

Apologetics Outreach: Challenging the Secular

12. Who is Messiah



When Jesus was in Judea 2000 years ago, the Roman occupation was oppressive and the people felt helpless. They looked for hope, much in the same way today people look for hope. The popularity of the cartoon/TV series "Superman" had a super-human like individual from the planet krypton right the wrongs of evil doers. Superman had two identities one a Clark Kent a "mild mannered" newspaper reporter with glasses and the other as Superman. When needed, Clark would transform from reporter to Superman. The two identities were so dissimilar that friends of Clark such as Lois Lane who new both Clark and Superman could not make the connection that both Clark and Superman were the same person playing two different roles.

The need for Superman rescue dates back to the beginning of man himself. One of the more well known is the Greek man-god known Heracles (Hercules-Roman)

the son of Zeus and a mortal woman, who though fallible seeks to right injustice. Ultimately, its man's search for hope and meaning that leads him to search for a rescuer. We look for rescue, from the problems of life, sickness, injustice, poverty, hunger, war and death. The answer stems back to humanity's creation.

It was very good

After humankind was created on the 6th day, God saw everything was "very good".

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Genesis 1:31

Why so bad?

If everything was "very good", what is the Bible's explanation for the condition of the world, for all the misery and pain people go through? The condition of man goes back to choice. God did not create robots, which did not have "Free will", meaning they had the ability to choose for themselves the choices they made. At man's creation, they had a choice to "obey God" or "Not obey God". This choice was typified in the "Tree of Knowledge" at the Garden of Eden.

In the Garden of Eden man, choose to disobey God and listen to the Serpent, whom was Satan speaking through the animal, to Adam and Eve. The Serpent called God a liar, and urged them to disobey God, by eating of the forbidden fruit. They listened to Satan, a fallen being, and humanity fell when they choose to disobey God.

The Seed of the Women

What earlier God declared as "Very Good" became corrupted; sin entered the Human race along with death and misery. Humanity had fallen, without hope, but in mercy, God opened a door of hope for mankind, a promise of redemption. The "Seed of women" a "Son of Man" would bruise¹ the head of the Serpent and his offspring, "The wicked".

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head. And you shall bruise His heel." Genesis 3:15

¹ *ōd* shuph *shoof* A primitive root; properly to *gape*, that is, *snap* at; figuratively to *overwhelm*:—break, bruise, cover.

However, in this same verse we see the Serpent would bruise the "Heel" of the "Seed of the Women". The "Son of Man" the "Seed of the Women" would suffer the bite of the serpent at the heel. This is the first hint at the sufferings of the Messiah. Nevertheless, the "Son of Man", the seed of the Women, will vanquish or cover (Shoof...Hebrew) the Serpent/Satan.

This redemption is in the heart of all humanity. Man is looking and seeking redemption from the problems of this world.

Job one of the oldest books in the Bible, looked forward to his redemption in the latter years by a "Redeemer"²

25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;
26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God,
27 Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!
Job 19:25-27

Here Job speaks of a future day when even after his body is decayed, He would see his "Redeemer" with new eyes and be in new flesh. This would a final or last event on the earth. However, some questions may arise here. Is Job talking about a man or is he talking about God. Is God Jobs "Redeemer" or the "Son of Man", the "Redeemer"?

Who is the Messiah³?

The word for "Messiah comes from the Hebrew root word, "Msh" which to "touch lightly" or "rub with oil" This word is applied to Priests (Exodus 28:41), Kings (I Kings 19:16), and Prophets (I Samuel 12:5) who were chosen by God to accomplish specific tasks. In fact, the foreign King Cyrus of Persia is addressed as "Anointed".

"Thus says the Lord to His anointed, To Cyrus, whose right hand I have held-To subdue nations before him And loose the armor of kings, To open before him the double doors, So that the gates will not be shut:
Isaiah 45:1

Here Cyrus, chosen by God subdues the nations and he would later allow the exiles from Babylon return home and the Temple to be rebuilt. David calls Saul "the Lord's anointed" (I Samuel 24:6). Therefore, in one sense there are many anointed of the Lord, or messiahs People specifically chosen by God, to accomplish specific tasks. The term also has a very specific and individual meaning.

The Bible talks of a future King who will rule the Earth for eternity. This King is "Anointed" or chosen to fulfill this specific task. In Second Samuel 7, we have information about this individual's family line.

"since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the Lord tells you that He will make you a house.

12 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

14 "I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men.

15 "But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

16 "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."
2 Samuel 7:11-16

² i Tš gabal , gaw al ' A primitive root, to *redeem* (according to the Oriental law of kinship), that is, to *be the next of kin* (and as such to *buy back* a relative's property, *marry* his widow, etc.):— X in any wise, X at all, avenger, deliver, (do, perform the part of near, next) kinsfolk (-man), purchase, ransom, redeem (-er), revenger.

