

MESSIANIC PROPHECIES

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Preface

This is a study of the Prophecies spoken/written by the Lord's Anointed Spokesmen (Prophets & Psalmist) predicting the coming Messiah, and Jesus Christ's fulfillment of those Prophecies in His First Advent.

This study covers the Messianic Prophecies spoken/written by the Lord's Anointed Spokesmen in the Poetic/Wisdom and Prophetic Books of the Old Testament.

See "Anointed Prophet – Part I" for a study on the Office of a Prophet, the Prophets themselves and events in their lives, as revealed in the Historical and Prophetic Books of the Old Testament.

See "Messianic Kingdom" for a study of Prophecies predicting Jesus Christ's Second Coming, His Reign and Kingdom.

This study includes those Messianic Prophecies the author was able to find in the Poetic/Wisdom and Prophetic Books of the Bible. I'm sure there are many more.

Some passages contain multiple revelations / perspectives / images of Messiah, and, as such, are presented more than once in this study.

PART I – DIRECT PROPHECIES

A. Messiah's Entrance

1. Pre-Existence of Messiah – Son of God
 - a. Poetic Revelation of the Son of God as Divine Wisdom Prov. 8:22-36
 - 1) Son of God Before Creation. “The LORD begot me (*Begotten Not Created*), the first-born of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago; From of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains or springs of water; Before the mountains were settled into place, before the hills, I was brought forth; While as yet the earth and the fields were not made, nor the first clods of the world.”
 - 2) Co-Creator with Father God. “When he established the heavens I was there, when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep; When he made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; When he set for the sea its limit, so that the waters should not transgress his command; Then was I beside him as his craftsman (*God the Son – Creator*), and I was his delight day by day, Playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the sons of men.”
 - 3) Son of God's Advice. “So now, O children (*Man – God's Creation*), listen to me; instruction and wisdom do not reject! Happy the man who obeys me, and happy those who keep my ways, Happy the man watching daily at my gates, waiting at my doorposts; For he who finds me finds life, and wins favor from the LORD; But he who misses me harms himself; all who hate me love death.”
 - b. Israel's Promised Messiah – Son of God
 - 1) “For a child is born to us (*Israel's Messiah*), a son is given us (*Son of God*); upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.” Isa. 9:5 [Isa. 9:6 KJV]
 - c. Fulfillment – Son of God Became Flesh (*Revealing the Son of God Portrayed in Prov. 8:22-36, and Prophesied by Isaiah in Isa. 9:5.*)
 - 1) Word of God
 - a) The Word of God is the Creative Force
 - Example: “God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light”
Gen. 1:3
 - b) The Word of God is the Lord God of the Old Testament
 - Word of Lord Spoken through the Prophets 2 Pet. 1:20-21
 - c) The Word of God Became Flesh: John 1:1-14
 - “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. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race;.....” (*John 1:1-4*)
 - “And the Word became flesh (*Son of God Became 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*)
 - 2) “In times past (*Old Testament Times*), God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he spoke to us through a son (*Messiah – Son of God*), whom he made heir of all things and through

whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence (*Reflection*) of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word.....” Heb. 1:1-3

- 3) “..... Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God (*Son of God*), did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance (*Jesus of Nazareth*), he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death.....” Phil. 2:5-8

2. Birth of Jesus Christ

a. Messiah’s Lineage

- 1) Messiah’s Divine Lineage Proclaimed by Angel Gabriel Luke 1:26-38

(Fulfilling Isaiah’s Prophecy. Isa. 9:5)

- a) “Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you. 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, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob (*Israel*) forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end (*Rules the Lord’s Eternal Kingdom*).” *(Luke 1:28-33)*

- 2) Messiah’s Human Lineage Proclaimed by Prophet Isaiah Isa. 11:1-5

- a) “But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.” *(Isa. 11:1)*

- “Stump of Jesse” Refers to David the Smallest/Youngest Son of Jesse

- b) “The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD....” *(Isa. 11:2-3)*

- “Shoot” shall be the Lord’s Holy Anointed One (Messiah)

- Messiah Prophesied to be from Lineage of King David

- c) *Isaiah’s Prophecy Fulfilled (Isa. 11:1-5):* Jesus Christ Humanly Descended from Jesse to King David through the Kings of Judah to Joseph Matt. 1:6-16

b. Virgin Birth

- 1) Prophecy: “Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel (*“Immanuel” = “God is with Us”*).” Isa. 7:14

- 2) *Isaiah’s Prophecy Fulfilled by Jesus Christ (Isa. 7:14):*

- a) Mary’s Response to Gabriel’s Announcement that She Will Conceive & Bear a Son *(See Luke 1:28-33 Above)*

- “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?” Luke 1:34
- Mary is a Virgin

- b) Gabriel’s Reply: “The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you (*Conceived by Holy Spirit*). Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God” Luke 1:35

- c) Angelic Announcement to Joseph: Matt. 1:19-25

- “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into

your home. 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 ("Yeshua" = "Yahweh is Salvation"), because he will save his people from their sins." (Matt. 1:20-21)

- "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 (Quoting Isa. 7:14),' which means 'God is with us.'" (Matt. 1:22-23)

c. Born in Bethlehem

- 1) Prophecy: "But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times (*Alluding to Messiah's Preincarnate Existence*)....." Micah 5:1
- 2) Fulfilled: Jesus Christ is Born in Bethlehem ("*Bethlehem*" = "*House of Bread*") (*Fulfilling Micah's Prophecy. Micah 5:1*) Matt. 2:1-6; Luke 2:1-7

3. Jesus' Early Life

a. Holy Family's Flight into Egypt

Matt. 2:13-23

- 1) Angel Warns Joseph to Flee to Egypt
 - a) Jesus' Life in Endangered
- 2) Herod Orders the Murder of All Boys in Bethlehem up to Age of 2 Years
 - a) **Fulfilling Prophecy:** "Thus says the LORD: In Ramah is heard the sound of moaning, of bitter weeping! Rachel mourns her children, she refuses to be consoled because her children are no more." Jer. 31:15
- 3) Angel Instructs Joseph when it's Safe to Return Home
 - a) King Herod is Dead
 - b) **Fulfilling Prophecy:** "Out of Egypt I Have Called My Son" Hos. 11:1
 - Prophet Looking Back (*Old Testament Foreshadow*)
 - Israel Goes into Egypt (*Refuge from Famine / Death*) Gen. 46
 - Lord Calls Israel Out of Egypt Ex. 12:37-42
 - To Create a People Particular to God (*Israel – God's Chosen People*)
 - Prophet Looking Forward (*New Testament Fulfillment*)
 - Christ Jesus Taken into Egypt (*Refuge from Murder*)
 - Lord Calls Jesus Out of Egypt
 - To Create a People Particular to God (*Christians*)
- 4) Holy Family Settles in Nazareth of Galilee
 - a) **Zechariah's Prophecy (Zech. 6:12) Quoted by Matthew:** "*He shall be called a Nazorean*" Matt. 2:23
 - Refers to Zechariah's Prophecy: "..... 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
 - "*Shoot*" is "*Netzer*" in Hebrew Meaning "*Branch*"
 - *Nazareth in Hebrew is "Netzeret"*
 - "*Netzeret*" Derived from "*Netzer*"
 - *Nazareth Means "Branch-Town"*
 - *Nazarene Means "Branch-Man"*
- 5) Boy Jesus at the Temple Luke 2:41-52
 - a) Prophecy: "I have more understanding than all my teachers, because I

ponder your decrees (*Jesus Is the Word of God*). I have more insight than my elders, because I observe your precepts (*Jesus Obeys the Laws of God*). I keep my steps from every evil path (*Jesus Is Sinless*), that I may obey your word. From your edicts I do not turn, for you (*Father God*) have taught them to me. How sweet to my tongue is your promise, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I gain insight; therefore I hate all false ways.” Psa. 119:99-104

- b) Fulfilled: “..... they (*Jesus’ Parents*) found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.” (*Luke 2:46-47*) (*Fulfilling Prophecy in Psalms 119:99-104*)

B. Messiah’s Ministry

1. John the Baptist – Messiah’s Herald (*Last Anointed Prophet of the Old Covenant*)

a. Prophecies of Messiah’s Herald

- 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, every mountain and hill shall be made low; 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) Ordained to Prepare the Hearts of the People to Receive Messiah
 - “Every Valley Filled In” = Lift Up the Downtrodden
 - “Every Mountain & Hill Made Low” = Humble the Proud
 - Call People to Repentance
 - b) Lord will Reveal His Salvation
(*Through Messiah – Son of God. Re: Luke 3:4-5*)
- 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 (*i.e. 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. Prophecies Fulfilled by Messiah’s Herald (Describing John’s Office & Ministry)

- 1) Angelic Announcement to John’s Father Zechariah Luke 1:5-25
 - a) “..... 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)

- b) Zechariah's Wife Elizabeth Conceives a Child
- John Leaps in Elizabeth's Womb at Jesus' Presence (In Mary's Womb)
 - "..... When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, '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 in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.'" Luke 1:39-45
- c) Elizabeth Bears a Son – Who they Name John Luke 1:57-66
- Zechariah Prophecies: Luke 1:67-80
 - 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 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 Eternal Salvation in God's Holy Presence*)."
(Luke 1:68-75)
 - Over His Son John: "And you, child (*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)
- c. John's Ministry Matt. 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-22; John 1:19-28
- 1) John the Baptist Preaches in the Desert
 - a) Proclaiming Baptism of Repentance for the Forgiveness of Sins
Preparing the People to Receive the Coming Messiah
(*Fulfilling Isaiah's Prophecy. Isa. 40:3-5*)
(*Fulfilling Malachi's Prophecy. Mal. 3:1*)
(*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*)
 - "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (*Matt. 3:2*)
 - People Coming to John to be Baptized
 - Confessing their Sins
 - John's Exhortation: Live Honestly & Perform Good Works
 - b) John's Appearance & Demeanor was Like Elijah's
(*Fulfilling Malachi's Prophecy to Send "Elijah". Mal. 3:23-24*)
 - Wore Clothes of Camels Hair with Leather Belt
 - Ate Locusts & Wild Honey
 - 2) John Confronts Jewish Religious Elite
(*Fulfilling Malachi's Prophecies. Mal. 3:23-24*)

- a) Show Proof of their Repentance
(*Fulfilling Prophecy to Humble the Proud unto Repentance. Isa. 40:4*)
- b) Warning of Coming Messiah
- 3) John's Personal Confession John 1:19-27
- a) "I am not the Messiah." (*John 1:20*)
- b) "I am 'the voice of one crying out in the desert, Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said." (*John 1:23*)
(*Applying Isaiah's Prophecy to Himself. Isa. 40:3*)
- c) "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me (*i.e. Messiah*), whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." (*John 1:26-27*)
- "He (*Messiah*) will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire."
(*Matt. 3:11-12*)
- 4) John Baptizes Jesus of Nazareth Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22
- a) John Discerns Jesus Did Not Need Baptism
(*Jesus is Sinless – No Need of Repentance*)
- b) Jesus Requests that John Baptize Him
- c) John Obeys & Baptizes Jesus
- Spirit of God Descends Upon Jesus Like a Dove
(*Anointing Him for Ministry*)
 - Voice Came from Heaven: "**You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.**" (*Mark 1:11*)
- d) Jesus of Nazareth is Messiah (*Lord's Holy Anointed One*) & Son of God
(*Revealing Messiah as Prophesied by Isaiah in Isa. 40:3-5, Malachi in Mal. 3:1, and John the Baptist's Father Zechariah in Luke 1:67-79*)
- 5) John's Testimonies of Jesus Christ (Messiah) John 1:29-34; John 3:22-30
(*Words Spoken by Lord's Anointed Prophet*)
- a) "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 (*Recognizing Jesus' Divinity*).' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel."
- b) "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*) 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) "He (*Jesus the Messiah*) must increase; I must decrease." (*John 3:30*)
- John's Ministry Completed (*Last Prophet Under the Old Covenant*)
 - Jesus' Ministry Begins – He Will Fulfill All Messianic Prophecies
- d. Jesus Confirms John's Anointing & Ministry Matt. 11:7-15; Luke 7:24-28
(*Applying Malachi's Prophecies to John the Baptist. Mal. 3:1 & Mal. 3:23-24*)
- 1) "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.'"

- 2) “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.”
- 3) “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.” (Matt. 11:7-14)

2. Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

a. Jesus Declares Himself Messiah

- 1) Prophecy of Messiah’s Ministry Isa. 61:1-2
 - a) “The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me (*Messiah*), because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, To announce a year of favor from the LORD

- 2) Jesus Attends His Synagogue in Nazareth Luke 4:16-21

- a) Stands Up & Reads Isaiah’s Prophecy (Isa. 61:1-2)
- b) Everyone Looks Intently at Jesus
- c) Jesus Proclaims: “**Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.**”

(Jesus Applies Isaiah’s Messianic Prophecy to Himself. Isa. 61:1-2)

b. Prophecy to Zebulun & Naphtali

- 1) Prophecy – Referring to Zebulun & Naphtali: Isa. 8:23 – 9:1

- a) “..... The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.”

