the life breath return to the body of this child.” (1 Kings 17:21)
 - Lord Revives Boy (*The Lord is Healer & Giver of Life*)
- (c) Elijah Returns Boy to His Mother
- Widow’s Confession: “Now indeed I know that you are a man of God, the word of the LORD comes truly from your mouth.” (1 Kings 17:24) (*Accepts Elijah as Lord’s Prophet*)
- (2) Jesus Brings Widow’s Son Back to Life Luke 7:11-16
- (a) Jesus & Disciples Entering City of Nain
- Followed by Great Crowd
- (b) They Encounter a Burial Procession
- Only Son of a Widow had Died
- (c) Jesus Moved with Pity, Says to Widow: “Do not weep”
- Touches Coffin, Saying: “Young man, I tell you, arise!” (Luke 7:14) (*Speaking Life into Man*)
 - Man Revives, Sits Up & Begins to Speak
- (d) Crowd Exclaims (*Confessing Jesus as Lord’s Prophet*):
- “A great prophet has arisen in our midst”
 - “God has visited his people.” (Luke 7:16)
- e) Fire from Heaven
- (1) Lord Sends Fire from Heaven to Consume David’s Sacrifice
1 Chron. 21
- (a) King David Disobeys Lord by Ordering Census of Israel
- (b) David Repents & Asks Lord’s Forgiveness
- (c) Gad Presents 3 Alternative Chastisements to King David
- David Chooses Pestilence
- (d) Lord Sends Pestilence on Israel – Killing 70,000 Men
- (e) Angel Stretches Sword Toward Jerusalem to Destroy it.

- Lord Regrets the Calamity & Stays Angel's Hand
- (f) Site of Israel's Future Temple (House of the Lord)
- Angel Standing on Threshing Floor of Ornan the Jebusite
 - David Sees Angel & Prays for Mercy
 - Gad Tells David to Build Altar on Ornan's Threshing Floor
 - David Purchases Threshing Floor & Oxen from Ornan
 - David Builds Altar on Threshing Floor
 - David Offers Sacrifices & Holocausts
 - The Lord Sends Fire from Heaven upon Holocausts
(The Lord Will Provide an Acceptable Sacrifice)
 - David Decrees Temple Site: "This is the house of the Lord God, and this is the altar of holocausts for Israel."
(1 Chron. 22:1)
- (g) Lord Stops the Plague on Israel
- (2) Jesus' Fulfillment as Heavenly Fire that Consumed David's Sacrifice
- (a) *Spiritual Perspective*
- *David's Disobedience is Symptomatic of Man's Sinful Condition* *Rom. 3:23*
 - *David Repents Asking Lord's Forgiveness*
 - *Lord's Justice Must Still be Satisfied*
 - *Lord Punishes Israelites Who are Under David's Authority*
 - *Lord Regrets the Results of Sin*
 - *Mercifully Stays Angel's Hand*
 - *Repentance Alone Will Not Atone for Sin* *Heb. 9:22*
 - *Sacrifice is Required to Pay the Penalty of Sin*
 - *David Purchases a Place for Sacrifice, as Directed by Prophet*
 - *Builds an Altar & Prepares Sacrifices*
 - *David Offers Sacrifices & Holocausts (Whole Burnt Offerings)*
 - *Fire Descends from Heaven Consuming His Holocausts*
 - *Lord's Punishment Ends*
 - *David Declares that Place of Sacrifice as Temple Site*
- (b) *Fulfilled by Jesus Christ (Son of Man & Son of David)*
- *Jesus (Son of God) Descended from Heaven* *Heb. 10:5-7*
 - *Jesus Prepared Himself as Holy & Perfect Sacrifice by Living a Sinless Life in Total Obedience to Father God*
 - *Jesus Offered Himself as a Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin, Acceptable to a Holy & Righteous God*
 - *Satisfying the Lord's Justice* *Rom. 4:23-25*
 - *Commuting the Penalty for Sin* *Gal. 3:10-13*
 - *David's Sacrifices on this Particular Site Represents All of Israel's Sacrifices Offered in their Temples*
 - *Jesus' One Eternal Sacrifice Fulfills All of Israel's Sacrifices* *Heb. 10:10-18*
- (3) *Elijah Calls Fire from Heaven to Consume His Sacrifice* *1 Kings 18*
Jesus Came from Heaven as Lord's Holy, Perfect & Eternal Sacrifice

- (a) Severe Drought in Israel
 - Lord's Chastisement for Israel's Idolatry
 - *Symbolic of Israel's Spiritual Drought in Jesus' Time*
- (b) Lord Tells Elijah to Present Himself to King Ahab
 - Call an Assembly of the People
 - *People Gather to be Baptized by John Matt. 3:5-6*
- (c) Elijah Confronts Prophets of Baal
 - *John Confronts Israel's Religious Authorities Matt. 3:7-10*
- (d) Elijah Exhorts People of Israel: "How long will you straddle the issue? If the LORD is God, follow him; if Baal, follow him."
(*1 Kings 18:21*)
 - *John Exhorts People to Follow Messiah: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire." Matt. 3:11*
 - Elijah Offers Proposition to People
 - 450 Prophets of Baal Prepare Sacrifice, Place on Altar & Call Upon Baal to Send Fire to Consume Sacrifice
 - He Will Prepare a Sacrifice, Place on Altar & Call Upon the Lord to Send Fire to Consume Sacrifice
 - People Agree
- (e) Prophets of Baal Prepare Sacrifice, Lay it on Wood of Altar
 - Call Upon Baal from Morning to Noon Without Results
- (f) Elijah Repairs Lord's Altar Using 12 Stones
(*Reminding the Lord of His Covenant with 12 Tribes of Israel*)
 - Digs Trench Around Altar & Arranges Wood
- (g) Elijah Prepares Sacrifice to Lord & Lays it on Wood of Altar
 - Pours Water Over Sacrifice & Wood 12 Times
 - Water Flows Around Altar & Fills Trenches
 - *Prefigures Jesus' Ministry:*
 - *Initiated by John's Baptism (Water)*
 - *Concluded by Jesus' Sacrifice on Cross (Wood)*
 - *Jesus Fulfills Old Covenant (12 Stones & Pourings)*
- (h) Elijah Calls Down Fire from Heaven
 - "LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things by your command."
 - "Answer me, LORD! Answer me, that this people may know that you, LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to their senses." (*1 Kings 18:36-37*)
 - *Jesus is the Lord's Holy Sacrifice Prophesied by John: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" John 1:29*
 - Fire Descends from Heaven – *Jesus Came Down from Heaven*
 - Fire Consumes Elijah's Sacrifice
Jesus' Body Totally Consumed as Lord's Pure Sacrifice
 - Fire Consumes Wood, Stones & Dust

Man's (*Wood*) Sin/Hardheartedness (*Stones*) & Death (*Dust*) Consumed by Christ's Sacrifice

- Fire Laps Up Water in Trenches
- Repentance & Baptism Must Lead to a Personal Acceptance of Jesus Sacrifice for Eternal Salvation

- (i) People Fall Prostrate: "The LORD is God! The LORD is God!" (*1 Kings 18:39b*)
- Many Jews Believe & Follow Jesus as Lord & Savior
- (j) Elijah Kills Prophets of Baal (*Obeying the Law to Purge Israel of False Prophets. Deut. 18:9-14 & 20*)
- Satan Destroyed by Jesus' Sacrifice: "Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up (*On Cross*) from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." John 12:31-32
- (k) Drought Ends (*Spiritual Drought Ends in Christ Jesus*)
- "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:13-14
 - "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: 'Rivers of living water will flow from within him.'" John 7:37-38
 - "..... I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." John 10:10
- (4) Elijah Calls Fire Down from Heaven to Consume Soldiers Sent to Arrest Him
2 Kings 1:9-15
- Prefigures Messiah's Division of the World*
- (a) King Dispatches Troops to Fetch Elijah
- (b) First & Second Times the King Sends Captain with 50 Soldiers (*People Unresponsive to and/or Reject Gospel of Jesus Christ*)
- Prophet Sitting on Hill Top
 - Captain Mockingly Refers to Elijah as "Man of God"
 - Orders Him to Come Down from Hill Top
 - Elijah Answers: "If I am a man of God, may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." (*2 Kings 1:10 & 12*)
 - John Rebukes Unrepentant Sinners: "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees (*People*). Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matt. 3:10
 - Fire Descends from Heaven & Consumes Them
 - John Prophesies Messiah's Division of World: "His (*Messiah's*) winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Matt. 3:12
- (c) Third Time King Sends Captain with 50 Soldiers
- Captain Falls on Knees & Pleas with Elijah for Mercy (*Showing Respect & Submission to Lord & His Prophet*)

(People Who Believe in & Accept Jesus as Lord & Savior)

- “Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” Matt. 10:32
- Angel of Lord Speaks to Elijah: “Go down with him; you need not be afraid of him.” (2 Kings 1:15)
 - “Follow me, and let the dead bury their dead” Matt. 8:22
 - “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” Matt. 16:24

(d) Jesus’ Division of the World

- “Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.” Matt. 10:32-33
- “Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.” Luke 11:23
- “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism (*His Suffering & Death*) with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three;.....” Luke 12:49-53

(5) Fire of the Holy Spirit from Heaven

- (a) John the Baptist’s Prophecy. “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire” Luke 3:16
- (b) Jesus’ Promise to Send the Holy Spirit to Fulfill John’s Prophecy
- “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.” John 14:16-18
 - “But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate (*Holy Spirit*) will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes he will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and condemnation: sin, because they do not believe in me; righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; condemnation, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.” John 16:7-11
- (c) Descent of the Holy Spirit. “When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to

“speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.” Acts 2:1-4

- Evidence of Disciples’ Anointing

- Peter’s Anointed Sermon – Speaking the Word of God Acts 2:14-41
- Healing at Temple Gate – Performing the Works of God Acts 3:1-10

4) Conclusion

- a) Jesus Christ Performed More Miracles than All the Old Testament Prophets that Came Before Him, Evidencing His Claim to be the Lord’s Holy Anointed One (Messiah). John 10:24-25; John 10:36-38
- b) Jesus Christ Empowers His Disciples/Followers to Continue Performing the Works of God in His Name. John 14:12-14; Acts 1:8

Notes on Types & Foreshadows. The remaining Sections of this Study contain Types / Foreshadows and Symbolism in the lives and ministries of the Prophets, that were fulfilled by Jesus Christ. Practically all the Prophets of Old Testament Foreshadow Messiah in some way. This study contains only a limited selection of these Prophets.

The study of spiritual types and foreshadows is essential to studying Messiah-Prophet through the Historical and Prophetic Books of the Old Testament. It must be understood that all Scripture is inspired by God [2 Tim. 3:16]. God chose which personalities and events to portray in Scriptures for His purposes to instruct His people, and to reveal Himself and His Messiah (God’s Holy Anointed One) [Matt. 5:17-18, John 5:39]. It must also be understood that the personalities and historical events revealed in Scriptures actually occurred, and that the types and foreshadows they portray do not in any way negate, compromise nor detract from their accuracy.

2. Messiah’s Fulfillment of Historical Prophets
(Prophets Recorded in Historical Books of Bible.)

Note. The Prophet Elisha is the only example of the Historical Prophets used in this study, since it is so comprehensive. The ministries and recorded events in practically all the Historical Prophets foreshadow Messiah in some manner.

a. Prophet Elisha – Precursor of Messiah

(See “Prophet Elisha” within “Anointed Prophet – Part I” Study.)

Prophet Elisha is a Precursor (Image) of Messiah-Prophet.