³ ~~ca-01~~ mšhšh maw shee' - akh From H4886; *anointed*; usually a *consecrated* person (as a king, priest, or saint); specifically the *Messiah*:—anointed, Messiah.

Here the prophet Nathan tells David that from his family line will come, a “*Son of Man*”, a “*Seed of the Women*” who will have the throne of David, and an eternal kingdom that will be established forever. This “*Son of Man*” would also be a “*Son of David*”, therefore this person will be “*Anointed*” or chosen by God for a specific purpose. This individual in Judaism is “*Messiah*”⁴ *Son of David*.

The Qualifications of Messiah

Beginning in the third chapter of Genesis we are given specific information about this coming, “*Seed of the Women*” through progressive revelation. With each qualification, the search narrows until the potential candidates become very narrow in scope.

For example, currently the population of the earth is 6.3 Billion people. If you were talking to some one without knowing anything about them except 3 items, could you find someone out of the 6.3 Billion? You could specify a *time*, *place* and *article of clothing*.

- *Time*: I will meet you on January 15th 2005 3:00 PM Jerusalem Time
- *Place*: At the Damascus Gate, Jerusalem
- *Description*: I will be wearing a Checkered Hat

By using, these 3 specific qualifiers we are able eliminate just about anybody from equation. Except for person who meet the qualifiers and the person who knew the qualifiers, everybody would be outside the loop on the meeting.

In this same manner through the prophets of Israel was the Messiah qualified. Specific information about Him, information spanning the generations of humankind. The Bible demonstrates its “*Supernatural source*” with “*Supernatural objective evidence*”. Evidence outside the scope of the natural realm is supernatural in nature.

⁵ Even from the beginning I have declared it to you; Before it came to pass I proclaimed it to you, Lest you should say, ‘My idol has done them, And my carved image and my molded image Have commanded them.’ Isaiah 48:5

⁹Remember the former things of old, For I *am* God, and *there is* no other; I *am* God, and *there is* none like Me, ¹⁰Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,’ Isaiah 46:9,10



Menorah taken by Roman soldiers after Temple's destruction in 70 AD

With “*Supernatural prophetic*” utterances has God has qualified His Messiah. Specific characteristics revealed between 1500 to 425 years before his birth, narrowed the search for God’s Chosen Messiah from the Billions born throughout the history of creation to just one person. The man Jesus Christ is the only person who ever lived who could fulfill the qualifications

- *His Sex*: “*Son of Man*” 50% of the population of those who have ever lived.
- *His place of Birth*: Bethlehem of Ephraim 99.9..999% of Humans born in the world eliminated.
- *His family line*: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Jesse,

David...99.99999999% eliminated

- *His time of death*: End of 483 Jewish Years following command to rebuild Jerusalem, March/April. (See 70 Weeks of Daniel Class 6)
- *Description of death*: Pierced, whipped, innocent of crime
- *Specific events*: After his death Temple destroyed and City destroyed

Through these qualifiers alone just about every human being, who ever lived is eliminated from the possibility of being the Messiah chosen by God, who was to be King, Judge and Priest over the Earth. **(SEE CHART BELOW)**

⁴ The term Messiah is the English form the correct spelling of the Hebrew pronunciation is moshiaich.

"And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And until the end of the war, desolations are determined. **Daniel 9:26**



Emperor Hadrian

Daniel 9 is dated at 539 BC

70 AD, The Temple was destroyed and 1,000,000 Jews were killed by the Romans.

135 AD during the reign of Hadrian, 580,000 Jews were killed and the city of Jerusalem destroyed and all Jews scattered from Judea, Jerusalem was renamed and Judea became Palestine.

If Jesus was Messiah, why was he killed?

If what was going to happen were so clear in the scripture why did Jesus die? Roman occupation of Judea dated from the time of Pompey, the Roman General who conquered Jerusalem in 63 BC. The Jewish people hated Rome and wanted deliverance. They looked to the coming of Messiah, The Son of David, would vanquish the armies of the world. In addition, Jerusalem would become the capital of the Earth according to the prophets.

In the Old Testament, there are several competing pictures of Messiah. He is seen as the Son of Man, and called Son of God. He is seen as Judge and King of the Earth while he is also seen as being a rejected servant and suffering. During the time of Roman occupation, Israel looked to coming of the Son of David who would rule the Earth. They did not look for a servant Messiah who was going to die. Jesus presented himself as the "Son of Man" who was going to suffer, this was contrary to the view of Messiah expected by Israel. Going back to the illustration of Clark Kent and Superman, Clark's friends could not make the connection between the two characters. One Messiah playing dual roles, "Suffering Servant" and "Conquering King" was not what was expected of whom the Messiah was going to be. This dual role will be unveiled at the end of time is hinted at in Isaiah 52:14, 15

14 Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men;

15 So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see. And what they had not heard they shall consider. Isaiah 52:14-15

The pictures of a "Suffering Messiah", "Conquering King", "Son of Man" and "Son of God" seem to be in conflict with each other. Jesus questioned the Pharisees about this conflict.

