

Part 1: Messiah

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Tagline

"Then [cometh] the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power." - **1 Corinthians 15:24**

"The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." - **John 3:35-36**

Synopsis

The Old Testament contained many prophecies about the coming Messiah that would deliver Israel, and through her the rest of the world. As with much of scripture, there are pieces of the picture delivered across much of scripture by many different prophets. As with everything from the Bible, each piece is 100% accurate and true, but can also act as stumbling blocks when taken alone. Wisdom comes when each piece is accepted as true and brought together with each other piece that is also accepted as true. Where the piece don't seem to fit, can sometimes reveal the difference between a 2D and 3D puzzle where a different perspective can reveal the reality of the matter.

Bible prophecy not only proves the validity of the message of the Bible being revealed from outside of time, but its careful study also takes you on a journey throughout scripture searching for the edges that fit together to bring the whole picture into view. Of course we have the fortunate benefit of hindsight where, as we near seconds to midnight at the dawn of the next age, much of the prophetic narrative has played out in our history. As Daniel was told, "Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end." What must have been frustrating at times for Daniel to have so much vision and prophecy yet not understand much of it, was given for the benefit of those who would come after, and especially important in the coming times of deception to understand the reality of God's design for the redemption of His elect.

Almost 2,000 years ago, the fulfillment of the first 69 of Daniel's 70 weeks prophecy was fulfilled when the Messiah began His ministry in Israel. As written in Isaiah 55:8, "...my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD." As it turns out, assuming one knows what the picture on the puzzle looks like without first collecting all of the pieces is like a blind person putting the puzzle together with nothing but their imagination of the end result to go on. And so Israel's Messiah would come, not conquering Israel's enemies as promised...at least yet, but to fulfill a greater purpose that was also foretold but overlooked. To men this appeared to be weakness, but in reality God's design showed the strength of the arm of the Lord to bring salvation.

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- "The New Testament is in the Old Testament concealed, the Old Testament is in the New Testament revealed." | Chuck Missler
- The Promised Branch
 - **Jeremiah 23:3-6** - Jeremiah in the Old Testament connects the Branch of David to the Messiah, a King that will rule with justice in the whole world. At this time, Israel will dwell safely in the Promised Land and the promises made to Israel will be fulfilled.
 - **Jeremiah 33:14-16** - We know from the genealogies in **Matthew 1:1-17** and **Luke 3:23-38** that Yeshua is the son of David, but we also see in Revelation that this connection is made explicitly regarding the prophecies of Jeremiah. All of these prophecies are focused on the Messianic Kingdom, when Yeshua has come, not the suffering servant, but the conquering King that will rule the world with a rod of iron from Jerusalem.
 - **Revelation 5:1-5** - The scroll with 7 seals, preventing it from being opened, requires someone worthy to do so and John weeps at the idea of the scroll not being able to be opened. As we will see in the [Seals, Trumpets, Bowls](#) study, the seals will show Yeshua's control over the timing of the beginning of the Dragon's plans to fit with God's timing.
 - **Revelation 22:14-17** - The branch, the root of David will come in the judgement of the wrath of God to destroy those who have deceived the world into following a false god and those who allied with them, murdering those who refused to be led astray. The faithful remnant of Israel will come out of the wilderness after the wrath of God into the Promised Land with the Messiah ruling from Jerusalem.
 - **Isaiah 4:1-6** - The Old Testament also sees that same word used in some other passages about the branch of David, without the mention of David. This idea of a remnant of Israel that escape and who will be remaining in Jerusalem during this time of the reign of the Messiah in His kingdom is a pivotal aspect of the end times that will be covered in greater detail in the [Great Tribulation](#) study.
 - **Isaiah 11:1-16** - This prophecy covers a large span of time, from the first coming of the Messiah to His kingdom in our future. The idea of the green shoot, or branch, related to the Messiah at His coming will be significant when looking at the appointed times in the next study as His resurrection at first coming, the firstfruits of the resurrection of the just, is also tied to this idea of the greening crops being given to the Lord, the firstfruits of the harvest. We also see the fulfillment of His second coming when He will rule with a rod of iron. Psalm 2:9, Revelation 2:27, Revelation 12:5, Revelation 19:15 Ever since His first coming the Gentiles have been putting their trust in the Messiah from the tribe of Judah, but even in the Messianic Kingdom, the Gentile nations will be coming to Jerusalem to worship Him in the ultimate fulfillment as he rules on the earth.
 - **Romans 15:8-13** - It is at this time that the faithful remnant of Israel will come out of the wilderness and around the world into the Promised Land in the fulfillment of God's promises to His people.
 - **Zechariah 3:8-10** - The symbology of one stone with seven eyes actually brings together a lot of interesting scripture for interpretation.
 - **Revelation 1:4** - "John to the **seven churches** which are in Asia: Grace [be] unto you,

and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and **from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;**"