- 2) Jesus Lives in and Ministers from Capernaum - Region of Zebulun & Naphtali Matt. 4:12-16

- a) **Fulfilling Isaiah’s Prophecy (Isa. 8:23 – 9:1):** “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light (*Jesus the Light of the World*), on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.” (Matt. 4:15-16)

3. Jesus’ Miraculous Ministry

a. Jesus’ Healing Ministry

- 1) Prophecy: “Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured,

Isa. 53:4
- 2) **Examples of Jesus Fulfilling Isaiah’s Prophecy (Isa. 53:4):**
 - a) “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.” Matt. 4:23
 - b) “When it was evening, 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.’” Matt. 8:16-17
 - c) “Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness.” Matt. 9:35

b. Jesus Stills the Storm

- 1) Poetic Prophecy: Psa. 107:23-32
 - a) “Some went off to sea in ships, plied their trade on the deep waters. They

- saw the works of the LORD, the wonders of God in the deep.
- b) “He spoke and roused a storm wind; it tossed the waves on high. They rose up to the heavens, sank to the depths; their hearts trembled at the danger. They reeled, staggered like drunkards; their skill was of no avail.”
 - c) “In their distress they cried to the LORD, who brought them out of their peril, Hushed the storm to a murmur; the waves of the sea were stilled. They rejoiced that the sea grew calm, that God brought them to the harbor they longed for.....”
- 2) Prophecy Fulfilled Matt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25
(Prophecy in Psalms 107:23-32 Fulfilled by Jesus)
- a) Jesus and Disciples in Boat on Sea
 - b) Violent Storm Erupts – Awashing the Boat
 - c) Disciples Wake Jesus: “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” (*Matt. 8:25*)
 - d) Jesus Rebukes Wind & Waves: “**Quiet! Be still!**” (*Mark 4:39*)
 - The Storm Immediately Calms
 - e) Disciples Marvel: “Who then is this, who commands even the winds and the sea, and they obey him?” (*Luke 8:25*)

4. Jesus the Lord’s Chosen Servant

- a. Prophecy – Manner of Christ’s Ministry: Isa. 42:1-4
 - 1) “Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, Upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, Not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, Until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching.”
- b. *Isaiah’s Prophecy Fulfilled by Jesus Christ (Isa. 42:1-4):* Matt. 12:15-21
 - 1) “..... Many (people) followed him (*Jesus*), and he cured them all, but he warned them not to make him known. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through Isaiah the prophet: (*Matthew Quotes Isa. 42:1-4 Applying it to Jesus*)”
 - a) “My chosen one with whom I am pleased, Upon whom I have put my spirit
 - Fulfilled at Jesus’ Baptism Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22
 - Holy Spirit Descends Upon Jesus
 - God Speaks from Heaven - Proclaiming His Pleasure in Jesus
 - b) “Not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench”
 - Fulfilled by Jesus Humbly Ministering to People with Compassion, Love & Kindness
 - c) “Until he establishes justice on the earth”
 - Fulfilled by Jesus’ Death on Cross – Justifying Man to God
Rom. 5:8-11; Gal. 3:13

5. Jesus’ Teaching Ministry

- a. Jesus Teaches in Parables
 - 1) Prophecies
 - a) Poetic Prophecy: “..... Attend, my people, to my (*Lord’s*) teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in story (*Parables*),

- drawing lessons from of old.” Psa. 78:1-2
- b) Prophet’s Explanation Why Lord Uses Parables: “..... Go and say to this people: Listen carefully, but you shall not understand! Look intently, but you shall know nothing! You are to make the heart of this people sluggish, to dull their ears and close their eyes; Else their eyes will see, their ears hear, their heart understand, and they will turn and be healed.” Isa. 6:9-10
- 2) Prophecies Fulfilled
- a) “All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: ‘I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation (of the world).’ *(Matthew Quotes Psa. 78:2 Applying it to Jesus)*” Matt. 13:34-35
- b) Why Christ Taught in Parables
Matt. 13:10-15; Mark 4:10-12; Luke 8:9-10
- To Explain Kingdom of God to the People:
 - Example: “**The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.**” *(Matt. 13:33)*
 - Jesus’ Explanation to His Disciples: “**The mystery of the kingdom of God has been granted to you. But to those outside everything comes in parables, so that ‘they may look and see but not perceive, and hear and listen but not understand, in order that they may not be converted and be forgiven.’** *(Quoting Isa. 6:9-10)*” *(Mark 4:11-12)*
 - A Person’s Heart Must be Open to the Holy Spirit to Receive the Things of God 1 Cor. 2:6-16
- b. Jesus Divine Teacher
- 1) Prophecy: “All your sons shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children. Isa. 54:13
- 2) Jesus Claims that Prophecy John 6:22-59
- a) Jesus Teaches He is the “**Bread of Life**”
- b) Jews Murmur Against Jesus Because He Said: “**I am the bread that came down from heaven**” *(John 6:41)*
- c) Jesus Rebukes Them: “**Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: ‘They shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me (To be Taught by God) .**” *(John 6:43-45)*
(Applying Isaiah’s Prophecy to Himself. Isa. 54:13)
- c. Jesus Teaches of His Return to Earth in Glory
- 1) Prophecy: “.... I saw One like a son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; When he reached the Ancient One (*Creator*) and was presented before him, He received dominion, glory, and kingship; nations and peoples of every language serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.” Dan. 7:13-14
- 2) Prophecies Proclaimed by Jesus
Matt. 24:29-31; Mark 13:24-27; Luke 21:25-28
- a) Jesus Uses Isaiah’s Prophecies to Describe Lord’s Coming Judgment
Isa. 13:9-10 & Isa. 34:1-4
- “**But in those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and**

the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.” (Mark 13:24-25)

- b) Jesus then Claims He Will Return to Earth to Execute Lord’s Judgment
- “And then they will see ‘the Son of Man (Jesus) coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory, (Applying Daniel’s Prophecy to His Second Coming. Implying that He will Receive Ultimate & Supreme Authority, Reserved for Lord God of Israel. Dan. 7:13) (Mark 13:26)
- d. Jesus Divides Humanity (*Believers vs. Unbelievers*)
- 1) Division Within Believers’ Households
- a) Prophecy: Micah 7:6-7
- “For the son dishonors his father, the daughter rises up against her mother, The daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and a man’s enemies are those of his household. But as for me, I will look to the LORD, I will put my trust in God my savior; my God will hear me!”
- b) Prophecy Fulfilled – Jesus the Cause of Division Matt. 10:34-39
- “Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword. For I have come to set a man ‘against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s enemies will be those of his household.’” (Applying Micah’s Prophecy to Himself & His Followers. Micah 7:6)
- 2) The World’s Hate
- a) Prophecy: “More numerous than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause. Too many for my strength are my treacherous enemies. Must I now restore what I did not steal?” Psa. 69:5
- b) Jesus Warns His Disciples About World’s Hatred John 15:18-27
- “If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own; but because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you. ‘No slave is greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. And they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know the one who sent me.”
 - “If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin; but as it is they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me also hates my Father. If I had not done works among them that no one else ever did, they would not have sin; but as it is, they have seen and hated both me and my Father. But in order that the word written in their law might be fulfilled, ‘They hated me without cause’” (Jesus Quotes Psa. 69:5 Applying it to Himself & Indicting His Persecutors)

6. Sign of Jonah

a. Jonah’s Prophetic Prayer

Jonah 2

1) Jonah in Belly of Fish 3 Days & 3 Nights

2) Excerpts from Jonah’s Prayer:

- a) “Out of my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me; From the

midst of the nether world (*Abode of the Dead*) I cried for help, and you heard my voice.” (*Jonah 2:3*)

- b) “Down I went to the roots of the mountains; the bars of the nether world (*Abode of the Dead*) were closing behind me forever, But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD, my God.” (*Jonah 2:7*)
 - c) “But I, with resounding praise, will sacrifice to you; What I have vowed I will pay: deliverance is from the LORD.” (*Jonah 2:10*)
- b. True Sign of Jonah Revealed Matt. 12:38-41; Matt. 16:1-4; Luke 11:29-30 & 32 (*Foreshadow of Christ’s Death, Burial & Resurrection*)
- 1) Religious Leaders Ask Jesus for a Sign (*That He is Messiah*)
 - 2) Jesus Replies: Matt. 12:39-41
 - a) “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 three days and three nights.” (*Fulfilling Jonah’s Prayer*)
 - Jonah 2:3 Foresees Jesus Dead and in the Nether World
 - Jonah 2:7 Foresees Jesus Resurrected from the Bondage of Death
 - Jonah 2:10 Foresees Jesus Offering Himself as a Sacrifice for Sin; Fulfilling His Vow
 - Jesus’ Vow: “.....when he (Messiah – Son of God) came into the world, he said: ‘Sacrifice and offering you did not desire (Referring to Old Covenant Animal Sacrifices), 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) “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 than Jonah here.” (*Jesus [Messiah] is Superior to Jonah [Lord’s Anointed Prophet].*)

7. Son of David

- a. David’s Kingly Prophecy: “The LORD says to you, my lord: ‘Take your throne at my righthand, while I make your enemies your footstool.’ The scepter of your sovereign might the LORD will extend from Zion.....” Psa. 110:1-3
- b. Jesus Claims David’s Prophecy Matt. 22:41-46; Mark 12:35-37; Luke 20:41-44
 - 1) Jesus Asks Pharisees: “What is your opinion about the Messiah? Whose son is he?” (*Matt. 22:41-42*)
 - 2) Pharisees Answer: “David’s.”
 - a) Recalling Lord’s Covenant with King David that a Son (*i.e. Messiah*) Shall Sit Upon His Throne Forever. 2 Sam. 7:8-17; 1 Chron. 17:3-14
 - b) Apparently Pharisees were Aware that Jesus was from David’s Lineage
 - 3) Jesus Replies:
 - a) “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 Psa. 110:1*) (*Matt. 22:43-44*)
 - b) “If David calls him ‘lord,’ how can he be his son?” (*Matt. 22:45*) (*Jesus [Messiah] is Superior to David [Lord’s Anointed King, Head of Judean Dynasty and National Hero].*)

- c. Continuing David's Kingly Prophecy Psa. 110:3
- 1) "Yours (*Messiah's*) is princely power from the day of your birth"
 - a) Jesus, Born of David's Lineage, with "Princely Power" (*Legitimate Heir to Throne of Israel with Power & Authority to Seize it and Rule from it.*)
 - b) "Day of Birth" Refers to Jesus' Human Birth
 - 2) "In holy splendor before the daystar, like the dew I begot you." (*Jesus Christ Eternally Begotten Son of God. John 3:16.*)"
8. Jesus' Perfect (Sinless) Life
- a. Poetic Prophecy: Psa. 17:1-7
- 1) "You have tested my heart, searched it in the night. You have tried me by fire, but find no malice in me." (*Psa. 17:3*)
 - 2) "My mouth has not transgressed as humans often do. As your lips have instructed me, I have kept the way of the law." (*Psa. 17:4*)
 - 3) "My steps have kept to your paths; my feet have not faltered." (*Psa. 17:5*)
- b. Prophecy Can Only be Fulfilled by Jesus Christ
- 1) Human Condition: "For there is no distinction; all have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God." Rom. 3:22-23
 - 2) Jesus' Perfect Condition
 - a) Psalm 17:3 Foresees Jesus' Heart (*Soul/Mind*) which is Pure, Harboring No Malice, Unforgiveness, Resentment, Hatred, Envy, etc.
 - b) Psalm 17:4 Foresees Jesus Sinless, Keeping the Law in its Entirety.
 - c) Psalm 17:5 Foresees Jesus Totally Obedient to Father God, in His Life, His Ministry and His Sacrifice.
 - 3) Jesus Challenges Religious Authorities: "Can any of you charge me with sin?" John 8:46
 - a) *Jesus' Sinlessness Confirmed by His Chief Disciple: "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."* 1 Pet. 2:22
9. Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)
- a. Prophecies:
- 1) Messiah's Entrance into Jerusalem: "Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass." (*Messiah – Savior, King & Prince of Peace*) Zech. 9:9
 - 2) Peoples' Reaction: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the LORD'S house (*Temple*). The LORD is God and has given us light. Join in procession with leafy branches up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, I give you thanks; my God, I offer you praise. Give thanks to the LORD, who is good, whose love endures forever." Psa. 118:26-29
 - 3) Messiah Enters Temple Precincts: "And suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek," Mal. 3:1b
- b. Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus' Triumphant Entrance into Jerusalem
Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19
- 1) Jesus Enters Jerusalem Riding a Colt
 - a) "This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: 'Say to daughter Zion, Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" (*Fulfilling Zechariah's Prophecy. Zech. 9:9*) (*Matt. 21:4-5*)

- 2) Reaction of the Crowd (*Fulfilling Psalm 118:26-29*)
 - a) People Cut Palm Branches & Join Procession
 - Spread Cloaks & Branches on Road Before Jesus
 - b) People Proclaim Jesus as Savior: “Hosanna (*O’ Save*) to the Son of David (*Promised Messiah-King*); blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.” (*Matt. 21:9*)
 - c) Pharisees Confront Jesus: “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” (*Luke 19:39*)
 - Jesus Replies: “**I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!**” (*Crying Out To Fulfill Word of the Lord*) (*Luke 19:40*)
- 3) Jesus Enters Temple Precincts (*Fulfilling Malachi’s Prophecy. Mal. 3:1b*)

10. Jesus Cleanses the Temple

- a. Prophetic Words Applied to Jesus Cleansing the Temple
 - 1) “..... For my house (*Temple*) shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” Isa. 56:7
 - 2) “Has this house (*Temple*) which bears my name become in your eyes a den of thieves? I too see what is being done, says the LORD.” Jer. 7:11
 - 3) “Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have drawn a defense against your foes, to silence enemy and avenger.” Psa. 8:3
 - 4) “Because zeal for your house consumes me, I (*Messiah*) am scorned by those who scorn you (*Lord God of Israel*).” Psa. 69:10
- b. Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus Cleansing the Temple
Matt. 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19; Luke 19:45-46; John 2:13-22
 - 1) Jesus Enters the Temple Precincts (*After His Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem*)
 - a) Engages Merchants Exchanging Money & Selling Sacrificial Animals
 - Makes a Whip of Cords & Drives Animals Out of Temple Area
 - Turns Over Merchants’ Tables – Spilling their Coins
 - Chastises the Merchants: “**It is written: ‘My house shall be a house of prayer (Isa. 56:7),’ but you are making it a den of thieves (Jer. 7:11)**” (*Quoting & Applying Prophetic Words*) (*Matt. 21:13*)
 - b) Reaction of People
 - Blind & Lame Approach Jesus & He Heals Them
 - Children Cry Out: “Hosanna to the Son of David,” (*Matt. 21:15*)
 - c) Religious Leaders Confront Jesus: “Do you hear what they (*i.e. Children*) are saying?” (*Matt. 21:16*)
 - Jesus Replies: “**Yes; and have you never read the text, ‘Out of the mouths of infants and nurslings you have brought forth praise?’**” (*Quoting & Applying Psalm 8:3*)
 - d) “His disciples recalled the words of scripture, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’” (*Quoting & Applying Psalm 69:10*) (*John 2:17*)

11. Prophetic Evaluation of Jesus’ Public Ministry

- a. Prophecies:
 - 1) “Who would believe what we have heard? To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?” Isa. 53:1
 - 2) “You (*Lord’s Anointed*) are to make the heart of this people sluggish, to dull their ears and close their eyes; Else their eyes will see, their ears hear, their heart understand, and they will turn and be healed.” Isa. 6:10

- b. Prophecies Fulfilled John 12:37-41
- 1) “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, to whom has the might of the Lord been revealed?’ (*John Quotes Isa. 53:1 Applying it to Jesus*)
 - a) “Our Preaching” = John the Baptist’s Testimonies, Jesus Christ’s Witness, Teaching & Preaching, and Testimonies of Jesus’ Followers.
 - b) “Might of the Lord” = Miracles & Healings Performed by Jesus Christ before their Eyes.
 - 2) “For this reason they could not believe, because again Isaiah said: ‘He 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.’ (*John Quotes Isa. 6:10 Applying it to Jesus*) Isaiah said this because he saw his glory and spoke about him.”
 - a) “Eyes Blinded” because of Unbelief
 - b) “Hearts Hardened” being Close-Minded to Spirit of God – Unable to Receive the Word of Lord or Acknowledge His Anointed One.