41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David."

43 He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying:

44 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool" '?

45 "If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?"

46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

Matthew 22:41-46

Later at his trial before the High Priest, this conflict to understand the "Son of Man" and "Son of God" is revealed. They could not understand the Messiah being both "Son of Man" and "Son of God".

63 But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!"

Once the judicial power was suppressed, the Sanhedrin ceased to be. Yes, the scepter was removed and Judah lost its royal or legal power. And the Jews knew it themselves! Woe unto us for the scepter has been taken from Judah and the Messiah has not appeared!
.....The Talmud

64 Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

65 Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! Matthew 26: 63-65

The solution to this conflict can be resolved in understand the "First" and "Second" Coming of Messiah/Christ. Jesus came the first time to die for the sins of the world the second time he comes, he will come to judge the world. The Pharisee at the time of Christ could not reconcile these two conflicting roles.

Messiah Son of Joseph

To solve this problem of conflicting pictures Judaism has arrived at the conclusion that there are two Messiah coming. One is "*Messiah Son of Joseph*" and the other "*Messiah Son of David*" According to Raphael Patai, Jewish author and Bible Scholar, he writes,⁵

Scholars have repeatedly speculated about the origin of the Messiah ben Joseph legend and the curious fact that the Messiah figure has thus been split in two. It would seem that in the early legend, the death of the Messiah was envisaged, perhaps as a development of the Suffering Servant motif. A prophecy of Daniel, written about 164 B.C.E., is the earliest source speaking of the death of a Mashiah ("Anointed") sixty-two (prophetic) weeks after his coming and after the return and rebuilding of Jerusalem (Dan. 9:24-26 see chapter 1).

When the death of the Messiah became an established tenet in Talmudic times, this was felt to be irreconcilable with the belief in the Messiah as the Redeemer who would usher in the blissful millennium of the Messianic age. The dilemma was solved by splitting the person of the Messiah in two: one of them called, Messiah ben Joseph, was to raise the armies of Israel against their enemies, and after many victories and miracles, would fall victim to God and Magog. The other Messiah ben David, will come after him (in some legends will bring him back to life, which psychologically hints at the identity of the two), and will lead Israel to the ultimate victory, the triumph, and the Messianic era of bliss.⁶

One Messiah, Two Pictures

This Messiah will be one person with two roles. His first coming was to Redeem mankind from their sins through his sacrificial death as the prophet Isaiah reveals (Isaiah 52:12-53:13). His second coming will be to judge a disobedient and sinful world, "To crush the head of the serpent". These dual roles are revealed in Zechariah 12:10-12. The one, "Pierced" is mourned over by the land of Israel as He returns to rescue Israel from the nations surrounding her and bent on her destruction (Zechariah 12:3,9).

10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

11 "In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

12 "And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; Zechariah 12:10-12

The Rabbis also see this verse as referring to the Messiah, except they describe the one "Pierced" as "Messiah bar (son) Joseph", who will be killed and then brought back to life by "Messiah bar David" after the battle of Gog and Magog.

And the land shall mourn (Zech. 12:12). What is the reason of this mourning? R. Dosa and the rabbis differ about it. R. Dosa says: "[They will mourn] over Messiah who will be slain," and the rabbis say: "[They will mourn] over the Evil Inclination which will be killed [in the days of the Messiah]...." (B. Suk. 52a)⁷

The rabbis have taught: The Holy One, blessed be He, will say to Messiah ben David, may he be revealed soon in our days!: "Ask of Me anything, and I shall give it to you ,for it is written, *The Lord said unto me, Thou art My son, this day have I begotten thee, ask of Me and I will give thee the nations for thy inheritance* (Ps. 2:7-8). And when he will see that

⁵ Raphael Patai, does comes from an anti-supernatural perspective. He does not believe the Bible is the Word of God. He is quoted to demonstrate a non-biased view of the two aspects of Messiah in scripture.

⁶ The Messiah Texts, Raphael Patai, 1979, Wayne State University Press, pg. 166

⁷ *ibid*, 167

Messiah ben Joseph will be slain, he will say before Him: "Master of the World! I ask nothing of you except life!" God will say to him: "Even before you said, 'life,' your father David prophesied about you, as it is written, He asked life of Three, Thou gavest it him (Ps. 21:5)." (B. Suk 52a)

The Suffering Servant

The most vivid picture of the "Suffering Servant" Messiah is in the Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12 Specific qualifiers give details about an individual who will be "Very high" but first he will be marred.