Elisha Succeeded Elijah as Lord’s Chosen Prophet in Israel:

- *Prophet Elijah is a Precursor (Image) of John the Baptist. Elijah Represents All the Old Covenant Prophets Cumulating with John [See Sections B.2 & B.3.b Above].*

Jesus Succeeded John the Baptist as the Lord’s Anointed (Messiah) Prophet:

- *Just as Elisha Requested and Received a Double Portion of Elijah’s Anointing (2 Kings 2:9-12), Evidenced by Performing Twice as Many Miracles as Elijah; So, Jesus Received an Immeasurable Anointing, Evidenced by Performing Many More Miracles than All the Old Covenant Prophets Before Him [See Sections C.1.b. 1) & 2) Above].*

1) Overview of Messiah’s Ministry

Elisha Initiates His Prophetic Ministry

- a) Elijah Translated into Heaven

2 Kings 2:9-12

Symbolic of the Completion of Old Testament Prophets

Fulfilled by John the Baptist *Matt. 11:11-15*

- b) Elijah's Mantle Falls to Earth 2 Kings 2:13-18

Symbolizing that the Lord's Anointing Remains on Earth

- (1) Elisha Picks Up Elijah's Mantle

Elisha Succeeds Elijah as Lord's Anointed Prophet

Cumulating with John the Baptist *Matt. 17:10-13*

- (2) Elisha Strikes River Jordan with Mantle, Declaring His Anointing:
"Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" (2 Kings 2:14)

- River Jordan Divides (*Evidence of Lord's Anointing*)
- Elisha Crosses Over on Dry Land

- (3) John Baptizes Jesus of Nazareth Matt. 3:13-17

- Jesus Coming Out of the Water
 - Spirit Descends from Heaven & Rests Upon Jesus
(*Lord's Anointing Descends Upon Jesus*)
 - Voice from Heaven Declares: **"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."** (*Matt. 3:17*)
(*Confirmation / Evidence of Lord's Anointing*)

- (4) Guild Prophets Witness Elisha's Anointing

- "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." (2 Kings 2:15)

- (5) John Testifies of Jesus' Anointing: John 1:29-34

- "The next day he (*John*) saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'
- "He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel."
- "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one (*Lord God of Israel*) who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.'
- "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

- (6) Guild Prophets Search for Elijah

(Did Not Witness Elijah's Ascent into Heaven)

- Guild Prophets Ask to Search for Elijah
- Elisha Refuses to Send Them
- Prophets Keep Urging Elisha
 - Elisha Reluctantly Allows Them to Go
- Prophets Search 3 Days Without Finding Elijah
- Prophets Return & Report to Elisha
 - Elisha's Reply: "Did I not tell you not to go?" (2 Kings 2:18)
(*Confirming His Anointing & Authority Over Guild Prophets*)

- (7) Israel Searching for Elijah Who is Prophesied to Come Before Messiah

(See B.1.a Above for Prophecies of the Coming Messenger / Elijah)

- Jesus Testifies that John the Baptist is the Coming Elijah

Matt. 11:7-15

- As Guild Prophets Search for Elijah; So, Israel Searches for Prophesied Messenger/Elijah. “What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: ‘Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.’ (*Quotes Prophecy of Coming Messenger / Elijah. Mal. 3:1*)”
- John the Baptist is the Prophesied Elijah. “Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he..... All the prophets and the law prophesied up to the time of John. And if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah, the one who is to come.”

- Jesus Confirms His Testimony of John the Baptist

Matt. 17:10-13

- Disciples Ask Jesus: “Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”
- Jesus Replies: “Elijah will indeed come and restore all things; but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him but did to him whatever they pleased.”
- Disciples Understood He was Speaking of John the Baptist.

- As Guild Prophets Could Not Find Elijah; So, Religious Leaders Did Not Recognize the Lord’s Anointed Matt. 21:23-27

- Religious Leaders Question the Source of Jesus’ Authority
- Jesus Answers: “I shall ask you one question, and if you answer it for me, then I shall tell you by what authority I do these things. Where was John’s baptism from? Was it of heavenly or of human origin?” (*Matt. 21:24-25*)
- Leaders Answer: “We do not know” (*Matt. 21:27a*)
- Jesus Replies: “Neither shall I tell you by what authority I do these things.” (*Matt. 21:27b*)

c) Elisha Purifies Water

2 Kings 2:19-22

Jesus Cleanses Us from Sin

1 John 1:7

(1) City Inhabitants Complain to Elisha

Israel Yearns for Redemption

- Water Bad & Land Unfruitful
- Priesthood Corrupt/Imperfect & Law Temporal
Matt. 23:13-35; Rom. 2:17-24; Heb. 7:11-28

(2) Elisha Asks for a New Bowl Filled with Salt

- Elisha Goes to Spring & Throws Salt into Water
- Elisha Proclaims: “Thus says the LORD, ‘I have purified this water. Never again shall death or miscarriage spring from it.’” (*2 Kings 2:21*)

- Water Became & Remained Pure
- (3) Jesus Fills New Bowl (*New Covenant*) with Salt (*Flavor, Healing & Preserving*) & Throws into Water (*Effecting Baptism of Repentance*)
 - Jesus Proclaims: “..... whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:14
 - Enables Us (‘Salt of the Earth’ Matt. 5:13) to Proclaim His Salvation to World
 - Christ Eternally Purifies Us from Sin & Death Heb. 10:1-18
- d) The Prophet’s Curse 2 Kings 2:23-24
 - (1) Elisha Goes to Bethel (*Bethel = “House of God”*)
 - Small Boys Tease Him (*Mock the Lord’s Anointed*)
 - Elisha Curses Boys in Name of Lord
 - Bears Came Out of Woods & Killed Children
 - (2) Jesus Goes to Temple Site (*House of God*) in Jerusalem Luke 19:28-48
 - Religious Leaders (*Spiritually Immature - Symbolized by Small Boys*) Mock Jesus - The Lord’s Holy Anointed One (Messiah)
 - Jesus Laments Over Jerusalem: “If this day you only knew what makes for peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. For the days are coming upon you when your enemies will raise a palisade against you; they will encircle you and hem you in on all sides. They will smash you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another within you because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.” (*Luke 19:42-44*)
 - Jerusalem Destroyed by Roman Armies in 70 AD
- e) Elisha Goes to Mount Carmel at Beginning of His Ministry 2 Kings 2:25 (*Site where Elijah Spiritually Confronted Prophets of Baal. 1 Kings 18*)
 - (1) Jesus Goes to Nazareth at Beginning of His Ministry Luke 4:14-30
 - Declares His Anointing: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” (*Luke 4:18-19*)
 - (2) Elisha Proceeds to Samaria (Capital of Israel)
 - (3) Jesus Goes to Jerusalem (Capital of Judaism)
 - During and At the Conclusion of His Ministry
- 2) Overview of Messiah’s Salvific Mission

Elisha’s Intervention in Israel’s Wars – First Episode 2 Kings 3
Represents Spiritual Warfare with Jesus Christ’s Victory through the Cross

 - a) Moab Rebels Against Israel’s Subjugation (*Mankind Rebels Against God*)
 - b) Israel Allies with Judah & Edom (*Descendants of Abraham & Isaac*)
 - (1) Plan to Attack Moab by Edom’s Desert
 - (2) 3 Armies in Desert 7 Days – Run Out of Water
 - Descendants of Abraham & Isaac Trapped in Desert
 - Representing Spiritually Dry Place of Dehydration & Death
 - 7 Days Represents God’s Appointed Time

- Ran Out of Water (*Trust/Reliance in Spirit of God*)
- c) Seek Lord's Prophet Elisha (*Type of Messiah*)
- (1) Elisha Rebukes King of Israel for Idolatry
 - Jesus Rebukes Israel's Officials. "You serpents, you brood of vipers, how can you flee from the judgment of Gehenna?"
Matt. 23:33
 - (2) King of Judah Appeals to Elisha
 - Elisha Agrees to Inquire of Lord because of the King of Judah
 - Jesus (Lineage of Kings of Judah) Intercedes for Israel
- d) Elisha Produces Water in Desert & Proclaims Victory
- (1) Elisha Calls for a Minstrel (*Means of Praise*)
Rejoice for Messiah has Come from Tribe of Judah (*Means 'Praise'*)
 - Minstrel Plays & Power of Lord Comes on Elisha
 - (2) Elisha Instructs Kings: "..... Provide many catch basins in this wadi. Though you will see neither wind nor rain, yet this wadi will be filled with water for you, your livestock, and your pack animals to drink."
(2 Kings 3:16-17)
 - Jesus Invites People to Drink His Water:
 - "..... whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:14
 - "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: 'Rivers of living water will flow from within him.'" John 7:37-38
 - (3) Elisha Proclaims Victory: "And since the LORD does not consider this enough, he will also deliver Moab into your grasp. You shall destroy every fortified city, fell every fruit tree, stop up all the springs, and ruin every fertile field with stones." (2 Kings 3:18-19)
 - Jesus Proclaims Victory: "Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world (*Satan*) will be driven out. And when I am lifted up (*Crucified*) from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." John 12:31-32
- e) Elisha's Prophecy Fulfilled
Jesus' Prophecies of His Crucifixion, Death & Resurrection are Fulfilled
(*Lord Not Only Provides Water Strengthening Israel & their Allies Quenching their Thirst, But Also Provides the Victory*)
- (1) Water Comes from Direction of Edom (*Desert*) at Morning Sacrifice
Jesus Condemned & Crucified in Morning
 - Wadi (*Dry River Bed*) Filled with Water (*Lord Provides Water*)
 - Blood (*Sacrifice*) & Water (*Cleansing*) Pours from Jesus' Side (*Earthly Body*) onto Dry Earth (*Sin & Death*)
 - (2) Moab Troops See Morning Sun Shining on Water
 - Looks Red Like Blood (*Confusion Among Enemy*)
 - Jesus' Blood Cleanses Us from All Our Sins 1 John 1:7
 - Sinners' Confusion: "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Cor. 1:18
 - Moab Presumes 3 Kings Fought Among Themselves

- Orders an Attack for Spoils
 - Jesus' Enemies Presume Victory When They Condemned & Killed Him. "..... we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 1 Cor. 2:7-8
- (3) Israeli Coalition Engages Moab in Battle
- Routs Moab Army - Despoils their Cities, Fields & Springs
 - Jesus Victorious Over Satan, Sin & Death
- 3) Foreshadow of Propagation of Messiah's Gospel
 Elisha Sustains a Guild Prophet's Widow 2 Kings 4:1-7
Widow Represents Israel - Espoused to the Prophets
- a) Widow Complains to Elisha (*Represents Prayers of the Faithful*)
- (1) Husband Died & Left Debts (*Spiritual Indebtedness of Sin & Death*)
 - (2) Creditor Came to Take Her Children as Slaves
 - (3) Creditor is Satan Enslaving People with Sin & Death.
 - "..... everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin." John 8:34
 - "..... that through death he (*Jesus*) might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life." Heb. 2:14-15
- b) Elisha Asks: "..... Tell me what you have in the house."
 c) Widow Answers: ".....nothing in the house but a jug of oil"
 (*2 Kings 4:2*)
- d) Elisha Multiplies Woman's Oil
Oil Represents Anointing of the Holy Spirit
- (1) "Go out, borrow vessels from all your neighbors—as many empty vessels as you can.
 - (2) Empty/Earthen Vessels Represents People 2 Cor. 4:11-7
 - (3) "Then come back and close the door on yourself and your children; pour the oil into all the vessels, and as each is filled, set it aside."
 (*2 Kings 4:3-4*)
 - (4) Symbolizes Imparting of the Holy Spirit into Lives of People
 - "..... you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8
 - "While Peter was still speaking these things, the holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word." Acts 10:44
- e) Widow Follows Prophet's Instructions
- (1) Fills All Vessels with Oil
 - (2) People Filled with the Holy Spirit throughout the Church Age
- f) Prophet Instructs Her: "Go and sell the oil to pay off your creditor; with what remains, you and your children can live." (*2 Kings 4:7*)
- (1) Debts Paid & Income Provided for Woman & Her Children
 - (2) Jesus Christ Forgives Our Sins & Provides Eternal Life
- 4) Foreshadow of Messiah as the Author of Life
 Elisha & Shunammite Woman 2 Kings 4:8-37
- a) Elisha Periodically Visits Shunem (*In Galilee Region*)

- (1) Woman & Husband Provide Room for Him to Lodge
- b) Elisha Wants to Thank Family
- (1) Learns Woman has No Son & Husband Getting Old
- c) Elisha Prophesies Life into Woman: “This time next year you will be fondling a baby son.”
- (1) Woman Protests: “Please, my lord, you are a man of God; do not deceive your servant.” (2 Kings 4:16) (*Don't Give Her False Hope*)
- (2) Woman Conceives & Bears a Son - Same Time Following Year
- d) Elisha Prophesying Life into Woman, Foreshadows Jesus – Word of God – Speaking Life into His Church (*Represented by the Son*)
- (1) We are Spiritually Born Again & Adopted as Children (Sons) of God
- “Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above (*“Born Again”*)..... Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.” John 3:3 & 5
 - “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,.... to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption. As proof that you are children, God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’” Gal. 4:4-6
- (2) Jesus Came to Give Us Abundant Life. “..... I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” John 10:10
- (3) Jesus Came to Give Us Eternal Life. “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life.” John 5:24
- e) Like All Prophets, Elisha Received the Word of the Lord (*Probably in Answer to His Prayers*), then Spoke that Word to the Woman. It is God Who Gives Life.
- Whereas; Jesus Christ IS the Word of God, the Creative Force. He Speaks Life into Existence.
- (1) “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.....” John 1:1-4
- (2) Jesus IS Life Itself:
- “For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself.” John 5:26
 - “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6
- (3) Jesus IS the Author of Life. “The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses.” Acts 3:15
- f) Woman’s Son Dies - Represents the Death of Children of God
- (1) Son in Field with His Father
- Children Working with Father God Ministering the Gospel
- Falls Ill & Taken to His Mother
 - Dies in Mother’s Lap
- (2) Woman Lays Boy on Elisha’s Bed & Closes the Door
- Death of Children of God (*Lying on / Trusting in Word of God*)

