

**Messianic
Prophecy
in the
Tanakh**

FORWARD

“I believe with a perfect faith in the coming of the Messiah.”
(13th Article of Faith by Moses Maimonides)

There are more than 300 Scriptures in the Tanakh that refer to a Messiah for the Jewish people, beginning in Genesis and finishing in the Prophets. These Scriptures describe his characteristics, appearance, place of birth, events that will take place during his lifetime--and his death--and much more.

The 24 books that make up the Tanakh, are known as the Holy Scriptures, the Jewish Holy Bible, the Hebrew Scriptures. In the following pages Tanakh portions are quoted from **ISAAC LEESER's translation**, New Covenant quotes are from the **NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION**.

We, of the Rock of Israel, believe with all our hearts the words written in the Tanakh. We know that these pages contain spiritual truth, the hope and plan of God for our lives. In a time when the minds and hearts of many are darkened, these words speak of the timeless eternal hope of our people:

“For thou art my lamp, O Lord! and the Lord will enlighten my darkness” (2 Sam. 22:29).

“A lamp unto my feet is thy word, and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:105).

This is God's message of hope and love to His chosen people, and through them, to all people. It is our hope that you will sincerely and objectively search this text, which is the root of all Jewish thought--especially examining the passages we have compiled in the following section on Messianic prophecies. In doing this, it is our prayer that the Creator, the One living and eternal God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, will open your eyes and heart that you may find the Truth. “...and the truth will set you free.”

“Behold, days are coming, saith the Lord, when I will make with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah, a new covenant;

“Not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day that I took hold of them by the hand to bring them out of the land of

Egypt; which my covenant they have broken, although I was become their husband, saith the Lord;

“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel, after those days, saith the Lord, I place my law in their inward parts, and upon their heart will I write it; and I will be unto them for a God, and they shall be unto me for a people.

“And they shall not teach any more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for they all shall know me, from the least of them even unto their greatest, saith the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I not remember any more:” (Jeremiah 31:30-33).

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PREFACE

“Hearken unto me, O Jacob, and Israel, my called one; I am he; I am the first. I also am the last.

“My hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned out the heavens: I call unto them, they stand forward together.

“Assemble yourselves, all of you, and hear: Who among them hath told these things? He whom the Lord loveth, will do his pleasure on Babylon, and (display) his arm (on) the Chaldeans.

“I, even I, have spoken it. I have also called him: I have brought him, and he shall be prosperous on his way.

“Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; never from the beginning have I spoken in secret; from the time that it occurred, was I there. And now the Lord Eternal hath sent me, and his Spirit.” (Isaiah 48:12-16).

God is “Echad.”

“Hear, O Israel! The Lord, our God, is the One Eternal Being” (Deut. 6:4).

In this passage (which is also known as the “Sh'ma”), the word used for “one” is “echad.” It is one of two words used in the Hebrew language to communicate the concept of one.

Echad means a composite unity (i.e., many which make one). Some examples of the way it is used in Scripture can be found in the passages below.

“...they become one flesh” (Genesis 2:24). This refers to the union of two people in marriage, which is communicated as “one flesh,” echad--a composite unity.

“...and they (the two sticks representing Israel and Judah) shall become one in thy hand” (Ezekiel 37:17). Again, this “one” is translated from echad in Hebrew--meaning a composite unity.

“Yachid”, which is the other word in Hebrew for one, has a very different usage as shown in Scripture.

“Take now thy son, thy only son...” (Genesis 22:2). In God's eyes, Abraham had only one son--Isaac, the son whom the Lord had promised. This is an example of absolute oneness as opposed to the idea of a composite unity.

While the use of “echad” in the Sh'ma is not sufficient in itself to prove that God's nature is a composite unity, there are many other passages that show God's triune nature, some of which include: Genesis 1:26, Genesis 11:7, Isaiah 44:6 and 49:7.

The Zohar, the great book of Jewish mysticism, also comments on the Sh'ma: “Why is there need of mentioning the name of God three times in this verse? The first Jehovah is the Father above. The second is the Stem of Jesse through David. And the third one is the ‘way which is below’ and these three are one.”

“For a child is born unto us, a son hath been given unto us, and the government is placed on his shoulders; and his name is called, Wonderful, counsellor of the mighty God, of the everlasting Father, the prince of peace” (Isaiah 9:5).

These verses tell that a child will be born to Israel--a human child. Further along in this passage it also says that this child will sit on David's throne. But this passage shows that this child is no ordinary child. As translated here, one of his names will be “Wonderful Counsellor of the mighty God.”

It is interesting to note that later on, in Isaiah 40:13-14, God rhetorically asks:

“Who hath meted out the Spirit of the Lord? and (who was) his counsellor that he could have given him information? With whom took he counsel, that he gave him understanding...?”

“And I ever look, and there is no man; and among these there is no counsellor that they could answer a word” (Isaiah 41:28).

Who is this who will give wonderful counsel to God? In one of

the rabbinic writings we find an answer.

“For to us a Son is born, to us a Son is given: and He shall receive the Law upon Him to keep it; and His name is called from of old, Wonderful, Counsellor, Eloha, the Mighty, Abiding to Eternity, the Messiah, because peace shall be multiplied on us in His days” (Targum Jonathan).

And what of His birth, and the circumstances surrounding it? Let's look at a couple of passages that deal with the place of his birth and how he will be born.

“But thou, Beth-lechem Ephratah, the least (though) thou be among the thousands of Judah, (yet) out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from olden times, from most ancient days” (Micah 5:1).

These verses state that “he,” whose “origin is from olden times, from most ancient days,” will be born or come forth from Bethlehem--to God--and be ruler in Israel. In the Septuagint, a well-known Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, the translation of the latter part of that passage reads:

“...whose goings forth were from the beginning, even from eternity.”

Whether this “ruler of Israel,” who was yet to be born in Bethlehem, had his “origin” in “most ancient days” or from “the beginning, even from eternity,” it is clear that the passage speaks of more than an ordinary man. For of what man yet to be born does Scripture say his origin is from “most ancient days?” Who is he?

According to the famous rabbinic scholar Rashi - this passage deals with Messiah. “Out of thee (Bethlehem) shall come forth unto me Messiah, the Son of David.” --Rashi (R. Jarchi)

“Therefore will the Lord himself give you a sign: behold, this young woman shall conceive, and bear a son, and she shall call his name 'Immanu'el, (God with us)” (Isaiah 7:14).

The first thing to take notice of in this passage is that the Lord is promising to give a “sign.” The Hebrew word for sign here is “oth,” which also means “wonder” or “miracle”--in other words, a supernatural act. It is not now, nor was it then, considered a miracle for a “young woman” to conceive. However, according to **Rashi's translation** the same passage reads: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive.”

This is indeed worthy of being called a “sign” (“oth”). This interpretation of "virgin" is further defended by the original Hebrew itself. The Hebrew word used for “young woman” in this passage is “almah,” which is used exclusively throughout the Tanakh to describe a young woman of marriageable age who is a virgin. An example of this usage is found in Exodus 2:8 where “almah” is used to describe Moses' sister, who was at that point a “maiden” and a virgin. It is also used to describe Rebekah.

“Behold, I stand by the well of water, and it shall be the young woman (almah) who cometh forth to draw water...” (Genesis 24:43).

Earlier, in Genesis 24:16, Rebekah is initially described with another word, “betulah,” which can also mean virginity, but it is interesting to note that while it is directly translated into English as "virgin" there appears to be a need to strengthen that wording by finishing that statement with “...neither had any man known her.”

There is another passage that supports the prophecy that a virgin would conceive: “And I will put enmity between thee (the serpent) and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt wound his heel” (Genesis 3:15).

In this Scripture, the Lord speaks of the woman's “seed.” The man is usually associated with the “seed.” Yet in this instance the Lord is saying that it will be the woman's seed that shall “bruise” the serpent's (Satan's) head!

And finally, God tells us through Isaiah that this virgin is to call her son's name “Immanu'el” which means “God with us.” Now, throughout Scripture, when God assigns a name to someone, it is not just a name, but it is in some way indicative of the person's nature or circumstances. We see this in Genesis 17, where the Lord changes Abram's name to Abraham, which means "father of many nations." He renames Jacob as Israel, and so on. In Hosea 1, the Lord tells Hosea what names to call his children and what they mean. The daughter was

to be called “Lo-ruchamah (Not finding mercy); for I will not farther have any more mercy upon the house of Israel...” (verse 6). And both of Hosea's sons were given names which also reflected God's outlook on His people at that time.

So, it is logical to assume that when God gives a name to a person, it is given for a reason. Therefore, the only conclusion one can draw from this passage is that this child, whose birth is to be a sign, in that he is to be born of a virgin, is in some way “God with us.”

Referring to this passage in the Babylonian Talmud, Rabbi Huni, in the name of Rabbi Ide and Rabbi Joshua, said that this man is the King Messiah of whom it is said, “I have indeed this day begotten thee” (Psalm 2:7).

Having shown, at the very least, the possibility of a virgin as the mother of the Messiah - who is his father? Let us examine this Psalm a little more closely.

“I will announce the decree, the Lord hath said unto me, ‘My son art thou: I have indeed this day begotten thee. Ask it of me, and I will give thee nations for an inheritance, and for thy possession the uttermost ends of the earth’” (Psalm 2:7-8).

Some might feel this passage has to do with David, the King of Israel. Yet God is saying He will give this person, for his own possession, the ends of the earth. But David never possessed, or even ruled, the whole earth. He was only King of Israel. The Babylonian Talmud explains the passage this way:

“It is a tradition of the Rabbis that Messiah, the son of David, who is to be revealed speedily...the Holy One said unto him, ask of me anything and I will give it thee, for it is said ‘I will declare the decree...Today have I begotten thee.’”

The word for “begotten” in this passage is “yalad,” which means to bear young. Could it be that God had a son?

“Who was it that ascended into heaven, and came down again? who gathered the wind in his fists? who bound the waters in a garment? who set up all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his

son's name, if thou knowest it?" (Proverbs 30:4).