He will be God's servant.

- My Servant (Is. 52:13)
- My righteous Servant (Is. 53:11)

He will be exalted in the Earth

- He shall be: exalted (Is 52:13)
- extolled (Is 52:13)
- Very high. (Is 52:13)
- He sprinkle many nations (Is. 52:15)
- Kings shall shut their mouths at Him (Is. 52:15)

He will be beaten physically

- His visage was marred more than any man
- His form more than the sons of men

His identity will be revealed to certain people

- Who has believed our report? (Is.53:1)
- to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? (Is. 53:1)

His true identity is hidden

- many were astonished at you (Is.52.14)
- what had not been told them they shall see (52.15)
- what they had not heard they shall consider (52:15)

He will be rejected and despised by the people

- He is despised and rejected by men (Is 53:3)
- He was despised, and (Is 53:3)
- We did not esteem Him. (53:3)
- we hid, as it were, our faces from Him (Is 53:3)

He will be a Man, a descendent of the human race.

- A Man of sorrows (Is 53:3)

He will suffer at the will of God.

- sorrows and acquainted with grief (Is 53:3)
- He was oppressed (Is 53:7)
- He was afflicted (Is 53:7)
- Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him (Is 53:10)

We are told how this individual we intercede on our behalf.

- He has borne our griefs (Is. 53:4)
- And carried our sorrows (Is. 53:4)
- He was wounded for our transgressions, (Is 53:5)
- He was bruised for our iniquities; (Is 53:5)
- The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, (Is 53:5)
- By His stripes we are healed. (Is 53:5)
- The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. (Is. 53:6)
- He bore the sin of many, (Is 53:12)
- And made intercession for the transgressors. (Is. 53:12)

He will also die.

- For He was cut off from the land (Is. 53:8)
- they made His grave with the wicked (Is 53:9)
- the rich at His death (Is. 53:9)
- He poured out His soul unto death, (Is 53:12)

He will die with the wicked

- they made His grave with the wicked (Is 53:9)

He will be buried with the rich

- the rich at His death (Is. 53:9)

He will be Righteous and Sinless

- He had done no violence (Is. 53:9)
- Nor was any deceit in His mouth. (Is. 53:9)
- My righteous Servant shall justify many (Is. 53:11)

He will be rewarded

- I will divide Him a portion with the great (Is. 53:12)

He will reward

- He shall divide the spoil with the strong (Is 53:12)

The qualifiers that describe this individual is a picture of Jesus Christ, 700-years before his birth in the book of Isaiah. They describe his ministry, his reason for coming, what will happen to Him when he comes as well as what is in store for those who trust Him.

Bible Verse	Messiah as Sufferer/Servant	Messiah as Son of Man	Messiah as Judge and King	Messiah as Son of God
<p>Isaiah 52:13-15 ¹³Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. ¹⁴Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; ¹⁵So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider. Isaiah 53 ¹Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, <i>There is no beauty that we should desire Him.</i> ³He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, <i>our faces</i> from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But He <i>was</i> wounded for our transgressions, <i>He was</i> bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace <i>was</i> upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. ⁸He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. ⁹And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor <i>was any</i> deceit in His mouth. ¹⁰Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put <i>Him</i> to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see <i>His</i> seed, He shall prolong <i>His</i> days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. ¹¹He shall see the labor of His soul, <i>and</i> be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.</p>	<p>My Servant shall deal prudently; many were astonished at you His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant He has no form or comeliness no beauty ³He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. despised, and we did not esteem Him wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace <i>was</i> upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. ⁹And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death, He poured out His soul unto death, He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many,</p>	<p>what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.</p>	<p>He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong,</p>	<p>And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?</p>