- g) Mother Goes to Elisha at Mount Carmel
- (1) Elisha Orders His Servant Gehazi to Take His Staff & Lay it on Boy
 - **Gehazi Represents Old Covenant**
 - (2) Woman Objects: “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not release you.” (2 Kings 4:30)

(She’s Saying: You Prophesied His Life – You Deal with his Death)

 - **New Covenant Promises that Christ is the Source of Eternal Life**
 - (3) Elisha Returns with Woman
- h) Gehazi Arrives at Woman’s Home First
- (1) Lays Elisha’s Staff on Boy Without Effect
 - **Represents Inability of Old Covenant to Grant Eternal Life**
- i) Elisha Resuscitates Dead Boy
- Foreshadows Jesus Our Intercessor, Sustainer, Sanctifier & Savior (Grantor & Source of Eternal Life)**
- (1) Elisha Enters His Room & Finds Boy Lying Dead
 - Closes the Door & Prays to Lord (*Jesus Our Intercessor*)
 - (2) Elisha Lays on Boy Twice

(*Jesus Our Sustainer – Who Fulfilled Old & New Covenants*)

 - Mouth to Mouth, Eyes to Eyes & Hands to Hands
 - Mouth to Speak the Word of God
 - Eyes to See the Kingdom of God
 - Hands to Do the Works of God
 - Boy’s Body Becoming Warmer (*Jesus Our Sanctifier*)
 - (3) Boy Sneezes 7 Times (Earthly Life Completed) & Opens His Eyes (Beholds Christ Face to Face)
 - “Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory (*Beatific Vision*) that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.” John 17:24
 - (4) Elisha Summons Woman: “Take your son” (2 Kings 4:36c)
 - (5) Woman Falls at Elisha’s Feet in Gratitude
 - (6) **Jesus Declares: “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”** John 11:25-26
- j) Jesus Raised the Dead During His Earthly Ministry
- (1) Evidencing His Authority Over Death - Fulfilling Elisha’s Miracle
 - (2) Speaking Life into Dead People
 - **Jairus’ Daughter** Luke 8:41-42 & 49-56
 - Jesus Accompanies Jairus Home
 - Jesus Enters Room Where Dead Girl Lay
 - Jesus Takes Her by Hand & Says: “**Child, arise!**” (*Luke 8:54*)
 - “Her breath returned and she immediately arose” (*Luke 8:55*)
 - **Widow’s Son at Nain** Luke 7:11-17
 - Jesus Encounters Funeral Procession
 - Jesus Says to Widow: “**Do not weep**” (*Luke 7:13*)
 - Jesus Touches Coffin, Saying: “**Young man, I tell you, arise!**” (*Luke 7:14*)

- Dead Man Revives, Sits Up & Begins to Speak
- Jesus Gives Man Back to His Mother
- Lazarus John 11:1-44
 - Lazarus Dead and In Tomb 4 Days
 - Jesus Visits Tomb Site
 - Jesus Tells Bystanders to Remove Stone Covering Tomb
 - Jesus Speaks to Father God: “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” (John 11:41-42)
 - Jesus Commands: “Lazarus, come out!” (John 11:43)
 - “The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, ‘Untie him and let him go.’” (John 11:44)
- (3) Lord Answered Elisha’s Supplications by Restoring Dead Boy to Life.
Jesus Commands Life into Dead Bodies Restoring them to Life.
Jesus is the Author of Life.
- 5) Foreshadow of Messiah as the Bread of Life John 6:25-59
 - a) Elisha Purifies Poisoned Stew 2 Kings 4:38-41
 - (1) Elisha Returns to Gilgal During Famine
Famine Represents Spiritual Dryness / Hunger / Starvation
 - (2) Elisha Gathers Guild Prophets (*Feed His Flock*)
Jesus Came to Earth to be Our Source of Spiritual Nutrition
 - “Put the large pot on, and make some vegetable stew for the guild prophets.” (2 Kings 4:38c)
 - (3) Vegetables Gathered from Field
 - Someone (*Satan*) Picked Wild Gourds (*Seeds of Destruction & Death*) & Put them into Pot (*For Man to Eat & Die*)
 - (4) Poisoned Stew Served - Men Could Not Eat it
 - (5) Elisha Asks for Some Meal
Meal is an Ingredient in Bread – Image of Jesus the Bread of Life.
“I am the bread that came down from heaven,” (John 6:41)
 - Elisha Threw Meal in Pot, Saying: “Serve it to the people to eat.” (2 Kings 4:41c)
 - Jesus’ Invitation to Eat His Flesh: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” (John 6:51)
 - Stew Purified - Served & Eaten Without Any Ill Effect
 - Jesus Purifies Us from Sin & Nourishes Us for Eternal Life: “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.” (John 6:54)
 - b) Elisha Multiplies Bread 2 Kings 4:42-44
 - (1) Man Brings 20 Barley Loaves to Elisha
Foreshadow of Jesus Multiplying Loaves of Bread Prior to Claiming that He is the ‘Bread of Life’ John 6:1-13
 - Loaves Made from Grain of First Fruits

- Jesus Rose from Dead on Feast of First Fruits After Laying in Tomb During Feast of Unleavened Bread
- (2) Elisha Says: “Give it to the people to eat”
 Jesus’ Invitation to Eat: “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” (John 6:53)
 - Servant Objects: “How can I set this before a hundred men?”
 - People Murmur Against Jesus’ Invitation John 6:41-42
- (3) Elisha Insists & Prophecies: “Give it to the people to eat. For thus says the LORD, ‘They shall eat and there shall be some left over.’” (2 Kings 4:42b-43)
 - The “Bread of Life” is Eaten by People throughout the Church Age, Leading unto Eternal Life
- (4) Everyone Ate with Bread Left Over
- c) Jesus Multiplies Bread Feeding the People – Fulfilling Elisha’s Miracle
 - (1) Jesus Feeds Over 5,000 People with 5 Loaves & 2 Fish John 6:1-15
 - Jesus Orders Crowd to Recline (*Dining Position*)
 - Jesus Blesses & Breaks the Bread
(*Traditional Jewish Blessing: ‘Blessed are Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who bringest forth bread from the earth.’*)
 - Food Distributed to People
 - Everyone Ate & Were Satisfied
 - Disciples Gather 12 Baskets Full of Leftover Food
 - (2) Jesus Feeds Over 4,000 People with 7 Loaves & Few Fish Matt. 15:32-39
 - Jesus Orders Crowd to Recline
 - Jesus Blesses Food & Breaks the Bread
 - Disciples Distribute Food to People
 - Everyone Ate & Were Satisfied
 - Disciples Gather 7 Baskets Full of Leftover Food
- 6) Foreshadow of Messiah Cleansing Mankind of Sin
 Elisha Cures Naaman of Leprosy 2 Kings 5
Leprosy is a Disease of the Flesh – It Represents Sin
Leprosy is Highly Contagious, Naturally Incurable & Fatal
 - a) Naaman an Army Commander in Aram (Syria) (Gentile Nation)
 - (1) Afflicted with Leprosy
 - Leprosy Symbolizes Spiritual Uncleaness of Sinful Man
 - b) Israelite Servant Girl of Naaman’s Wife Witnesses to Her Mistress Represents Witness of Israel’s Law & Prophets
 - (1) “If only my master would present himself to the prophet in Samaria, he would cure him of his leprosy.” (2 Kings 5:3)
 - (2) Go to Messiah of Israel to be Delivered & Saved
 - c) King of Aram Releases Naaman to Go to Israel
 - (1) Writes Letter to King of Israel Requesting He Heal Naaman
 - d) King of Israel Receives Naaman
 - (1) Reads Letter & Tears His Garments (*Sign of Blasphemy*)
 - “Am I a god with power over life and death, that this man should send someone to me to be cured of leprosy? Take note! You can

- see he is only looking for a quarrel with me!” (2 Kings 5:7)
- e) Elisha Hears that King of Israel has Tore His Garments
 (1) Sends Word to King of Israel (2 Kings 5:8):
- “Why have you torn your garments? (*Where is Your Faith?*)
 - “Let him come to me and find out that there is a prophet in Israel.”
 - **Jesus’ Invitation: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”** Matt. 11:28
- f) Naaman & His Entourage Go to Elisha’s House
 (1) Stop at Elisha’s Door
 (2) Prophet Sends Message to Naaman
(Elisha, a Prophet Consecrated to Lord, Keeps Himself Separated from a Leper as Prescribed by Law. Lev. 13:45-46; Num. 5:1-4)
- “Go and wash seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will heal, and you will be clean.” (2 Kings 5:10)
 - **Symbolic of the Baptism of Repentance**
- (3) Naaman Rejects Prophet’s Word & Leaves His House
- g) Naaman Reconsiders
 (1) Goes to Jordan River & Plunges in Water 7 Times
(7 Represents Perfect Completion)
- Flesh Cleansed & Renewed (Healed of Leprosy)
 - **Jesus Completes Our Baptism of Repentance by Providing Salvation from Our Sins**
- h) Naaman Returns to Elisha
 (1) Naaman’s Confession of Faith
We Confess Jesus Christ as Our Lord & Savior
- “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel” (2 Kings 5:15)
 - **Jesus is the Only Way to God. “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”** John 14:6
 - Offers Elisha Gifts
- (2) Elisha Refuses Naaman’s Gifts (*It is the Lord Who Healed Naaman*)
 (3) Naaman Vows to Sacrifice to the God of Israel & Asks Forgiveness
 (4) Elisha Blesses Naaman: “Go in peace” (2 Kings 5:19)
- **Jesus Blesses Those Who Accept Him. “Peace I leave with you; my peace (*Shalom*) I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”** John 14:27
- i) Jesus Cures Leprosy – Fulfilling Elisha’s Miracle
 (1) Jesus Cleanses a Leper Matt. 8:1-4
- Leper Says to Jesus: “Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean.”
 - Jesus Touches Man & Says: **“I will do it. Be made clean.”**
 - Man Healed Immediately as Jesus Touched Him
 - Jesus Instructs Man: **“See that you tell no one, but go show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.”**
(Law Requires a Priest Examine Anyone Cured of Leprosy & Perform Specific Purification Rites. Lev. 14:1-20)

- (2) Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers Luke 17:11-19
- 10 Lepers Cry Out: “Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!”
 - Jesus Replies: “Go show yourselves to the priests.”
 - They were Cleansed of Leprosy on Their Way
 - One, A Samaritan, Returned to Jesus
 - Loudly Glorifying God
 - Fell at Jesus’ Feet & Thanked Him
 - Jesus Says: “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?”
 - Jesus Says to Healed Man: “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.” (*Jesus Not Only Healed Man of Leprosy, but Cleansed Him of Sin, Saving His Soul*)
- 7) Symbolic Representation of Messiah’s Redemption
 Represents Messiah’s Use of the Cross to Put into Effect & to Enliven Redemption from Sin, Sought by Men through Baptism.
 Elisha Recovers a Lost Ax 2 Kings 6:1-7
 Ax is a Tool Used for Manual Work. It Represents Man Who is Cursed by God to Work for His Daily Sustenance because of Sin.
- a) Guild Prophet’s Need to Expand Living Accommodations
Expansion of the Kingdom of God
- (1) To Continue Living with Elisha
 - (2) Go to Jordan to Fell Trees for Lumber
 - (3) Elisha Accompanies Them
- b) A Guild Prophet’s Axhead Falls into Water (*Baptism of Repentance*)
 Axhead (*Man*) Falls & Sinks into Water - Represents Man Sinking into Sin, Which is Unrecoverable by Natural / Human Means.
- (1) Guild Prophet Shows Elisha Where Axhead Fell
 - Man Asks Messiah for Salvation / Deliverance from Sin
 - (2) Elisha Cuts Off a Stick – Stick Represents Jesus’ Cross
 - Elisha Throws Stick into Water Where Axhead Fell
 - Symbolic of Jesus’ Cross being Thrown into the Water, Sanctifying the Sacrament of Baptism.
 - Iron Axhead Floats to Surface
 - Man Redeemed & Lifted Up by Jesus’ Sacrifice on the Cross
 - Man Recovers Axhead
- 8) Symbolic Representation of Messiah’s Spiritual Warfare
- a) Elisha’s Intervention in Israel’s Wars – Second Episode 2 Kings 6:8-23
- (1) Elisha Predicts Aram’s Military Raids on Israel (*Word of Knowledge*)
 - Informs Israel’s King of Aram’s Specific Plans of Attack
 - King Alerts Troops to Thwart Aram’s Attacks
 - Prefigures Jesus’ Foreknowledge of His Enemies & Their Tactics. “But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.” John 2:24-25
 - (2) King of Aram Orders Elisha Captured
Satan Attempts to Destroy Jesus During His Ministry
 - Aram Sends Strong Forces with Horses & Chariots