12. Promised New Covenant

- a. Prophesied New Covenant Jer. 31:31-34
- 1) “The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant (*i.e. the Mosaic Law*) I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD.”
 - 2) “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days (*After Messiah’s Fulfillment of Old Covenant*), says the LORD. I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.”
- b. Jesus Institutes Holy Eucharist Inaugurating that New Covenant
Matt. 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20
- 1) “..... Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, ‘Take and eat; this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the (New) covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.’” (*Matt. 26:26-28*)
 - 2) Prophesied New Covenant Fulfilled Heb. 8 - 10
 - a) “..... I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people” (*Jer. 31:33 & Heb. 8:10*)
 - Jesus Will Send the Holy Spirit (*Embodiment of God’s Law & Grace*) to Live Within Us
 - b) “..... I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more” (*Jer. 31:34 & Heb. 8:12*)
 - Promise of Personal & Eternal Salvation through Jesus’ Blood Sacrifice

C. Messiah's Passion & Death

1. Prophetic Preview

- a. David's Psalm Prefiguring Messiah's Passion Psa. 3
- 1) Messiah Persecuted & Mocked. "How many are my foes (*Messiah's Persecutors*), LORD! How many rise against me! How many say of me, 'God will not save that one (*Suffering Messiah Mocked*)'. But you, LORD, are a shield around me; my glory, you keep my head high (*Faith in Lord God*)."
 - 2) Messiah's Execution & Resurrection. "Whenever I cried out to the LORD, I was answered from the holy mountain. Whenever I lay down and slept, the LORD preserved me to rise again. I do not fear, then, thousands of people arrayed against me on every side (*Places His Trust in Lord*)."
 - 3) Messiah's Victory Over Sin & Death. "Arise, LORD! Save me, my God (*Man's Cry for Salvation*)! You will shatter the jaws of all my foes; you will break the teeth of the wicked. Safety comes from the LORD! Your blessing for your people!"
- b. Isaiah's Prophecy of the Suffering Servant Isa. 53
- 1) Messiah's Ministry. "Who would believe what we have heard (*His Words*)? To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed (*His Works*)?" Isa. 53:1
 - 2) Person of Messiah. "He (*Messiah*) grew up like a sapling before him (*Lord God of Israel*), like a shoot (*Growing as a Vibrant Person*) from the parched earth (*A Time when Israel was Spiritually Dry*); There was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him, nor appearance that would attract us to him (*Messiah's Appearance was that of an Ordinary Working Man – Without Fine Grooming, Expensive Clothing, etc.*)."
Isa. 53:2
 - 3) Messiah's Passion. "He (*Messiah*) was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity, One of those from whom men hide their faces, spurned, and we held him in no esteem (*Peoples' Reaction to Messiah's Suffering*)."
Isa. 53:3
- (*The Rest of Isaiah's Prophecy, Isa. 53:4-12, is Interspersed throughout this Account of Messiah's Passion & Death.*)
- c. Jesus' Personal Prophecies of His Suffering & Death Matt. 16:21; Matt. 17:22-23; Matt. 20:17-19; Matt. 26:1-2; Mark 8:31; Mark 9:31; Mark 10:32-34; Luke 9:22; Luke 9:43-44; Luke 18:31-33; John 3:14-15

Examples:

- 1) "Then he took the Twelve aside and said to them, '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*)
- 2) "When Jesus finished all these words, he said to his disciples, 'You know that in two days' time it will be Passover, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.'" (*Matt. 26:1-2*)

2. Conspiracy, Betrayal & Desertion

a. Rejection of Jewish Authorities

- 1) Prophecy: Isa. 1:2-4
 - a) "Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth, for the LORD speaks: 'Sons have I raised and reared (*Israel – God's Chosen People*), but they have disowned

me! An ox knows its owner, and an ass, its master's manger; But Israel does not know, my people has not understood. Ah! sinful nation, people laden with wickedness, evil race, corrupt children! They have forsaken the LORD, spurned the Holy One of Israel (Messiah – Lord's Holy Anointed One of Israel), apostatized.”

2) Examples of the Fulfillment of Isaiah's Prophecy

- a) “So the guards went to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, ‘Why did you not bring him (*Jesus*)?’ 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?’” John 7:45-48
- b) “..... the Jews (*Religious Authorities*) had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him (*Jesus*) as the Messiah, he would be expelled from the synagogue.” John 9:22

b. Conspiracy Against Jesus

1) Prophecies:

- a) “My ravenous enemies press upon me; they close their hearts, they fill their mouths with proud roaring. Their steps even now encircle me; they watch closely, keeping low to the ground, Like lions eager for prey, like young lions lurking in ambush.” Psa. 17:10-12
- b) “Without cause they set their snare for me; without cause they dug a pit for me.” Psa. 35:7
- c) “I hear the whispers of the crowd; terrors are all around me. They conspire against me; they plot to take my life.” Psa. 31:14
- d) “All the day they (*Attempt to*) foil my plans; their every thought is of evil against me. They hide together in ambush; they watch my every step; they lie in wait for my life.” Psa. 56:6-7
- e) Motivation of Jesus' Conspirators Wis. 2:12-20
- “Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, Reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. He professes to have knowledge of God and styles himself a child of the LORD. To us he is the censure of our thoughts; merely to see him is a hardship for us, Because his life is not like other men's (i.e. He is Without Sin), and different are his ways. He judges us debased; he holds aloof from our paths as from things impure. He calls blest the destiny of the just and boasts that God is his Father.”
 - “Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, he will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put him to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.”

2) Examples of the Fulfillment of those Prophecies

- a) “Now many of the Jews (*People*) began to believe in him (*Jesus*). But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done (*Raised Lazarus from the Dead*). 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.” John 11:45-53
- b) “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
- c. Judas Iscariot’s Betrayal of Jesus Christ
- 1) Old Testament Prophecies
- a) “I (*Messiah*) said to them, ‘If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, let it go.’ And they counted out my wages, thirty pieces of silver. But the LORD said to me, ‘Throw it in the treasury, the handsome price at which they valued me.’ So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the treasury in the house of the LORD.” Zech. 11:12-13
- b) “Even the friend who had my trust, who shared my table, has scorned me.” Psa. 41:10
- c) “If an enemy had reviled me, that I could bear; If my foe had viewed me with contempt, from that I could hide. But it was you, my other self (a Disciple), my comrade and friend, You, whose company I enjoyed, at whose side I walked in procession in the house of God.” Psa. 55:13-15
- d) “.....he (*Messiah*) surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked;” Isa. 53:12
- 2) Jesus’ Prophecies
Matt. 26:20-25; Mark 14:17-21; Luke 22:21-23; John 13:18-30
- a) Predicting His Betrayal. “**I am not speaking of all of you. I know those whom I have chosen. But so that the scripture might be fulfilled, ‘The one who ate my food has raised his heel against me.’ (Applying Prophecy in Psalm 41:10 to Himself) From now on I am telling you before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe that I AM.**” (John 13:18-19)
- b) Identifying His Betrayer.
- “..... 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. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born.**’” (Matt. 26:20-24)
 - “Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, ‘Surely it is not I, Rabbi?’ He answered, ‘**You have said so.**’” (Matt. 26:25)
- c) Predicting the Result of Betrayal. “**For I tell you that this scripture must be fulfilled in me, namely, ‘He was counted among the wicked’; and indeed what is written about me is coming to fulfillment.**” Luke 22:37
(Applying Isaiah’s Prophecy to Himself. Isa. 53:12)
- 3) Prophecies Fulfilled
- a) Judas’ Conspiracy with Chief Priests
Matt. 26:14-16; Mark 14:10-11; Luke 22:1-6
- “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)
(Fulfilling Zechariah’s Prophecy that the Price of Messiah’s Wages will be 30 Pieces of Silver. Zech. 11:12)

b) Judas Betrays Jesus

Matt. 26:47-50; Mark 14:43-46; Luke 22:47-48; John 18:1-5

- “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 (*Gesture of Friendship*). 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)

- Messiah Betrayed by a Comrade & Friend
(Fulfilling Prophecies in Psalm 4:10 & Psalm 55:13-14)
- Messiah Betrayed by a Disciple
(Fulfilling Prophecy in Psalm 55:15)
- Betrayer Predicted by Jesus
(Fulfilling Jesus’ Prophecy. Matt. 26:25)

c) Consequences of Judas’ Betrayal Matt. 27:3-10

- “Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, ‘I have sinned in betraying innocent blood.’ They said, ‘What is that to us? Look to it yourself.’ Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself.” (Fulfilling Zechariah’s Prophecy. Zech. 11:13)

d. Desertion of Jesus’ Disciples

1) Old Testament Prophecy

Zech. 13:7

- a) “Awake, O sword, against my shepherd (*Messiah*), against the man who is my associate, says the LORD of hosts. Strike the shepherd that the sheep may be dispersed, and I will turn my hand against the little ones.”

2) Jesus’ Prophecies

a) His Disciples will Desert Him

Matt. 26:31-32; Mark 14:27

- “Then Jesus said to them, **‘This night (When He’s Arrested) 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;’**”
(Matt, 26:31-32)

(Jesus Applies Zechariah’s Prophecy to Himself. Zech. 13:7)

b) Simon Peter (His Chief Disciple) will Deny Him

Matt. 26:33-35; Mark 14:28-31; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:36-38

- “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)

3) Prophecies Fulfilled

a) Disciples Flee When Jesus is Arrested Matt. 26:56b; Mark 14:50-52

- “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*)
(*Fulfilling Zechariah’s Prophecy. Zech 13:7*)
(*Fulfilling Jesus’ Prophecy*)
- b) Simon Peter Denies Jesus (*Fulfilling Jesus’ Prophecy*)
Matt. 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18 & 25-27

3. Jesus Tried

a. Jesus Tried by Jewish Authorities (Sanhedrin)

Matt. 26:57-68; Mark 14:53:65; Luke 22:63-71; John 18:19-24

1) Prophecies

a) False Witnesses Testify

- “Do not abandon me to the will of my foes; malicious and lying witnesses have risen against me.” Psa. 27:12
- “Malicious witnesses come forward, accuse me of things I do not know. They repay me evil for good and I am all alone (*Without Counsel*).” Psa. 35:11-12

b) Mocked, Spat Upon & Beaten

Isa. 50:6-7

- “I gave, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint (*Keeps Silent During Ordeal*), knowing that I shall not be put to shame.”

c) Trial a Mockery of Jewish Law

Psa. 109:2-7

- “O God, whom I praise, do not be silent, for wicked and treacherous mouths attack me. They speak against me with lying tongues; with hateful words they surround me, attacking me without cause.”
- “In return for my love they slander me, even though I prayed for them. They repay me evil for good, hatred for my love.”
- “My enemies say of me: ‘Find a lying witness, an accuser to stand by his right hand, That he may be judged (Without a Fair Trial) and found guilty, that his plea may be in vain.’”

2) Prophecies Fulfilled

a) False Witnesses Testify Against Jesus

- “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, though many false witnesses came forward.” (*Matt. 26:59-60*)
(*Fulfilling Prophecies in Psalm 27:12 & Psalm 35:11-12*)

b) Jesus Uses Messianic Prophecies to Confess Being Messiah - Son of God

- High Priest Addresses 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*)
- Jesus Replies: “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’ (Quoting Psalm 110:1 & Applying that Prophecy to Himself) and ‘coming on the clouds of heaven.’ (Quoting Daniel 7:13 & Applying that Prophecy to Himself).” (*Matt. 26:64*)

- c) Jesus Mocked, Spat Upon & Beaten
- “Then they spat in his face and struck him, while some slapped him, saying, ‘Prophesy for us, Messiah: who is it that struck you?’”
(*Matt. 26:67-68*) (*Fulfilling Isaiah’s Prophecy. Isa. 50:6-7*)
- d) Jesus’ Trial before Sanhedrin was a Mockery - Violating Jewish Law
- “The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death (*Jesus Condemned Before His Trial Began*), but they found none. Many gave false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree.”
(*Mark 14:55-56*)
 - Law Concerning Witnesses: “One witness alone shall not take the stand against a man in regard to any crime or any offense of which he may be guilty; a judicial fact shall be established only on the testimony of two or three witnesses.” Deut. 19:15
(*No Two Witnesses Agreed - Fulfilling Prophecy in Psalm 109:2-7*)
- b. Jesus Tried by Roman Authority (Governor Pilate)
Matt. 27:11-31; Mark 15:1-20; Luke 23:1-25; John 18:28 – 19:16
- 1) Prophecies
- a) Interrogated, Mocked & Tortured
- “Many bulls surround me; fierce bulls (*Strong Soldiers*) of Bashan (*Gentile Nation*) encircle me. They open their mouths against me (*Mock Him*), lions that rend (*Tear His Flesh*) and roar (*Demanding a Confession*).” Psa. 22:13-14
 - “I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.” Isa. 50:6-7
 - “Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured, While we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted. But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins, Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way; But the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all.” Isa. 53:4-6
- b) Remains Silent
- “Those who seek my life lay snares for me; they seek my misfortune, they speak of ruin; they plot treachery all the day. But I am like the deaf, hearing nothing, like the dumb, saying nothing, Like someone who does not hear, who has no answer ready.” Psa. 38:13-15
 - “Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; Like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth.” Isa. 53:7
- c) Exhibited before His Accusers
- “Even as many were amazed at him— so marred was his look beyond that of man, and his appearance beyond that of mortals” Isa. 52:14
- d) Unjustly Condemned to Death
- “When you spread out your hands (*Gesture of a Priest*), I close my eyes to you; Though you pray the more, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood!” Isa. 1:15