<p>¹²Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.</p>				
<p>Psalm 2 ¹Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? ²The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, <i>saying</i>, ³"Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." ⁴He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. ⁵Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: ⁶"Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." ⁷"I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You <i>are</i> My Son, Today I have begotten You. ⁸Ask of Me, and I will give <i>You</i> The nations <i>for</i> Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth <i>for</i> Your possession. ⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel." ¹⁰Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. ¹¹Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. ¹²Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish <i>in</i> the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed <i>are</i> all those who put their trust in Him.</p>	<p>The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed,</p>		<p>"Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." I will give <i>You</i> The nations <i>for</i> Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth <i>for</i> Your possession. Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. ¹¹Serve the LORD with fear,</p>	<p>The LORD has said to Me, 'You <i>are</i> My Son, Today I have begotten You. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish <i>in</i> the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed <i>are</i> all those who put their trust in Him.</p>
<p>Daniel 7:13-14 ¹³I was watching in the night visions, And behold, <i>One</i> like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. ¹⁴Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion <i>is</i> an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom <i>the one</i> Which shall not be destroyed.</p>		<p><i>One</i> like the Son of Man</p>	<p>Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, His dominion <i>is</i> an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom <i>the one</i> Which shall not be destroyed.</p>	<p>all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.</p>
<p>Micah 5:1-2 ¹Now gather yourself in troops, O daughter of troops; He has laid siege against us; They will strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek. ²But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, <i>Though</i> you are little among the thousands of Judah, <i>Yet</i> out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth <i>are</i> from of old, From everlasting."</p>	<p>They will strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek.</p>	<p>²But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, <i>Though</i> you are little among the thousands of Judah, <i>Yet</i> out of you shall come forth to Me</p>	<p>The One to be Ruler in Israel,</p>	<p>Whose goings forth <i>are</i> from of old, From everlasting."</p>
<p>Malachi 3:1-3 "Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts.</p>			<p>³He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver,</p>	<p>he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,"</p>

<p>2*But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderers' soap. 3He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.</p>				<p>who can endure the day of His coming?</p>
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Prophecy	Fulfillment	Notes
<p>1. Born of the Seed of Woman Genesis 3:15 ¹⁵And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed: He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."</p>	<p>⁴But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Galatians 4:4</p>	
<p>2. Born of a Virgin Isaiah 7:14 ¹⁴Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.</p>	<p>She was found with child of the Holy Spirit... Then Joseph... did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus. Matthew 1:18,24,25</p>	<p>The Hebrew word translated for virgin is אַיִתּוּלָה al mab and means "Young Maiden". The more common word for virgin is <i>bethulah</i>. The Septuagint translates almah here as virgin (parthenos) a young maiden was equivalent to a virgin.</p>
<p>3. Son of God Psalm 2:7 (2 Samuel 7:12-16, I Chr. 17:11-14) ⁷"I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.</p>	<p>And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" Matthew 3:17 (See Also Matt. 16:16; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35; 22:70, Acts 13:30-33, John 1:34,49)</p>	
<p>4. Seed of Abraham Genesis 22:18 ¹⁸In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice." ¹⁸In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."</p>	<p>Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. Galatians 3:16 (See also Matthew 1:1 and Luke 3:34)</p>	<p>There are two genealogies in the New Testament; Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38. Matthew is Joseph's line and demonstrated through Joseph, Jesus was of the royal line of David from Abraham. Luke showed the line of Mary from which Jesus came into the world. She was also descendent of Abraham and David.</p>
<p>5. Son of Isaac Genesis 21:12 ¹²But God said to Abraham, "Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called.</p>	<p>Jesus....the son of Isaac Luke 3:23,34</p>	
<p>6. Son of Jacob Numbers 24:17 ¹⁷"I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel, And batter the brow of Moab, And destroy all the sons of tumult.</p>	<p>Jesus.....the son of Jacob Luke 3:23, 34</p>	<p>Targum Jonathan and Targum Onkelos both relate this verse as referring to the coming of Messiah. Bar Kockba (135 AD) the leader of the Jewish revolt during the time of Hadrian was viewed as Messiah. He was called the "The Son of the Star" because they felt through him they would utterly destroy Rome's armies.</p>
<p>7. Tribe of Judah Genesis 49:10 ¹⁰The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him <i>shall be</i> the obedience of the people.</p>	<p>Jesus.....the son of Judah Luke 3:23, 33</p>	<p>Targum Jonathan and Targum Pseudo Jonathanon both view this as referring to the coming of the Messiah. "How beauteous is the King, and Meshisha who will arise form the house of Jehuda" ...Targum Jonathan.</p>