- Arrive at Night & Surround City where Elisha is Residing
 - Servant Sees Aramean Forces Next Morning & Reports to Elisha
 - Elisha's Reply to Servant "Do not be afraid, Our side outnumbers theirs." (2 Kings 6:16) (*Discerning of Spirits*)
 - Prays Lord will Open Servant's Spiritual Eyes
 - Servant Sees Mountainside Filled with Horses & Fiery Chariots Around Elisha
 - Jesus Opens Our Spiritual Eyes to See the Kingdom of God
 - "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." John 3:3
 - "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." John 9:39
 - Like Elisha, Jesus had Angelic Hosts at His Disposal. "Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?" Matt. 26:53-54
- (3) Elisha Captures Aramean Troops
Symbol of Jesus' Victorious Life Over Sin & Satan
- Elisha Prays to Lord: "Strike this people blind...." (2 Kings 6:18b)
 - Lord Strikes Soldiers Blind
 - Blindness of Religious Leaders in Jesus' Time John 9:40-41
 - Elisha Leads Aramean Troops into Samaria (Capital of Israel)
- (4) Aramean Forces Surrounded by Israelites
Prefigures Jesus' Final Proclamation of Gospel in Jerusalem, Opening the Eyes of Believers.
- Elisha Prays: "O LORD, open their eyes that they may see."
 - Lord Opens their Eyes - Saw they were Inside Samaria
 - King of Israel Asks Elisha: "Shall I kill them, my father?"
 - Elisha's Reply of Mercy: "You must not kill them," (*Jesus' Mercy*)
 - "Do you slay those whom you have taken captive?"
 - Mankind Captivated by Sin
 - "Serve them bread and water. Let them eat and drink, and then go back to their master." (2 Kings 6:20-22)
 - Captives Fed Bread (*Word of God*) & Water (*Baptism of Repentance*)
- (5) King of Israel Spreads Feast for Aramean Soldiers
Jesus Spreads a Feast (Holy Communion) Before All Believers
- Releases Them After They Dine
 - Aramean Troops Return Home
 - Captives Set Free from Sin & Eternal Damnation
- b) Elisha's Intervention in Israel's Wars – Third Episode 2 Kings 6:24 – 7:20
- (1) King of Aram Lays Siege to Samaria with Full Strength of His Army
Representative of Satan's Many Attacks Against Israel (God's Chosen People) Attempting to Annihilate Them.

- Causing Severe Famine & Inflation in Samaria
 - Satan's Tactics of Poverty & Want – Physical & Spiritual
- King of Israel Blames Elisha – Threatening to Behead Him
- Jewish Authorities Blame Jesus – Conspiring to Kill Him
 - “So the chief priests and the Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin and said, ‘What are we going to do? This man (*Jesus*) is performing many signs. If we leave him alone, all will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our land and our nation.” John 11:47-48
 - “So from that day on they planned to kill him.” John 11:53
- Elisha Confers with Elders. “Do you know that this son of a murderer (*Referring to King of Israel's Father Ahab*) is sending someone to cut off my head?.....” (2 Kings 6:32)
- Jesus Confronts Conspiring Jewish Authorities. “Thus you bear witness against yourselves that you are the children of those who murdered the prophets; now fill up what your ancestors measured out!” (*By Killing Messiah-Prophet*) Matt. 23:31-32
- King Confronts Elisha: “This evil is from the LORD. Why should I trust in the LORD any longer?” (2 Kings 6:33)
 - Prefigures False Accusations Against Jesus at His Trials
- Elisha Predicts Lord's Deliverance of Israel: “Hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the LORD, ‘At this time tomorrow a seah of fine flour will sell for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, in the market of Samaria.’” (2 Kings 7:1) (*Indicating that Siege, Famine & Inflation will be Over*)
- Jesus' Predictions of His Deliverance of Israel
 - At His First Advent. “A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:10-11
 - At His Second Advent. “Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a trumpet blast, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.” Matt. 24:29-31
- King's Adjutant Mocks Elisha's Prophecy (*Word of the Lord*)
 - Scribes & Pharisees Mock Jesus Christ (*Word of God*)
- Elisha Responds to Adjutant: “You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat of it.” (2 Kings 7:2b)
- Jesus' Prediction of Fall of Jerusalem. “For the days are coming upon you when your enemies will raise a palisade against you; they will encircle you and hem you in on all sides. They will

smash you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another within you because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.” Luke 19:43-44

- (2) Initiative of 4 Lepers at Samarian Gate (*Represents Church Age*)
 Lepers Represent Unrepentant Sinners (*Unclean & Disenfranchised*)
 (*Jews Consider Gentile Nations as Unclean*)
- Lepers Go to Aramean Camp to Survive Famine
 - Aramean Troops Hear Sound of Large Approaching Army
 - Assume Israel has Allied with Hittites
(Church Includes Messianic Jews & Gentile Believers)
 - Flee Camp Abandoning their Provisions & Possessions
*(“..... the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the just.”
 Prov. 13:22)*
 - Lepers Reach Aramean Camp & Find it Abandoned
The Lord Delivers His People & Provides their Sustenance
 - Eat Aramean Provisions & Hide Spoils
(Church Inherits Blessings of Israel. Rom. 4; Gal. 3:6-14)
 - Lepers Return to Samaria & Inform Gatekeepers
(Church Proclaims Good News [Gospel] of Jesus Christ)
 - Gatekeepers Report to Palace
- (3) King of Israel Skeptical of Report & Investigates
- King Dispatches Squad to Reconnoiter Aram Army
*Jesus’ Advice. “But seek first the kingdom (of God) and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.”
 Matt. 6:33*
 - Follow Arameans to Jordan
 - Aramean Possessions Strewn Along Route
- (4) Elisha’s Prophecies Fulfilled
- Israelis Plunder Aramean Camp
 - Seah of Fine Flour Sells for Shekel
 - 2 Seahs of Barley Sells for Shekel
 - Kingdom of God
 - “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” Matt. 6:19-21
 - “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them (as their God). He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, (for) the old order has passed away.” Rev. 21:3-4
 - King’s Adjutant Trampled to Death at Gate
 - Sees Israel’s Deliverance – But Does Not Partake of it
 - Same Adjutant that Mocked Elisha’s Prophecy
 - Mockers & Unbelievers Who See the Coming of Messiah but Do Not Enter into His Kingdom Matt. 25:31-46

9) Prefigure of Messiah's Completion of His Church

This is One of the Many Prophetic Images throughout Scriptures of the End of the Church Age, its Aftermath & Second Coming of Messiah.

a) *Preview of End of Church Age & Its Aftermath*

(See Part II.A within "Messianic Kingdom" Study)

(1) *Jesus Christ Takes His Church Out of the World ("Rapture")*

John 14:1-3; 1 Cor. 15:50-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-18

(2) *World Goes Through Great Tribulation* *Matt. 24:15-28*

(Prophesied to be a 7 Year Period. Dan. 9:27; Rev. 11:1-3)

- *Antichrist (Satan's Messiah) Rises to Power (1st 3½ Years) & Rules Earth (2nd 3½ Years) Dan. 7:23-25; Rev. 6:1-11; Rev. 13*
- *God's Wrath Poured Out Upon Earth Rev. 8 – 11 & 15 – 16*
- *Israel Severely Persecuted Matt. 24:15-28; Rev. 12*
- *God's Chosen People are Refined, Returning to their Lord Rom. 11:25-27*

(3) *Jesus Christ Returns to Earth ("Second Coming")*

Zech. 14:1-5 & 12-15; Matt. 24:29-35; Rev. 19:11-21

- *Destroys Satan, Antichrist & Forces of Evil*
- *Judges Nations & Establishes His Kingdom on Earth*
- *Reinstates Israel to its Inheritance*

b) *Elisha Predicts a Famine* *2 Kings 8:1-6*(1) *Elisha Warns Woman of Coming Drought: "Get ready! Leave with your family and settle wherever you can, because the LORD has decreed a seven-year famine which is coming upon the land."*

(2 Kings 8:1)

- *Same Woman He Spoke Life Into & She Conceived a Son*
- *Son Whom He Later Restored to Life (Re: 2 Kings 4:8-37)*
- *Woman Represents Israel Who Gave Birth to Messiah's Church*
- *Son Represents Church Born Out of Judaism, Given Life by Messiah & Is Resurrected/Translated by Lord's Appearing*

(2) *Jesus Warns of Tribulation at End of Church Age* *Matt. 24:15-28*

- *"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)*
- *"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." (Matt. 24:44)*

(3) *Woman Obeys Elisha Settling in Philistia 7 Years*

Church Taken by Christ Remaining with Him During Tribulation Period *1 Thess. 4:16-17*

(4) *Woman Returns to Israel After 7 Year Period*

Church (Jews & Gentiles) Returns with Christ at His Second Coming
Zech. 14:3-5; Rev. 19:14

(5) *King of Israel Restores Woman's Property (Her Inheritance)*

- *King Asks Gehazi about Elisha's Exploits*
- Represents Jesus' Witnesses During Tribulation Period Rev. 7*
- *Gehazi Tells King How Elisha Restored Dead Boy to Life*
- *Testify that Jesus is the Resurrection & the Life*
- *Woman Enters King's Presence to Claim Her House & Fields*
- *Gehazi Testifies: "My lord king, this is the woman, and this*

is that son of hers whom Elisha restored to life.”
(2 Kings 8:5b)

- King Questions Woman & She Confirms Gehazi’s Testimony
- Israel Confirms Testimony that Jesus is Messiah Zech. 12:10
- King Places an Official at Woman’s Disposal: “Restore all her property to her, with all that the field produced from the day she left the land until now.” (2 Kings 8:6b)
- All Lord’s Inheritances Restored to Israel, Including All Possessions (i.e. Land Grant) and their Produce

10) Summary of Messiah’s Salvific Ministry

- a) Conclusion of Elisha’s Prophetic Ministry 2 Kings 13:10-25
- (1) Aram Oppressing Israel
Prefigures Oppression of Israel by Gentile Nations
(Representative of the Bondage & Oppression of Sin)
- (2) Elisha Sick & Dying
Foreshadow of Jesus’ Sick-Heartedness Over Israel’s Rejection
- Jesus’ Mission. “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.” Luke 19:10
 - Jesus’ Sacrifice. “..... I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again.....” John 10:17-18
 - Jesus’ Lament. “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how many times I yearned to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her young under her wings, but you were unwilling!” Matt. 23:37
- (3) King of Israel Visits Elisha
- King Weeps: “My father, my father! Israel’s chariots and horsemen!” (Where is Israel’s Deliverance?) (Kings 13:14b)
Israel Looking for Messiah to Deliver them from Oppression
 - Elisha Prophesies Israel’s Victory Over Aram
(2 Kings 13:15-17)
Represents Lord’s Intended Purpose for His Chosen People - To Spread Love of God to the World
 - “Take a bow and some arrows” (Symbol of Faith)
 - King Obeys
 - “Put your hand on the bow.”
 - King Holds the Bow - Elisha Places His Hands Over King’s (Represents Lord’s Guidance of His People)
 - “Open the window toward the east (Direction of Aram).”
 - “Shoot” (Spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Nations)
 - King Opens Window & Shoots Arrow
 - “The LORD’S arrow of victory! The arrow of victory over Aram! You will completely conquer Aram at Aphec.”
(Jesus Prophesies: “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come.” Matt. 24:14)