We should recognize these kind of rhetorical questions as a way of identifying God. He is the only one who can lay claim to this identification. If His is the only name that can answer these questions, as this passage implies, then the writer is telling us--actually he is assuming that we know--that God has a son.

In the Zohar it is stated: "This is the faithful shepherd; Of these it is said, 'Kiss the Son,' thou art the Prince of the Israelites, the Lord of the earth...the Son of the Most High, the Son of the holy God...and the gracious Shekinah."

Also, in the Sibylline Oracles it says: "Know him as your god, who is the Son of God."

Finally--Why? Why did God send the Messiah--His Son?

"Behold my servant, whom I will uphold; my elect, in whom my soul delighteth: I have put my spirit upon him, that he may bring forth justice to the nations...I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will lay hold on thy hand, and will keep thee, and appoint thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the nations; To open blind eyes, to bring out from the dungeon the prisoner, and out of the prison-house those that dwell in darkness." (Isaiah 42:1, 6-7).

God sent Messiah to do all these things and more--to redeem us from our sin, from our own inevitable self-destruction.

"The Lord looketh down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there be one intelligent, one who seeketh for God. They are all gone aside, they are altogether become corrupt; there is none that doeth good, no, not even one." (Psalm 14:2-3, cp. Psalm 53:3-4).

Some people may ask, Sin--according to whose standards? For certainly by human standards a man is capable of leading a decent, moral life, practicing beautiful ethics, and being an example of goodness to his fellow man. But in the pure and holy eyes of God, man can only cry out with the prophet Isaiah:

"Woe is me! for I am lost; because a man of unclean lips am I,

and in the midst of a people of unclean lips do I dwell; for the King, the Lord of hosts have my eyes seen.” (Isaiah 6:5).

So how can we redeem ourselves in God's eyes? The answer, according to God, is we can't, at least not in and of ourselves.

In Psalm 143:2 David beseeches God: “And enter not into judgement with thy servant; for no living man can be regarded righteous before thee.”

And in Psalm 49:8-9, 16: “No one can in any wise (way) redeem his brother, nor can he give to God redemption money for himself; For the ransom of their soul is too costly...But God will redeem my soul from the power of the nether world...”

So then, only God can redeem us from the darkness of our sin before Him.

In Isaiah, the Lord speaks of one who will bear our sins before Him, whose sacrifice will be acceptable in His sight.

“He was despised and shunned by men; a man of pains, and acquainted with disease; and as one who hid his face from us was he despised, and we esteemed not. But only our diseases did he bear himself, and our pains he carried: while we esteemed him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. Yet he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement for our peace was upon him; and through his bruises was healing granted to us. We all like sheep went astray; every one to his own way did we turn; and the Lord let befall him the guilt of us all.” (Isaiah 53:3-6).

What does Rabbinic thinking have to say about this passage? According to Rabbi Sh'lomoh Astruc it was the opinion of the rabbis during his time that the verse “He was wounded for our iniquities (transgressions)”, etc....spoke of the Messiah!

Abrabanel, a famous commentator on the Tanakh, remarked, concerning Isaiah 53: “The first question is to ascertain to whom this Scripture refers: for the learned among the Nazarenes expound it of the man who was crucified in Jerusalem at the end of the second temple, and who according to them was the Son of God and took flesh in the

virgin's womb, as it is stated in their writings. Jonathan ben Uzziel interprets it in his Targum of the future Messiah; and this is also the opinion of our learned men in the majority of the Midrashim.”

Further along in this passage from Isaiah it says: “And he let his grave he made with the wicked, and with the (godless) rich at his death: although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth...Therefore will I divide him (a portion) with the many, and with the strong shall he divide the spoil: because he poured out his soul unto death, and with transgressors was he numbered: while he bore the sin of many, and for the transgressors he let (evil) befall him” (Isaiah 53:9,12).

Of what other man has it ever been said by God that “there was no deceit in his mouth,” in other words, that he was blameless? Is there any other man that God ever allowed to bear our transgressions--our sin, of which God said: “the chastisement for our peace was upon Him; and through His bruises was healing granted to us.” Even Moses was turned down when he offered his life to God on behalf of our people, and because of their sins (Exodus 32:32).

This “man,” as the famous Jewish historian Josephus said about Jesus in his Antiquities, “if it be lawful to call him a man,” willingly “let his grave be made with the wicked,” voluntarily “poured out his soul unto death...” Nowhere does it say that the Lord coerced him, but that this “man” allowed, he “let,” these things be done to him for our sake.

Is there any sane and rational man that ever claimed to be the Lord? Is there any one in history who has claimed these prophecies for his own, and come anywhere near fulfilling them? Is there any man who chose to die for the sins of the world? Is there any other person in the history of the world besides Jesus of Nazareth, who lived not even half a lifetime, ministered peacefully for a mere three years and died an ignominious death, and left a legacy that changed the entire world?

We have included a listing of many other prophecies, as well as some we have mentioned here, which can be checked out in the Tanakh, along with their fulfillment in the New Covenant. They describe in even more detail Messiah's nature, birth, circumstances, mission, death, resurrection, kingship, and perpetuity of his kingdom.

DEAR FRIEND,

As you read these Scriptures, ask yourself if it still seems impossible that they could be referring to Yeshua (Jesus) as the Messiah. Or do you see certain similarities that seem to line with aspects of His life? Yet, perhaps it all seems like some fairy tale--that Messiah came to earth in the form of finite man to die as an atonement for your sins and mine, and was resurrected, and now makes intercession for us at the right hand of God, and will one day return to judge the earth.

Throughout the history of our people, God has provided a way of atoning for our sins, and that way has been through the blood. "For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have appointed it for you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for the blood it is that maketh an atonement for the soul" (Leviticus 17:11).

In our "enlightened" age we have moved the emphasis of atonement from sacrifice to prayer, but has God changed His mind? Is God a man that He should lie? (Numbers 23:19). No. It is in the shed blood of the Messiah of Isaiah 53, Who bore our sins, Whose sacrifice is acceptable in God's sight, that we find final and lasting atonement for our sins.

Blood? Sacrifice? In an age of psychoanalysis and higher intellectual reason it sounds primitive. Yet when you examine yourself honestly, is there a piece missing? Is there a hole in your heart?...Is it something you can't quite put your finger on? Maybe it's that feeling of uncertainty that surfaces when you're alone--that not even the comfort of tradition, the warmth of family, or a good friend's counsel and love--the voice of man's reason and wisdom--can completely dispel.

"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, and my thoughts above your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:9).

Friend, having thought on these things, would you consider that Jesus may very well be God's way of filling that hole, that void, and of restoring us to Himself?

God has promised us that if we seek Him with all our heart and soul, we shall find Him (Deuteronomy 4:29). So I submit to you that it is not just a process of the mind, but also of the heart.

In reading this, ask God to show you His meaning in His Word. Ask Him to help you understand not just with your mind, but also with your heart. And if you feel in your heart and mind that there is truth here, ask God to forgive your sins and hardness of heart, and ask Him to show you who the Messiah is--if the Messiah really is Yeshua (Jesus). Ask God to help you know, so that you can believe and ask Yeshua into your heart and life.

We recommend the following prayer, but it is even more your heart that God looks at, beyond the actual words. If you come to God sincerely in prayer, know that He will hear you.

“Dear God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob:

“Forgive me for all my sins and cleanse me from all unrighteousness. God in heaven, I am a Jew; I was born and raised a Jew, and I want to die a Jew, but, I want You to reveal to me what You want me to know. If Jesus of Nazareth--Yeshua--is the Messiah, and You want me to receive Him, reveal it to me and I will receive Him. Amen.”

If you have prayed this prayer, and sincerely asked God to show you and help you, please let us know, and we would be happy to send you the “Book of Hope” along with some other literature that will help you in your desire to have a personal relationship with God.

“The Lord bless thee, and preserve thee; The Lord make his face shine unto thee, and be gracious to thee; The Lord lift up his countenance unto thee, and give thee peace” (Numbers 6:24-27).

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PROPHECIES AND FULFILLMENT

THROUGH THE SEED OF THE WOMAN

Prophecy in Tanakh

“And I will put enmity between thee (the serpent) and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed:he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt wound his heel.” Genesis 3:15 (B.C. 4004)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

“But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of (the) woman, born under law.” Galatians 4:4 (A.D. 58)

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.1 John 3:8 (A.D. 90).

THROUGH ABRAHAM

Prophecy in the Tanakh

“And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and between thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant: to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.” Genesis 17:7 (B.C. 1911) & Genesis 22:18 (B.C. 1872)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

“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 (Messiah).”

The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Messiah. Galatians 3:16 (A.D. 58)

He did not say this on his own, but as High Priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them ONE. John 11:51-52 (A.D. 33).

THROUGH ISAAC

Prophecy in the Tanakh

“And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy eyes because of the lad, and because of thy bond-woman; in all that Sarah may say unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.” Genesis 21:12 (B.C. 1898)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, “*It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.*” Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death. Hebrews 11:17-19 (A.D. 54)

THROUGH JACOB AND JUDAH

Prophecy in the Tanakh

“I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not nigh; there steppeth forth a Star out of Jacob, and there ariseth a Sceptre out of Israel...” Numbers 24:17

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

“And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.
“And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.” Revelation 5:5 (A.D. 96)

MESSIAH WOULD COME AT A SET TIME

Prophecy in the Tanakh

“The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh (name of Messiah) come and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.” Genesis 49:10 (B.C. 1689)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria). Luke 2:1-2 (B.C. 5)

THROUGH DAVID

Prophecy in the Tanakh

“When thy days will be completed, and thou wilt sleep with thy fathers: then will I set up thy seed after thee, who shall proceed out of thy body, and I will establish his kingdom,

“He it is that shall build a house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.” 2 Samuel 7:12-13 (B.C. 1042)

“Behold, days are coming, saith the Lord, when I will raise up unto David a righteous sprout, and he shall reign as king, and prosper, and he shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth.

