

List of Messianic Prophecies

1. The Messiah would be born from the Seed of the Woman (and not the man)

Hebrew Scriptures : Genesis 3:15 *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.*”

New Covenant Fulfillment : Luke 1:26-35 *Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!” But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?” And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.*

Additional Comments: This is the very first Messianic prophecy of Scripture. Of particular interest here is the unique genealogical ancestry... the Messiah’s lineage would come through the woman (her Seed) instead of the man. The fact that the Messiah’s birth comes through a human being (the woman), brings out the humanity of the Messiah. The fact that there is no human Father, but rather the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35) dictates the divine nature of the Messiah. This prophecy highlights the ultimate war between the Messiah and Satan. The Messiah will be victorious by crushing Satan’s head, yet He would also endure suffering (Messiah’ heel would be bruised) in His triumph. How did the rabbis consider this prophecy? We bring two comments here in an effort to substantiate that this prophecy was seen by some Jewish commentators as Messianic in nature. Here are two references:

Rabbi David Kimchi: As Thou wentest forth for the salvation of Thy people by the hand of The Messiah the Son of David, who shall wound Satan, the head, the king and prince of the house of the wicked.¹

Midrash Rabbah(23): Rabbi Tanchuma said in the name of Rabbi Samuel, Eve has respect to that Seed which is coming from another place. And who is this? This is the Messiah, the King.²

2. The Messiah would be born of a virgin (Supernatural Birth)

Hebrew Scriptures : Isaiah 7:14: *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.*

New Covenant Fulfillment: Matthew 1:20-23 *But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. [21] She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” [22] All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: [23] “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” –which means, “God with us.”*

Additional Comments: Isaiah 7:14 is probably one of the **most controversial** passages of Scripture. What has taken center stage in this prophecy is the use of the word *Almah*. The typical Jewish argument is that *Almah* should not have been used to describe virgin, since the word *Betulah* is exclusive for virgin. Scripture would argue against this since, in Joel 1:8, *Betulah* is referencing a widow (a married woman who lost who husband). In another Scripture, Genesis 24:16, the word *Betulah* is used to describe Rebekah. However in this passage, the word *Betulah* is followed by a qualifying statement, that *she did not know a man*. Why would *Betulah* need any further explanation if this word meant exclusively *virgin*? Also, it should be pointed out that the Septuagint (a Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures), written by Jews, and written some 200 years before Jesus, translated the word *virgin* in Isaiah 7:14 as *parthenos* which in the Greek means virgin. Another interesting point to add here is this: The famed rabbi Rashi himself understood *Almah* from Isiah 7:14 to mean “a younger girl, incapable of giving birth” (Rabbi A.J. Rosenberg, *Judaica Press Complete Tanach with Rashi*, CD-ROM ed., Davka Corporation and Judaica Press, 1999). It is interesting that this rendering leads us to assume some sort of supernatural birth, albeit not the virgin birth, but the presence of the supernatural element is there.

3. The Messiah would come from the House of Judah

Hebrew Scriptures : Genesis 49:10 *“The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.*

New Covenant Fulfillment: Matthew 1: 1-2 *A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son [descendant] of David, the son of Abraham: [2] Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.*

Additional Comment: This verse has been consistently regarded by the rabbis as being messianic. The rabbis have also attributed the name “Shiloh” to the Messiah. This prophecy confirms the timing of Messiah’s first coming. The scepter (or kingship) of the House of David would not depart from Judah until Shiloh (Messiah) comes. This means that Messiah needed to come before the genealogical records of tribal identity were destroyed. He would have had to come before 70AD. After that tribal; recorded would have disappeared.

4. From The Root & Stump of Jesse

Hebrew Scriptures : Isaiah 11:10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious. 700 B.C. Isaiah 11:1-5 [1] A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. [2] The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him– the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD– [3] and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; [4] but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. [5] Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. 700 B.C.

New Covenant Fulfillment: Romans 15:12 And again, Isaiah says, “The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him.”

Matthew 1:1-2a, 5-6, 16 [1] A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham: [2] Abraham was the father of Isaac, ... [5] ... Obed the father of Jesse, [6] and Jesse the father of King David. [16] and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

5. From The House of David

Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 16:5 In love a throne will be established; in faithfulness a man will sit on it—one from the house of David—one who in judging seeks justice and speeds the cause of righteousness. 700 B.C.