- “You, on whose clothing (Priestly Robes) there is the life-blood of the innocent, whom you found committing no burglary; Yet withal you say, ‘I am innocent; at least, his anger is turned away from me.’ Behold, I will judge you on that word of yours, ‘I have not sinned.’”
Jer. 2:34-35
- 2) Prophecies Fulfilled
- a) Jesus Interrogated, Mocked, Scourged & Beaten
- “So Pilate, had Jesus scourged (Tearing His Flesh), The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort (*Strong Gentile Soldiers Surround Jesus*). They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to (*Mock*) salute him with, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him. (*Mark 15:15-20*)
(Fulfilling Prophecies in Psalm 22:13-14)
(Fulfilling Isaiah’s Prophecy. Isa. 50:6-7)
 - Jesus Takes All Man’s Infirmities Upon Himself
(Fulfilling Isaiah’s Prophecy. Isa. 53:4-6)
 - *His Flesh was Torn for Our Healing*
 - *His Blood Shed for Our Salvation*
- b) Jesus Remains Silent (*Not Defending Himself, Not Confessing to a Crime He Didn’t Commit, nor Coping a Plea*)
- “Pilate questioned him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ He said to him in reply, ‘**You say so.**’ The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, ‘Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of.’ Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.” (*Mark 15:2-5*)
(Fulfilling Prophecy in Psalm 38:13-15)
(Fulfilling Isaiah’s Prophecy. Isa. 53:7)
- c) Pilate Exposes Jesus Before His Accusers
- Jesus Beaten, Body Torn from being Scourged, Face Swollen & Full of Spittle, Wearing a Purple Robe & Crown of Thorns (*Proving He had been Thoroughly Tested Without Confessing to Any Crime*)
 - Pilate Announces: “Behold, the man!” (*John 19:5*)
(Jesus was Beaten Beyond Recognition - Fulfilling Isaiah’s Prophecy. Isa. 52:14)
- d) Jesus Unjustly Condemned to Death
- Accusers Cry for Jesus to be Crucified
 - Pilate Washes his Hands: “I am innocent of this man’s blood. Look to it yourselves.” (*Matt. 27:24*)
 - Accusers Reply: “His blood be upon us (*Those Individual People Condemning Jesus*) and upon our children.” (*Matt. 27:25*)
(Invoking a Blood Guilt Upon Themselves – Fulfilling Isaiah’s & Jeremiah’s Prophecies. Isa. 1:15 & Jer. 2:34-35)
 - Pilate Orders Jesus to be Crucified
(Fulfilling Jesus’ Prophecy: “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)

4. Jesus Executed Matt. 27:32-61; Mark 15:21-47; Luke 23:26-56; John 19:16b-42
- a. Prophecies Specific to Messiah’s Execution
(*Crucifixion was Unknown to Israel’s Prophets, Who Proclaimed these Prophecies Hundreds of Years Before the Roman Empire Came into Existence.*)
- 1) Taken to the Place of Execution
 - a) “Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away (to be Executed), and who would have thought any more of his destiny? When he was cut off from the land of the living, and smitten for the sin of his people,” Isa. 53:8
 - b) “To all my foes I am a thing of scorn, to my neighbors, a dreaded sight, a horror to my friends. When they see me in the street, they quickly shy away.” Psa. 31:12
 - c) “Yet when I stumbled they gathered with glee, gathered against me like strangers.” Psa. 35:15
 - 2) Method of Execution Psa. 22:15-19
 - a) “Like water my life drains away; all my bones grow soft. My heart has become like wax, it melts away within me. As dry as a potsherd is my throat; my tongue sticks to my palate; you lay me in the dust of death. Many dogs surround me; a pack of evildoers closes in on me. So wasted are my hands and feet [“they pierce my hands and my feet.....” Psa. 22:16 KJV] that I can count all my bones. They stare at me and gloat; they divide my garments among them; for my clothing they cast lots.”
 - 3) Executed Among Criminals Isa. 53:12
 - a) “..... Because he surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked; And he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses.”
 - 4) Forsaken by Friends Psa. 38:11-12
 - a) “My heart shudders, my strength forsakes me; the very light of my eyes has failed. Friends and companions shun my pain; my neighbors stand far off.”
 - 5) Mocked by Witnesses
 - a) “All who see me mock me; they curl their lips and jeer; they shake their heads at me: ‘You relied on the LORD—let him deliver you; if he loves you, let him rescue you.’” Psa. 22:8-9
 - b) “..... They slandered me without ceasing; without respect they mocked me, gnashed their teeth against me.” Psa. 35:15-16
 - c) “They open wide their mouths against me. They say, ‘Aha! Good! Our eyes relish the sight!’” Psa. 35:21
 - d) “Insult has broken my heart, and I am weak; I looked for compassion, but there was none, for comforters, but found none.” Psa. 69:21
 - 6) Darkness Covers the Earth Amos 8:9-10
 - a) “On that day (of Messiah’s Sacrifice), says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun set at midday (Noon) and cover the earth with darkness in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts (i.e. Passover Festival) into mourning and all your songs into lamentations. I will cover the loins of all with sackcloth and make every head bald. I will make them mourn as for an only son, and bring their day to a bitter end.”

- 7) His Thirst is Quenched with Vinegar
- a) “As dry as a potsherd is my throat; my tongue sticks to my palate; you lay me in the dust of death.” Psa. 22:16
 - b) “Instead they put gall in my food; for my thirst they gave me vinegar.” Psa. 69:22
- 8) God Hides His Face
- a) “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why so far from my call for help, from my cries of anguish?” Psa. 22:1 or 2
 - b) “Lo, the hand of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. Rather, it is your crimes that separate you from your God, It is your sins that make him hide his face so that he will not hear you.” Isa. 59:1-2
- 9) He Releases His Spirit & Dies Psa. 31:6
- a) “Into your hands I commend my spirit; you will redeem me, LORD, faithful God.”
- 10) None of His Bones Broken Psa. 34:21
- a) “God watches over all their bones; not a one shall be broken.”
- 11) Side Pierced with a Lance Zech. 12:10
- a) “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, 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.”
- 12) Burial Isa. 53:9
- a) “A grave was assigned him among the wicked and a burial place with evildoers, Though he had done no wrong (*Without Sin*) nor spoken any falsehood (*Spoke Only Truth*).”
- b. Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus Christ’s Crucifixion
- 1) Jesus Goes to the Place of Execution
 - a) “They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian,, to carry his cross. They brought him to the place of Golgotha (which is translated Place of the Skull). They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him” (*Mark 15:21-24*)
 - Jesus Being Oppressed (Beaten, Mocked & Scourged) & Condemned was Taken Outside Jerusalem (to Golgotha) to be Executed. (*Fulfilling Isaiah’s Prophecy of being Taken Away to Die. Isa. 53:8*) (*Fulfilling Prophecy in Psalm 31:12 of being a Dreaded Sight.*)
 - Simon of Cyrene Ordered to Carry Jesus’ Cross
 - Jesus Weaken from Ordeal was Apparently Stumbling (*Fulfilling Prophecy in Psalm 35:15*)
 - 2) Jesus is Crucified (*Jesus’ Crucifixion Fulfills Prophecy in Psalm 22:15-19*)
 - a) “Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him.” (*Mark 15:24-25*)
(Roman Crucifixion was Designed so that the Victim Slowly Suffocates from His Own Body Weight. In Order to Breathe, the Victim must Painfully Raise His Body by Straightening His Legs.)
Specifics to Jesus Christ’s Crucifixion:
 - Crucified by Roman (Gentile) Soldiers. (*“Many dogs [Jewish Slang for Gentiles] surround me; a pack of evildoers closes in on me.”*)
 - Hands & Feet Nailed to Cross. (*“they pierce my hands and my feet”*)

- Hangs on Cross Suspended Above Earth. (*"I can count all my bones"*)
 - Slow Suffocation by His Own Body Weight. (*"Like water my life drains away; My heart has become like wax, it melts away within me."*)
 - Body Becoming Limp on Cross. (*"all my bones grow soft"*)
 - Dehydration. (*"As dry as a potsherd is my throat; my tongue sticks to my palate"*)
 - Exposed – Naked. (*"They stare at me and gloat"*)
 - Soldiers Divide His Clothes. "When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another, 'Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be,' in order that the passage of scripture might be fulfilled (that says): 'They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.' (*Fulfilling Prophecy in Psalms 22:19*)" (*John 19:23-24*)
 - Jesus Dies on Cross. (*"you lay me in the dust of death."*)
- 3) Jesus is Crucified between Two Criminals
 - a) "With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'And he was counted among the wicked' (*Fulfilling Isaiah's Prophecy. Isa. 53:12*)" (*Mark 15:27-28*)
 - 4) Jesus Forsaken by His Friends (*Fulfilling Prophecy in Psalm 38:11-12*)
 - a) Jesus' Disciples had Deserted Him Matt. 26:56b; Mark 14:50-52 (*Jesus had to Suffer Alone. Only He Qualified as God's Holy & Perfect Sacrifice*)
 - b) Of All His Followers, Only His Mother Mary, Her Sister Mary, Mary Magdalene & Disciple John were at the Foot of His Cross John 19:25-27
 - 5) Jesus Mocked While Suffering on Cross (*Fulfilling Prophecies in Psalm 22:8-9, Psalm 35:15-16, 21 & Psalm 69:21*)
 - a) Mocked by Passer-Bys: "Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross.'" (*Mark 15:29-30*)
 - b) Mocked by Chief Priests & Scribes: "Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe'....." (*Mark 15:31-32*)
 - c) Mocked by Criminals Crucified with Him: "..... Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him." (*Mark 15:32*)
 - d) Mocked by Roman Soldiers: "Even the soldiers jeered at him....." (*Luke 23:36*)
 - 6) Darkness Covers the Earth (*Fulfilling Amos' Prophecy. Amos 8:9-10*)
 - a) "It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun....." (*Luke 23:44-45*)
 - b) Reaction of the Witnesses: (*Luke 23:47-49*)
 - "The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and

- said, ‘This man was innocent beyond doubt.’”
- “When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts;”
 - “all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events.”
- 7) Jesus Thirsts & Given Vinegar to Drink
(*Fulfilling Prophecies in Psalm 22:16 & Psalm 69:22*)
- a) “..... Jesus said, ‘**I thirst.**’ There was a vessel filled with common wine (*Vinegar*). So they (*Roman Soldiers*) put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth.” (*John 19:28-29*)
- 8) Jesus Takes Our Sins Upon Himself – God Hides His Face from Sin
- a) “And at three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ‘**Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?**’ which is translated, ‘**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**’ (*Quoting Psalm 22:1 or 2*)” (*Mark 15:34*)
- b) *Jesus Christ Took Our Sins Upon Himself on the Cross. Father God, being Holy, Can Not Look Upon Sin (As Stated in Isa. 59:1-2). Father God Hid His Face from Jesus; So He Will Not Hide His Face from Us Sinners When We Repent and Come to Him Accepting Jesus’ Sacrifice.*
- 9) Jesus Releases His Spirit & Dies
- a) “Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ‘**Father, into your hands I commend my spirit**’ (*Jesus Quoted Psalm 31:6 with His Dying Breath, Applying it to Himself*); and when he had said this he breathed his last.” (*Luke 23:46*)
- 10) Jesus’ Bones are Not Broken
- a) “Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken (*To Hasten Death*) and they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs” (*John 19:31-33*)
- b) “For this happened so that the scripture passage might be fulfilled: ‘Not a bone of it will be broken.’ (*Fulfilling Prophecy in Psalm 34:21*)” (*John 19:36*)
- 11) Jesus’ Side is Pierced with a Lance
- a) “but one soldier thrust his lance into his (*Jesus*)’ side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.” (*John 19:34*)
- b) “And again another passage says: ‘They will look upon him whom they have pierced.’ (*Fulfilling Zechariah’s Prophecy. Zech 12:10*)” (*John 19:37*)
- 12) Jesus is Buried in Tomb (*Fulfilling Isaiah’s Prophecy. Isa. 53:9*)
- a) After this (*Jesus’ Death*), Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloe They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by. (*Jesus was Buried Near Where Criminals were Executed.*) ”

(John 19:38-42)

5. Prophecies of Redemption through Messiah's Sacrifice (*Finale to Above Prophecies*)

- a. Conspirator's Folly Wis. 2:20-22
- 1) "Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.' These were their thoughts, but they erred; for their wickedness blinded them, And they knew not the hidden counsels of God; neither did they count on a recompense of holiness nor discern the innocent souls' reward."
 - a) "Hidden Counsels of God" Refers to God's Plan of Salvation through Messiah-Son of God's Sacrifice.
 - b) "Recompense of Holiness" Refers to Messiah's Compensation for a Holy (Sinless) Life & Obediently Fulfilling God's Plan of Salvation.
 - c) "Discern the Innocent Souls' Reward" Refers to those Souls (People) Who will be Saved by the Forgiveness of their Sins (Making them "Innocent") through the Blood of Messiah's Sacrifice.
- b. Victory of the Crucified One Psa. 22:23-32
- 1) Messiah's Vindication. "Then I (*Messiah*) will proclaim your name (*Lord God*) to the assembly; in the community I will praise you: 'You who fear the LORD, give praise! All descendants of Jacob, give honor; show reverence, all descendants of Israel! For God has not spurned or disdained the misery of this poor wretch (*Christ Beaten, Scourged & Nailed to the Cross*), Did not turn away from me, but heard me when I cried out (*'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'*). I will offer praise in the great assembly; my vows I will fulfill (*Son of God's Vow to Offer Himself as Holy Sacrifice for Sins*) before those who fear him. The poor (*Sinners/Spiritually Needy*) will eat their fill (*Satisfied/Redeemed*); those who seek the LORD (*Seek Messiah as Personal Savior*) will offer praise. May your hearts enjoy life forever! (*Eternal Life*)"
 - 2) Messiah's Kingly Reward for Sacrifice. "All the ends of the earth (*Gentile Nations*) will worship and turn to the LORD; All the families of nations will bow low before you. For kingship belongs to the LORD (*Messiah to be Exalted as King of Kings*), the ruler over the nations. All who sleep in the earth will bow low before God; All who have gone down into the dust will kneel in homage (*Messiah to be Exalted as Lord of the Living & the Dead*)."
 - a) "..... he (*Jesus Christ*) humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, 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. 2:5-11 - 3) Propagation of Messiah's Sacrifice. "And I will live for the LORD (*Messiah will Rise from the Dead & Live*); my descendants (*Followers / Church*) will serve you. The generation to come will be told of the Lord, that they may proclaim to a people yet unborn the deliverance you have brought (*Account of Messiah's Passion will be Proclaimed throughout the Ages*)."
 - a) "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
- c. Victory of Isaiah's Suffering Servant Isa. 53:10-12
(*Messiah's Salvific Mission Completed*)

- 1) “(But the LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity.)” **Why?**
 - a) “If he (*Messiah*) gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants (*Believers*) in a long (*Eternal*) life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him (*God’s Justice Satisfied*).”
 - b) “Because of his affliction (*Suffering & Death*) he shall see the light in fullness of days (*Prophesied Resurrection & Exaltation*); **Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt (*Sins*) he shall bear (*Promise of Redemption through Messiah’s Suffering & Death*).”**
 - c) “Therefore I will give him his portion among the great, and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty (*Promise of Messiah’s Coronation as King of Kings*), Because he surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked (*Executed as a Sinner/Criminal*); And he (*Messiah – Savior*) shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses.”

D. Messiah’s Victory

1. Messiah’s Resurrection from the Dead

a. Old Testament Prophecies

- 1) “Whenever I cried out to the LORD, I was answered from the holy mountain. Whenever I lay down and slept (*Image of Jesus’ Death*), the LORD preserved me to rise again (*Image of Jesus’ Resurrection*).” Psa. 3:5-6
- 2) “I keep the LORD always before me; with the Lord at my right, I shall never be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure, For you (*Father God*) will not abandon me to Sheol (*Nether World*), nor let your faithful servant (*Messiah*) see the pit (*Physical Corruption*). You will show me the path to life (*Resurrection*), abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.” Psa. 16:8-11
- 3) “I am just (*Without Sin*) —let me see your face; when I awake (*Rise from the Dead*), let me be filled with your presence.” Psa. 17:15
- 4) “And I will live for the LORD (*Christ Rises from the Dead & Lives*); my descendants (*Followers / Church*) will serve you. The generation to come will be told of the Lord, that they may proclaim to a people yet unborn (*Gospel of Jesus Christ’s Death & Resurrection Shall be Proclaimed throughout the Ages*) the deliverance you have brought (*i.e. Salvation from Sin*).” Psa. 22:31-32
- 5) “Into your hands I commend my spirit (*Jesus’ Statement as He Releases His Spirit & Dies*); you will redeem (*Resurrect from Dead*) me, LORD, faithful God.” Psa. 31:6
- 6) “This is the destiny of those who trust in folly, the end of those so pleased with their wealth. Like sheep they are herded into Sheol, where death will be their shepherd. Straight to the grave they descend, where their form will waste away, Sheol will be their palace (*Mankind Cursed & Entrapped by Death*). **But God will redeem my life, will take me from the power of Sheol (*Jesus Raised from the Dead Provides the Way of Escape from Death unto Life*).”** Psa. 49:14-16
- 7) “Your love for me is great; you have rescued me from the depths of Sheol (*Jesus Resurrected from Dead*).” Psa. 86:13
- 8) “Because of his affliction (*Jesus’ Suffering & Death*) he shall see the light in fullness of days (*Resurrection & Life*); Through his suffering, my servant shall

justify many, and their guilt (*Sins*) he shall bear (*Promise of Redemption through Christ's Suffering, Death & Resurrection*).” Isa. 53:11

- 9) “Down I went to the roots of the mountains; the bars of the nether world were closing behind me forever, But you brought my life up from the pit, (*Image of Christ's Resurrection from Dead*) O LORD, my God.” Jonah 2:7
 - 10) “He will revive us after two days; on the third day he will raise us up (*Christ Raised from Dead on Third Day*), to live in his presence.” Hos. 6:2
- b. Jesus' Prophecies
- 1) Sign of Jonah Matt. 12:38-41; Matt. 16:1-4; Luke 11:29-30 & 32
 - a) “**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*)
 - b) Application of Jonah's Prophecy
 - “But the LORD sent a large fish, that swallowed Jonah; and he remained in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.” (*Foreshadow of Jesus Dead & In Nether World 3 Days*) Jonah 2:1
 - “Out of my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me; From the midst of the nether world I cried for help, and you heard my voice (*Answering Jesus' Cry: 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit' as He Dies & Descends into Nether World*).” Jonah 2:3
 - “Then I said, ‘I am banished from your sight (*In the Nether World*)! yet would I again look upon your holy (*Heavenly*) temple. (*Christ's Faith that He Will be Resurrected from the Dead*)’” Jonah 2:5
 - “Down I went to the roots of the mountains; the bars of the nether world were closing behind me forever, But you brought my life up from the pit (*Jesus Christ Rises from Dead*), O LORD, my God.” Jonah 2:7
 - 2) Direct Prophecies Matt. 16:21; Matt. 17:22-23; Matt. 20:18-19; Mark 8:31; Mark 9:31; Mark 10:33-34; Luke 9:22; Luke 18:31-33

Examples:

 - a) “**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 to be mocked and scourged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.**” (*Matt. 20:18-19*)
 - b) “**The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death he will rise.**” (*Mark 9:31*)
 - c) “**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*)
- c. Prophecies Fulfilled – **Jesus Christ Is Alive!**
- 1) Accounts of Jesus' Resurrection from the Dead

Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20

 - a) Jesus Christ Rose from the Dead on the Third Day

(*Fulfilling David's Prophecies in Psalm 3:5-6; Psalm 16:8-11; Psalm 17:5; Psalm 22:31-32 & Psalm 31:6*)

(*Fulfilling the Psalmists' Prophecies in Psalm 49:16 & Psalm 86:13*)

(*Fulfilling Isaiah's Prophecy. Isa. 53:11*)

(*Fulfilling Jonah's Prophecy. Jonah 2*)

(Fulfilling Hosea's Prophecy. Hos. 6:2)
(Fulfilling Jesus' Prophecies.)

- 2) Testimonies of Jesus Christ's Resurrection from Dead
 - a) Peter's Declaration on Day of Pentecost Acts 2:23-32
 - Proclaims Jesus is Resurrected from Dead: "This man (*Jesus*), 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 (*Jesus Raised from Dead*), because it was impossible for him to be held by it (*i.e. Death*)."
 - Quotes David's Prophecy (Psa. 16:8-11): "For David says of him (*Messiah Jesus*): 'I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'"
 - Explains David's Prophecy: "My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption. God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses."
 - b) Luke's Testimony: "He (*Jesus*) presented himself alive to them (*Disciples*) by many proofs after he had suffered (*and Died*), appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God." Acts 1:3
 - c) Paul's Testimony: "..... 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 Kephaz, 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" 1 Cor. 15:3-8
- d. Jesus Christ Destroys Death by His Resurrection
 - 1) Isaiah's Prophecy
 - a) "On this mountain he (*Messiah*) will destroy the veil that veils all peoples (*i.e. the Curse of Death*), The web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces; The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken." Isa. 25:7-8
 - b) "Shall I deliver them from the power of the nether world? shall I redeem them from death? Where are your plagues, O death! where is your sting, O nether world!" Hos. 13:14
 - 2) Paul's Prophecies being Fulfilled by Jesus Christ
 - a) "But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (*Died*). For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong

to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death” 1 Cor. 15:20-26

- b) “This I declare, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep (*Die*), but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’ (*Referring to Isaiah’s Prophecy in Isa. 25:8 & Hosea’s Prophecy in Hos. 13:14*)’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Cor. 15:50-57

2. Messiah’s Glorification

a. Old Testament Prophecies

- 1) “For you (*Father God*) will not abandon me to Sheol (*Nether World*), nor let your faithful servant (*Messiah*) see the pit (*Physical Corruption*). You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever (*Jesus is Alive & Glorified at God’s Right Hand*).”
Psa. 16:10-11
- 2) “All the ends of the earth will worship and turn to the LORD; All the families of nations will bow low before you. For kingship belongs to the LORD, the ruler over the nations (*Jesus Christ Exalted as King of All the Nations*). All who sleep in the earth will bow low before God; All who have gone down into the dust will kneel in homage. (*Jesus Christ Exalted as Lord of All Mankind – Both the Living & the Dead*).”
Psa. 22:28-30
- 3) “Your throne, O god, stands forever; your royal scepter is a scepter for justice. You love justice and hate wrongdoing; therefore God (*Messiah – Son of God*), your God (*Father God*), has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellow kings. (*Jesus Anointed as Universal & Divine King*).” Psa. 45:7-8
- 4) “The LORD (*Yahweh*) says to you, my lord (*King David Calls Christ Lord*): ‘Take your throne at my righthand, while I make your enemies your footstool (*Jesus Enthroned at God’s Right Hand*).’ The scepter of your sovereign might the LORD will extend from Zion. The LORD says: ‘Rule over your enemies! Yours is princely power from the day of your birth. In holy splendor before the daystar, like the dew I begot you (*Jesus Reigns as Messiah & Son of God*).’”
Psa. 110:1-3
- 5) “The LORD has sworn and will not waver: ‘Like Melchizedek you are a priest forever (*Jesus Christ Exalted as Eternal High Priest*).” Psa. 110:4
- 6) “Therefore I (*Father God*) will give him his portion among the great, and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty (*Jesus Christ Exalted as King of Kings & Lord of Lords*), Because he surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked; And he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon

- for their offenses.” Isa. 53:12
- b. Jesus’ Prophecies
- 1) Jesus’ Prophetic Prayer: “I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began (i.e. Glory of God the Son).” John 17:4-5
 - 2) Jesus’ Testimony before the Sanhedrin
Matt. 26:62-64; Mark 14:60-62; Luke 22:66-70
 - a) “..... Again the high priest asked him and said to him, ‘Are you the Messiah, the son of the Blessed One?’” Mark 14:61
 - b) “Then Jesus answered, ‘I am; and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power (Quoting David’s Prophecy in Psalm 110:1) and coming with the clouds of heaven.’” Mark 14:62
- c. Prophecies Fulfilled
- 1) Jesus Declares His Divinity in Commissioning His Church Matt. 28:18-20
 - a) “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me (Jesus is Omnipotent. 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 (Jesus Includes Himself Within the Godhead), teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you (Jesus is Omniscient & Head of the Church). And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age (Jesus is Eternal & Omnipresent).”
 - 2) Jesus Ascends into Heaven to be Glorified, Coronated & Enthroned
Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50-51; Acts 1:8-11
(Fulfilling David’s Prophecies in Psalm 16:10-11; Psalm 22:28-30 & Psalm 110:1-4)
(Fulfilling Psalmist Prophecy in Psalm 45:7-8)
(Fulfilling Isaiah’s Prophecy. Isa. 53:12)
 - 3) Testimonies of a Glorified Christ
 - a) Peter Proclaims Jesus’ Glorification on Day of Pentecost Acts 2:32-36
 - “God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the holy Spirit from the Father and poured it forth, as you (both) see and hear.”
 - “For David did not go up into heaven, but he himself said: ‘The Lord (Yahweh) said to my Lord (Messiah – Son of God), Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool’ *(Quoting Psalm 110:1)*
 - “Therefore let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”
 - b) Paul’s Testimony: “..... 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 (Angelic Hosts & Righteous Dead) and on earth (All Living People) and under the earth (Demonic Powers & Condemned Dead), and every tongue confess (Either in Repentance or at Judgment) that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
Phil. 2:9-11
 - c) Testimony to the Hebrews: “... When he (*Jesus Christ*) 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. For to which of the angels did God ever say: ‘You

are my son; this day I have begotten you’ (*Quoting David’s Psalm 2:7*)? Or again: ‘I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me (*Messianic Promise to King David in 2 Sam. 7:14*)’? And again, when he leads the first-born into the world, he says: ‘Let all the angels of God worship him (*Referring to Deut. 32:43 in Law of Moses*)’ Heb. 1:3-6

- d) John’s Vision of Glorified Christ: “Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man (*Jesus Christ Stands at the Center of His Churches*) wearing an ankle-length robe (*Christ is High Priest*) with a gold sash around his chest (*Christ is King*). The hair of his head was as white as white wool or as snow (*Christ is Eternal*), and his eyes were like a fiery flame (*Christ is Omniscient - All Knowing*). His feet were like polished brass refined in a furnace (*Christ is Immutable - Never Changing - He is Perfect!*), and his voice was like the sound of rushing water (*Christ Speaks with Divine Authority*). In his right hand he held seven stars (*Jesus is Lord of His Church*). A sharp two-edged sword came out of his mouth (*Word of God - The Creative Force*), and his face shone like the sun at its brightest (*Christ’s Divine Majesty*).” Rev. 1:12-16

3. Messiah’s Coronation as Eternal High Priest Zech. 3

a. Zechariah’s Vision of Joshua the High Priest

(“Joshua” is Hebrew Name “Yeshua” Which is Translated “Jesus”.)

(*Prefigures Jesus Christ’s Coronation as High Priest*)

1) Joshua Stands Before Angel of the Lord

(*Angel = God’s Delegated Authority & Representative*)

a) Satan Stands Beside Joshua Accusing Him (*Of Man’s Sinful Nature*)

b) Angel Rebukes Satan in Name of the Lord (*Yahweh*)

- “Is not this man (*Jesus - Son of Man*) a brand (*Purifying Seal*) snatched from the fire (*Earth; Satan’s Dominion & Spiritual Battlefield*)”

2) Joshua Clad in Filthy Garments (*Jesus Carrying the Sins [Filth] of the World*)

a) Instructed to Take Off Filthy Garments

b) Clothed in Festal Garments (*Rejoice*)

c) Put Clean Miter on His Head (*Symbol of Messiah - High Priest*)

d) Lord: “I have taken away your guilt”
(*God’s Forgiveness of Sin through Jesus Christ*).

3) Joshua Given the Lord’s Assurance

a) Joshua Given Authority for His Total Obedience

(*Christ Jesus is the Only Person Who Totally Obeyed the Law*)

b) Promise of “My Servant SHOOT”

(*Messiah both Creator & Descendant of David King of Israel*)

c) One Stone (*Messiah’s Covenant*) with Seven Facets (*All Ages of Mankind*)

- Engraved by God (*Fulfilling Mosaic Law*)

- Take Away Guilt of Land (*Sin*) in One Day (*Day Jesus was Crucified*)

- “On that Day You (*Jesus*) Will Invite One Another Under Your Vines & Fig Trees” (*Offer of Salvation to All Mankind*).

b. Jesus Christ Our Eternal High Priest

1) Jesus Christ: Man, Savior & High Priest

Heb. 2:14-18

2) Jesus Christ: Compassionate High Priest

Heb. 4:14 - 5:10

- 3) Jesus Enters Heavenly Sanctuary as High Priest Heb. 9
(*Fulfilling Zechariah's Prophetic Vision. Zech.3*)
- a) “But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands (*i.e. Heavenly Tabernacle*), that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.”
(*Heb. 9:11-12*)
- b) “For Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. (*Heb. 9:24-26*)

PART II - SYMBOLIC PROPHECIES

A. Titles & Offices of Messiah

1. Son of God

a. Begotten Son of God

1) Prophetic Word: "I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: The Lord said to me, 'You are my son; this day I have begotten you.....'" Psa. 2:7-9*

* New American Bible 1970 Version

2) Fulfilled by Jesus Christ - God's Only Begotten Son

a) "**For God so loved the world that he gave his only [begotten] Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.**" John 3:16 [John 3:16 KJV]

b) "For to which of the angels did God ever say: 'You are my son; this day I have begotten you (Quoting Psa. 2:7 & Applying it to Jesus)'? Or again: 'I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me'?" Heb. 1:5

b. Son of Most High

1) Prophetic Word: Isa. 9:5 [Isa. 9:6 KJV]

a) "For a child is born to us (Israel's Messiah), a son is given us (Son of God); upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him

- Wonder-Counselor [Wonderful, Counselor],
- God-Hero [the mighty God],
- Father-Forever [the everlasting Father],
- [the] Prince of Peace."