- Elisha Prophecies Extent of Israel's Victory (*2 Kings 13:18-19*)
 Israel's Partial Acceptance of Messianic Prophecies
 - *Accept Messiah's Victory & Kingdom at His 2nd Advent*
 - *Reject Messiah's Suffering & Death at His 1st Advent*
 - "Take the arrows" "Strike the ground!"
 - King Strikes Ground 3 Times & Stops
 - Elisha Angry: "You should have struck five or six times; you would have defeated Aram completely. Now, you will defeat Aram only three times." (*Only Some Jews Will Accept their Messiah – Becoming the Foundation of His Church*)
- (4) Elisha Died & Buried 2 Kings 13:20
 Symbol of Jesus' Sacrifice, Death & Burial
- (5) Dead Man Restored to Life 2 Kings 13:21
 Symbol of Jesus, the Crucified One, as the Resurrection & the Life
 - People Throw Dead Man into Elisha's Grave
Israel (Dead to Sin) Thrown / Falls (Surrenders to / Accepts) their Crucified Messiah at His Second Coming
 - *"I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and petition; and they shall look on him whom they have thrust through (Jesus Christ Crucified), and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only son, and they shall grieve over him as one grieves over a first-born"* *Zech. 12:10*
 - *"I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers, so that you will not become wise (in) your own estimation: a hardening has come upon Israel in part, until the full number of the Gentiles comes in, and thus all Israel will be saved ..."* *Rom. 11:25-27*
 - Man Resuscitated when Body Makes Contact with Elisha's Bones
Israel's Life, Redemption & Victory Will Come from Their Recognition & Acceptance of Slain / Sacrificed Messiah as Lord
 - Man Rises to His Feet Alive
- (6) Lord's Mercy on Israel 2 Kings 13:22-25
Israel's Complete & Final Victory Will Come through Messiah
 - The Lord Remembers His Covenant with Abraham, Isaac & Jacob
 - Won't Allow Israel's Total Destruction
(Israel's Opportunity to Repent)
 - *"..... I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem for battle: the city shall be taken, houses plundered, women ravished; half of the city shall go into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be removed from the city. Then the LORD shall go forth and fight against those nations, fighting as on a day of battle. That day his feet shall rest upon the Mount of Olives, which is opposite Jerusalem to the east. The Mount of Olives shall be cleft in two from east to west by a very deep valley, and half of the mountain shall move to the north and*

half of it to the south. And the valley of the LORD'S mountain shall be filled up when the valley of those two mountains reaches its edge;.....” Zech. 14:1-5

- King of Aram Dies (*Lord's Chastisement Fulfilled*)
- Israel Defeats Aram's Successor King 3 Times (*Fulfilling Elisha's Prophecy*)
- Israel Recovers Cities Captured by Aram
- Jesus Prophesies His Judgment of Nations – To be Fulfilled at His 2nd Coming Matt. 25:31-46

3. Messiah's Fulfillment of Literary Prophets (*Prophets Who Wrote Prophetic Books of Bible.*)

Note. Specific events in the lives and unique revelations (i.e. visions, etc.) of the Prophets Jeremiah, Jonah and Zechariah are examples of the Literary Prophets selected for this study. Practically all the lives, personalities and revelations of the Literary Prophets foreshadow Messiah in some way.

a. Selections from Prophet Jeremiah

(See "Prophet Jeremiah" within "Anointed Prophet – Part I" Study.)

1) Lord Calls & Commissions Jeremiah Jer. 1:4-19

Prefigures Messiah's Call & Commission

- a) Lord Chooses Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." (*Jer. 1:5*)
 - (1) Prefigures Son of God's Preincarnate Appointment as Messiah - Prophet & Savior
 - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1
 - "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." John 1:14
 - "..... when he (*Jesus Christ*) came into the world, he said: 'Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight in. Then I said, As is written of me in the scroll (*Scriptures*), Behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" Heb. 10:5-7
- b) Lord Touches Jeremiah's Mouth with His Hand: "See, I place my words in your mouth! This day I set you over nations and over kingdoms, To root up and to tear down, to destroy and to demolish, to build and to plant." (*Jer. 1:9-10*)
 - (1) Prefigures Messiah's Anointing to Proclaim the Word of God, Judge & Rule the Nations
 - "I will proclaim the decree of the LORD, who said to me, 'You are my son; today I am your father. Only ask it of me, and I will make your inheritance the nations, your possession the ends of the earth. With an iron rod you shall shepherd them, like a clay pot you will shatter them.'" Psa. 2:7-9
- c) Lord Confirms Jeremiah's Commission
 - (1) Lord Asks: "What do you see, Jeremiah?" (*Jer. 1:11-12*)

- Jeremiah Answers: “I see a branch of the watching-tree,”
 - Prefigures Jesus Christ’s First Advent
(“Branch” Refers to Messiah a Nazarene. Matt. 2:23)
(“Watching-Tree” Refers to Messiah’s Cross)
 - Jesus the Nazarene (“Nazarene” Means “Branch-Man”).
“..... Here is a man whose name is Shoot (or Branch), and where he is he shall sprout (*Grow into Manhood*), and he shall build the temple of the LORD.” Zech. 6:12
 - Jesus Sees the Cross Ahead of Him & Proclaims: “**And when I am lifted up from the earth (On Cross), I will draw everyone to myself.**” John 12:32
 - Lord Replies: “Well have you seen, for I am watching to fulfill my word.”
 - Word of Lord Fulfilled by Jesus Christ. “**Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.**” Matt. 5:17
- (2) Lord Questions Jeremiah Second Time: “What do you see?”
(Jer. 1:13-14)
- Jeremiah: “I see a boiling cauldron, that appears from the north.”
(“Boiling Cauldron” Refers to Chastisement / Purification)
 - Prefigures Jesus Christ’s Second Advent
 - Nations Gather Against Jerusalem
Zech. 12:1-3; Zech. 14:1-2; Rev. 16:12-16
 - Messiah Returns to Fight & Conquer the Nations
Zech. 12:4-9; Zech. 14:3- 5 & 12-15; Rev. 19:11-21
- (3) Lord Prophecies Against Jerusalem Jer. 1:14-19
- Invasion from North to Punish Judah’s Idolatry (*Fulfilled 586 BC*)
 - Jesus Predicts Destruction of Temple Luke 21:5-6
 - “While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, he said, ‘**All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.**’” (*Fulfilled by Rome 70 AD*)
 - Jesus Predicts Destruction of Jerusalem Luke 21:20-22
 - “**When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, know that its desolation is at hand. for these days are the time of punishment when all the scriptures are fulfilled.**”
 - Commissions Jeremiah to Fearlessly Proclaim Word of Lord
 - Jesus is the Word of God John 1:1-14
 - Destroys by Breath of His Mouth. “Out of his mouth came a sharp sword to strike the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod, and he himself will tread out in the wine press the wine of the fury and wrath of God the almighty.” Rev. 19:15
 - Lord Promises to Deliver Jeremiah
 - Jesus Delivered from Death by Rising from the Dead
 - “..... I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command

- I have received from my Father.”** John 10:17-18
- “This man (*Jesus Christ*), delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it.” Acts 2:23-24
- 2) Plot Against Jeremiah in Anathoth (*His Home Town*) Jer. 11:18 – 12:17
 Prefigures Rejection of Jesus Christ in Galilee (*His Home Town Region*)
- a) Lord Reveals Plot to Jeremiah Jer. 11:18-23
- (1) Jeremiah Warned: “Do not prophesy in the name of the LORD; else you shall die by our hand.” (*Jer. 11:21*)
 - (2) Lord will Punish Anathoth
 - (3) Jesus Rejected & Persecuted in Nazareth
 - Jesus Reads Messianic Prophecy in His Synagogue at Beginning of His Ministry Isa. 61:1-2; Luke 4:16-30
 - “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” (*Luke 4:18-19*)
 - Jesus Applies that Prophecy to Himself: “Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” (*Luke 4:21*)
 - People Threw Jesus Out of Town, Attempting to Kill Him
 - Jesus Walked through Crowd Unharmmed
 - (4) Jesus Unable to Perform Miracles in Nazareth because of their Unbelief. Matt. 13:54-58
 - “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and in his own house.” (*Matt. 13:57*)
 - (5) Pending Judgment of Galilean Cities for Rejecting their Messiah Matt. 11:20-24
 - “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty deeds (*Jesus’ Miracles*) done in your midst had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. And as for you, Capernaum For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”
- b) Jeremiah Complains to Lord Jer. 12:1-4
- (1) “.....Why does the way of the godless prosper, why live all the treacherous in contentment?” (*Jer. 12:1*)
 - (2) Jesus Intercedes to Father God
 - He was Sent to Save People: “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” John 3:17
 - People Who Accept Him by Simple Faith. “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden

these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike.”
Matt. 11:25

- c) Lord Challenges Jeremiah Jer. 12:5-6
- (1) “If running against men (*of Anathoth*) has wearied you, how will you race against horses (*i.e. Jerusalem, its Kings & Nobles*)? And if in a land of peace you fall headlong, what will you do in the thickets of the Jordan? For even your own brothers, the members of your father’s house, betray you; they have recruited a force against you. Do not believe them, even if they are friendly to you in their words.”
- (2) Jesus “Brothers” Initially Reject Him in Nazareth John 7:1-10
- “So his brothers said to him, ‘Leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. If you do these things, manifest yourself to the world.’ For his brothers did not believe in him.” (*John 7:3-5*)
- (3) Jesus Rejected by His Kinsmen in Jerusalem
- “Although he (*Jesus Christ*) had performed so many signs in their presence they did not believe in him, in order that the word which Isaiah the prophet spoke might be fulfilled: ‘Lord, who has believed our preaching (*Words Spoken by Jesus*), to whom has the might (*Miracles Performed by Jesus*) of the Lord been revealed?’”
John 12:37-38
- (4) Jesus Rejected by Majority of God’s Chosen People John 1:11-13
- “He (*Jesus Christ*) came to what was his own (*Israelites*), but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man’s decision but of God.”
- d) The Lord’s Complaint to Jeremiah Jer. 12:7-13
- (1) “I abandon my house (*Temple*), cast off my heritage (*Israel/Judah*); The beloved of my soul I deliver into the hand of her foes.”
(*Jer. 12:7*)
- Lord’s People Turned Against Him
(*Rejected Lord & Worshiped Idols*)
- (2) The Lord Sent His Only Son Whom Israel Rejected
- The Lord Will Abandon His Heritage (*Israel/Judah*) & House (*Temple*) to Rome Because They Rejected His Visitation.
 - “If this day you only knew what makes for peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. For the days are coming upon you when your enemies will raise a palisade against you; they will encircle you and hem you in on all sides. They will smash you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another within you because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”
Luke 19:42-44
 - “They will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken as captives to all the Gentiles; and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”
Luke 21:24

- (3) “My heritage is a prey for hyenas, is surrounded by vultures (*Neighboring Nations*); Come, gather together, all you beasts of the field, come and eat!” (*Jer. 12:9*) (*Lord Hands Judah Over to Gentile Nations, Beginning with Babylon in 586 BC*)
- Nations Ravaged His Vineyard (*Promise Land*) & Turned it into a Desert (*Both Physically & Spiritually*)
 - Rome Viciously Suppresses Jewish Revolt in Galilee and Destroys Jerusalem in 66 - 70 AD
- (4) Lord’s Judgment & Promise of Redemption Jer. 12:14-17
- Lord will Pluck Judah from their Land
(*Fulfilled by Babylon’s Captivity of Jewish People*)
(*Fulfilled by Roman Dispersion of Jewish People in 70 & 135 AD*)
 - Lord will Show Pity & Bring Judah Back to their Land
(*Fulfilled by Return of Jews to Promise Land Under Persian Rule*)
(*Fulfilled by Jews Returning to Promise Land & Establishing the Nation of Israel in 1948 AD*)
 - Lord will Give Nations Opportunity to Repent & Turn to Him
(*Fulfilled by Gospel of Jesus being Spread to Gentile Nations*)
- 3) Persecution of Jeremiah
- a) Authorities Plot Against Jeremiah
Prefigures Conspiracy Against Jesus Christ
- (1) Jeremiah Prophesies Dissolution of Judah Jer. 18:11-17
- Calling for Repentance
- (2) Jesus Uncompromisingly Proclaims Word of Lord
- Performs Works of Lord (Miracles)
 - Calling for Repentance & Offering Salvation
- (3) Unrepentant Authorities Conspire Against Jeremiah: “Come, let us contrive a plot against Jeremiah..... let us destroy him by his own tongue; let us carefully note his every word.” Jer. 18:18
- (4) Unrepentant Authorities Conspire Against Jesus
- “Then the Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap him in speech.” Matt. 22:15
 - “Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and they consulted together to arrest Jesus by treachery and put him to death.” Matt. 26:3-4
- (5) Jeremiah Appeals to Lord - Crying for Vengeance Jer. 18:19-23
- (6) Jesus Submits to Father God’s Will – Accepting a Horrific Death
(*Becoming the Lord’s Holy & Perfect Sacrifice*)
- “My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!” Matt. 26:42
- b) Jeremiah Persecuted by Priest Pashhur Jer. 20:1-6
(Pashhur Chief Officer in Temple)
Prefigures Jesus being Persecuted by Chief Priests
- (1) Pashhur Hears Jeremiah’s Prophecies Against Judah
- “Listen to the word of the LORD, kings of Judah and citizens of Jerusalem: I am going to bring such evil upon this place that all who hear of it will feel their ears tingle.” Jer. 19:3