“In his days shall Judah be helped, and Israel shall dwell in safety: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord is our righteousness [Jehovah-Tsidkenu].” Jeremiah 23:5 (B.C. 599)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

The Lord God will give Him the throne of his father David... Luke 1:32 (Future)

From this man's (David's) descendants God has brought to Israel the Saviour Jesus as He promised. Acts 13:23 (A.D. 45)

...a descendant of David...to be the Son of God. Romans 1:3-4 (A.D. 60)

BORN OF THE VIRGIN

Prophecy in the Tanakh

“Therefore will the Lord himself give you a sign: behold, this young woman [almah = virgin] shall conceive, and bear a son, and she shall call his name Immanu'el, (God with us).” Isaiah 7:14 (B.C. 742)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit...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. Matthew 1:18, 21 (B.C. 5)

BORN IN BETHLEHEM OF JUDEA

Prophecy in Tanakh

“But thou, Beth-lechem Ephratah, the least (though) thou be among the thousands of Judah, (yet) out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from olden times, from most ancient days.” Micah 5:1 (B.C. 710)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea...Matthew 2:1 (B.C. 5)

GREAT PERSONS COME TO ADORE HIM

Prophecy in Tanakh

“The kings of Tharshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Yea, there shall bow down before him all kings: all nations shall serve him.” Psalm 72:10-11

Reference in Brit Hadasha

Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

Matthew 2:1-2, 11 (B.C. 4)

COMING INTO THE TEMPLE

Prophecy in Tanakh

Haggai's prophecy tells that the Lord will fill His temple with glory. Haggai 2:7,9 (B.C. 520)

Malachi prophesies concerning the same Temple in the words of the Lord: “Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall clear out the way before me: and suddenly will come to his temple the Lord, whom ye seek; and the messenger of the covenant, whom ye desire for, behold, he is coming, saith the Lord of hosts.” Malachi 3:1 (B.C.397)

Reference in the Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts...“For my eyes have seen your salvation...A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” Luke 2:27, 30, 32 (A.D. 4)

Jesus entered the Temple courts. Matthew 21:23 (A.D. 33)

PRECEDED BY JOHN THE BAPTIST

Prophecy in Tanakh

Malachi prophesies of the coming messenger who will prepare the way before the Lord. Malachi 3:1 (B.C. 397)

Isaiah declares: “A voice calleth out, in the wilderness make ye clear the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for God.” Isaiah 40:3 (B.C. 712)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

He will go on before...to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Luke 1:17 (B.C. 7)

In those days John the Baptist came...this is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah...“Prepare the way for the Lord...” Matthew 3:1,3 (A.D. 27)

ANOINTED WITH THE SPIRIT

Prophecy in Tanakh

“Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore hath God, thy God, anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy associates.” Psalms 45:8 B.C. 713

“And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stem of Jesse, and a sprout shall spring out of his roots. And there shall rest upon him the spirit of the Lord, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord:” Isaiah 11:1-2

“The Spirit of the Lord Eternal is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to announce the glad tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim to captives Liberty, and to prisoners Release;” Isaiah 61:1 (B.C. 698)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

...the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. Matthew 3:16 (A.D. 27)

For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. John 3:34 (A.D. 30)

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power...Acts 10:38 (A.D. 30)

A PROPHET LIKE UNTO MOSES

Prophecy in Tanakh

“A prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me (Moses) will the Lord thy God raise up unto thee; unto him shall ye hearken.” Deuteronomy 18:15 (B.C. 1451)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

And that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you--even Jesus...for Moses said, “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people...” Acts 3:20,22 (A.D. 30)

A PRIEST AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK

Prophecy in Tanakh

“The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent of it, Thou shalt be a priest for ever after the order of Malki-zedek.” Psalms 110:4

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek. Hebrews 5:6 (A.D. 64)

ENTERING ON HIS PUBLIC MINISTRY

Prophecy in Tanakh

“The Spirit of the Lord Eternal is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to announce good tidings unto the meek: he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim to captives Liberty, and to prisoners Release; To proclaim a year of favor of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all mourners.” Isaiah 61:1-2 (B.C. 698)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Luke 4:18-19 (A.D. 27)

HIS MINISTRY COMMENCING IN GALILEE

Prophecy in Tanakh

“The people that walk in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death--a light shineth brightly over them. Thou hast multiplied the nation, made great their joy: they rejoice before thee as with the joy in harvest, as men are glad when they divide the spoil.” Isaiah 9:1-2 (B.C. 740)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

He returned to Galilee...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...Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. Matthew 4:12, 16, 23 (A.D. 27).

ENTERING PUBLICLY INTO JERUSALEM

Prophecy in Tanakh

“Be greatly glad, O daughter of Zion: shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, thy King will come unto thee, righteous and victorious is he, lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of a she-ass.” Zechariah 9:9 (B.C. 487)

Reference in Brit Hadasha

Say to the daughter of Zion, “See, your King comes to you...” Matthew 21:5 (A.D. 33)

POVERTY

Prophecy in Tanakh

“Yea, he grew up like a small shoot before him, and as a root out of a dry land: he had no form nor comeliness, so that we should look at him: and no countenance that we should desire him.” Isaiah 53:2 (B.C. 712)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

Isn't this the carpenter?...And they took offense at him. Mark 6:3 (A.D. 32)

Jesus replied, “Foxes have holes...but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” Luke 9:58 (A.D. 32)

MEEKNESS AND WANT OF OSTENTATION

Prophecy in Tanakh

“He shall not cry, nor call out aloud, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.” Isaiah 42:2 (B.C. 712)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

Jesus withdrew...warning them not to tell who he was...He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. Matthew 12:15-16, 19 (A.D. 31)

TENDERNESS AND COMPASSION

Prophecy in Tanakh

“Like a shepherd will he feed his flock: with his arm will he gather the lambs, and in his bosom will he carry them, will he lead gently those that suckle their young.”

“A cracked reed will he not break, and a dimly burning wick will he not quench: unto truth shall he bring forth justice.” Isaiah 40:11; 42:3 (B.C. 712)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

...and he healed all their sick...A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory. Matthew 12:15, 20 (A.D. 31)

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses... Hebrews 4:15 (A.D. 64)

WORKING MIRACLES

Prophecy in Tanakh

“Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and brooks in the desert.”

Isaiah 35:5-6 (B.C. 713)

Reference in Brit Hadasha

Jesus replied...“The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised... Matthew 11:4-6 (A.D. 31)

WITHOUT GUILF

Prophecy in Tanakh

“And he let his grave be made with the wicked, and with the (godless) rich at his death: although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.”

Isaiah 53:9 (B.C. 712)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. 1 Peter 2:22 (A.D. 60)

HIS ZEAL

Prophecy in Tanakh

“A stranger am I become unto my brothers, and an alien unto my mother's children. Because the zeal for thy house hath devoured me; and the reproaches of those that reproached thee are fallen upon me.” Psalm 69:9-10

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.” John 2:17 (A.D. 30)

PREACHING BY PARABLES

Prophecy in Tanakh

“I will open with a parable my mouth: I will utter riddles out of ancient times.” Psalm 78:2

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables...” Matthew 13:34-35 (A.D. 31)

BEARING REPROACH

Prophecy in Tanakh

“Because for thy sake have I borne reproach, hath confusion covered my face.”

“I have trodden the vat alone, and of the nations there was no man with me;” Psalm 69:8 & Isaiah 63:3 (B.C. 698)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.” Romans 15:3 (A.D. 60)

REJECTED BY HIS BRETHREN

Prophecy in Tanakh

“Who is this that cometh from Edom, dyed red in his garments from Bozrah? this--glorious in his apparel, moving along in the greatness of his strength? 'I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.' Why is redness on thy apparel, and (why are) thy garments as of one that treadeth the wine-press? **‘I have trodden the vat alone, and of the nations there was no man with me.’**” (Psalm 69) & Isaiah 63:1-3 (B.C. 698)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive Him. John 1:11 (A.D. 30).

Jesus’ brothers said to him, “You ought to leave...For even his own brothers did not believe in him.” John 7:3,5 (A.D. 32).

A STONE OF STUMBLING TO THE JEWS

Prophecy in Tanakh

“And he will be for a sanctuary: but also for a stone of stumbling and for a rock to fall over unto both the houses of Israel, for a gin and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.” Isaiah 8:14 (B.C. 742)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

They stumbled over the “stumbling stone.” As it is written, “See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him shall never be put to shame.” Romans 9:32-33 (A.D. 60)

HATRED

Prophecy in Tanakh

“More than the hairs of my head are those that hate me without a cause: numerous are those that would destroy me, that are my enemies wrongfully:”

“Thus hath said the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, his Holy One, to him who is despised by men, to him who is abhorred by nations, to the servant of rulers, Kings shall see it and rise up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, for the sake of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who hath made choice of thee.” Psalm 69:5 & Isaiah 49:7 (B.C. 712)

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

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...to fulfill what is written in their Law: “They hated me without reason.” John 15:24-25 (A.D. 33).

REJECTED BY THE JEWISH RULERS

Prophecy in Tanakh

“The stone which the builders rejected is become the chief cornerstone.” Psalm 118:22

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'" Matt. 21:42 (A.D. 33)

JEWS AND GENTILES COMBINE AGAINST HIM

Prophecy in Tanakh

“Wherefore do nations rage, and people meditate a vain thing? The kings of the earth raise themselves up, and rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed.” Psalm 2:1-2

Reference in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus... Acts 4:27 (A.D. 33).

BETRAYED BY A FRIEND

Prophecy in Tanakh

"Yea, even the man that should have sought my welfare, in whom I trusted, who eateth my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me."