- **Revelation 1:20** - "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the **seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.**"
- **Revelation 3:1** - "And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith **he that hath the seven Spirits of God**, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead."
- **Revelation 4:5** - "And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and [there were] **seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.**"
- **Revelation 5:6** - "And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and **seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.**"
- **Acts 2:1-4** - "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. **And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost**, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."
- **Daniel 2:34-35, 44-45** - "Thou sawest till that **a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet [that were] of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.** Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that **no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.** ... **And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, [but] it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.** Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream [is] certain, and the interpretation thereof sure."
- The Spirit of God in the church, the body of Christ, is the eternal spiritual kingdom of selfless relationship with God and each other. Each individual makes up a part of the symbolic body joined to the head, which is Christ. This speaks to our participation in this invisible kingdom that consumes the earth because the rock on which we have built our spiritual house has established it outside the reach of mortal kings.
- The stone with seven eyes speaks of Christ, yet also His Spirit-filled church with whom He has partnered to be His eyes, ears, hands, and feet, His body in this world until He returns.
- In one day Yeshua died and took the iniquity of the whole world upon Himself, He is the branch. Interestingly, this idea of being called from under the fig tree sheds some light on how this prophecy was taken by Nathanael, who clearly recognized this prophecy in relation to Him and believed.
 - **John 1:47-51** - "Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. And he saith unto

him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

- **Zechariah 6:11-15** - So we can see in the foreshadow of the priesthood, where the high priest was to make intercession for the people, that it was first of all not able to take away sin with blood of bulls and goats, but only remind of sin and cover for a time to sanctify them in the presence of God for a short while. Furthermore, the high priest did not live forever, not could he make intercession in heaven on behalf of the people. And so a new eternal high priest, who was worthy and able to stand before God in heaven to intercede on behalf of the people was necessary. And by His blood, the New Testament, made in effect by the death of the testator, was established as an eternal covenant for all those who believed. And as we will see in the [Harpazo: The Blessed Hope](#) study, there's also a connection with this covenant and marriage as seen foreshadowed several times in scripture. The expectation that this Messianic Branch will build the temple is also something that I believe we will see can easily play into the coming great deception.
- Tender root and Yeshua cut off in early 30s, the age considered the start of ministry of a rabbi
- His Birth
- His Deity
- His Ministry
 - Isaiah 61:1-3 | Luke 4:16-21 - Here Yeshua hints at His two-fold coming.
- His Death
 - **Daniel 9:26** - "And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof [shall be] with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined."
 - This one prophecy laid out the sequence of events
- Day of the Lord
- Messianic Kingdom
- The Mysterious Wisdom of God
 - **Isaiah 55:8-9** - "For my thoughts [are] not your thoughts, neither [are] your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For [as] the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."
 - **John 10:14-18** - "I am the good shepherd, and know my [sheep], and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, [and] one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father."
 - **1 Corinthians 2:1-9** - "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching [was] not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But **we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, [even] the hidden [wisdom], which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known [it], they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.** But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."
 - **Isaiah 28:9-13** - "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand

- doctrine? [them that are] weaned from the milk, [and] drawn from the breasts. For precept [must be] upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This [is] the rest [wherewith] ye may cause the weary to rest; and this [is] the refreshing: yet they would not hear. But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken."
- God knows the hearts of men and the end from the beginning. The mystery was hidden in plain writing, yet here a little and there a little. God used the hard hearts of His people at the time to enact His design for the salvation of mankind.
 - **Hebrews 9:6-28** - "Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service [of God]. But into the second [went] the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and [for] the errors of the people: The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which [was] a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; [Which stood] only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed [on them] until the time of reformation. But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption [for us]. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions [that were] under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament [is], there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament [is] of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. Whereupon neither the first [testament] was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This [is] the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. [It was] therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, [which are] the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."
 - A Blinded People
 - Yeshua's prophesied blindness
 - **Luke 19:41-44** - "And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things [which belong] unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee

round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation."