- “..... this place will no longer be called Topheth, or the Valley of Ben-hinnom, but rather, the Valley of Slaughter.” Jer. 19:6
- “I (*Lord*) will surely bring upon this city (*Jerusalem*) all the evil with which I threatened it, because they have stiffened their necks and have not obeyed my words” Jer. 19:15

(2) Chief Priests Hear Jesus’ Words

- Jesus Chastises the Religious Authorities
 - “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You lock the kingdom of heaven before human beings. You do not enter yourselves, nor do you allow entrance to those trying to enter.” Matt. 23:13
 - “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and every kind of filth. Even so, on the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing.” Matt. 23:26-27
 - “You serpents, you brood of vipers, how can you flee from the judgment of Gehenna?” Matt. 23:33
- Jesus Prophesies Destruction of Jerusalem & Temple
 - “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, Behold, your house will be abandoned, desolate.” Matt. 23:37-38
 - “You see all these things (*i.e. Temple Buildings*), do you not? Amen, I say to you, there will not be left here a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down” Matt. 24:2
- Jesus’ Testimony Before High Priest. “I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing.” John 18:20

(3) Pashhur Has Jeremiah Scourged & Placed in Stocks

Foreshadow of Jesus being Scourged & Secured to a Cross

- Releases Jeremiah in Morning
 - Foreshadow of Jesus’ Resurrection & the Dawning of His New Covenant

(4) Jeremiah Confirms His Prophecy & Includes Pashhur

Jesus’ Words / Prophecies Fulfilled After Advent of His Church

- “Instead of Pashhur, the LORD will name you ‘Terror on every side.’ For thus says the LORD: Indeed, I will deliver you to terror, you and all your friends. Your own eyes shall see them fall by the sword of their enemies.....” (*Jer. 20:3b-4*)
 - Israel’s Savage Suppression by Rome Witnessed by Priests
- Prophecies the Dissolution of Judah by Babylon
 - Rome’s Destruction of Temple, Jerusalem & Jewish Diaspora
- Prophecies Pushhur’s Exile & Death in Babylon
 - Israel’s Priesthood & Sacrificial Worship Ceased when Rome’s Destroyed the Temple

- c) Jeremiah Threatened with Death Jer. 26
 Prefigures Threats Against Jesus During His Last Trip to Jerusalem.
 Following His Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem Matt. 21 – 23
- (1) Lord's Call to Repentance
- (a) Lord Instructs Jeremiah to Speak to People in Temple Court
- “Perhaps they will listen and turn back, each from his evil way, so that I may repent of the evil I have planned to inflict upon them for their evil deeds.” (*Jer. 26:3*)
- (b) Jesus Enters Temple Precincts & Proclaims Word of God
- Warns Officials of Consequences of Unbelief. “Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you (*Israel*) and given to a people (*Church*) that will produce its fruit.” Matt. 21:43
 - Goads Officials to Repent. “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You cleanse the outside of cup and dish, but inside they are full of plunder and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may be clean.” Matt. 23:25-26
- (c) Jeremiah Prophesies Destruction of Jerusalem: “Thus says the LORD: If you disobey me, not living according to the law I placed before you and not listening to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I send you” (*Jer. 26:4-6*)
- (d) Jesus Prophesies Destruction of Jerusalem: “.....because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.” Luke 19:42-44
- (2) Priests, (False) Prophets & People Hear Jeremiah's Words
- (a) Gather Around Jeremiah in Temple Precincts & Call for His Death
- (b) Religious Leaders Attempt to Apprehend Jesus in Temple Area
- “And every day he was teaching in the temple area. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people, meanwhile, were seeking to put him to death, but they could find no way to accomplish their purpose because all the people were hanging on his words.” Luke 19:47-48
- (3) Judah's Princes Hold Court at the New Gate of Temple
- (a) Priests & Prophets Condemn Jeremiah
- (b) Religious Leaders Question Jesus' Authority. “By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?” Matt. 21:23
- (c) Jeremiah Defends Himself
- The Lord Sent Him to Prophecy
 - Lord God Sent Jesus, the Word of God, to Prophecy
 - Calls on People to Repent
 - Jesus Calls People to Repent & Follow Him
 - “As for me, I am in your hands; do with me what you think good and right.”
 - Jesus Voluntarily Lays Down His Life
 - “But mark well: if you put me to death, it is innocent blood you bring on yourselves, on this city and its citizens. For in

truth it was the LORD who sent me to you, to speak all these things for you to hear.” (*Jer. 26:14-15*)

- Religious Authorities Condemn Jesus to Death. Jesus is Without Sin & Innocent of Charges Brought Against Him

- (d) Jesus Defends the Source of His Authority Matt. 21:23-27
- “I shall ask you one question, and if you answer it for me, then I shall tell you by what authority I do these things. Where was John’s baptism from? Was it of heavenly or of human origin?” (*John is the Culmination of Old Testament Prophets*)
 - Authorities Answer: “We do not know.”
 - Jesus Replies: “Neither shall I tell you by what authority I do these things.” (*If They Do Not Recognize Lord’s Prophet & Repent, then They Will Not Accept Messiah & His Word.*)
- (e) Princes & People Say to Priests & Prophets: “This man does not deserve death; it is in the name of the LORD, our God, that he speaks to us.” (*Jer. 26:16*)
- (f) Controversy Over Jesus. “..... many, even among the authorities, believed in him, but because of the Pharisees they did not acknowledge it openly in order not to be expelled from the synagogue. For they preferred human praise to the glory of God.” John 12:42-43
- (g) Elders Remind Court of Other Prophets Who Prophesied Against Jerusalem
- (h) Sanhedrin Plots Jesus’ Death John 7:45-53; John 11:45-53
- Nicodemus Intervenes in Jesus’ Behalf: “Does our law condemn a person before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing?” (*John 7:51*)
 - Sanhedrin Ridicules Nicodemus
 - Sanhedrin Condemns Jesus to Death Before His Trial. “So from that day on they planned to kill him.” (*John 11:53*)

- 4) Jeremiah as Kinsman-Redeemer Jer. 32
Preview of Messiah Jesus as Israel’s Kinsman-Redeemer

Explanation of the Law of Property Redemption.

According to the Law of Property Redemption (*Lev. 25:23-35*), the Land belongs to the Lord God of Israel and can not be sold on a permanent basis. Israelites are tenant-possessors of the land allotments inherited from the Lord (*Joshua 13 – 21*).

- 1) When an Israelite becomes so impoverished that he has to sell his property, his closest relative has the right to buy and redeem that property (i.e. Kinsman-Redeemer), keeping it in the family that originally inherited it from the Lord. The price paid by the Kinsman is pro-rated to the upcoming Year of Jubilee (*Lev. 25:15*). The Kinsman administers the redeemed land for his own purposes until the Year of Jubilee when it is returned to its original owner (*Lev. 25:13 & 28*).
- 2) If the original owner does not have a relative who can buy it and must sell to a foreigner, then he, or a kinsman, has the right to purchase it back for an amount that’s pro-rated to the upcoming Year of Jubilee when it will automatically revert to that original owner.
- 3) If other people were living on, or using the land, it was the responsibility of the Kinsman-Redeemer to evict them before he actually takes possession of the land. This is particularly true if the Kinsman-Redeemer was unable to take immediate possession of the land upon executing the Deed.

- a) King of Babylon Besieging Jerusalem Jer. 32:1-5
Represents Jerusalem being Under Siege by Gentile Nations throughout Church Age, as Prophesied by Jesus Christ: “..... Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.” Luke 21:24
- (1) Jeremiah Imprisoned by King of Judah
- For Prophesying Destruction of Jerusalem
- (2) Jesus Condemned by High Priest for Proclaiming Word of the Lord
- b) Lord Instructs Jeremiah to Purchase a Field Jer. 32:6-15
(In a Land Being Conquered & Occupied by Babylon)
Prefigures Old Testament Prophecies (“Word of the Lord”) of Messiah as Israel’s Kinsman-Redeemer.
- (1) “Hanamel, son of your uncle Shallum, will come to you with the offer: ‘Buy for yourself my field in Anathoth, since you, as nearest relative, have the first right of purchase’.” (*Jer. 32:7*)
- *Anathoth is One of the Levitical Cities Josh. 21 (Verse 18)*
 - *Assigned by Lord to Descendants of Aaron as a Permanent Inheritance*
 - *Anathoth is Jeremiah’s Home Town Jer. 1:1*
 - *Jeremiah is a Levite from House of Aaron (Lord’s Chosen Priesthood)*
 - *Law of Redemption of Property (See Above) Lev. 25:23-35*
- (2) Hanamel (*Jeremiah’s Kin*) Asks Jeremiah to Buy His Field
- (3) Jeremiah Purchases the Field
- Paid Hanamel 17 Silver Shekels
 - Wrote Deed which was Accepted, Sealed & Witnessed
 - Two Counterparts: 1 Sealed & 1 Left Open
 - Gave Deed to Baruch in Presence of Hanamel & Witnesses
 - Charges Baruch to Put Both Deeds in Earthen Jar to Achieve
 - “For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.” (*Jer. 32:15*)

Jeremiah’s Role as Kinsman-Redeemer.

- 1) *The Lord instructs Jeremiah to purchase a land that is being overrun by the Babylonians, in effect appointing Jeremiah as Israel’s Kinsman-Redeemer, retaining Israel’s legitimate right to their land throughout their exile into Babylon and subsequent occupation by Gentile Nations.*
- 2) *Jeremiah executed two counterparts of the Deed. The first scroll was sealed securing its terms and conditions, providing irrefutable evidence of the transaction should anyone contest it, and preventing anyone from tampering with the Deed. The second was an open scroll available for inspection by anyone inquiring or challenging the Deed.*
- 3) *Jeremiah knew that he would be unable to take immediate possession of this property because he was in prison when he purchased it, and that all parties would eventually be exiled from Israel. He; therefore, instructed Baruch to put both scrolls in an earthen jar to archive them until such time as Israel would be restored to the Land.*

- (4) Foreshadows Messiah Jesus as Israel’s Kinsman-Redeemer
- Messiah as High Priest Purchases Israel (*Prototype of Earth*) with His Blood, Signing a Deed in His Blood and Sealing it.

- “.....you were ransomed from your futile conduct (*Sin*), handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb.” 1 Pet. 1:18-19
 - The Deed is Placed in an Earthen Jar (*Representing Jesus’ Physical Body*) and Kept Hidden (*In the Right Hand of God*) until God’s Appointed Time (*Conclusion of Church Age*) when Christ will Open it, Reclaiming Israel’s Legitimate Right to the Land (*Including Jerusalem*) they Inherited from Lord.
 - John’s Heavenly Vision Rev. 5
 - “I saw a scroll (*Deed*) in the right hand of the one (*Godhead*) who sat on the throne. It had writing on both sides and was sealed with seven seals (*Perfectly & Completely Sealed*).” (*Rev. 5:1*)
 - “But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to examine it.” (*Rev. 5:3*)
 - “..... The lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David (*Jesus from Tribe of Judah & House of David*), has triumphed, enabling him to open the scroll with its seven seals.” (*Rev. 5:5*)
 - “Then I saw standing in the midst of the throne a Lamb (*Jesus is the ‘Lamb of God’*) that seemed to have been slain. He came and received the scroll from the right hand of the one who sat on the throne.” (*Rev. 5:6-7*)
 - Jesus having Purchased, Redeemed and Secured the Land, will as Messiah-King, Claim & Sit on His Throne in Jerusalem.
- c) Jeremiah Prays to Lord Jer. 32:16-25
Represents Prayers of Jewish People in Exile & Diaspora
- (1) Acknowledges Lord as Creator, His Omniscience & Benevolence
 - (2) Recognizes Israel’s Disobedience to Lord
 - (3) Acknowledges Babylon’s Siege of Jerusalem as Lord’s Chastisement
- d) Lord Answers Jeremiah: “I am the LORD, the God of all mankind! Is anything impossible to me?” (*Jer. 32:27*) Jer. 32:26-44
- (1) Lord Will Hand Jerusalem Over to Babylonians Attacking it
 - *As the Lord Allowed the Dissolution of Jerusalem by Babylon because Judah Rejected Him as Lord; So, the Lord Allowed the Dissolution of Jerusalem by Rome (Over 650 Years Later) for Israel’s Rejection of His Messiah.*
 - (2) Lord Promises to Restore Israel Jer. 32:36-41
 - *As the Lord Partially Restored Israel with the Return of a Remnant from Babylonian Captivity (Keeping Them Under Gentile Domination), Paving the Way for the Coming of Messiah as Savior; So, the Lord Restored Israel as an Independent Nation in 1948 AD (Continually Under Threat of Annihilation by Gentile Nations), Paving the Way for Coming of Messiah as Kinsman-Redeemer.*
 - “Behold, I will gather them together from all the lands to which in anger, wrath, and great rage I banish them; I will

bring them back to this place and settle them here in safety.”
(*Jer. 32:37*)