"For it is not an enemy that reproached me: then I could bear it: not he that hateth me hath magnified himself against me: then I would have hidden myself from him. But it is thou, a man my equal, my guide, and my acquaintance: so that we took sweet secret counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in tumultuous company." Psalms 41:10 & 55:13-15

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I am not referring to all of you...But this is to fulfill the scripture: "He who shares my bread has lifted up his heel against me...I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me." John 13:18-21 (A.D. 33)

HIS DISCIPLES FORSAKE HIM

Prophecy in Tanakh

"Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man whom I have associated with me, saith the Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: but I will turn my hand toward the feeble ones." Zechariah 13:7 (B.C. 487)

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Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Matthew 26:56 (A.D. 33)

SOLD FOR THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER

Prophecy in Tanakh

"And I said unto them, If it be good in your eyes, give me my reward: and if not, forbear. So they weighed out as my reward thirty pieces of silver." Zechariah 11:12 (B.C. 487)

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

"What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. Matthew 26:15 (A.D. 33)

HIS PRICE GIVEN FOR THE POTTER'S FIELD

Prophecy in Tanakh

“And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the treasurer, the precious price which I am prized at by them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them in the house of the Lord unto the treasurer.” Zechariah 11:13 (B.C. 487)

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Judas returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and elders...so they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. Matthew 27:3,7 (A.D. 33)

SMITTEN ON THE CHEEK

Prophecy in Tanakh

“Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: they lay seige against us: with the rod they smite upon the cheek the judge of Israel.” Micah 4:14 (B.C. 710)

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

And took the staff and struck him on the head again and again.
Matthew 27:30 (A.D. 33)

SPIT UPON AND SCOURGED

Prophecy in the Tanakh

“My back I gave up to the smiters, and my cheeks to those who plucked off the hair: my face I hid not from abuse and spitting.” Isaiah 50:6 (B.C. 712)

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

Then some began to spit at him, they blindfolded him, struck him...
Mark 14:65 (A.D. 33)
Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. John 19:1 (A.D. 33).

NAILED TO THE CROSS

Prophecy in Tanakh

“For dogs have encompassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: like lions (they threaten) my hands and my feet.” Psalm 22:17

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

They crucified him. (They threatened or nailed his hands and his feet).
John 19:18 (A.D. 33)
...the nail marks in his hands... John 20:25 (A.D. 33)

FORSAKEN BY GOD

Prophecy in Tanakh

“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from saving me, and from the words of my loud complaint?” Psalm 22:1

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

Jesus cried when on the Cross: ... “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Matthew 27:39-44 (A.D. 33)

MOCKED

Prophecy in Tanakh

“But I am a worm and not a man, a reproach of men, and despised of people. All those who see me laugh me to scorn: they draw open their lips, they shake their head, (saying) ‘Let him throw himself on the Lord that he may deliver him: he will save him, for he delighteth in him.’”
Psalm 22:7-8

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

Those who passed by hurled insults at him...In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him... “He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now...” Matthew 27:39-44 (A.D. 33).

GALL AND VINEGAR GIVEN HIM TO DRINK

Prophecy in Tanakh

“And they put into my food gall: and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.” Psalm 69:22

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

They offered him vinegar mixed with gall to drink. Matthew 27:34 (A.D. 33)

INTENSITY OF HIS SUFFERING

Prophecy in Tanakh

“They have opened wide against me their mouth, (as) a ravenous and roaring lion. Like water am I poured out, and all my bones are disjoined: my heart is become like wax. It is melted in the midst of my entrails. Like a potsherd is my strength dried up: and my tongue cleaveth to my palate: and into the dust of death hast thou laid me down.” Psalm 22:14-16

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me...And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.
Luke 22:42-44

HIS SUFFERINGS BEING FOR OTHERS

Prophecy in Tanakh

“But only our diseases did he bear himself, and our pains he carried: while we indeed esteemed him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. Yet he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement for our peace was upon him: and through his bruises was healing granted to us. We all like sheep went astray: every one to his own way did we turn: and the Lord let befall him the guilt of us all.”

“...he will bear their iniquities....he bore the sin of many ... for the transgressors he let (evil) befall him.” Isaiah 53:4-6, 12 (B.C. 712)

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

The Son of Man...(came) to give his life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:28 (A.D. 33)

PATIENCE AND SILENCE UNDER SUFFERING

Prophecy in Tanakh

“He was oppressed, and he was also taunted, yet he opened not his mouth: like the lamb which is led to the slaughter, and like a ewe before her shearers is dumb: and he opened not his mouth.” Isaiah 53:7 (B.C. 710)

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

But Jesus remained silent. Matthew 26:63 (A.D. 33)

When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer...But Jesus made no reply. Matthew 27:12,14 (A.D. 33)

HIS GARMENTS PARTED & LOTS CAST

Prophecy in Tanakh

“They divide my clothes among themselves, and for my garment do they cast lots.” Psalm 22:19

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. Matthew 27:35 (A.D. 33)

NUMBERED WITH THE TRANSGRESSORS

Prophecy in Tanakh

“Therefore will I divide him (a portion) with the many, and with the strong shall he divide the spoil: because he poured out his soul unto death, and with transgressors was he numbered: while he bore the sin of many, and for the transgressors he let (evil) befall him.” Isaiah 53:12 (B.C. 712)

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

They crucified two robbers with him. Mark 15:27-28 (A.D. 33)

INTERCESSION FOR HIS MURDERERS

Prophecy in Tanakh

“...through his knowledge shall my righteous servant bring the many to righteousness, while he will bear their iniquities.” Isaiah 53:11 (B.C.712)

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” Luke 23:34 (A.D. 33)

HIS DEATH

Prophecy in Tanakh

“Therefore will I divide him (a portion) with the many, and with the strong shall he divide the spoil: because he poured out his soul unto death, and with transgressors was he numbered: while he bore the sin of many, and for the transgressors he let (evil) befall him.” Isaiah 53:12 (B.C. 712)

Also, the entire 22nd Psalm prophesies of Messiah's death!

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

Jesus...gave up his spirit. Matthew 27:50 (A.D. 33)

NOT A BONE OF HIM BROKEN

Prophecy in Tanakh

“In one house shall it (the lamb) be eaten: thou shalt not carry aught of the flesh abroad out of the house: and no bone shall ye break in it.”

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but out of them all the Lord ever delivereth him. He watcheth all his bones: not one of them is broken.”

Exodus 12:46-47 (B.C. 1491) & Psalms 34:20

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled...“Not one of his bones will be broken.” John 19:33,36 (A.D. 33).

PIERCED

Prophecy in Tanakh

“But I will pour out over the house of David, and over the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they will look up toward me (for every one) whom they have thrust through, and they will lament for him, as one lamenteth for an only son, and weep bitterly for him, as one weepeth bitterly for the first-born.” Zechariah 12:10 (B.C. 487)

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus’ side with a spear...And as another scripture says, “They will look on the one they have pierced.” John 19:34,37 (A.D. 33)

BURIED WITH THE RICH

Prophecy in Tanakh

“And he let his grave be made with the wicked and with the (godless) rich at his death...” Isaiah 53:9 (B.C. 712)

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

There came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph...going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus’ body...and placed it in his own new tomb. Matthew 27:57-60 (A.D. 33)

HIS FLESH NOT SEEING CORRUPTION

Prophecy in Tanakh

“For thou wilt not abandon my soul to the grave: thou wilt not suffer thy pious (servant) to see corruption.” Psalms 16:10

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah (Christ), that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. Acts 2:31 (A.D. 33)

HIS RESURRECTION

Prophecy in Tanakh

“For thou wilt not abandon my soul to the grave: thou wilt not suffer thy pious (servant) to see corruption. Thou wilt let me know the path of life: fullness of joy is in thy presence; pleasures are at thy right hand for evermore.” Psalm 16:10

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

He is not here: he has risen...Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight...“The Lord has risen...” Luke 24:6,31,34 (A.D.33)

HIS ASCENSION

Prophecy in Tanakh

“The chariots of God are two myriads: thousands of angels (follow him): The Lord is among them: so is Sinai holy (among mountains). Thou didst ascend on high, lead away captives, receive gifts among men, yea, even the rebellious, to dwell among them.” Psalm 68:18-19

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Luke 24:51 (A.D.33)
He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. Acts 1:9 (A.D.33)

SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD

Prophecy in Tanakh

“The Eternal saith unto my lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I place thy enemies as a stool for my feet.” Psalm 110:1

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Hebrews 1:3 (A.D. 60)

EXERCISING THE PRIESTLY OFFICE IN HEAVEN

Prophecy in Tanakh

“Yea, he shall build the temple of the Lord: and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne: and a priest shall be upon his own throne and the counsel of peace shall be between both of them.” Zechariah 6:13 (B.C. 519)

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

Christ Jesus who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34 (A.D. 60)

THE CHIEF CORNER STONE OF THE CHURCH

Prophecy in Tanakh

“Therefore thus hath said the Lord the Lord Eternal, Behold, I have laid in Zion as a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a costly corner-stone, well founded; he that believeth will not make haste.” Isaiah 28:16 (B.C. 712)

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

You also...are being built into a spiritual house...For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious corner stone...” 1 Peter 2:5-6 (A.D. 60)

CONVERSION OF THE GENTILES TO HIM

Prophecy in Tanakh

“And it shall happen on that day, that (he of) the root of Jesse, who shall stand as an ensign of the people, to him shall nations (come to) inquire: and his resting-place shall be glorious.”

“Behold my servant, whom I will uphold: my elect, to whom my soul delighteth: I have put my spirit upon him, that he may bring forth justice to the nations [Gentiles].” Isaiah 11:10; 42:1 (B.C. 713; 712)

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. John 10:16 (A.D. 32)

The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. Acts 10:45 (A.D. 41)

KING IN ZION

Prophecy in Tanakh

"Yet have I appointed my king upon Zion my holy mount." Psalm 2:6

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

The Lord God will give him (Messiah) the throne of his father David.

Luke 1:32 (Future)

"Are you King of the Jews?" "You are right in saying that I am a King.

In fact, for this reason was I born." John 18:33,37 (A.D. 33)

HIS RIGHTEOUS GOVERNMENT

Prophecy in Tanakh

"Thy throne, given of God, endureth for ever and ever: the sceptre of equity is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou lovest righteousness and hateth wickedness..." Psalm 45:7-8a

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

...called Faithful and True. With justice he judges... Revelation 19:11
(Future)

UNIVERSAL DOMINION

Prophecy in Tanakh

"And he shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth."