- **Matthew 23:37-39** - "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, [thou] that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under [her] wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed [is] he that cometh in the name of the Lord."
- Self-inflicted blindness
 - The expectation of Israel at the time of Christ was the defeat of her enemies by a king anointed by God. What they did not see from the scriptures was the two-fold coming of the Messiah and the desperate need for the greatest enemy of all to be defeated, the one they couldn't see, death.
 - **Genesis 49:9-12** - "Judah [is] a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him [shall] the gathering of the people [be]. Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: His eyes [shall be] red with wine, and his teeth white with milk."
 - The scepter was a sign of authority and the interpretation of Shiloh in the context of the passage and a similar idiom used in **Ezekiel 21:27** stating, "until he come whose right it is." This is an accepted Messianic prophecy of the timing of the Messiah, and given the context of how Yeshua presented Himself at the triumphal entry upon an ass.
 - **Zechariah 9:9** - "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he [is] just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."
 - **Matthew 21:1-7** - "And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose [them], and bring [them] unto me. And if any [man] say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set [him] thereon."
 - After 70 AD, when Rome had destroyed both Jerusalem and the temple, the religious authority and the law ceased, 40 years after the Messiah had come, cursed being hung on a tree, buried in the heart of the earth for 3 days and 3 nights, and rose again on the 3rd day.
 - This was a big problem for the Jewish expectation of the Messiah, and adjustments needed to be made to expectations, interpretations had to be adjusted, and blind eyes had to be turned because it was not possible that Yeshua was the Messiah because He did not defeat Israel's enemies and become her king, He died accursed on a cross.
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- Romans 11 and the idea of the natural and wild olive trees
- Zechariah 13:8-9 – broken off in unbelief
- Lead into great deception and false christ and being
- A Warning Against Deception

- What is the origin and context of the Bible and its prophecies?
 - It is the record of the Hebrews, the children of Abraham, and God choosing them from among the nations to be His people, that through them the whole earth would be blessed.
 - It is followed by the New Testament of the fulfillment of **Jeremiah 31:31-34** through the atoning sacrifice of the Son of God, the rejection in blindness of Him by His own people, and the Gospel going to the Gentiles as a result. In this, the fulfillment of the blessing of the earth from the seed of Abraham, Yeshua the Messiah. **Galatians 3:16**
 - These same scriptures were later partially incorporated in a new interpretation that came later yet claimed the previous writings were twisted and corrupted, though they have a more ancient history than that of this new religion. Even in this new interpretation there are two expected leaders. The first is said to be a righteous leader of Muslims called the Mahdi and the other is a twisting of Messiah Yeshua, son of Mary.
 - No matter how you look at it in the three main monotheistic faiths, the expectation of an anointed Messiah begins in the Tanakh, the Old Testament. This centers around one of two versions
 - Yeshua the Messiah who came from the line of David from the tribe of Judah of Israel to bring salvation of the spirit of man from death and will return to defeat His enemies and reign as King from Jerusalem.
 - A future Messiah, long-awaited by the blinded Jews, who according to prophecy will come from the line of David from the tribe of Judah of Israel and who will become their king, defeat their enemies, and reign from Jerusalem.
- **Matthew 24:3-5, 11, 23-27** - "And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what [shall be] the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. ... And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. ... Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here [is] Christ, or there; believe [it] not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, [he is] in the secret chambers; believe [it] not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."
- Conclusion
 - Who is the Christ but the anointed of God, the Jewish Messiah, the Son of God come in the flesh to offer His life as an atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world?
 - Who is an antichrist but he that denies that Yeshua is the Messiah come in the flesh and denies His Father that sent Him to do His will? **1 John 2:22, 4:3, 2 John 1:7**
 - There are many antichrist's in the world, indeed God has made it black and white such that any who reject Yeshua has the spirit of antichrist. Yet there is one that will come in the last time at the end of the age that is a deceiver, a man of sin, who will come as a Dragon in sheep's clothing. **1 John 2:18**
 - We have seen some of the Old Testament prophecies that foretold and were fulfilled by Yeshua at His first coming. In part 2 we will examine the foretold deceiver who will come in the authority of the anointed Messiah expected by those who have been blinded in their understanding and are being led by the blind to reinterpret the same prophecies Yeshua fulfilled while rejecting Him as the Messiah.