

Learning from the Master

Jesus and Prophecy

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- I. Prophecies about Jesus**
- II. Prophecies by Jesus**

Messianic Prophecies

Prophecies of Jesus' birth

- To be born at Bethlehem (Micah 5:2; cp. John 7:41-42)
- To be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14)
- God to become man (Psalm 110:1, Isaiah 9:6)

Messianic Prophecies

Prophecies concerning his ministry

- To be heralded (Isaiah 40:3-5, Malachi 3:1, 4:5-6)
- To minister in Galilee (Isaiah 9:1-2)
- To be a wise counselor (Isaiah 9:6) and champion of the needy (Isaiah 11:1ff)
- To be the shepherd in the spirit of David (Ezekiel 34).
- To heal the sick (Isaiah 53:4)

Messianic Prophecies

Prophecies concerning his death

- To come into Jerusalem on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9)
- To be betrayed (Psalm 41:9)
- To be abandoned by his disciples (Zechariah 13:7)
- Lots to be cast for his clothes (Psalm 22:18)
- To be crucified (Psalm 22)
- To be pierced (Zechariah 12:10)
- To bear our sins on the cross (Isaiah 53)

Messianic Prophecies

Prophecies concerning his resurrection and ascension

- Divine rescue (Isaiah 53:11; Psalm 22:22-24)
- Physical resurrection (Psalm 16:10)
- To ascend to God and receive everlasting dominion (Daniel 7:13-14). In this last passage it is remarkable that the divine Judge is a human being (the resurrected and ascended Jesus).

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Messianic Prophecy: adapted from *The Quick Bible Overview* (March 2012)

The testaments are inextricably connected. The institutions of kingship, prophethood, and priesthood all point towards Christ. Christ (*Christos* in Greek) means Messiah (*Mashiach* in Hebrew), the anointed one. In the Old Testament, anointing was for prophets, priests, and kings. Scores of messianic chapters point to Jesus Christ, in all three divisions of the Hebrew Bible (e.g. Law: Genesis 3, 49; Deuteronomy 18; Prophets: 2 Samuel 7; Micah 5; Daniel 9; Isaiah 2,7,9,11,42,53,61; Ezekiel 34; Malachi 3-4; Writings: Psalms 2, 110; Daniel 9). Messianic prophecy was therefore heavily emphasized in the teaching of the early church (Acts 2:25-28, 2:34-35, 4:11, 4:25-26, 8:32-33, 13:33-35).

Messianic Prophecy

Of course the scriptures point to Jesus in different ways. Some passages only foreshadow the Christ. For example, in Genesis 22:1-18 are nine parallels between the sacrifice of Isaac and sacrifice of Jesus. Others passages, like Psalm 22, are not direct prophecies, but find deeper fulfillment in the events surrounding Jesus. And then there is strict prophecy, like Isaiah 52:13-53:12, which foretells that the Messiah would suffer before he triumphed.

Prophecies about Jesus

I. Davidic king

I. 2 Samuel 7:14

II. Micah 5:2-4

III. Ezekiel 34:23 + 34:11,14

Davidic King – 2 Samuel 7

“^{11b}The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:... I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of His Kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When He does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. ¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him... ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever Before me your throne will be established forever.”

Davidic King – Micah 5

² “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” ³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. ⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

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- II. Psalm 45:6 (Hebrews 1:8), 110:1
- III. Isaiah 7:14, 9:6

Deity – Psalm 45 / Hebrews 1

**Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your
kingdom.**

But about the Son he says,

**“Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your
kingdom.**

Deity – Isaiah 7, 9

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him **Immanuel.**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

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Prophecies about Jesus

III. Suffering servant

- I. Isaiah 52:13-53:12
- II. Acts 8:30-35
- III. 1QIsa^a

Suffering Servant – Isaiah 53

³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. ⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us

Suffering Servant – Isaiah 53

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ... cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished... it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer...the LORD makes his life an offering for sin... ¹¹ After he has suffered...my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities... he poured out his life unto death... For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Messianic Prophecy (*TQBO*)

This concept was especially difficult to grasp for the Jewish people, who focused on the prophetic images of the messiah as conquering king over the passages where he is a suffering servant. They tended to equate the coming of Messiah with the full appearance of the kingdom of God (John 6:15). Expecting glory, the Cross was not only counterintuitive, but seemingly unscriptural.

Messianic Prophecy

The New Testament makes it clear that the Lamb that was slain is none other than the Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5, 13:8). The cross and the crown are united.

Isaiah contains the greatest number of messianic texts, the most substantial of which is Isaiah 52:13-53:12.

Suffering Servant

There was a strand within Judaism that recognized the suffering of the Christ.

- In one of the Dead Sea Scrolls, an Aramaic targum by Jonathan ben Uzziel, a disciple of Hillel, we find “My servant Messiah.”
- The Babylonian Talmud says explicitly of the Messiah that “he bore our sickness.”
- Rashi, a French rabbi of the 11th century, was scolded by other rabbis for not applying this to the Messiah, but to Israel.

Suffering Servant

- 1. Isaiah 52:13-53:12**
- 2. Acts 8:30-35**
- 3. 1QIsa^a –100 years before Christ!**

Suffering Servant – Acts 8

²⁷... Ethiopian eunuch... had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” ³⁰Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. ³¹“How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading... “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture...

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Prophecies about Jesus

1. **Davidic King**
2. **Deity**
3. **Suffering Savior**

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Prophecies about Jesus

Q&A

Further study

- I.** *Compelling Evidence (2010)*
- II.** Hebrews CD set (2010)
- III.** *Your Bible Questions Answered (2011)*
- IV.** Evidences section of book table

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**Prophecies by Jesus – which
ones can you think of?**

Jesus' prophecies

- I.** D&R
- II.** FOJ
- III.** JOR

Jesus' prophecies – Death & Resurrection

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. – Mark 8:31-32

Jesus' prophecies

- I. D&R**
- II. FOJ**
- III. JOR**

Jesus' prophecies – Destruction of Jerusalem

Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings.² “Do you see all these things?” he asked. “Truly I tell you, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.” As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” ... Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. – Matthew 24:1-3,34

Jesus' prophecies – Destruction of Jerusalem

Matthew 24 (Mark 13, Luke 21)

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| Matthew 24:5 – false Messiahs | 15 – abomination |
| 6 – wars & rumors of war | 16-21 – escape from Jerusalem |
| 7 – famines & earthquakes | 24 – false Messiahs |
| 9 – persecution | 27 – judgment obvious |
| 10,12 – apostasy | 28 – vultures |
| 11 – false prophets | 29 – celestial events (Isa. 30:26) |
| 14 – gospel to Gentiles | 30 – Son comes in clouds (Isa. 19:1) |
| | 31 – gather elect |

Jesus' prophecies – Destruction of Jerusalem

First Jewish War, 66-73 AD. Fall of Jerusalem, 70 AD.

“Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” ...

Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away...

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father – Matthew 24:1-3,34, 36

Jesus' prophecies

- I.** D&R
- II.** FOJ
- III.** JOR

Jesus' prophecies – Judgment on Rome

Revelation 1:1-3

The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Jesus' prophecies

- I.** His death & resurrection
- II.** The fall of Jerusalem
- III.** The judgment on Rome

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