"And there were given him dominion and dignity, and government, and all people, nations, and languages had to serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which will not pass away, and his kingdom is one which shall never be destroyed."

Psalm 72:8 & Daniel 7:14 (B.C. 555)

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11 (Future)

THE PERPETUITY OF HIS KINGDOM

Prophecy in Tanakh

“For the increase of the government, and for peace without end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, to establish it and to support it through justice and righteousness, from henceforth and unto eternity: the zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.” Isaiah 9:6 (B.C. 740)

Represented in Brit Hadasha (New Covenant)

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end. Luke 1:32-33 (Future)

Understanding the Biblical Context for the Life of Yeshua

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Genesis 1:1-4, 26-28 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

...Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Gen. 3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

“You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings

for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

The man said, “The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

To the woman he said, “I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat of it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife

and clothed them. And the LORD God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”

So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Gen. 12:1-3 The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

Gen. 17:3-8 Abram fell face down, and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations [*goyim*/Gentiles]. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations [*goyim*]. I will make you very fruitful; I will give you to the nations [*goyim*], and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”

Gen. 18:10-15 Then the LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah and your wife will have a son.”

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard

for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son [i.e. Isaac].”

Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.”

But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

Gen. 22:18 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. Then God said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.”

Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb [*seh*] for the burnt offering?”

Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb [*seh*] for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram [*ayil*] caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram [*ayil*] and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations [*goyim*] on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

Gen. 25:21 Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant [with Jacob and Esau].

Gen 30:1-2,22-24 When Rachel saw that she was not bearing Jacob any children, she became jealous of her sister. So she said to Jacob, “Give me children, or I’ll die!”

Jacob became angry with her and said, “Am I in the place of God, who has kept you from having children?”

... Then God remembered Rachel; he listened to her and opened her womb. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son and said, “God has taken away my disgrace.” She named him Joseph, and said, “May the LORD add to me another son.”

Exodus 2:11-15 One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, “Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?”

The man said, “Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?”

Then Moses was afraid and thought, “What I did must have become known.”

When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.

Exod. 4:22,29-5:2 [God commanded Moses] Then say to Pharaoh, ‘This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son, and I told you, “Let my son go, so he may worship me.” But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.’

...Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites, and Aaron told them everything the LORD had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people, and they believed. And when they heard that the LORD was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.

Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the desert.’”

Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD and I will not let Israel go.”

Ex. 12:1-3,6-8,11-14,23,28-30 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb [*seh*] for his family, one for each household....

“Take care of it until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter it at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the

doorframes of the houses where they eat the lamb.

“That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.... This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover.

“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn-both men and animals-and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD-a lasting ordinance....When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

...The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

Exod. 19:5-6 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations [goyim] you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

Exod. 20:1-20 And God spoke all these words: “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand [generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to

test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

Leviticus 16:6-11,14-24,29-30,34 “Aaron is to offer the bull for his own sin offering to make atonement for himself and his household. Then he is to take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

“He is to cast lots for the two goats—one lot for the LORD and the other for the scapegoat. Aaron shall bring the goat whose lot falls to the LORD and sacrifice it for a sin offering. But the goat chosen by lot as the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the LORD to be used for making atonement by sending it into the desert as a scapegoat.

“Aaron shall bring the bull for his own sin offering to make atonement for himself and his household, and he is to slaughter the bull for his own sin offering....He is to take some of the bull’s blood and with his finger sprinkle it on the front of the atonement cover; then he shall sprinkle some of it with his finger seven times before the atonement cover.

“He shall then slaughter the goat for the sin offering for the people and take its blood behind the curtain and do with it as he did with the bull’s blood: He shall sprinkle it on the atonement cover and in front of it. In this way he will make atonement for the Most Holy Place because of the uncleanness and rebellion of the Israelites, whatever their sins have been. He is to do the same for the Tent of Meeting, which is among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

“No one is to be in the Tent of Meeting from the time Aaron goes in to make atonement in the Most Holy Place until he comes out, having made atonement for himself, his household and the whole community of Israel.

“Then he shall come out to the altar that is before the LORD and make atonement for it. He shall take some of the bull’s blood and some of the goat’s blood and put it on all the horns of the altar. He shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times to cleanse it and to consecrate it from the uncleanness of the Israelites.

“When Aaron has finished making atonement for the Most Holy Place, the Tent of Meeting and the altar, he shall bring forward the live goat. He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins—and put them on the goat’s head. He shall send the goat away into the desert in the care of a man appointed for the task. The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a solitary place; and the man shall release it in the desert.

“Then Aaron is to go into the Tent of Meeting and take off the linen garments he put on before he entered the Most Holy Place, and he is to leave them there. He shall bathe himself with water in a holy place and put on his regular garments. Then he shall come out and sacrifice the burnt offering for himself and the burnt offering for the people, to make atonement for himself and for the people.

“This is to be a lasting ordinance for you: On the tenth day of the seventh month you must deny yourselves and not do any work—whether native-born or an alien living among you—because on this day atonement will be made for you, to cleanse you. Then, before the LORD, you will be clean from all your sins. It is a sabbath of rest, and you must deny yourselves; it is a lasting ordinance....

“This is to be a lasting ordinance for you: Atonement is to be made once a year for all the sins of the Israelites.” And it was done, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Lev. 17:11 For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life.

Numbers 6:23-26 Tell Aaron and his sons, “This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: ‘The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.’”

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the

road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Deut. 9:5-6 “It is not because of your righteousness or your integrity that you are going in to take possession of their land; but on account of the wickedness of these nations, the LORD your God will drive them out before you, to accomplish what he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Understand, then, that it is not because of your righteousness that the LORD your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stiff-necked people.”

Deut. 18:18 “I will raise up for them a prophet like you [Moses] from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account.”

Deut. 27:26 “Cursed is the man who does not uphold the words of this Torah by carrying them out.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!”

Josh. 10:12-14 On the day the LORD gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the LORD in the presence of Israel: “O sun, stand still over Gibeon, O moon, over the Valley of Aijalon.” So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on its enemies, as it is written in the Book of Jashar. The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the LORD listened to a man. Surely the LORD was fighting for Israel!

Judg. 13:2-3,24-25 A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was sterile and remained childless. The angel of the LORD appeared to her and said, “You are sterile and childless, but you are going to conceive and have a son.”...

The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the LORD blessed him, and the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him while he was in Mahaneh Dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

1 Samuel 8:6-8 But when they [the elders of Israel] said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD.

And the LORD told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you.

1 Sam. 16:1,6,7,10-13 The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

...Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered, “But he is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.” So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; he is the one.” So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power.

2 Sam. 15:13-14,30; 18:31-33; 19:9-12 A messenger came and told David, “The hearts of the men of Israel are with Absalom.” Then David said to all his officials who were with him in Jerusalem, “Come! We must flee, or none of us will escape from Absalom. We must leave

immediately, or he will move quickly to overtake us and bring ruin upon us and put the city to the sword.”

...But David continued up the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went; his head was covered and he was barefoot. All the people with him covered their heads too and were weeping as they went up.

...Then the Cushite arrived and said, “My lord the king, hear the good news! The LORD has delivered you today from all who rose up against you.”

The king asked the Cushite, “Is the young man Absalom safe?”

The Cushite replied, “May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to harm you be like that young man.”

The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: “O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you -O Absalom, my son, my son!”

...Throughout the tribes of Israel, the people were all arguing with each other, saying, “The king delivered us from the hand of our enemies; he is the one who rescued us from the hand of the Philistines. But now he has fled the country because of Absalom; and Absalom, whom we anointed to rule over us, has died in battle. So why do you say nothing about bringing the king back?”

King David sent this message to Zadok and Abiathar, the priests: “Ask the elders of Judah, ‘Why should you be the last to bring the king back to his palace, since what is being said throughout Israel has reached the king at his quarters? You are my brothers, my own flesh and blood. So why should you be the last to bring back the king?’”

1 Kings 19:14-18 He [Elijah] replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu.

Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him.”

2 Kings 4:42-44 A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. “Give it to the people to eat,” Elisha said.

“How can I set this before a hundred men?” his servant asked. But Elisha answered, “Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the LORD says: ‘They will eat and have some left over.’” Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

2 Kgs. 13:21 Once while some Israelites were burying a man, suddenly they saw a band of raiders; so they threw the man’s body into Elisha’s tomb. When the body touched Elisha’s bones, the man came to life and stood up on his feet.

Isaiah 2:2-5 In the last days the mountain of the LORD’s temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations [*goyim*] will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.”

The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations [*goyim*] and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Isa. 7:11-14 “Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.”

Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? 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* [i.e. “God with us”].”

Isa. 9:6-7 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Isa. 11:1-5,10 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. 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—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; 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. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist....

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations [*goyim*] will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

Isa. 12 In that day you will say: “I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation [*yeshuah*]; I will trust and not

be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation [*yeshuah*].”

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation [*yeshuah*].

In that day you will say: “Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

Isa. 29:13-16 The Lord says: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men. Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder; the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish.”

Woe to those who go to great depths to hide their plans from the LORD, who do their work in darkness and think, “Who sees us? Who will know?”

You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, “He did not make me”? Can the pot say of the potter, “He knows nothing”?

Isa. 40:1-15 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.

A voice of one calling: “In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out.”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

“All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.”

You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God!”

See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance? Who has understood the mind of the LORD, or instructed him as his counselor? Whom did the LORD consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way? Who was it that taught him knowledge or showed him the path of understanding?

Surely the nations [*goyim*] are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on scales; he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust.

Isa. 42:1-7 “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations [*goyim*].

“He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will

put their hope.”

This is what God the LORD says-he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles [*goyim*], to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.”

Isa. 49:5-7 And now the LORD says-he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength-he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles [*goyim*], that you may bring my salvation [*yeshuah*] to the ends of the earth.”

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.”

Isa. 52 & 53 Awake, awake, O Zion, clothe yourself with strength. Put on your garments of splendor, O Jerusalem, the holy city. The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again. Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, O Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, O captive Daughter of Zion. For this is what the LORD says: “You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed.”