<p>8. Family Line of Jesse Isaiah 11:1</p> <p>¹There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.</p>	<p>Jesus...the son of Jesse Luke 3:23, 32</p>	<p>Targum Isaiah states "And a King shall come forth from the sons of Jesse, and an Anointed One (or Messiah) from his son's son shall grow up."</p>
<p>9. House of David Jeremiah 23:5</p> <p>⁵"Behold, <i>the days are coming</i>," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.</p>	<p>Jesus...the son of David.... Luke 3:23,31 (See also Matt. 1:1,9:27; 15:22; 20:30,31;21:9,15; 22:41-46; Mark 9:10;10:47,48; Luke 18:38,39; Acts 13:22,23; Rev. 22:16)</p>	<p>There are two pictures of Messiah, that are seen in the traditional writings of Judaism Messiah "Son of David" and Messiah "Son of Joseph". The "Son of David" is seen as the conquering Messiah while Joseph is seen as the suffering or dying Messiah.</p>
<p>10. Born at Bethlehem Micah 5:2</p> <p>²"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, <i>Though</i> you are little among the thousands of Judah, <i>Yet</i> out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth <i>are</i> from of old, From everlasting."</p>	<p>Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea Matthew 2:1</p>	
<p>11. Time of Messiah Death foretold Daniel 9:25</p> <p>²⁵"Know therefore and understand, <i>That</i> from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, <i>There shall be</i> seven weeks and sixty-two weeks;</p>	<p>¹Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, <i>that</i> He said to His disciples, ²"You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified." Matthew 26:1</p>	<p>The 70 weeks of Daniel foretold the Messiah would be rejected during the month of Passover 483 Jewish years from the command to rebuild Jerusalem in Nehemiah 2:8 which took place in the month of Passover, Nisan in 444 BC. 483 Jewish years from that date was Passover 33 AD.</p>
<p>12. Herod kills Children Jeremiah 31:15</p> <p>¹⁵Thus says the LORD: "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation <i>and</i> bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted for her children, Because they <i>are</i> no more."</p>	<p>¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Matthew 2:16</p>	<p>Jeremiah 31 to 33 is Messianic in nature foretelling the establishment of the New Covenant with Israel's descendents in Jer. 31:31. Rachel weeping was a result of Israel's apparent destruction. The children of Bethlehem were killed to prevent the Messiah from living.</p>
<p>13. His Pre-Existence Micah 5:2</p> <p>²"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, <i>Though</i> you are little among the thousands of Judah, <i>Yet</i> out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth <i>are</i> from of old, From everlasting."</p>	<p>⁵⁷Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." John 8:57-58</p>	<p>The concept of the Messiah Pre-existence is common Jewish belief."You find that at the beginning of the creation of the world King Messiah was born [and] that he emerged in the thought [of G-d] even before the world was created.--Pesiqta Rabbati, page 152b</p>
<p>14. He Shall be Called Lord Psalm 110:1</p> <p>¹The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."</p>	<p>⁴³He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him '<i>Lord</i>,' saying: ⁴⁴<i>'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"?'</i> ⁴⁵If David then calls Him '<i>Lord</i>,' how is He his Son?" ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore. Matthew 22:43-45</p>	<p>The Midrash Tehillim, commentary on Psalms, 200-500 AD, on Psalm 21:1 says: "God calls King Messiah by His own name. But what is His name? Answer; Jehovah is a man of war"⁸</p>
<p>15. Shall be Immanuel Isaiah 7:14</p> <p>¹⁴Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call</p>	<p>²³<i>"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,"</i> which is translated, "God with us." Matthew 1:23</p>	

⁸ New Evidence that Demands a Verdict, Josh McDowell, Pg. 176, Thomas Nelson Publishers 1999

His name Immanuel.		
16. Shall be a Prophet Deuteronomy 18:18 ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.	¹⁸ So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee." Matthew 21:11	The Messiah will be a prophet, as well as King. The Jewish scholar Maimonides, in writing a letter to the community of Yemen, denounces a purporter of the Messiahship by writing: "The Messiah will be a very great prophet, greater than all the Prophets with the exception of Moses our teacher" ⁹
17. Priest Psalm 110:4 ⁴ The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You <i>are</i> a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."	¹ Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, Hebrews 3:1 (See also Heb. 5:5,6)	
18. Judge Isaiah 33:22 ²² (For the LORD <i>is</i> our Judge, The LORD <i>is</i> our Lawgiver, The LORD <i>is</i> our King; He will save us);	³⁰ I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me. John 5:30 (See also 2 Tim. 4:1)	
19. King Psalm 2:6 ⁶ "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion. (See also Jer 23:5, Zech 9:9)	³⁷ And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. Matthew 27:37 (See also Matt. 21:5; John 18:33-38)	
20. Special Anointing of Holy Spirit Isaiah 11:2 ² The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. (See also Ps. 45:7, Is 42:1, 61:1, 2)	¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice <i>came</i> from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:16, 17	The <i>Babylonian Talmud, the Sanhedrin II</i> says, "The Messiah—as it is written, And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge of the fear of the Lord."
21. His Zeal for God Psalm 69:9 ⁹ Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.	¹⁵ When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. ¹⁶ And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" John 2:15, 16	
Prophecies Concerning His Ministry		
22. Preceded by Messenger Isaiah 40:3 ³ The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD: Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. (See also Mal 3:1)	¹ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: <i>"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.'"</i> Matthew 3:1-3, (See also Matt 11:10, John 1:23, Luke 1:17)	
23. Ministry to Begin in Galilee Isaiah 9:1 ¹ Nevertheless the gloom <i>will not be</i> upon her who <i>is</i> distressed, As when at first He lightly esteemed The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, And afterward more heavily oppressed <i>her</i> , By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles.	¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,... ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:12, 13, 17	

⁹ Ibid, Pg. 177

<p>24. Ministry of Miracles Isaiah 35:5,6 ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert. (See also Is. 32:3,4)</p>	<p>³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. Matthew 9:35 (See also Matt 9:32,33; 11:4-6, Mark 7:33-35; John 5:5-9; 9:6-11; 11:43,44,47)</p>	
<p>25. Teacher of Parables Psalm 78:2 ²I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old,</p>	<p>³⁴All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, ³⁵that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: Matthew 13:34</p>	
<p>26. He was to Enter the Temple Malachi 3:1 ¹"Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,"</p>	<p>¹²Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves Matthew 21:12</p>	
<p>27. His Was to Enter Jerusalem on a Donkey Zechariah 9:9 ⁹"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.</p>	<p>³⁵Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. ³⁶And as He went, <i>many</i> spread their clothes on the road. ³⁷Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, Luke 19:35-37</p>	
<p>28. Stone of Stumbling to Jews Psalm 118:2 ²²The stone <i>which</i> the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. (See also Is. 8:14, 28:1)</p>	<p>⁷Therefore, to you who believe, <i>He is</i> precious; but to those who are disobedient, <i>"The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"</i> I Peter 2:7</p>	
<p>29. Light to Gentiles Isaiah 60:3 ³The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. (Is. 49:6)</p>	<p>⁴⁷For so the Lord has commanded us: <i>"I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth."</i> ⁴⁸Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. Acts 13:47,48</p>	
Prophecies Concerning Events after His Burial		
<p>30. Resurrection Psalm 16:10 ¹⁰For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. ¹¹You will show me the path of life;</p>	<p>³¹he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. Acts 2:31 (See also Matt 28:6; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:46; Acts 13:33)</p>	
<p>31. Ascension Psalm 68:18 ¹⁸You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts among men, Even <i>from</i> the rebellious, That the LORD God might dwell <i>there</i>.</p>	<p>⁹Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. Acts 1:9</p>	

<p>32. Seated at the Right Hand of God Psalm 110:1 ¹The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”</p>	<p>³who being the brightness of <i>His</i> glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, Hebrews 1:3 (See also Mark 16:19; Acts 2:34-35)</p>	
Prophecies Fulfilled in One Day		
<p>33. Betrayed by a Friend ⁹Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up <i>his</i> heel against me. (See also Psalm 55:12-14)</p>	<p>⁴Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. Matthew 10:4 See also Matt. 26:49-50, John 13:21)</p>	
<p>34. Sold for Thirty Pieces of Silver Zechariah 11:12 ¹²Then I said to them, “If it is agreeable to you, give <i>me</i> my wages; and if not, refrain.” So they weighed out for my wages thirty <i>pieces</i> of silver.</p>	<p>¹⁵and said, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?” And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. Matthew 26:15</p>	
<p>35. Money to be thrown into God’s House Zechariah 11:13 ¹³And the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty <i>pieces</i> of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter.</p>	<p>⁵Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself. Matthew 27:5</p>	
<p>36. Price given for Potter’s Field Zechariah 11:13 ¹³And the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty <i>pieces</i> of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter.</p>	<p>⁷And they consulted together and bought with them the potter’s field, to bury strangers in. ⁸Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Matthew 27:7-8</p>	
<p>37. Forsaken by His Disciples Zechariah 13:7 ⁷ “Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion,” Says the LORD of hosts. “Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.</p>	<p>⁵⁰Then they all forsook Him and fled. Mark 14:50</p>	
<p>38. Accused by False Witnesses Psalm 35:11 ¹¹Fierce witnesses rise up; They ask me <i>things</i> that I do not know.</p>	<p>⁵⁹Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, ⁶⁰but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. Matthew 26:59,60</p>	
<p>39. Silent before Accusers Isaiah 53:7 ⁷He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.</p>	<p>¹²And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. Matthew 27:12</p>	
<p>40. Wounded and Bruised Isaiah 53:5 ⁵But He <i>was</i> wounded for our transgressions, <i>He was</i> bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace <i>was</i> upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. (See also Zech 13:6)</p>	<p>²⁶Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered <i>Him</i> to be crucified. Matthew 27:26</p>	
<p>41. Smitten and Spit Upon Isaiah 50:6 ⁶I gave My back to those who struck <i>Me</i>, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. (See also Micah 5:1)</p>	<p>⁶⁷Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck <i>Him</i> with the palms of their hands, ⁶⁸saying, “Prophesy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?” Matthew 26:67 (See also Luke 22:63)</p>	