- *As Kinsman-Redeemer, Messiah will Annihilate Gentile Nations Invading Israel, Evict Gentiles Occupying Israel's Promise Land, and Establish His Kingdom Among His Chosen People with Jerusalem as His Capital. Zech. 14; Ezek. 40 - 48*
 - “They shall be my people, and I will be their God.”
 - “One heart and one way I will give them, that they may fear me always, to their own good and that of their children after them.”
 - “I will make with them an eternal covenant, never to cease doing good to them; into their hearts I will put the fear of me, that they may never depart from me.”
 - “I will take delight in doing good to them: I will replant them firmly in this land, with all my heart and soul”
(*Jer. 32:38-41*)

(3) Lord Promises to Bless His People & His Land Jer. 32:42-44
Initially being Fulfilled by the Modern State of Israel (Under Threat of Gentile Nations), as a Preview of its Complete Fulfillment when Jesus Returns as Kinsman-Redeemer & Lord Establishing His Kingdom (See “Part II – Messianic Kingdom” Study)

- “..... Just as I brought upon this people all this great evil, so I will bring upon them all the good I promise them.”
- “Fields shall again be bought in this land, which you call a desert, without man or beast, handed over to the Chaldeans.”
- “Fields shall be bought with money, deeds written and sealed, and witnesses shall be used in the land of Benjamin (*Anathoth is in Benjamin*), in the suburbs of Jerusalem, in the cities of Judah and of the hill country, in the cities of the foothills and of the Negeb, when I change their lot,

e) Jesus Christ is Kinsman-Redeemer of the Whole Earth!

(1) The Earth Belongs to Lord. “The earth is the LORD’S and all it holds, the world and those who live there.” Psa. 24:1

(2) God Gave Adam Dominion Over Earth Gen. 1:26-28

(3) Adam Rebelled Against God, Subjugating His Authority to Satan Gen. 3

(4) Christ Jesus (Son of Man) is Our Kinsman. “And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,

- He is Bone of Our Bone & Flesh of Our Flesh

(5) Jesus Christ Fulfills First Responsibility of Kinsman-Redeemer by Paying the Redemptive Price

- Pouring Out His Blood Upon the Earth
- Paying the Price to Redeem Mankind. “..... you were ransomed from your futile conduct (*Sin*), handed on by your ancestors (*Descendants of Adam*), not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb.” 1 Pet. 1:18-19
- Paying the Price to Redeem the Earth

- “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” John 12:23-24
- “Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world (*Satan*) will be driven out.” John 12:31

(6) John’s Heavenly Vision of Jesus Receiving the Deed for Earth
Rev. 5

- “I saw a scroll (*Deed*) in the right hand of the one (*Godhead*) who sat on the throne. It had writing on both sides (*Old & New Covenants*) and was sealed with seven seals (*Perfectly & Completely Sealed*).” (Rev. 5:1)
- Mighty Angel Loudly Proclaims: “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” (Rev. 5:2)
- “But no one in heaven (*Celestial Creation*) or on earth (*Terrestrial Creation*) or under the earth (*The Dead, Satan & Demons*) was able to open the scroll or to examine it.” (Rev. 5:3)
- John Weeps Because No One was Worthy to Open Scroll
- “One of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep. The lion of the tribe of Judah (*Israel’s Holy Anointed One*), the root of David (*Messiah - King of Kings*), has triumphed (*Conquered Sin & Death*), enabling him to open the scroll with its seven seals.” (Rev. 5:5)
- “Then I saw standing in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures (*Cherubim / Throne Attendants*) and the elders (*Old & New Covenant Witnesses*), a Lamb (*Jesus – ‘The Lamb of God Who Takes Away the Sin of the World’ [John 1:29]*) that seemed to have been slain (*God’s Holy & Perfect Sacrifice*). He had seven horns (*Absolute Authority*) and seven eyes (*All Seeing*); these are the (seven) spirits of God sent out into the whole world (*Universal Christianity*).” (Rev. 5:6)
- The Lamb (Jesus Christ) Takes the Scroll from Right Hand of God Almighty and Is Worshipped:
 - Cherubim & Elders Prostrate Themselves Before Lamb: “Worthy are you to receive the scroll and to break open its seals, for you were slain and with your blood you purchased for God those from every tribe and tongue, people and nation (*Savior & Kinsman-Redeemer*). You made them a kingdom (*Christ Our King*) and priests (*Christ Our High Priest*) for our God, and they will reign on earth.” (Rev. 5:9-10)
 - Angelic Host Accompany Cherubim & Elders: “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.” (Rev. 5:12)
 - Every Creature (All Creation): “To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever.” (Rev. 5:13)

(7) Jesus Christ Fulfills Second Responsibility of Kinsman-Redeemer by Taking Possession of Earth

- Jesus Christ Breaks Opens Seals of the Scroll Rev. 6

- Revealing Chaos, Destruction & Pillage of Evil Forces Occupying Earth
- Revealing Martyred Heirs
- Revealing the End of Man's Rule & Redemption of Earth
- Kinsman-Redeemer at Work Judging Illegal Occupants (False Religions, Corrupt Governments & Institutions, Evil Men, Antichrist, etc.) & Purging Earth from Ravages of Sin
Rev. 8 – 9, Rev. 11:15-19 & Rev. 15 - 16
 - Inducing Man to Repent. “The rest of the human race, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, to give up the worship of demons and idols.... Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic potions, their unchastity, or their robberies.” (Rev. 9:20-21)
- John's Vision of Kinsman-Redeemer Taking Possession of Earth
Rev. 19:11 – 20:3
 - Jesus Christ Returns to Earth. “Then I saw the heavens opened, and there was a white horse; its rider was (called) ‘Faithful and True.’ He judges and wages war in righteousness He wore a cloak that had been dipped in blood (*Price of Redemption*), and his name was called the Word of God. The armies of heaven followed him, mounted on white horses and wearing clean white linen. Out of his mouth came a sharp sword to strike the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod, and he himself will tread out in the wine press the wine of the fury and wrath of God the almighty. He has a name written on his cloak and on his thigh, ‘King of kings and Lord of lords.’” (Rev. 19:11-16)
 - Christ Destroys & Evicts Forces of Evil from Earth. “Then I saw the beast (*Antichrist*) and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered to fight against the one riding the horse and against his army. The beast was caught and with it the false prophet The two were thrown alive into the fiery pool burning with sulfur. The rest were killed by the sword that came out of the mouth of the one riding the horse,” (Rev. 19:19-21)
 - Satan Evicted from Earth. “Then I saw an angel come down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the abyss (*Bottomless Pit*) and a heavy chain. He seized the dragon, the ancient serpent, which is the Devil or Satan, and tied it up for a thousand years and threw it into the abyss, which he locked over it and sealed, so that it could no longer lead the nations astray” (Rev. 20:1-3)
- Christ Judges & Separates the Nations of Earth Matt. 25:31-46
 - Nations that Blessed His Heirs. “..... **Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.**” (Matt. 25:34)
 - Nations that Opposed/Neglected His Heirs. “.....**Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the**

devil and his angels.” (Matt. 25:41)

- (8) Jesus Christ Inhabits & Rules Planet Earth Rev. 20:4-6
Psa. 2; Psa. 72; Psa. 96; Psa. 99; Zech. 14:8-11
- “ I will proclaim the decree of the LORD, who said to me (*Messiah*), ‘You are my son; today I am your father. Only ask it of me, and I will make your inheritance the nations, your possession the ends of the earth. With an iron rod you shall shepherd them, like a clay pot you will shatter them.” (Psa. 2:7-9)
 - “Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them. Then let all the trees of the forest rejoice before the LORD who comes, who comes to govern the earth, To govern the world with justice and the peoples with faithfulness.” (Psa. 96:11-13)
 - “The LORD shall become king over the whole earth; on that day the LORD shall be the only one, and his name the only one.” (Zech. 14:9)

b. Selections from Prophet Jonah

(See “Prophet Jonah” within “Anointed Prophet – Part I” Study.)

- 1) Jonah Flees Lord’s Calling Jonah 1 & 2
Jonah Disobeying the Lord’s Call, Represents Israel Disobeying the Word of the Lord (Old Covenant Laws & Prophets). Where Jonah was Disobedient; Jesus, Israel’s Messiah, Obeyed Father God in All Matters, Including Death on a Cross, Fulfilling the Old Covenant Law & Prophets. Phil. 2:5-8; Matt. 5:17
- a) Lord Calls Jonah: “Set out for the great city of Nineveh (*Gentile City*), and preach against it; their wickedness has come up before me.” (Jonah 1:2)
- b) Jonah Flees Boarding a Ship Bound for Tarshish (*Opposite Direction*)
- (1) Lord Sends Violent Storm
- Jonah Asleep in Ship’s Hold
 - Image of Jesus Asleep in Boat During a Storm Mark 4:36-38
- (2) Mariners Cast Lots to Determine Whose Responsible for Storm
- Lot Falls on Jonah
 - Jonah Tells Them He’s Fleeing the Lord
 - Mariners Ask Jonah What they Should Do with Him to Quiet Sea
 - Jonah Suggests They Throw Him Overboard
- (3) Mariners Throw Jonah into Sea & Storm Abates
- Where Jonah is Thrown into Sea to Quiet the Storm; Jesus Stills the Storm with a Command “Quiet! Be still!” Mark 4:39
- c) Lord Sends a Large Fish that Swallows Jonah Jonah 2
- (1) Jonah in Fish’s Belly 3 Days & 3 Nights
- Prefigures Jesus in Netherworld. “Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.” Matt. 12:40
- (2) Jonah Prays to the Lord:
- Foreshadow of Jesus Dead in the Netherworld. “Out of my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me; From the midst of the netherworld I cried for help, and you heard my

voice.” (*Jonah 2:3*)

- Answering Jesus’ Cry as He Dies & Descends into the Netherworld: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”. Luke 23:46
 - Foreshadow of Jesus in Netherworld Believing He Will be Resurrected. “I am banished from your sight (*In Netherworld*)! yet would I again look upon your holy (*Heavenly*) temple.” (*Jonah 2:5*)
 - Foreshadow of Jesus Resurrected from Bondage of Death. “Down I went to the roots of the mountains; the bars of the netherworld were closing behind me forever, But you brought my life up from the pit (*Jesus Rises from Dead*), O LORD, my God.” (*Jonah 2:7*)
 - Foreshadow of Jesus Offering Himself as a Sacrifice for Sin. “But I, with resounding praise, will sacrifice to you; What I have vowed I will pay: deliverance is from the LORD.” (*Jonah 2:10*)
 - Jesus Fulfills His Vow: “... when he (*Messiah – Son of God*) came into the world, he said: ‘Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight in.’ Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll, Behold, I come to do your will, O God.’” Heb. 10:5-7
- (3) Lord Commands Fish to Spew Jonah on Shore
Jesus Rises from the Dead Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20
- 2) Jonah’s Ministry to Nineveh – Fulfilling His Call Jonah 3
Lord Calling Jonah a Second Time to Preach to Gentiles, Represents Christ’s Commission of His Disciples to Proclaim His New Covenant to Nations. “But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you (*Anointing of Holy Spirit*), and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (*Gentile Nations*).” Acts 1:8
- a) Lord Calls Jonah Second Time: “Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you.” (*Jonah 3:2*)
- (1) Jonah Obeys & Goes to Nineveh
- Nineveh a Large City that Takes 3 Days to Walk Through
- (2) Jonah Walks 1 Day Announcing: “Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed” (*Jonah 3:4b*)
- People Believe God
 - Proclaim Fast & Put on Sackcloth (*Sign of Repentance*)
- (3) News Reaches King of Nineveh
- Puts on Sackcloth & Sat in Ashes
 - Decreed a Fast Throughout Nineveh
- b) Lord Sees Their Repentance & Shows Mercy
- (1) Reverses His Plans to Destroy Nineveh
- (2) God Reverses His Condemnation for Sinners Who Repent at the Preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.” Mark 16:15-16