For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: “At first my people went down to Egypt to live; lately, Assyria has oppressed them. And now what do I have here?” declares the LORD. “For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock,” declares the LORD. “And all day long my name is constantly blasphemed.

“Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I.” How beautiful on

the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation [*yeshuah*], who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations [*goyim*], and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation [*yeshuah*] of our God.

Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing! Come out from it and be pure, you who carry the vessels of the LORD. But you will not leave in haste or go in flight; for the LORD will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. Just as there were many who were appalled at him—his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness—so will he sprinkle many nations [*goyim*], and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. 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.

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;

he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isa. 59:1-2,14-20 Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

...So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey. The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice.

He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm worked salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him. He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation [*yeshuah*] on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak. According to what they have done, so will he repay wrath to his enemies and retribution to his foes; he will repay the islands their due.

From the west, men will fear the name of the LORD, and from

the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory. For he will come like a pent-up flood that the breath of the LORD drives along. “The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,” declares the LORD.

Isa. 61:1-3 “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, to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.”

Isa. 63:7-10 I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us—yes, the many good things he has done for the house of Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses.

He said, “Surely they are my people, sons who will not be false to me”; and so he became their Savior. In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them.

Jeremiah 8:20-22 “The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved.” Since my people are crushed, I am crushed; I mourn, and horror grips me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people?

Jer. 17:5-10 This is what the LORD says: “Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD. He will be like a bush in the wastelands; he will not see prosperity when it comes. He will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.

“But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? “I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve.”

Jer. 23:3-8 “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

“So then, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when people will no longer say, ‘As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the Israelites up out of Egypt,’ but they will say, ‘As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the descendants of Israel up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them.’ Then they will live in their own land.”

Jer.29:13-14 “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations [*goyim*] and places where I have banished you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

Jer.31:31-37 “The time is coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when

I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.

“This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

This is what the LORD says, he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the LORD Almighty is his name: “Only if these decrees vanish from my sight,” declares the LORD, “will the descendants of Israel ever cease to be a nation before me.”

This is what the LORD says: “Only if the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth below be searched out will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done,” declares the LORD.

Ezekiel 18:20-24 “The soul who sins is the one who will die. The son will not share the guilt of the father, nor will the father share the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous man will be credited to him, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against him.

“But if a wicked man turns away from all the sins he has committed and keeps all my decrees and does what is just and right, he will surely live; he will not die. None of the offenses he has committed will be remembered against him. Because of the righteous things he has done, he will live.

“Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked?” declares the Sovereign LORD. “Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live?”

“But if a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits sin and does the same detestable things the wicked man does, will he live? None of the righteous things he has done will be

remembered. Because of the unfaithfulness he is guilty of and because of the sins he has committed, he will die.”

Ezek. 36:24-28 “For I will take you out of the nations [*goyim*]; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God.”

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.”

Zechariah 9:9-10 Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations [*goyim*]. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Zech. 12:9-10 “On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations [*goyim*] that attack Jerusalem. And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.”

Malachi 3:1-2,15-4:6 “See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty. But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap....

“But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly the evildoers prosper, and even those who challenge God escape.”

Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.

“They will be mine,” says the LORD Almighty, “in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them.

“But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things,” says the LORD Almighty. “Remember the Torah of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

“See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.”

Psalm 2 Why do the nations [*goyim*] conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One. “Let us break their chains,” they say, “and throw off their fetters.”

The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations [*goyim*] your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Ps. 14 The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

Will evildoers never learn—those who devour my people as men eat bread and who do not call on the LORD? There they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous. You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.

Oh, that salvation [*yeshuah*] for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

Ps. 22 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.

Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel. In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads: "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast. From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me. Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs. Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you. You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows. The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the LORD will praise him—may your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations [*goyim*] will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations [*goyim*]. All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—those who cannot keep themselves alive.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn—for he has done it.

Ps. 32:1-2 Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Ps. 69:4,9 Those who hate me without reason outnumber the hairs of my head; many are my enemies without cause...for zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.

Ps. 110 A psalm of David.

The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies. Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy majesty, from the womb of the dawn you will receive the dew of your youth.

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath. He will judge the nations [*goyim*], heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth. He will drink from a brook and beside the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

Proverbs 30:4 Who has gone up to heaven and come down? Who has gathered up the wind in the hollow of his hands? Who has wrapped up

the waters in his cloak? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and the name of his son? Surely you know!

Daniel 9:24-27 “Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy.

“Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing.

“The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. Then end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

Dan. 12:1-3 “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened since there was a nation until that time.

“But at that time your people-everyone whose name is found written in the book-will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.”

[The life of Yeshua begins with his legal genealogy to present his descent from King David, and to confirm God's faithfulness to Israel.]

A record of the genealogy of Yeshua the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa, Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram, Jehoram the father of Uzziah, Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.

After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, Abiud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Eliud, Eliud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Miriam, of whom was born Yeshua, who is called Messiah.

Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

Some Final Thoughts

This world is in pain, at the mercy of those who have no mercy. There is no relief, no comfort, no healing. “From the sole of your foot to the top of your head there is no soundness-only wounds and welts and open sores, not cleansed or bandaged or soothed with oil.” Isa.1:6

Yesterday’s hopes have withered, faded, and fallen. Yesterday’s solutions have become today’s problems. Each new political “savior” brings only new disappointment.

Our problems are not simply political, economic, or societal. They are problems of the heart. They require a supernatural solution.

Our personal need is not for more money, education, beauty, or strength. It is much deeper than that. We need new life.

Adam and Eve felt justified in their rebellion against God because the fruit of the tree was so attractive. Their children-every man, woman, and child-continue to rebel against God in order to feed the lust of their eyes, the lust of their flesh, and the boastful pride of their lives. That rebellion is the source of all that is wrong in the world.

When Adam and Eve became aware of their sin, they tried to hide from God. If we choose our own sin instead of God’s holiness, we have reason to be afraid. “Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.” (John 3:20)

But there is no hiding from God. He knows all your thoughts, words, and deeds. That is why we cannot impress God with our own goodness. The Lord says, “I will expose your righteousness and your works, and they will not benefit you.” (Isa. 57:12)

For centuries there have been many Gentiles who claimed to follow Yeshua/Jesus, but whose lives belied their claim. Instead of being messengers of redemption, they were instruments of hatred and destruction. Instead of bringing life, they brought death. How should we understand this?

In the Bible, we are told quite clearly that, “If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.” (1 John 4:20) Yeshua taught that the fruit of a man’s life shows what the source of his life is. “They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.” (Matt. 7:15)

Some religious leaders, like some political leaders, have a tendency to disguise their motives, misrepresent their own importance, and exalt their own teachings. Yeshua told the religious leaders of his day: “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!” (Mk. 7:9) It is still the same today.

The traditions of men, whether Jewish or Gentile, often stand in opposition to the revealed will of God. The religious leaders claim to be God’s interpreters, but God wants **you** to hear his voice. “If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Some people are afraid to hear directly from God. They are like our forefathers at Mt. Sinai: “They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, ‘Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.’” (Ex. 20:19)

Some people, even when they know God’s truth, embrace a communal lie in order to escape the rejection of others. We cannot turn away from God because we fear the rejection and wrath of men, even those closest to us. A difficult, despised truth is worth more than a comforting, accepted lie.

After all, we will each stand alone before God to give account for what we have done. Yeshua said, “I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.” (Lk. 12:4-5)

God is holy, righteous, and good. He gave Israel his Torah-his law and teaching—for our own well-being. God created the Jewish people to bring light, healing, and salvation to a darkened, sick, and

hopeless world. An important part of that is seeking forgiveness for own sin.

Each fall, we are to observe ten days of awe and introspection by marking the Biblical days of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. This is God's way of reminding us that "All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rages; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away....your iniquities have separated you from your God: your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear." (Isa 64:6; 59:2)

From the beginning of man's rebellion, God began to demonstrate the way to forgiveness and a new start. He covered the nakedness of Adam and Eve with the skins of animals put to death in their place.

In the *akedah*, the offering of Isaac, God illustrated the sacrifice that He himself would one day make for the sins of the world. God told Abraham, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." (Gen. 22:2) Even as God spared Isaac, Abraham knew that one day God himself would provide the necessary lamb.

In the exodus from Egypt, it was only the blood of the lamb that prevented the angel of death from destroying every first-born in Israel. The Tabernacle and the Temple witnessed daily sacrifices for the sins of our fathers. "For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life." (Lev. 17:11)

In the wilderness, God taught us that we must follow Him to find our way out. We must trust and believe Him to enter a new life. Yeshua came before the second Temple was destroyed in 70 A.D., and said, "I am the way...follow me."

He did not come to call those who are satisfied that they are already good enough for God. He came to bringing healing to the sick, and to call sinners to repentance, faith, and hope in God.

As a devout Jew, Yeshua lived a remarkable life. He astounded the Jewish teachers of Torah with his insight, wisdom, and authority. He restored sight to the blind, healed crippled limbs, and even raised the dead. By his words and his works, he proved himself to be God's Anointed One.

But there is an old Jewish saying: "If God lived in a house on earth, people would break his windows." This world is in rebellion against God. And people do not want to be told that what they are doing is wrong.

People want to live however they choose, and not be called to account. They want to do whatever they can justify in their own eyes, and then blame God when things go wrong.

Cain killed his brother Abel, because Abel did what was pleasing to God. Saul rebelled against God, but wanted to retain his position and power. So he tried to kill David, whose heart sought to know and serve God.

Ahab and Jezebel filled Israel with immorality and idolatry. When Elijah delivered God's message of judgment to them, they tried to kill the messenger rather than change their ways.

God sent his word in human form to reveal the inclination of every heart. As Isaiah predicted: "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 did not esteem him. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and we are healed by his wounds. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Is. 53:3-6)

In obedience to the predetermined plan of God, Yeshua gave Himself as God's sacrificial lamb to atone for the sins of his people-to atone for your sins and the sins of the world. He died for the crime of being the King of the Jews. For all that God created the Jewish people to be, Yeshua IS the King of the Jews.