2) Fulfilled by Jesus Christ – Son of Most High God

a) Angelic Announcement to Mary: Luke 1:26-38
(*Fulfilling Isaiah's Prophecy. Isa. 9:5*)

- "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," (*Luke 1:31-33*)
- "But Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?' 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 1:34-35*)

2. Immanuel

a. Prophetic Word: "Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel ('Immanuel' = 'God is with Us')." Isa. 7:14

b. Fulfilled by Jesus Christ - God Became Man & Lived Among Men

1) Angel Announces Jesus' Conception to Joseph Matt. 1:18-25

a) "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. 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..." (*Matt. 1:20-21*)

b) "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,' (*Quoting Isa. 7:14 & Applying it to Jesus*) which means 'God is with us.'" (*Matt. 1:22-23*)

- 2) John's Testimony John 1:1-14
 a) "And the Word (Word of God) became flesh and made his dwelling among us ('God is With Us'), and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." (*John 1:14*)

3. Son of King David

a. Prophetic Word

- 1) King David: "The LORD (Yahweh) says to you, my lord (King David Calls Messiah 'Lord'): 'Take your throne at my righthand, while I make your enemies your footstool (*Messiah Enthroned at God's Right Hand*).' The scepter of your sovereign might the LORD will extend from Zion. The LORD says: 'Rule over your enemies! Yours is princely power from the day of your birth. In holy splendor before the daystar, like the dew I begot you (*Reign of Messiah the Only Begotten Son of God*).'" Psa. 110:1-3
- 2) Prophet Isaiah: "But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse (Referring to David – Jesse's Youngest Son), and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him (i.e. the Lord's Anointing): a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD....." Isa. 11:1-5

b. Fulfilled by Jesus Christ – Son of David

(*Fulfilling David's Prophecy in Psa. 110:1-3 & Isaiah's Prophecy in Isa. 11:1-5*)

- 1) Angelic Announcement to Mary Luke 1:26-38
 a) "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*)
- 2) Jesus of the House & Lineage of David
 a) Lineage from David, through Kings of Judah to Jesus Matt. 1:6-16
 • Jesus is the Legitimate Heir to the Throne of David
 b) Joseph of the House of David: "..... the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary." Luke 1:26-27
- c) Jesus was Recognized as "Son of David" by People
 Examples: Matt. 9:27, Matt. 15:22, Matt. 20:29-30, Matt. 21:1-10
- 3) Jesus Claims David's Prophecy & Declares Supremacy
 Matt. 22:41-46; Mark 12:35-37; Luke 20:41-44
 a) "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 Psa. 110:1*) If David calls him 'lord,' how can he be his son (Jesus is Messiah & David's 'Lord')?" (*Matt. 22:43-45*)

4. Messiah – Lord God's Holy Anointed One

- a. Prophetic Word: "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one (Messiah)

with whom I am pleased (*Without Sin & Obedient to Law*), Upon whom I have put my spirit (*Anointing Him*); he shall bring forth justice to the nations, Not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, Until he establishes justice (*Salvation*) on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching.” Isa. 42:1-4

- b. Fulfilled by Jesus Christ – Lord God’s Holy Anointed One (Messiah)
- 1) Jesus’ Messianic Ministry: “..... Many (people) followed him (*Jesus*), and he cured them all, but he warned them not to make him known. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through Isaiah the prophet: ‘Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved in whom I delight; I shall place my spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not contend or cry out, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory. And in his name the Gentiles will hope.’ (*Quoting Isa. 42:1-4 & Applying it to Jesus*)”
Matt. 12:15-21
 - 2) Jesus Accepts Disciple’s Confession of Faith Matt. 16:13-20
 - a) Jesus Asks: “**Who do people say that the Son of Man is?**” (*Matt. 16:13*)
 - b) Peter: “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” (*Matt. 16:16*)
 - c) Jesus Acknowledges & Accepts Peter’s Confession: “**Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.**” (*Matt. 16:17-18*)

5. Promised Redeemer

- a. Prophetic Word: “My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak (*Israel’s Wait/Search for Promised Messiah*). More than sentinels for daybreak, let Israel look for the LORD, For with the LORD is kindness, with him is full redemption, And God will redeem Israel from all their sins.” Psa. 130:6-8
- b. Fulfilled by Jesus Christ the Promised Redeemer (*Fulfilling Prophecy in Psa. 130:6-8*)
 - 1) “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son (*Jesus Christ*), born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom (*Redeem*) those under the law, so that we might receive adoption.” Gal. 4:4-5
 - 2) “For the grace (*Unearned Favor*) of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of the great God and of our savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.” Titus 2:11-14

6. Savior

- a. Prophetic Word: “He said: They are indeed my people, children who are not disloyal; So he (Lord God of Israel) became their savior in their every affliction (i.e. Sin, its Effects & Death). It was not a messenger or an angel, but he himself (Lord God of Israel) who saved them. Because of his love and pity he redeemed them himself, Lifting them and carrying them all the days of old. But they rebelled, and grieved his holy spirit;

Isa. 63:8-10

b. Fulfilled by Jesus Christ - Savior

- 1) Angelic Announcement to Joseph Matt. 1:18-25
 - a) “She (Virgin Mary) will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” (Matt. 1:21)
 - Named by the Lord God of Israel (“Yahweh”)
 - Named Him “Jesus” = “Yeshua” Meaning “Yahweh is Salvation”
(The Lord Provides Salvation through His Son Jesus Christ – Fulfilling Isaiah’s Prophecy. Isa. 63:8-10)
- 2) Jesus’ Declarations
Examples:
 - a) “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
 - b) “You search the scriptures, because you think you have eternal life through them; even they testify on my behalf (Including Isa. 63:8-10). But you do not want to come to me to have life.” John 5:39-40
- 3) Disciples’ Testimonies of Jesus Christ - Savior
Examples:
 - a) Peter’s Testimony of Jesus: 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 4:12
 - b) Paul & Silas’ Testimony of Salvation Acts 16:30-31
 - Jailer Asks Paul & Silas: “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”
 - Paul & Silas Answer: “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you and your household will be saved.”

7. High Priest

- a. Prophetic Word: “The LORD has sworn and will not waver: ‘Like Melchizedek you are a priest forever (Messiah Exalted as Eternal High Priest).’” Psa. 110:4
- b. Fulfilled by Jesus Christ – Eternal High Priest
 - 1) “..... it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one (*Lord God*) who said to him: ‘You are my son; this day I have begotten you’ (*Quoting Psalm 2:7*); just as he says in another place: ‘You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. (Quoting Psa. 110:4)’...
..... Son though he was (Jesus Christ - Son of God), he learned obedience from what he suffered (His Passion, Crucifixion & Death); and when he was made perfect (Triumphing Over Every Temptation, Disease & Sin), he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Accept Him as Lord & Savior), declared by God high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.”
Heb. 5:5-10
 - 2) “This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm, which reaches into the interior behind the veil (*Reserved Exclusively for High Priest on Day of Atonement*), where Jesus has entered on our behalf as forerunner, becoming high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.” Heb. 6:19-20
 - 3) Priesthood Transferred from Order of Aaron to Order of Melchizedek & Bestowed Upon Jesus Christ. Heb. 7

B. Types & Images of Messiah

1. The Good Shepherd

- a. Prophecies of the Lord as the Good Shepherd
- 1) King David's Shepherd Lord Psa. 23
 - a) David Wrote: "The LORD is my shepherd;....."
(*"The Lord – My Shepherd" = "Yahweh-Rohi"*)
 - David's Revelation that the Lord is His Shepherd
 - 2) Ezekiel's Parable of the Shepherds (Israel's Priests) Ezek. 34
 - a) Prophecy Against Israel's Shepherds Ezek. 34:1-6
 - Shepherds Neglected, Exploited & Oppressed the Sheep (People)
 - "So they (Sheep) were scattered (Physically & Spiritually) for lack of a shepherd, and became food for all the wild beasts (Pagan Nations)...." (Ezek. 34:5)
 - b) Prophecy: The Lord God is Israel's Shepherd Ezek. 34:7-16
(*Promise of Good Shepherd & Priest*)
 - Lord Will Judge Shepherds
 - Lord Will Gather, Save & Tend Sheep
 - Lord's Salvific Work: "I myself (Lord God of Israel) will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal (but the sleek and the strong I will destroy), shepherding them rightly." (Ezek. 34:15-16)
 - c) Lord's Judgment of the Sheep (People) Ezek. 34:17-22
 - "As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats." (Ezek. 34:17)
 - d) One Shepherd Appointed as Pastor Ezek. 34:23-24
(*Promise of Good Shepherd & King*)
 - "I will appoint one shepherd (The Good Shepherd) over them to pasture them, my servant David (Good Shepherd from Lineage of David); he shall pasture them and be their shepherd. I, the LORD (Yahweh), will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I, the LORD, have spoken."
 - e) Lord's Covenant with Sheep (New Covenant) Ezek. 34:25-31
 - "I will make a covenant of peace with them," (Ezek. 34:25)
 - "Thus they shall know that I (Good Shepherd), the LORD, am their God, and they are my people, the house of Israel, says the Lord GOD. (Ezek. 34:30)
 - 3) Zechariah's Allegory of Israel's Shepherds Zech. 11:4-7
 - a) Israel's Shepherds (Jewish Priests & Religious Authorities)
 - Shepherds Exploit Sheep & Compromise Integrity of Priesthood
 - Shepherds Have No Concern/Compassion for Sheep (People)
 - b) Prophecy of the Good Shepherd
 - "So I (Lord God of Israel) became the shepherd of the flock to be slaughtered for the sheep merchants" (*Good Shepherd to be Condemned & Executed by Israel's Priests*)" (Zech. 11:7)
- b. Prophecies Identifying Messiah as Shepherd
- 1) Messiah's Birth: "But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the

clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (*Messiah*); Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times (*Son of God*).
 He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD,.....” Micah 5:1-3

(Christ Jesus Who was Born in Bethlehem in Fulfillment of this Prophecy, Matt. 2:1-6, Will Shepherd the Lord’s Flock.)

- 2) Conclusion of Messiah’s Ministry: “..... Strike the shepherd that the sheep may be dispersed,” Zech. 13:7
(Jesus Quotes this Prophecy Predicting the Desertion of His Disciples the Night He was Arrested. Matt. 26:31-32; Mark 14:27-28)

Note. The exclusive duties of High Priests (i.e. ‘Shepherds’ or ‘Pastors’) ordained under Mosaic Law are: 1) to offer Sacrifices for the Atonement of Sins, and 2) to intercede to Lord God in behalf of the People of Israel.

c. Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus Christ – The Good Shepherd

- 1) King David’s Lord, Messiah & Shepherd
- a) David Calls the Lord His Shepherd Psa. 23
- “The Lord – My Shepherd” = “Yahweh-Rohi”
- b) Jesus: ‘The Lord (Yahweh) said to my lord (Messiah), Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your feet?’” *(Quoting Psa. 110:1) If David calls him (Messiah) ‘lord,’ how can he be his son?”* Matt. 22:43-45
(Jesus as Messiah Fulfills David’s Psalm 23 as Lord & Shepherd)
- 2) Jesus Declares: “I Am the Good Shepherd” John 10
(Jesus Declares to be the Lord-Shepherd Prophesied by Ezekiel in Ezek. 34, and Zechariah in Zech. 11.)
- a) “I am the good shepherd. (Jesus is the Prophesied ‘Good Shepherd’) A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (Jesus Personally Invests His Life as a Sacrifice for Sin).” *(John 10:11)*
- “A hired man (Israel’s Priests), who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own (Sheep [Israelites] Belong to the Lord), sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them (Referring to Prophecy in Ezek. 34:5). This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep (Israel’s Priests have No Vested Interest in Sheep).” *(John 10:12-13)*
- b) Lord’s New Covenant John 10:14-16
(Fulfilling Ezekiel’s Prophecy in Ezek. 34:25-31)
- “I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me (Jesus is a Personal Shepherd, as Prophesied in Ezek. 34:30), just as the Father knows me and I know the Father (Jesus is Israel’s Lord-Shepherd ‘Yahweh-Rohi’, as Declared by David in Psa. 23); and I will lay down my life for the sheep (Jesus Offers Himself as a Sacrifice for His Sheep).”
 - *Jesus Becomes the Shepherd Slaughtered by Sheep Merchants (Fulfilling Zechariah’s Prophecy in Zech. 11:7)*
 - “I have other sheep (Gentile Believers) that do not belong to this fold (Israel). These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.”
 - *Jew & Gentile Believers are United as One Flock Led by One*

*Shepherd - Jesus Christ from House of David
(Fulfilling Prophecy in Ezek. 34:23-24)*

- c) “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. (Jesus Gives, Sustains & Secures Eternal Life for His Sheep) No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.” (John 10:27-30)
- 3) Other Selected References to Jesus Christ as Shepherd
- a) Israel’s Need for a Shepherd. “When he (*Jesus*) disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.”
Mark 6:34
- b) Israel’s Good Shepherd. “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” Matt. 15:24
- c) Shepherd’s Salvific Work. “For the Son of Man 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
- d) St. Peter’s Testimony:
- “He (*Jesus*) himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.”
1 Pet. 2:24-25
 - “Do not lord it over those assigned to you, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is revealed (At His Second Coming), you will receive the unfading crown of glory.” 1 Pet. 5:3-4
- e) John’s Vision of Jesus in Heaven. “For the Lamb (*Jesus Christ*) who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”
Rev. 7:17
- f) Lord, Shepherd, King & Judge. “When the Son of Man (*Jesus Christ*) 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. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 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.....’ 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.....’”
Matt. 25:31-46

2. The Bridegroom

a. Prophetic Image of Bridegroom

1) Israel’s Song of Redemption.

Isa. 61:10-11

- a) “I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; For he

has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice (*Redemption of Lord's People*), Like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up (*Redemption of the Earth*), So will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations (*Redemption of the Nations*).”