<p>42. Mocked Psalm 22:7,8 ⁷All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, <i>saying</i>, ⁸"He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"</p>	<p>²⁹When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put <i>it</i> on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Matthew 27:29 (See also Matt. 27:41-43)</p>	
<p>43. Fell under the Cross Psalm 109:25,25 ²⁴My knees are weak through fasting, And my flesh is feeble from lack of fatness. ²⁵I also have become a reproach to them; <i>When they look at me, they shake their heads.</i></p>	<p>¹⁷And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called <i>the Place</i> of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, John 19:17 ²⁶Now as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear <i>it</i> after Jesus. Luke 23:26 (See also Matt. 27:31,32)</p>	
<p>44. Hands and Feet Pierced Psalm 22:18 ¹⁶For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;</p>	<p>³³And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. Luke 23:33 (See also John 20:25)</p>	
<p>45. Crucified with Thieves Isaiah 53:12 ¹²Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.</p>	<p>³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left. Matthew 27:38 (See also Mark 15:27-28)</p>	
<p>46. Made Intercession for His Persecutors Isaiah 53:12 ¹²Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.</p>	<p>³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." Luke 23:34</p>	
<p>47. Rejected by His own people Isaiah 53:3 ³He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, <i>our</i> faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. (See Also Ps. 69:8, 118:22)</p>	<p>⁵For even His brothers did not believe in Him. ⁴⁸Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? John 7:5,48</p>	
<p>48. Hated without a Cause Psalm 69:4 ⁴Those who hate me without a cause Are more than the hairs of my head; They are mighty who would destroy me, <i>Being my enemies wrongfully;</i> Though I have stolen nothing, I <i>still</i> must restore <i>it</i>. (See Also Is. 49:7)</p>	<p>²⁵But <i>this happened</i> that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, '<i>They hated Me without a cause.</i>' John 15:25</p>	
<p>49. His Zeal for God Psalm 38:11 ¹¹My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague, And my relatives stand afar off.</p>	<p>⁴⁹But all His acquaintances, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. Luke 23:49 (See also Matt. 27:55,56 Mark 15:40)</p>	
<p>50. People Shook Their Heads Psalm 109:25 ²⁵ I also have become a reproach to them; <i>When they look at me, they shake their heads.</i></p>	<p>³⁹And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads Matthew 27:39</p>	

(See Also Ps. 22:7)		
51. Stared Upon Psalm 22:17 ¹⁷ I can count all My bones. They look <i>and</i> stare at Me.	³⁵ And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God." Luke 23:35	
52. Garments Parted and Lots Cast Psalm 22:18 ¹⁸ They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.	²³ Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. ²⁴ They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things. John 19:23,24	
53. To Suffer Thirst Psalm 69:21 ²¹ They also gave me gall for my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.	²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" John 19:28	
54. Gall and Vinegar Offered to Him Psalm 69:21 ²¹ They also gave me gall for my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.	³⁴ they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted <i>it</i> , He would not drink. Matthew 27:34 See also John 19:28,29	
55. His Forsaken Cry Psalm 22:1 ¹ My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? <i>Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?</i>	⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, " <i>My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?</i> " Matthew 27:46	
56. Committed Himself to God Psalm 31:5 ⁵ Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.	⁴⁶ And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, <i>'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'</i> " Having said this, He breathed His last. Luke 23:46	
57. Bones not Broken Psalm 34:20 ²⁰ He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken.	³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. John 19:33	
58. Heartbroken Psalm 22:14 ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.	³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. John 19:34	
59. His Side Pierced Zechariah 12:10 They will look on Me whom they pierced	³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. John 19:34	
60. Darkness over the Land Amos 8:9 ⁹ "And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord GOD, "That I will make the sun go down at noon, And I will darken the earth in broad daylight;"	⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. Matthew 27:45	
61. Buried in a Rich Man's Tomb Isaiah 53:9 ⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence,	⁵⁷ Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the	

Nor <i>was any</i> deceit in His mouth.	body to be given to him. ⁵⁹ When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰ and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. Matthew 27:57-60	
62. Temple destroyed after death of Messiah Daniel 9:26 ²⁶ “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it <i>shall be</i> with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.	¹ Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. ² And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not <i>one</i> stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” Matthew 24:1-2	
63. City destroyed after death of Messiah Daniel 9:26 ²⁶ “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it <i>shall be</i> with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.		
64. His Zeal for God		

Conclusion

Jesus Christ is the only person in history who lived who could fulfill the requirements of the Messiah. He suffered and died as scripture required of the Messiah, and this suffering Messiah is pictured as returning in glory and power as scripture also demonstrates. The reason Israel, could not see the Messiah in Jesus is because the “Suffering Messiah” was hidden from their view of scripture. The Messiah needed to die to pay for the sins of the world and redeem humanity from their fallen state.