Gentiles, too, can put their trust in him and receive forgiveness. He is the light of the world.

In our day, Messianic fervor and expectation have increased. Amidst all the speculation, there is one sure way to know the real Messiah from the false ones. For thousands of years, there have been many passages in the Bible that have been recognized as God's description of the Messiah. Yeshua is the only one who has come in fulfillment of these promises.

It is Messiah Yeshua to whom Moses referred when he said: "the Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him...[The Lord said to Moses], 'I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. If anyone does not listen to My words that the prophet speaks in my Name, I Myself will call him to account.' (Dt. 18:15,18-19)

Joseph's brothers did not recognize him the first time that they came before him in Egypt. The second time they came before him, Joseph revealed himself to them as their savior.

Moses was not accepted by our ancestors in Egypt as their redeemer when he first came to them. It was the second time, after he had been gone for forty years, that they accepted him.

Even after God had anointed David as king of Israel, all Israel still followed Saul. David was an outcast.

Later all the people followed Absalom in his rebellion. After Absalom's death, David said to the people and their leaders: "You are my brothers, my own flesh and blood. So why should you be the last to bring back the king?"

In the first century, after Yeshua's death and resurrection, there were tens of thousands of Jews in Jerusalem alone who put their faith in him. Since that time, there have also been countless millions of Gentiles who have accepted Yeshua as king. In our day there are again tens of thousands of Jews who have done the same. "So why should you be the

last?”

Yeshua came once to give each of us the opportunity to be forgiven and set free from our sins. He will soon come again to receive those who are his, and to pour out God’s judgment on all those who stubbornly continue to go their own way.

During this time before his return, you choose your own eternal destiny. God gives each person the opportunity to show what is in his or her heart. In the eyes of God, you are not your clothes, your possessions, your abilities, or your accomplishments. You are simply the decision maker inside.

You can choose to be part of this world’s rebellion against God, or you can choose to humble yourself and surrender to the Prince of Peace. Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

When it seems like there is no way out, please remember that Yeshua IS the way. When it seems like no one cares, please remember that Yeshua cares enough to have given his life for you.

His suffering and death make sense in the light of his resurrection. Our own sufferings can only be understood in the same light.

Yeshua’s life, death, and resurrection contain the answer and the hope. It is by faith in Messiah, the King of the Jews, that we become part of God’s answer. We receive forgiveness and a message of healing for this otherwise hopeless world.

The Truth demands things from us. To truly be the children of Abraham, we need to be willing to pay the price. We need to choose to follow the Lord, no matter what the cost.

What we gain is beyond the price-life and hope for today and tomorrow. And there is an age to come when all things will be made new.

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be

his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’

“... Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations [goyim]....

“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End....I, Jesus... am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.’

“The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.” Rev. 21:3-4; 22:1-2,12,16-17

Will you come?

Appendix A

Two Personal Stories of Jewish Men

A JEW ACCEPTS HIS MESSIAH

by Hyman Israel Specter

I was named *Chaiim* Israel Specter*, consecrated to the Lord and circumcised three weeks after I was born. (I was a “blue baby” and could not be circumcised on the eighth day as God had commanded His people through Abraham. According to Jewish law this was permissible for the health of the baby.)

When I was two months old, my father passed away and my mother took my two sisters and me to the city of Ventura, California. Here we lived in a Gentile community. Association with non-Jews did not change our faith. We children were brought up to realize that we were different from those who lived around us --- that everyone who wasn't a Jew was a “Christian.”

In our school days our fellow students constantly reminded us of our Jewish descent with remarks such as: *Christ-killer, Kike, Sheeny, Dirty Jew etc.* We were told that because we were Jews we had to suffer, as our fathers suffered before us.

“But why should we bear the sorrow for something that was done a long time ago? Our fathers must have committed some terrible deed for people to say such things about them. What do they mean when they say ‘Christ-killer’? Was there ever such a man called ‘Christ’ who ever lived?” My mother would try to answer the best she knew how and we had to be satisfied with her explanation!

We were taught that the Christians had a God they called “Christ” whom they claimed to be the world's Saviour. They said the Jews nailed Him to a cross 1900 years ago. (We have discovered since we now believe in Him, that according to the Bible account in the New Testament and according to prophecy in the Tenach or Old Testament, the Gentiles also were responsible for His death! Of course, we believed Him to be an imposter and a blasphemer. His name was never to cross our lips. One time, I remember when I was in my grandfather's home, I cursed and

swore using the name of Christ as I had learned to do from the Gentiles. My grandfather took me outside and washed my mouth with soap. It was not that I had cursed or sworn, but because I had used "that Name" that I was punished. My grandfather forbade me ever to say "that Name" again under his roof!

As I grew older my thoughts turned to the pleasures of youth. I engaged in worldly amusements, for I did not care for religious matters. They seemed to me a form and a ritual which did not make a response in my soul. However, there was a longing in my heart for something, I knew not what - and I would try to find it in things of the world. But after the dance was over and the liquor had worn off, I was just as miserable as ever. I found the joy was only for a short time.

For twenty-one years my dear mother, who was devout in Judaism, had been reading the Old Testament (the *Tenach*) for comfort. Her eyes would fall upon these words: "*His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. He shall deliver His people from their sins.*" She knew this was to be the Messiah for whom all TRUE Jews are waiting. The Spirit of the Lord kept striving with her so that when some Christian witnesses came to her door, it was very easy for them to point to Christ as the fulfillment of these Scriptures. She accepted Him as her Messiah. After this step in her life, she would ask me to read the New Testament. I thought she was losing her mind for she had so drilled us from childhood to have nothing to do with this Book! I thought the Christians became jealous of the Jews who had the Old Testament with Israel's God and, therefore, they invented a NEW Testament about the Christian's God.

Then, my sister Ruth who had just come home from Hollywood for a short visit, started to attend church with my mother. My anger mounted higher against the Christians for luring even her into this "false religion" as I called it. I threatened to leave home if this "fanaticism" continued. But I did have to admit that there was a great change in my sister's life. No longer did she join me in my reckless pleasures. I could not understand this.

For the night of October 24th, 1938, my dear mother prepared a gathering at our house to celebrate my sister's birthday and invited the pastor and his wife to attend. Of course, I wanted to be present also, but I was terribly disappointed that "Christians" were to be there. I thought I would have to be very careful what I would say and do when they were

around. I didn't think I would have a very good time, but I decided to come so as not to hurt my sister's feelings.

Before stepping inside the house I watched the pastor through the window, I "sized him up" to see if he was a *man*, for I could not believe anyone who was a leader among the *Christians* could be *HUMAN!* While standing there, I planned an argument to "twist this preacher around my finger," for I thought I knew a thing or two about religion. I had attended Hebrew school and knew a little something that would puzzle this pastor. When I felt I was prepared to meet him, I entered the house.

I had an idea the preacher would preach to me and talk religion all evening, but I was wrong. He was a "regular follow" with a winning personality. He talked about those things in which I was interested. I liked him!

Around midnight I could not contain myself any longer. *No mention of religion had been made.* I looked the minister straight in the eyes and said: "Say preacher, what about this religion you're stuffing into my mother and sister?"

He answered by explaining he was not making them believe anything they didn't want to. Then he said to me "How would you like to be happy with a LASTING happiness?" I thought this was a foolish question and said, "Well, anyone is a fool who wouldn't want that. Isn't that what we are here for? Of course, I would like to have a *lasting* happiness. What can I do to have it?" The pastor then made an astonishing statement, "All you have to do is believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son!"

I laughed right in his face. "God have a Son? How could the Almighty God have a Son?" I am sure the pastor was hurt at this scoffing attitude, but he continued. "Don't take *my* word for it, but you just pray to God Himself and ask Him if He had a Son. If you are honest with yourself and sincere toward God, He will answer you."

At this, everyone in the room bowed their heads, closing their eyes. I had already consented to do what was requested of me, but when I bowed my head, I looked out from between the fingers of my hand at them and asked, "But I don't know how to pray, what do I say?" The pastor then told me to talk to God as though I were talking to my best friend (and He IS the Best Friend anyone ever had!)

When I bowed my head and closed my eyes this time, I was very

earnest. I really wanted to know the truth. I prayed out of the sincerity of my heart, "God, I know you *didn't* have a Son - but if you *did*, won't you reveal Him to me?" When I said this something happened to me. I grabbed myself around my waist and called out "I feel funny!" for way down inside of me was a strange sensation I had never experienced before.

When those at the party heard this statement from me, they began to cry and pray louder. I became embarrassed and closed the window to shut away the noise from my neighbors!

The minister left the house that night saying he was thanking God for my salvation, but I didn't know what he meant.

The next day I was in our living room all alone, lying on the day couch. *The couch began to move!* I thought it was one of those earthquakes so frequently in California. I looked at the other objects in the room, which were lighter than that upon which I was lying - but they were still. *Only the day couch moved!* Suddenly I began to cry uncontrollably. I tried to stop, but could not. I walked to the sink in the bathroom to wash my face endeavoring to cease from my sobbing. This was the first time in years that I had shed tears. I thought it was "sissy" for a boy to cry. I called to my mother in the next room and asked her what was the matter with me, I couldn't stop crying. She said that God was striving with my soul and breaking the "heart of stone" to place there a "heart of flesh" instead! I couldn't understand that kind of language and suggested that we go to a Christian friend's house to talk all about this. Gladly mom consented and I could hardly wait to get there. This too, was another strange thing for me to suggest, because when this very lady would come to our house, I would suddenly disappear out the back door. Now I wanted to hear her tell the "good news" of salvation.

When I made an entrance into the Christian lady's house, I asked her what was happening to me. She tried to explain, but I had to reason everything out and still could not understand. She then suggested that I kneel and ask Jesus about it. I did kneel and said the one word "Jesus". Then the strange feeling I had the night before came over me and I began to cry again. It was still such a mystery to me.

That afternoon I drove to the Courthouse where my two sisters met me after their work. They sensed something had occurred at home by the look on my face. I asked my sister Ruth when church services began. She informed me it would start at 7:30. "Seven-thirty!" I exclaimed.