- 2) Jerusalem the Lord's Bride. Isa. 62:1-5
- a) “For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, Until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch (*Redemption of Israel*). Nations shall behold your vindication, and all kings your glory;”
- b) “You shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall men call you ‘Forsaken,’ or your land ‘Desolate,’ But you shall be called ‘My (Lord's) Delight,’ and your land ‘Espoused.’ For the LORD delights in you, and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder (Creator) shall marry you; And as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.”

b. Jesus is the Prophesied Bridegroom

- 1) Witness of John the Baptist John 3:22-30
Referring to Jesus as Messiah & Bridegroom
- a) Question About Jesus' Disciples Baptizing People
- b) John Answers: “No one can receive anything except what has been given him from heaven (*i.e. Anointed by God*). You yourselves can testify that I said (that) I am not the Messiah, but that I was sent before him. The one who has the bride is the bridegroom (Messiah Jesus); the best man (John the Baptist Who Announced Jesus), who stands and listens for him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made complete.” (*John 3:27-29*)
- 2) Jesus Refers to Himself as Prophesied Bridegroom
 Matt. 9:14-15; Mark 2:18-20; Luke 5:33-35
- a) Question About Jesus' Disciples Not Fasting
- b) Jesus Answers: “Can you make the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom (Messiah) is with them? But the days will come, and when the bridegroom is taken away from them (His Death), then they will fast in those days.” (*Luke 5:34-35*)
- 3) Parable of the Wedding Banquet Matt. 22:1-14
- a) “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king (Lord God of Israel) who gave a wedding feast for his son (Messiah-Son of God the Bridegroom). He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests (Israelites) to the feast, but they refused to come.” (*Matt. 22:2-3*)
- b) King Sends Out Second Invitation
- Guests (Israel) Ignore Invitation
 - Guests Mistreat & Kill King's Servants (Prophets)
- c) King Destroys Murderers
- Invites Strangers (Gentile Nations); Who Accept Invitation
- d) King Inspects Guests
- Throws Out those Not Wearing Wedding Dress

(Not Betrothed to Christ)

Note. Jewish Wedding Custom {Source – Zola Levitt Ministries} *(Analogy of Christ & His Church):*

- 1) Groom Contracts with Bride's Father
(Christ Contracts with Father God for the Church. Heb. 8:8-12)
- 2) Groom Pays Money to Bride's Father
(Christ Paid the Price for Us with His Own Life. Luke 22:39-46; Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 6:19-20)
- 3) Bride Accepts the Contract by Drinking the Cup
(Church Accepts Christ's Offer by Celebrating Holy Communion. 1 Cor. 11:23-26)
- 4) Groom Returns to His Father's House & Builds Bridal Chamber
 - Groom's Promise to Bride: "I go to prepare a place for you, and then I shall come back to take you with me, that where I am you also will be."
(Jesus Returns to Heaven Making Same Promise. John 14:1-4)
 - Bride Veils Herself & Remains Chaste Awaiting Her Groom
- 4) Groom "Steals" Bride & Takes Her to Bridal Chamber
(Jesus will Return to Catch Away His Church. 1 Thess. 4:13-17)
- 5) Bride & Groom Consummate their Marriage in Bridal Chamber
(Church is Unveiled & Intimate with Jesus. 2 Cor. 5:10)
- 6) Bride & Groom Celebrate their Marriage Supper:
(Christ will Celebrate a Marriage Supper with His Church. Rev. 19:1-10)
- 8) After Celebration Bride Lives with Groom *(Church Lives Eternally Lives with Jesus. Rev. 21 & 22)*

- 4) Parable of 10 Virgins ("Stealing" of the Bride) Matt. 25:1-13
 - a) "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom"
 - b) Virgins are Individual Church Members
 - Wise Virgins have Oil in their Lamps *(Oil Symbolizes Holy Spirit)*
 - Foolish Virgins have No Oil in their Lamps
 - c) Bridegroom Comes for His Betrothed
(Jesus Comes for His Church. 1 Thess. 4:14-17)
 - Takes Wise Virgins to Wedding Feast Consummating Marriage
 - Leaves Foolish Virgins

c. Prophecies to be Fulfilled by Jesus Christ – Bridegroom

- 1) John's Vision of Christ's Marriage Supper Rev. 19:1-10
(Fulfilling Isaiah's Prophecy. Isa. 61:10)
(Fulfilling Jesus' Parable of Wedding Banquet. Matt. 22:1-14)
(Fulfilling Jesus' Parable of 10 Virgins. Matt. 25:1-13)
(Fulfilling Jesus' Wedding Promise to His Disciples in John 14:1-4. See Above Note)
 - a) Multitudes in Heaven Praise the Lord Rev. 19:1-6
 - b) Marriage Supper – Uniting Christ & His Church Rev. 19:7-9
 - "Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory. For the wedding day of the Lamb *(Christ Sacrificed Earning the Right to Redeem His People)* has come, his bride *(Redeemed Church)* has made herself ready. She was allowed to wear a bright, clean linen garment." (The linen represents the righteous deeds of the holy ones.) Then the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These words are true; they come from God.'"
- 2) John's Vision of New Heaven & New Earth Rev. 21 & 22
(Fulfilling Isaiah's Prophecy. Isa. 61:11 – 62:5)

- a) Christ Redeems Earth from Curse of Sin & Death. “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘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. 21:1-4)
- a) Christ Redeems Jerusalem – His Capital City. “One of the seven angels said to me, ‘Come here. I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb’ (Christ Sacrificed Earning the Right to Redeem & Rule). He took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal.” (Rev. 21:9-11)

3. The Lord’s Stone – Cornerstone:

Prophetic Image of a Building Stone Chosen as the Cornerstone for the Lord’s House. Cornerstone is Essential for Construction, Support & Integrity of the Entire Building.

a. Prophecies of Messiah as Stone / Cornerstone

1) Building Stone / Foundation

- a) “The stone the builders (Israel’s Priests/Authorities) rejected has become the cornerstone (of the Lord’s House). By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day (i.e. *The Day Israel’s Authorities Reject Lord’s Stone*) the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad. LORD, grant salvation! LORD, grant good fortune!” Psa. 118:22-25
- The Day Israel’s Authorities Reject Lord’s Stone is Day of Salvation
- b) “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD: See, I am laying a stone in Zion, a stone that has been tested (Proven to be Without Flaw), A precious cornerstone as a sure foundation; he who puts his faith in it shall not be shaken.” Isa. 28:16

• Trust in Lord’s Chosen One – The Foundation of Lord’s House

2) Stumbling Stone.

Isa. 8:12-15

- a) “Call not alliance what this people calls alliance, and fear not, nor stand in awe of what they fear. But with the LORD of hosts make your alliance—for him be your fear and your awe. Yet he shall be a snare, an obstacle and a stumbling stone to both the houses of Israel, A trap and a snare to those who dwell in Jerusalem; And many among them shall stumble and fall, broken, snared, and captured.”
- Do Not Ally Yourself with Israel’s Priests/Authorities
 - Ally Yourself with Lord of Hosts
 - The Lord’s Anointed One Becomes a Snare, Obstacle & Stumbling Stone to Israel’s Priests/Authorities – Who Reject Him
 - They Will Stumble & Fall

b. Jesus Christ Fulfills Stone Prophecies

1) Jesus Declares to be Cornerstone of the Lord’s House

- a) Parable of Tenants Matt. 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19

(Jesus' Teaching of Israel & their Messiah)

- Jesus: “**There was a landowner (Lord God) who planted a vineyard (Symbolizing Israel), Then he leased it to tenants (Israel's Priests/Authorities) and went on a journey.**” (Matt. 21:33)
 - Landowner Repeatedly Sends Servants (*Prophets*) to Collect Produce (*Good Works*)
 - Tenants Persecute Servants Killing Some
 - Landowner Finally Sends His Son: “**They will respect my son.**” (Matt. 21:37)
 - Tenants Kill His Son
- Jesus Asks: “**What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?**” (Matt. 21:40)
- People Answer: “He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times.” (Matt. 21:41)
- Jesus Replies: “**Did you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes’ (Quoting Psalm 118:22-23 and Applying it to Himself, Messiah & Son of God)? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you (Israel) and given to a people (Gentile Believers) that will produce its fruit. (The one who falls on this stone will be dashed to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.)**” (Matt. 21:42-44)

2) Disciples' Testimonies

- a) Peter's Testimony Before Sanhedrin. “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. He is ‘the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.’ (Quoting Psalm 118:22 and Applying it to Jesus Christ) 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
- b) Paul Chastises Israel for Rejecting Lord's Stone – Applying those Prophecies to Jesus Christ. “What then shall we say? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have achieved it, that is, righteousness that comes from faith; but that Israel, who pursued the law of righteousness, did not attain to that law? Why not? Because they (*Israel*) did it not by faith, but as if it could be done by works. They stumbled over the stone (*Jesus their Messiah*) that causes stumbling, as it is written: ‘Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion that will make people stumble and a rock that will make them fall, and whoever believes in him shall not be put to shame.’ (Referring to Isaiah's Prophecies in Isa. 28:16 & Isa. 8:14-15)” Rom. 9:30-33
- c) Paul Uses Symbolism of Lord's House. “So then you (*Gentile Christians*) are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the

capstone (Head of Lord's House). Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

Eph. 2:19-22

- d) Peter Applies Stone & Cornerstone Prophecies to Jesus Christ. “Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in scripture: ‘Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.’ *(Quoting Isaiah's Prophecy. Isa. 28:16)* Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,’ *(Quoting Psalm 118:22)* and ‘A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.’ *(Quoting Isaiah's Prophecy. Isa. 8:12-15)* They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.”
1 Pet. 2:4-8

4. The Rock

Prophetic Image of Yahweh as the Rock. A Natural Rock (i.e. Not Fashioned by Human Hands) that's Strong & Steadfast, Like Bedrock. A Rock that Man Can Trust. These Prophecies Portray Certain Attributes of the “Rock” to Yahweh. These Same Attributes are Inherent in Messiah - Son of God.

a. Prophecies Portraying Yahweh as the Rock

1) David's Psalms Declaring His Rock

- a) Attributes of His Rock. “..... I love you, LORD (*Yahweh*), my strength, LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer, My God (Elohim/Creator), my rock of refuge, my shield, my saving horn, my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I exclaim! I have been delivered from my enemies.”

Psa. 18:1-4

- The Rock as “Fortress”, “Shield” & “Stronghold” Represent the Lord as a Sure Defense.
- The Rock as “Deliverer” Represents the Lord Who Delivers Us from Our Enemies (i.e. Evil, Sin & Death).
- The Rock as “Refuge” Represents the Lord Our Protector.
- The Rock as “Saving Horn” Represents the Lord's Power & Authority to Save Us.

(All Fulfilled by Jesus Christ Our Lord, Defender, Deliverer, Protector & Savior. Phil. 3:20; Col. 1:13-14; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; 1 John 5:18; Jude 24-25)

- b) Identifies Lord God as His Rock. “Truly, who is God (*Elohim/Creator*) except the LORD (*Yahweh*)? Who but our God is the rock?” Psa. 18:32
- David Applies the Attributes of His Rock (*See Psa. 18:2-4 Above*) to the Lord God of Israel. *(Fulfilled by Jesus Christ Our Divine Lord, Savior & Son of the Living God. Matt. 16:16; 2 Pet. 3:18)*
- c) David, as King, Prefigures Messiah-King. “The LORD lives! Blessed be my rock! Exalted be God, my savior!” Psa. 18:47-51
(Jesus Christ is David's Lord & Savior. Matt. 22:41-45; Acts 4:9-12)
- “O God who granted me vindication, made peoples subject to me, and

preserved me from my enemies, Truly you have exalted me above my adversaries, from the violent you have rescued me. *(Fulfilled by Jesus Christ Who was Rescued & Vindicated from His Enemies by His Resurrection, and Exalted Above His Adversaries by His Glorification, So that as King of Kings & Lord of Lords All Peoples are Subject to Him. Matt. 28:18; Phil. 2:5-11; Rev. 19:11-16)*

- “Thus I will proclaim you, LORD, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name. *(Fulfilled by the Gospel of Jesus Christ being Proclaimed to the Nations. Acts 1:8; Matt. 24:14)*
 - “You have given great victories to your king, and shown kindness to your anointed, to David and his posterity forever.” *(Fulfilled by Jesus Christ – The Lord’s Holy Anointed One – Who is from the House & Lineage of David. Matt. 1:6-16; Luke 1:26-33)*
- d) David’s Trust. “..... In you, LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice deliver me; incline your ear to me; make haste to rescue me! Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to save me. You are my rock and my fortress; for your name’s sake lead and guide me.”
Psa. 31:1-4
- 2) David’s Psalms to His Rock of Salvation
(Fulfilled by Jesus Christ the Rock of Our Salvation. 1 Cor. 10:1-4)
- a) David Pleads to Lord for Salvation (Sign of Repentance). “..... To you, LORD, I call; my Rock, do not be deaf to me. If you fail to answer me, I will join those who go down to the pit.”
Psa. 28:1
(Jesus’ Invitation to Repent. Matt. 4:17; Matt. 11:28-30; John 7:37-39)
- b) David Places His Faith/Trust in the Lord Alone for His Salvation.
(Jesus Alone is Our Savior. John 3:16, John 14:6, Acts 4:12)
- “..... My soul rests in God alone, from whom comes my salvation. God alone is my rock and salvation, my secure height; I shall never fall.”
Psa. 62:1-3
 - “My soul, be at rest in God alone, from whom comes my hope. God alone is my rock and my salvation, my secure height; I shall not fall. My safety and glory are with God, my strong rock and refuge. Trust God at all times, my people! Pour out your hearts to God our refuge!”
Psa. 62:6-9
- 3) Other Psalmists Declare the Lord as their Rock (Confirming David’s Rock)
- a) An Appeal to Lord/Rock. “In you, LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue and deliver me; listen to me and save me! Be my rock and refuge, my secure stronghold; for you are my rock and fortress.”
Psa. 71:1-3
- b) The Lord is Israel’s Rock. “They (Israel) remembered that God was their rock, God Most High, their redeemer *(Jesus Christ is Israel’s Redeemer).*”
Psa. 78:35
- c) Prayer for Fulfillment of Lord’s Promises to David. “I (*Yahweh*) have chosen David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him *(Preview of Jesus Messiah & Son of David)*. My hand will be with him; my arm will make him strong. No enemy shall outwit him, nor shall the wicked defeat him. I will crush his foes before him, strike down those who hate him *(Jesus is Victorious Over Sin & All Forces of Evil)*. My loyalty and love will be with him *(Jesus is One with Father God)*; through my name his

horn (*Symbol of Royalty*) will be exalted (*Jesus' Glorification*). I will set his hand upon the sea, his right hand upon the rivers (*Global Reach of Jesus' Gospel*). He (*Messiah*) shall cry to me, 'You are my father, my God (*Jesus Calls God His Father*), the Rock that brings me victory!' I myself make him firstborn (*Jesus the Only Begotten Son of God is the 'First Born' [i.e. First to be Resurrected] from the Dead*), Most High over the kings of the earth (*Jesus is King of Kings*). Forever I will maintain my love for him; my covenant with him stands firm (*Jesus Fulfills All Law & Prophets*). I will establish his dynasty forever (*Jesus' Eternal Reign*), his throne as the days of the heavens (*Jesus Enthroned in Heaven*)."