- 3) Jesus, Messiah-Prophet, Superior to Prophet Jonah
- a) Religious Leaders Ask Jesus for a Sign of His Anointing Matt. 12:38-41
 - b) Jesus Replies: “An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.”
 - c) Sign of Jonah (*Lord’s Anointed Prophet*) Fulfilled by Jesus Jonah 1 - 3
 - (1) “Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.”
 - Sign Will be Jesus’ Resurrection from Dead
 - (2) “At the judgment, the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and there is something greater (Referring to Himself) than Jonah here.”
- c. Selected Visions of Prophet Zechariah
(See “Prophet Zechariah” within “Anointed Prophet – Part I” Study.)
- 1) Zechariah’s Vision of Joshua the High Priest Zech. 3
Fulfilled by Jesus Christ’s Coronation as High Priest Heb. 4:14 – 5:10
 (*Joshua is Hebrew Name Yeshua; Translated from Greek to English as Jesus.*)
Exclusive Responsibilities of Israel’s High Priest: 1) Intercede Between Israelites & the Lord their God, and 2) Offer Sacrifices for Atonement of Sin.
 (See “Messiah High Priest” Study)
 - a) Zechariah Sees Joshua Standing Before Angel of the Lord
Jesus Enters Heavenly Sanctuary with His Sacrifice Heb. 9:11-15
 (*Angel is God’s Delegated Authority & Representative*)
 - (1) Satan Stands a Joshua’s Right Hand to Accuse Him (*Man’s Sinful Nature*)
 - (2) Angel Rebukes Satan: “May the LORD rebuke you, Satan; may the LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this man (*Jesus – Son of Man*) a brand (*Purifying Seal*) snatched from the fire (*Earth - Spiritual Battlefield*)?” (Zech. 3:2)
 - b) Joshua Clad in Filthy Garments
Jesus Carrying the Sins (Filth) of the World
 - (1) Angel Instructs Those Standing Before Him (Zech. 3:4b-5a)
 - “Take off his filthy garments, and clothe him in festal garments.”
 - Rejoice & Celebrate (*Festal Garments*) the Price of Sin has been Paid in Full by Jesus
 - “Put a clean miter on his head (*High Priest’s Headdress*).”
 - Declares Jesus as High Priest
 - (2) They Put a Clean Miter on Joshua’s Head & Clothed Him with Garments (*Priestly Robes*)
 - Jesus Ordained & Consecrated as High Priest
 - (3) Angel of Lord Says: “See, I have taken away your guilt.” (Zech. 3:5c)
 - Lord God Forgives Man’s Sin through Jesus Christ’s Sacrifice
 - c) Angel Gives Joshua the Lord’s Assurance
 - (1) Authority Given to Joshua Conditioned upon His Obedience
Jesus Christ is the Only Person in Human History Who Lived a Sinless Life & Totally Obeyed the Laws of God Heb. 5:8-10
 - You Shall Judge My House
 - Jesus Christ is the Lord’s Righteous Judge John 5:22-23

- You Shall Keep My Courts (*Lord's Sanctuary*)
 - Jesus Christ is Eternal High Priest Heb. 10:12-14
- I Give You Access Among These Standing Here (*Angelic Host*)
 - Jesus Christ is Enthroned in Heaven, Superior to Angels Heb. 1:1-4
- (2) Joshua's Entourage
 - You & Your Associates are Men of Good Omen
 - Jesus' Brethren Freed from Sin by His Sacrifice Heb. 2:9-18
 - "Yes, I will bring my servant the Shoot." (*Zech. 3:8c*)
 - Jesus is the Promised Messiah from Lineage of King David
- (3) Stone Placed Before Joshua – His Heritage
 - One Stone (*Covenant*) with Seven Facets (*All Ages of Mankind*)
 - Jesus Christ having Fulfilled Old Covenant with Israel Establishes a New Covenant for All Mankind Heb. 7:18-25
 - I (*Lord*) Will Engrave Its Instructions (*Law of Lord*)
 - Law of Lord Will be Engraved Upon Hearts of Jesus' Brethren Heb. 10:15-18
 - I (*Lord*) Will Take Away the Guilt (*Sin*) of Land in One Day
 - Jesus Atoned for Sins of Mankind on the Day He was Crucified
 - "On that day, says the LORD of hosts, you will invite one another under your vines and fig trees." (*Zech. 3:10*)
 - Offer of Salvation to All Mankind, To Share in Christ's Heritage
- 2) Zechariah's Vision of a Lampstand Zech. 4

Fulfilled by Jesus Christ - God's Illumination / Revelation of Himself to World

 - a) Angel Awakens Zechariah Zech. 4:1-3
 - (1) Angel Asks Zechariah: "What do you see?"
 - (2) Zechariah Answers that He Sees a Lampstand (*Holder of God's Light*)
 - Lampstand Solid Gold (*Gold Symbolizes the Divine*)
 - Jesus Christ is the Son of God
 - Bowl at Top with Seven Lamps (*Menorah*)
 - Jesus Christ is the "Light of the World" John 8:12 & 9:5
 - Two Olive Trees at Each Side
 - Jesus Christ is the Center of Both Old & New Covenants
 - b) Lord's Message to Zerubbabel (*Type of Messiah*) Zech. 4:4-7

Zerubbabel, Governor of Judah, is a Direct Descendant of David through Kings of Judah.

Jesus, Messiah-King, is from House of David through Kings of Judah & Zerubbabel. Matt. 1:6-16 (Verse 13)

 - (1) Zechariah Asks Angel: "What are these things, my lord?"
 - (2) Angel Answers:
 - "This is the LORD'S message to Zerubbabel: Not by an army, nor by might, but by my spirit, says the LORD of hosts. (*Promise of God's Sovereign Intervention*)
 - Lord Intervenes in Mankind's Fate (Death, Judgment & Condemnation) by Sending Jesus His Holy Anointed One

John 3:16-18

- “What are you, O great mountain (*Obstacles to Rebuilding Temple*)? Before Zerubbabel you are but a plain. He shall bring out the capstone (*Jesus is the Capstone of the Lord’s Temple [Eph. 2:19-22]*) amid exclamations of ‘Hail, Hail’ to it.”
(*Zerubbabel’s Rebuilt Temple will Last to Coming of Messiah*) ”
 - Fulfilled by Jesus Christ’s Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem & Temple Precincts on Palm Sunday Matt. 21:1-17
- c) Word of Lord Comes to Zechariah Zech. 4:8-10
- (1) “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundations of this house (*Temple in Jerusalem*), and his hands shall finish it; then you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me (*Lord’s Messiah*) to you.”
(*Zech. 4:9*)
- Lord God Will Reveal Himself to Mankind through Jesus Christ.
 - Jesus Declares: “.....Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.....” John 14:9
 - Jesus is the Lord’s Living Temple: “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” John 2:19
 - Jesus Finished the Lord’s Salvific Work at His First Coming: “It is finished” John 19:30
 - Jesus Presented His Sacrificial Blood in Heaven Sanctuary Heb. 9:11-15
 - Jesus Will be Enthroned in New Temple in Jerusalem at His Second Coming Ezek. 43:1-9
- (2) Even the Scornful (*Converted Gentiles*) Shall Rejoice on that Day of Small Beginnings (*Day Zerubbabel Lays Foundation Stone of Temple*)
- See the Select Stone in Hands of Zerubbabel
 - Jesus is the Lord’s Chosen Cornerstone Matt. 21:42
 - Seven Facets are Eyes of Lord that Range Over Whole Earth (*God Searching to Save Mankind Throughout the Ages*)
 - Jesus Commissions His Disciples: “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Matt. 28:18-20
- d) The Two Olive Trees Zech. 4:11-14
- Represents the Lord’s Two Covenants: Old & New Testaments
- (1) Zechariah Asks Angel: “What are these two olive trees at each side of the lampstand? What are the two olive tufts which freely pour out fresh oil (*Jesus Christ – the Lord’s Holy Anointed One*) through the two golden channels (*Judaism & Church – Holders of Spirit of God*)?”
- (2) Angel Answers: “These are the two anointed who stand by the LORD of the whole earth. (*Creator’s Two Witnesses to All Mankind*) ”
- Old Covenant Points to, Prepares the Way & Proclaims the Coming Messiah – The Lord’s Holy Anointed One & Israel’s

- Savior.
- Son of God's Impartation of the Holy Spirit upon His Church to be His Witnesses to the World John 20:21-23; Acts 1:8
- 3) Zechariah's Visions of Messiah's Kingdom Zech. 6
- a) Zechariah Sees Four Chariots Zech. 6:1-8
- Vision of Christ's Gospel / Kingdom being Spread throughout the World
- (1) Coming from Between Two Bronze Mountains
(*Symbolizes Messiah's Two Steadfast Covenants*)
- First Chariot had Red Horses
 - Second Chariot had Black Horses
 - Third Chariot had White Horses
 - Fourth Chariot had Spotted Horses
- (2) Zechariah Asks Angel: "What are these, my lord?" (*Zech. 6:4*)
- (3) Angel Answers: "These are the four winds of the heavens (*i.e. Holy Spirit*), which are coming forth after being reviewed by the LORD of all the earth." (*Zech. 6:5*)
- Beginning at Pentecost. "..... suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim" Acts 2:1-4
- (4) Chariots Commanded to Patrol the Earth
- Jesus Christ Commissions His Church: "**But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria (North), and to the ends of the earth.**" Acts 1:8
 - Black, Red & White Horses Turn North (*Asia Minor & Europe*)
 - Angel Called Out: "See, they that go forth to the land of the north will make my spirit rest in the land of the north.(*i.e. Center of Christendom*)." (*Zech. 6:8*)
 - Spotted Horses Turn South (*Early African Church / Coptic*)
- b) Zechariah's Vision of Messiah's Coronation as King of Kings
Zech. 6:9-15
- (1) The Lord's Instructions through Zechariah
- Given to Israel's Returning Remnant (*Jews Returning from Babylon in Zechariah's Time*) (*Jews Returning from Europe & Nations of World to the Nation of Israel - 1948 AD to Present*)
 - Make a Crown of Silver & Gold. "..... place it on the head of (Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest) Zerubbabel" (*Zech. 6:11*) (*Zerubbabel Governor of Judah*)
 - 'Joshua' = 'Yeshua' = 'Jesus' Who is Both High Priest & King of Kings
 - His Double Crown of Silver (*Redemptive Priesthood*) and Gold (*Ruling King*) Represents Divine Redemption
- (2) The Lord's Pronouncement to Zerubbabel
Zerubbabel is a Type of Jesus Christ
- Here is a Man Whose Name is Shoot (*Stem of Jesse – King David*)

- Both Zerubbabel & Jesus are from the House & Lineage of King David
 - Where He is He Shall Sprout (*Abundant Life & Produce*)
 - He Shall Build Temple of Lord (*Zerubbabel Built 2nd Temple in Jerusalem Following Judah's Exile in Babylon*)
 - Jesus Christ is from the Lineage of Zerubbabel; He Shall Build the Temple of the Lord in His Messianic Kingdom.
- (3) Messiah King – Jesus Christ is King of Kings
- He Shall Build the Temple of the Lord
 - Messiah's Temple at His Second Coming
 - He Shall Take Royal (*King David's*) Insignia (*Symbol of Davidic Covenant*)
 - Jesus Fulfills the Lord's Covenant with King David. ".....I (*Lord*) will raise up your offspring after you who will be one of your own sons (*Jesus – Son of David*), and I will establish his kingdom. He it is who shall build me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me (*Jesus – Son of God*), I will maintain him in my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne shall be firmly established forever." 1 Chron. 17:10-14
 - He Shall Sit as Ruler on His Throne
 - Jesus Shall be Enthroned in Temple of Lord
 - Priests Shall be at His Right Hand
 - Jesus is High Priest Ruling Over Israel's Priesthood
 - There Will be Friendly Understanding Between Them
 - Messiah & Priest Shall be of One Accord
 - The Crown Shall be a Memorial Offering (*Christ's Death / Sacrifice Shall be Commemorated*) in Temple of Lord (*God's Presence & Place of Atonement*)
 - In Favor of Remnant of Israel
 - Israel Shall Come from Afar (*Nations*) to Build Temple of Lord
 - Israel Shall Know the Lord of Hosts has Sent Me to You
 - Israel Shall Recognize & Accept Jesus as their Messiah
 - Israel Shall Heed Word of Lord
 - Israel Shall Listen to & Obey Messiah