“Why can’t it begin earlier than that?” I could hardly wait. I wanted to find out for sure if Jesus really was the Son of God!

On the way to church I prayed. “God, you’ll have to show me tonight whether or not Jesus is your Son, or I’ll never believe it!”

My sister held my arm as we were entering the church, and as we started down the aisle to find a seat, I said to her “Ruth, Ruth, are your shoes touching the carpet?” She said, “Of course, my shoes are touching the carpet.” I replied in amazement, “*MINE AREN’T!*” For I felt that I was walking right straight up to Heaven. I was becoming lighter and lighter. Do you know what was happening to me? *The burden of sin was rolling away! PRAISE THE LORD!*

Because of this wonderful manifestation of Divine power, I believed that Jesus Christ was my Messiah, the Son of the Living God. He had revealed the truth to me by this sign. This was what I was searching for. The customs of Judaism that I had kept were only pointing forward to the Messiah, the Deliverer, the promised Redeemer. I had come in contact with Him at last.

A change took place in my life. Dancing, drinking, smoking, and all the vices which I had indulged in became disgusting to me. I ceased from their practice. A desire to please my Lord and be about His business took the place of all that.

Never before were the trees so beautiful as now. Never before was the sky so blue! Never before did the birds sing so sweetly. *Now my great desire is to know Him better and make Him known.* How I long to tell the whole wide world of the wonderful grace of our living Lord and what a great work He has performed in my life. Blessed be His Name forever!

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**A JEWISH BRONX NATIVE FINDS GOD’S LIVING WORD
THROUGH THE PROPHET ISAIAH**

by Warren Frankel

"...Did they (Israel) stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious." (Romans 11:11)

I was born Myron Warren Frankel on November 13, 1937. My parents raised me in the tradition of Orthodox Judaism as they had been raised. I studied Hebrew for five years and was bar-mitzvahed at 13. But probably the single strongest influence in my life at that time was my Grand-mother. She was strictly Orthodox, and in order to talk with her I had to learn how to speak Yiddish. My Grandmother loved God and did her best to keep the Law. She respected all God's creation and wouldn't even kill a cockroach, instead she would coax it onto a piece of paper and carry it outside.

She was so full of love. She was everything I thought people should be. But soon after my bar-mitzvah she died, and that was when I turned my back on God and Judaism.

I ended up being the only Caucasian in an all black gang. I ran with them for three years, until one day I was picked up by the police as I was coming out of a movie theater. Apparently my partner had turned me in, he had even told the police where to find me. I was charged with breaking and entering, grand larceny, and assault with a deadly weapon, but I was only 17 so the judge gave me a choice. Prison or military service. Well, the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and the Marines all turned me down. However, the Air Force said they'd help me. So just prior to my 18th birthday I was sworn into service, and all my criminal records were destroyed.

"There are two kinds of people I don't like "one is Yankees and one is Jews." That was the very first thing my drill instructor said to me, and for the twelve weeks I trained under him he made sure I never forgot it. He leaned on me pretty hard, but somewhere in the process I began to grow up. After I finished training I was assigned to McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey, only to be sent to Korea to help "clean up" after the war. My time in Korea certainly made me appreciate the States a lot more. The whole time I was there I was continuously homesick for anything familiar -- blondes, burgers -- anything. Finally, a year later I returned to McGuire and was made "shift chief". Things

went smoothly enough, until in May of 1959 I found out a girl, fresh out of Basic Training, had been assigned to my shift. I didn't want any women on my shift - but I was stuck with her. As it turned out Cathy Mullens was not only a very good worker and a great friend, but she was also a "lady". I had never known a "lady". We started seeing each other pretty regularly and I even brought her home once to meet my folks, but they would have nothing to do with her as she was a Gentile.

Early one morning, around 2 am, we were taking our coffee break together when one of Cathy's girlfriends came in and started flashing her brand new engagement ring around. I told her that I'm always asking Cathy to marry me but she always says "no". So I asked Cathy again if she would marry me and this time she said "yes." Well I thought it was a joke, but at 8 am the next morning Cathy called her Mom to tell her that we were getting married. We ran into trouble getting a license because for some reason our military blood tests were not acceptable. We spent the whole day trying to get our blood tests approved and get the license, and the whole time I kept hoping there was going to be a way out. But the very next day I was standing in a church with Cathy, license secured -- getting married.

I never thought I'd get married in a building with a cross on it. Every time that pastor said "... in the Name of Jesus..." I sank another inch deeper into the carpet.

Cathy had no idea how difficult it was for me to just stand in a church, let alone get married in one. She was a nominal Christian and just assumed that this was the only logical place for a wedding. Somehow I managed to survive the ceremony and we were, and are, very happily married. But my parents disowned me for eight months after our wedding.

We decided we would each pursue our own religion - but Cathy started praying for me right away...

Several years down the road we moved to Arizona where I started a company with my partner Dennis Edwards. It was a commercial enterprise and we did fairly well with it. In the meantime Cathy and Dennis' wife got involved with a local charismatic church, and Cathy was filled with the Holy Spirit and became really committed to serving the Lord. Dennis and I felt we had to put a stop to this. So I told Dennis that he should go to this church and check it out since he was a Gentile, after all, this was really his area of expertise. So he went,

and told me later that I'd really enjoy it because they sang lots of Jewish music (minor key sounding music).

So I went, and I did enjoy the music. I also felt immediately accepted. The people were very nice and genuinely loving. So I kept going back because I felt drawn there. I asked a lot of questions and they were very patient with me. For about a year I sat in my little pew in the back, where I thought even God didn't see me... but He saw me. It was near the end of a service one morning when I started feeling very sick - sweaty, clammy, flu-like, and my heart was beating very fast. I told Cathy to catch a ride home because I had to leave. I got as far as the aisle, and the last thing I heard Pastor Green say was: "Is there anybody here...?" The next thing I knew I was on my hands and knees at the altar, crying like a baby. I was very scared and wanted to run - but the elders had come and gathered around me. One of them asked me what was going on

I said I was going to make a commitment to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob but I told them: "Don't bug me about this man named Jesus because he's the god of the Gentiles not of the Jews."

They said they'd pray for me.

I decided I could serve the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob while attending church as long as I ignored the mention of Jesus. But I also realized that I had to do something more. So I told Cathy I was going to read the Bible and prove these 800 Gentiles wrong. I wasn't sleeping or eating too well at that point - so I began reading, and everything was fine until I came across Isaiah 53. What hit me was that from reading the preface - I understood it had been written 750 years before Jesus. Yet it talked about what we would do to Him and what He'd do for us, what He'd look like - etc..

I got very excited, and in my mind I realized that it must be true. But then I turned to the front of the book and saw that it was the King James version - a Gentile Bible - so I dug around for my old Hebrew Bible with the Masoretic text - all 39 books, and again I read Isaiah 53. Same thing in the NIV, New Jerusalem Bible and American Standard - they all said basically the same thing.

That was when I could no longer argue - I knew God was talking about His Son, for the Jews as well as the Gentiles.

I just sat there until Cathy came home. She knew immediately

what had happened. I showed her Isaiah 53 and asked her why no one had shown it to me before. She said I wasn't ready to receive it - that it had to be in God's perfect timing. She said that I'm the kind of person who wouldn't have listened to anyone who tried to tell me - it had to come right from God Himself.

That following Sunday I made a public confession of faith to the Lord and shared my experience with the congregation. I have followed the Lord ever since, and love Him with all my heart and soul, might and mind.

“Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:4-5)

Appendix B

Yeshua makes you Kosher

by Loren Jacobs

Who is Yeshua and how can He make anyone kosher?

Most people assume that Yeshua (Jesus) has nothing to do with being kosher, but that's not true. Yeshua is the most Jewish of Jews: He was born in Israel to Jewish parents from King David's royal family. He was circumcised on the eighth day. He was a rabbi who did unparalleled miracles that brought great blessing to the nation of Israel. He taught that He fulfilled, not set aside, the Torah.

Even though He died 2000 years ago, Yeshua was raised from the dead; He returned to life and overcame death! He is the Messiah of Israel and the Savior of the world. He is the coming world ruler and mankind's only hope. He is the only one who can make us kosher (clean, fit, proper) in God's sight because He is completely kosher in the eyes of God. He alone is the one who can enable both Jews and Gentiles to have a kosher relationship with God, and with one another. Only Yeshua can give genuine peace and joy in this life, and eternal life in the world to come.

DEAR READER:

In the Holy Scriptures God declares that all people, whether black or white, Jew or Gentile, rich or poor, cultured or pagan, are SINNERS. And because they are sinners they need to repent of their sins and turn to God by accepting His way of salvation, Yeshua the Messiah of Israel and the whole world.

Has the Spirit of God shown you that you need the Messiah? If so, won't you pray in all sincerity before God, the following prayer?

“O God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, I confess that I am a sinner. I want to obey you. I want to know if Jesus is the Messiah. If you reveal to me that He is, I will accept Him as my Messiah and King.”

“I love those who love me; And those who diligently seek me will find me.” (Proverbs 8:17)

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Betrayed! By Stan Telchin

A thrilling, first-hand account of an American Jewish man's struggle—first, to keep Jesus out of his life, and then to let Him in! Stan Telchin's dramatic story will give you deep understanding of the Jewish heart. You won't be able to put this book down.

They Thought for Themselves by Sid Roth

This book tells the stories of ten Jewish people who broke through the mold of their previous experience to achieve their destiny. The people in this book come from widely divergent backgrounds including a guru, a holocaust survivor, a multi-millionaire, and a media executive. They range from a Jewish atheist to Orthodox Jews. The common denominator is that they all thought for themselves.

The Book of Hope

A Messianic harmony of the gospels, including scriptures from Tanakh which establish the context for recognizing Messiah and the reasons for his coming.

The Messianic Passover Haggadah

A detailed account of the Passover Feast, exploring each element of the Passover Seder ritual, as well as the foreshadowing of these elements in the person of Messiah! Included are the order of service, blessings and menu - compete with traditional Passover recipes.