Psa. 89:21-30

- d) The Rock of Justification. "The just (*People Saved by Grace of God*) shall flourish like the palm tree, shall grow like a cedar of Lebanon. Planted in the house of the LORD, they shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bear fruit even in old age, always vigorous and sturdy, As they proclaim: 'The LORD is just; our rock, in whom there is no wrong (*Without Sin*).'" Psa. 92:13-16
(*Fulfilled by Jesus Christ Who Justifies Man to God. He is Our Just Rock. Eph. 2:8-10; Rom. 1:16-17; Rom. 5:1-2*)
- e) The Rock of Refuge. "..... the LORD is my secure height, my God, the rock where I find refuge" Psa. 94:22
- f) The Rock of Salvation. "Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; cry out to the rock of our salvation. Let us greet him with a song of praise, joyfully sing out our psalms. For the LORD is the great God, the great king over all gods" Psa. 95:1-3

4) Prophet Isaiah

- a) Isaiah Reminds Israel that God is the Rock of their Salvation. "For you have forgotten God, your savior, and remembered not the Rock, your strength....." Isa. 17:10
- b) Isaiah Exhorts Israel to Trust in Lord their Eternal Rock. "Trust in the LORD forever! For the LORD is an eternal Rock." Isa. 26:4
(*Jesus Christ is Eternal. 1 John 1:1-3; 1 John 5:20; Rev. 1:4-8*)

b. Jesus Christ is Revealed as the Rock – Fulfilling Prophecies

1) Jesus Declares His Words are Rock – A Sure Foundation

- a) "Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined." Matt. 7:24-27

2) Jesus' Reaction to Peter's Confession of Faith. Matt. 16:13-19

- a) Simon Peter's Confession: "You (*Jesus*) are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
- b) Jesus' Response: "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock (*i.e. Peter's Confession*) I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

- *Peter's Confession that Jesus is the Messiah & Son of God is the Rock & Foundation of Christ's Church.*

- 3) Peter & Paul Identify Jesus Christ as Prophesied Rock
 - a) Paul's Testimony. ".....They (*Israel*) stumbled over the stone that causes stumbling, as it is written: 'Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion that will make people stumble and a rock that will make them fall, and whoever believes in him shall not be put to shame.'" Rom. 9:32-33
 - *Paul Declares the Prophesied Stone that Caused People to Stumble (Re: Isa. 28:16 & Isa. 8:14-15) is the Rock – Jesus Christ*
 - b) Peter's Testimony. "A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.' They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny." 1 Pet. 2:8
 - *Peter Declares the Prophesied Stone that Caused People to Stumble (Re: Isa. 8:14-15) is the Rock – Jesus Christ*

5. The True Vine

Prophetic Image of Israel as Lord's Vineyard and Israelites as its Vine(s).

- a. Prophecies of Lord's Vineyard
 - 1) Lord's Chastises Israel for Disloyalty, Unfaithfulness & Disobedience
 - a) "..... My friend (Lord) had a vineyard (Israel) on a fertile hillside (Promise Land); He spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines (*Lord Prepared Land & Planted Israel*); Within it he built a watchtower (*Lord Protected Israel*), and hewed out a wine press (*Lord Gave Israel the Means to Produce Good Works*). Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes (Wild Grapes are the Produce of Israel's Unfaithfulness to Lord & Disobedience to His Law). Now, I will let you know what I mean to do to my vineyard: Take away its hedge (*Lord Removes His Protection*), give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled (*Lord Allows Israel to be Destroyed by Pagan Nations*)! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it (*Lord Removes His Blessings*). The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his cherished plant; He looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice (*Righteousness*), but hark, the outcry!" Isa. 5:1-7
 - b) "Your own wickedness chastises you, your own infidelities punish you. Know then, and see, how evil and bitter is your forsaking the LORD, your God, And showing no fear of me, says the Lord, the GOD of hosts. Long ago you broke your yoke, you tore off your bonds. 'I will not serve (*Israel Rejects the Lord their God*),' you said. On every high hill, under every green tree, you gave yourself to harlotry (*Israel's Idolatry*). I had planted you, a choice vine of fully tested stock; How could you turn out obnoxious to me, a spurious vine? Though you scour it with soap, and use much lye, The stain of your guilt is still before me, says the Lord GOD." Jer. 2:19-22
 - c) "Israel is a luxuriant vine whose fruit matches its growth. The more abundant his fruit, the more altars he built; The more productive his land, the more sacred pillars he set up (*Idolatry Increases as Israel*

Prosper). Their heart is false, now they pay for their guilt; God shall break down their altars and destroy their sacred pillars (*Lord Will Purge Israel of Idolatry*). If they would say, ‘We have no king’— Since they do not fear the LORD (*Israel Rejects the Lord their King*), what can the king do for them? Nothing but make promises, swear false oaths, and make alliances, While justice (*Righteousness*) grows wild like wormwood in a plowed field!” Hos. 10:1-4

- 2) Psalmists Prayer for Lord’s Restoration of His Vineyard Psa. 80
 - a) Pleas for Restoration. “..... Shepherd of Israel (Lord God Almighty), listen, guide of the flock of Joseph! From your throne upon the cherubim reveal yourself (Cry for Lord’s Visitation) Stir up your power, come to save us. O LORD of hosts, restore us; Let your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.” (*Psa. 80:1-4*)
 - b) Acknowledges the Lord Planted & Husbanded His Vineyard. “You brought a vine (Israel) out of Egypt; you drove away the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground; it took root and filled the land. The mountains were covered by its shadow, the cedars of God by its branches. It sent out boughs as far as the sea, shoots as far as the river.” (*Psa. 80:9-12*)
 - c) Laments Over Lord’s Chastisement & Pleas for Mercy. “Why have you broken down the walls, so that all who pass by pluck its fruit?..... Turn again, LORD of hosts; look down from heaven and see; Attend to this vine, the shoot your right hand has planted.” (*Psa. 80:13-16*)
 - d) Petitions Lord to Send an Anointed Restorer. “Those who would burn or cut it down— may they perish at your rebuke. May your help be with the man at your right hand (*Promised Messiah*), with the one whom you once made strong. Then we will not withdraw from you; revive us, and we will call on your name. LORD of hosts, restore us; let your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.” (*Psa. 80:17-20*)
- 3) Lord’s Promise of Restoration. Nahum 2:1-3
 - a) “See, upon the mountains there advances the bearer of good news, announcing peace (Promise of Coming Messiah)! Celebrate your feasts, O Judah, fulfill your vows! The LORD will restore the vine of Jacob, the pride of Israel.....”
- b. Jesus Christ & Lord’s Vineyard
 - 1) Jesus Presents Kingdom of God as Vineyard
 - a) Parable of Laborers in Vineyard Matt. 20:1-16
 - *Jesus Uses Symbolism of Vineyard to Teach Kingdom Principle*
 - 2) Jesus Continues Lord’s Chastisement of Israel
 - a) Parable of the Tenants (See Section II.A.3.b.1). a) Above) Matt. 21:33-44; Mark 12:1-11; Luke 20:9-18
 - *Jesus Uses Symbolism of Vineyard to Confront Jewish Leaders Who Reject Him. He is the One Anointed to Restore Lord’s Vineyard. (Fulfilling Psa. 80:17-20)*
 - 3) Jesus Christ the True Vine – The True & Faithful Israelite John 15:1-8
 - a) “**I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of**

the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

- Jesus Christ is the Life Source of His Church
- “**Branches**” are God’s People (Church)
- “**Fruits**” are Peoples’ Produce – Faith & Good Works

b) *Jesus Christ Fulfills Prophecies Concerning Lord’s Vineyard: Where Israel was Disloyal, Unfaithful & Disobedient to the Lord their God, Incurring His Chastisement (Isa. 5:1-7, Jer. 2:19-22, Hos. 10:1-4); Jesus Christ is the Loyal, Faithful & Obedient Israelite, Qualifying Him as Israel’s Restorer.*

- *Reversing the Eternal Effects of the Lord’s Chastisement in Isaiah’s, Jeremiah’s and Hosea’s Prophecies, Providing the Way of Salvation for Israel (Natural “Branches” of Christ’s Vine)*
- *Answering Psalmist’s Prayer in Psalm 80*
- *Fulfilling Nahum’s Prophecy in Nahum 2:1-3*

c) Gentile Believers are Branches Grafted into Christ’s Vine
Rom. 11:11-24

6. Sun of Righteousness

- a. Prophecy: Coming of Messiah’s Messenger Mal. 3 [Mal. 3 & 4 KJV]
- 1) Heralding Messiah Mal. 3:1-4
 - a) The Lord’s Refiner. “But who will endure the day of his (*Messiah’s*) coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner’s fire, or like the fuller’s lye. He will sit refining and purifying (silver), and he will purify the sons of Levi (*Priests & Religious Authorities*), Refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD.” (*Mal. 3:2-3*)
 - b) The Lord’s Acceptable Sacrifice. “Then the sacrifice of Judah (*Messiah from Tribe of Judah*) and Jerusalem will please the LORD, as in days of old, as in years gone by.” (*Mal. 3:4*)
 - 2) Call to Repentance & Trust in Lord Mal. 3:5-19
 - a) Choose the Lord’s Mercy or Condemnation
 - 3) Revelation of the “Sun of Righteousness” Mal. 3:20-22
 - a) “But for you (*Repentant Believers*) who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays;.....” (*Mal. 3:20*)
 - b) “But unto you (*Repentant Believers*) that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings;.....” [*Mal 4:2 KJV*]
- c) *Poetic Picture of Healing Rays Emanating from Messiah Like Wings*
- b. Zechariah’s Prophecy Luke 1:67-79
- 1) Concerning His New Born Son – John the Baptist – Messiah’s Messenger

(Who Fulfills Malachi's Prophecy in Mal. 3:1)

- 2) Concerning Messiah – Jesus
 - a) “He (Lord) has raised up a horn for our salvation within the house of David (Jesus from House of David) his servant, even as he promised through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old” (Luke 1:69-70)
(Who Fulfills Malachi's Prophecy. Mal. 3:2-4)
- 3) Revelation of “Dayspring from on High”.
 - a) “And you, child (*John*), will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord (*Messiah Jesus*) to prepare his 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 (Sun of Righteousness Arises) 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*)
(Who Fulfills Malachi's Prophecy. Mal. 3:20-22)
- c. Jesus Christ is the Refiner, Sun of Righteousness & Daybreak from on High
 - 1) John the Baptist Proclaims Jesus is Messiah
Matt. 3:1-12; Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:1-18
 - a) John the Baptist's Call to Repentance Matt. 3:1-6
 - b) John Addresses Religious Authorities (*Spiritual Descendants of Levi*)
 - Rebukes them for being Unrepentant: “..... 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 (i.e. Fire that Destroys).” (*Matt. 3:8-10*)
 - “I (*John*) am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me (*Messiah Jesus*) is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He (Jesus Christ the Refiner) will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire (Purifying Fire).” (*Matt. 3:11*) (*Fulfilling Malachi's Prophecy in Mal. 3:2-3*)
 - “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 (Christ's Judgment: 'Wheat' are Repentant Peoples Receiving Mercy, 'Chaff' are Unrepentant Peoples Under Condemnation).” (*Matt. 3:12*)
(Fulfilling Malachi's Prophecy in Mal. 3:5-19)
 - 2) Jesus Christ is the Lord's Acceptable Sacrifice
 - a) John the Baptist (House of Aaron – Tribe of Levi) Declares Jesus the Lord's Acceptable Sacrifice (*Fulfilling Malachi's Prophecy. Mal. 3:4*)
 - “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. the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel.” John 1:29-31

7. The Perfect Man

Psa. 1:1-3

- a. “Happy those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked (*Advice & Counsel of Men*), Nor go the way of sinners, nor sit in company with scoffers. Rather, the law of the LORD is their joy (*Relies on Word of God*); God's law they

study day and night. They are like a tree planted near streams of water (*Symbol of Holy Spirit*), that yields its fruit (*Good Works*) in season; Its leaves never wither (*Symbol of Healing*); whatever they do prospers (*Successful Life*).”

(Jesus Christ Fulfills this Psalm – Becoming Our Example)

8. Christ & His Beloved Church Song of Songs
Poetic Portrayal of Christ as the Lover (Bridegroom) and His People (Church) as His Beloved (Bride).

EPILOG
FUTURE MESSIANIC PROPHECIES

This was a study of Jesus Christ's fulfillment of Old Testament Prophecies in His First Advent. There are many more Prophecies concerning His Second Advent, Kingdom and Reign that have yet to be fulfilled (See "*Messianic Kingdom*" Study), here is a sampling:

Example from Prophetic Books

Second Coming of Jesus Christ

Micah 1:2-4

"Hear, O peoples, all of you, give heed, O earth, and all that fills you!
Let the Lord GOD be witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple!
For see, the LORD comes forth from his place, he descends and treads upon the heights of the earth. The mountains melt under him and the valleys split open, Like wax before the fire, like water poured down a slope."

Christ's Kingdom

Micah 4:1-7

"In days to come the mount of the LORD'S house Shall be established higher than the mountains; it shall rise high above the hills, And peoples shall stream to it: Many nations shall come, and say, 'Come, let us climb the mount of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, That he may instruct us in his ways, that we may walk in his paths.' For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

"He shall judge between many peoples and impose terms on strong and distant nations; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. Every man shall sit under his own vine or under his own fig tree, undisturbed; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken."

"On that day, says the LORD, I will gather the lame, And I will assemble the outcasts, and those whom I have afflicted. I will make of the lame a remnant, and of those driven far off a strong nation; And the LORD shall be king over them on Mount Zion, from now on forever."

Example from Poetic Books

Psa. 98

"Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous deeds, Whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory. The LORD has made his victory known; has revealed his triumph for the nations to see, Has remembered faithful love toward the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God."

"Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth; break into song; sing praise. Sing praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy to the King, the LORD."

"Let the sea and what fills it resound, the world and those who dwell there. Let the rivers clap their hands, the mountains shout with them for joy, Before the LORD who comes, who comes to govern the earth, To govern the world with justice and the peoples with fairness."