New Covenant Fulfillment: Matthew 1:1-2A, 6, 16 [1] A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham: [2] Abraham was the father of Isaac, ... [6] and Jesse the father of King David. [16] and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

6. Born in Bethlehem Ephrathah

Hebrew Scriptures: 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. 700 B.C.

New Covenant Fulfillment: Matthew 2:1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem.

7. From Nazareth of Galilee

Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 9:1-2 [1] Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan — [2] The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. 700 B.C.

New Covenant Fulfillment: Matthew 2:22-23 [22] But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, [23] and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: “He will be called a Nazarene.” Matthew 4:13-16 [13] Leaving Nazareth, he [Jesus] went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— [14] to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: [15] “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — [16] the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

8. His Birth Would Trigger a Massacre of Infant Boys

Hebrew Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:15 This is what the LORD says: “A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because her children are no more.” 625 B.C.

New Covenant Fulfillment: Matthew 2:16-18 [16] When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. [17] Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: [18] “A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

9. Come Out of Egypt

Hebrew Scriptures: Hosea 11:1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. 725 B.C.

New Covenant Fulfillment: Matthew 2:14-15 [14] So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, [15] where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

10. Mission Would Include the Gentiles

Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 29:18 In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see. 700 B.C. Isaiah 35:5-6a [5] Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. [6a] Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. 700 B.C.

New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 7:20-22 [20] When the men came to Jesus, they said, “John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?’ ” [21] At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. [22] So he replied to the messengers, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.”

11. Ministry Would Include Miraculous Healings

Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 61:1-2 [1] The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, [2] to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 700 B.C.

New Covenant Fulfillment: Luke 4:16-21 [16] He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. [17] The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: [18] “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, [19] to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” [20] Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, [21] and he began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

12. Ministry Would Deliver Spiritual Captives

Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 700 B.C.

New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 9:22 Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

13. Despised & Rejected by Men

Hebrew Scriptures: Psalms 69:4 Those who hate me without reason outnumber the hairs of my head; many are my enemies without cause, those who seek to destroy me. I am forced to restore what I did not steal. 1000 B.C. Isaiah 49:7 This is what the LORD says– the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel– to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: “Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.” 700 B.C.

New Testament Fulfillment: John 7:48-49 “Has any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? [49] No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law–there is a curse on them.” John 15:24-25 [24] If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. [25] But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: ‘They hated me without reason.’

14. Rejected by His Own Brothers

Hebrew Scriptures: Psalms 69:8 I am a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother’s sons 1000 B.C.

New Testament Fulfillment: Mark 3:20-21 [20] Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. [21] When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his

mind.” [John 7:1-5](#) [1] After this, Jesus went around in Galilee, purposely staying away from Judea because the Jews there were waiting to take his life. [2] But when the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near, [3] Jesus’ brothers said to him, “You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do. [4] No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world.” [5] For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

15. Betrayed For 30 Pieces of Silver

Hebrew Scriptures: [Zechariah 11:12](#) I told them, “If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it.” So they paid me thirty pieces of silver. 500 B.C.

New Testament Fulfillment: [Matthew 26:14-15](#) [14] Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests [15] and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty silver coins.

16. Silver Used to Buy Potter’s Field

Hebrew Scriptures: [Zechariah 11:12-13](#) [12] I told them, “If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it.” So they paid me thirty pieces of silver. [13] And the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—the handsome price at which they priced me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD to the potter. 500 B.C.

New Testament Fulfillment: [Matthew 27:3-10](#) [3] When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. [4] “I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.” “What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.” [5] So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself. [6] The chief priests picked up the coins and said, “It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.” [7] So they decided to use the money to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners. [8] That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. [9] Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the people of Israel, [10] and they used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

17. Disciples Would Scatter

Hebrew Scriptures: Zechariah 13:7 “Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!” declares the LORD Almighty. “Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones.” 500 B.C.

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 26:31 Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.”

18. Beaten With a Rod

Hebrew Scriptures: Micah 5:1 Marshal your troops, O city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel’s ruler on the cheek with a rod. 700 B.C.

New Testament Fulfillment: Mark 15:19 Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him.

19. Given Vinegar & Gall to Drink

Hebrew Scriptures: Psalms 69:21 They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst. 1000 B.C.

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:34 There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. Matthew 27:48 Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink.