

Messianic Prophecy in the Prophets

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Isaiah 7:10-14

¹⁰Then the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying,

¹¹“Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; make it deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”

¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!”

Isaiah 7:10-14

¹³Then he said, “Listen now, O house of David! Is it too slight a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God as well?”

¹⁴“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:1-7

¹But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

Isaiah 9:1-7

²The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them.

³You shall multiply the nation, You shall increase their gladness; They will be glad in Your presence As with the gladness of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

Isaiah 9:1-7

⁴For You shall break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders, The rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian.

⁵For every boot of the booted warrior in the battle tumult, And cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire.

Isaiah 9:1-7

⁶For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:1-7

⁷There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

Isaiah 11:1-10

³And He will delight in the fear of the LORD,
And He will not judge by what His eyes see,
Nor make a decision by what His ears hear;

⁴But with righteousness He will judge the
poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted
of the earth; And He will strike the earth with
the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of
His lips He will slay the wicked.

Isaiah 11:1-10

⁵Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist.

⁶And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them. ...

Isaiah 11:1-10

⁹They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰Then in that day The nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; And His resting place will be glorious.

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹“Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.

²“He will not cry out or raise His voice, Nor make His voice heard in the street.

Isaiah 42:1-9

³“A bruised reed He will not break And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴“He will not be disheartened or crushed Until He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law.”

Isaiah 42:1-9

⁵Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it And spirit to those who walk in it,

Isaiah 42:1-9

⁶“I am the LORD, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations,

⁷To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon And those who dwell in darkness from the prison.

Isaiah 42:1-9

⁸“I am the LORD, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, Nor My praise to graven images.

⁹“Behold, the former things have come to pass, Now I declare new things; Before they spring forth I proclaim them to you.”

Isaiah 49:1-13

¹Listen to Me, O islands, And pay attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called Me from the womb; From the body of My mother He named Me.

²He has made My mouth like a sharp sword, In the shadow of His hand He has concealed Me; And He has also made Me a select arrow, He has hidden Me in His quiver.

Isaiah 49:1-13

³He said to Me, “You are My Servant, Israel, In Whom I will show My glory.”

⁴But I said, “I have toiled in vain, I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity; Yet surely the justice due to Me is with the LORD, And My reward with My God.”

Isaiah 49:1-13

⁵And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel might be gathered to Him (For I am honored in the sight of the LORD, And My God is My strength),

Isaiah 49:1-13

⁶He says, “It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Isaiah 49:1-13

⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and its Holy One, To the despised One, To the One abhorred by the nation, To the Servant of rulers, “Kings will see and arise, Princes will also bow down, Because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You.”

Isaiah 49:1-13

⁸Thus says the LORD, “In a favorable time I have answered You, And in a day of salvation I have helped You; And I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people, To restore the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritages;

Isaiah 49:1-13

⁹Saying to those who are bound, 'Go forth,' To those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.' Along the roads they will feed, And their pasture will be on all bare heights.

¹⁰"They will not hunger or thirst, Nor will the scorching heat or sun strike them down; For He who has compassion on them will lead them And will guide them to springs of water.

Isaiah 49:1-13

¹¹“I will make all My mountains a road, And My highways will be raised up.

¹²“Behold, these will come from afar; And lo, these will come from the north and from the west, And these from the land of Sinim.”

Isaiah 49:1-13

¹³Shout for joy, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth! Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains! For the LORD has comforted His people And will have compassion on His afflicted.

Isaiah 50:4-9

⁴The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not disobedient Nor did I turn back.

Isaiah 50:4-9

⁶I gave My back to those who strike Me, And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting.

⁷For the Lord GOD helps Me, Therefore, I am not disgraced; Therefore, I have set My face like flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed.

Isaiah 50:4-9

⁸He who vindicates Me is near; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up to each other; Who has a case against Me? Let him draw near to Me.

⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps Me; Who is he who condemns Me? Behold, they will all wear out like a garment; The moth will eat them.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹³Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted.

¹⁴Just as many were astonished at you, My people,
So His appearance was marred more than any man
And His form more than the sons of men.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹⁵Thus He will sprinkle many nations, Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him; For what had not been told them they will see, And what they had not heard they will understand.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot,
And like a root out of parched ground; He has no
stately form or majesty That we should look upon
Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted
to Him.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

³He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

⁴Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

⁵But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

⁶All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

⁷He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

⁸By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered That He was cut off out of the land of the living For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due?

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

⁹His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

¹⁰But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹¹As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.

Isaiah 61:1-7

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
Because the LORD has anointed me To bring
good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to
bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim
liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners;

²To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD
And the day of vengeance of our God; To
comfort all who mourn,

Isaiah 61:1-7

³To grant those who mourn in Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

Isaiah 61:1-7

⁴Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, They will raise up the former devastations; And they will repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.

⁵Strangers will stand and pasture your flocks, And foreigners will be your farmers and your vinedressers.

Isaiah 61:1-7

⁶But you will be called the priests of the LORD;
You will be spoken of as ministers of our God.
You will eat the wealth of nations, And in their
riches you will boast.

⁷Instead of your shame you will have a double
portion, And instead of humiliation they will
shout for joy over their portion. Therefore
they will possess a double portion in their
land, Everlasting joy will be theirs.

Jeremiah 23:5-8

⁵“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land.

⁶“In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, ‘The LORD our righteousness.’

Jeremiah 23:5-8

⁷“Therefore behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when they will no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt,’

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Jeremiah 33:14-17

¹⁴‘Behold, days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

¹⁵‘In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth.

Jeremiah 33:14-17

¹⁶‘In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell in safety; and this is the name by which she will be called: the LORD is our righteousness.’

¹⁷“For thus says the LORD, ‘David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel;

Messianic Prophecies Synthesis from the Prophets

- The Messiah would be born of a virgin (Is. 7:14)
- Messiah's identity would be both human and divine; His righteous, eternal rule established by God Himself (Is. 9:6-7)
- Messiah would be a descendant of David, born in humble, not royal, circumstances; Led by God's Spirit; His righteous rule extends over both Israel and Gentiles (Is. 11:1-10)
- Messiah would both call Israel to repentance and be a light to the nations (Is. 42:1-6; 49:1-13)

Messianic Prophecies Synthesis from the Prophets

- The Messiah, possessing ordinary appearance, would suffer, be rejected and although innocent, be executed in the prime of life as the means of atonement for Israel's sin. He would then be resurrected from the dead (Is. 52:13-53:12)
- The Messiah identified as the Lord (Jer. 23:5-6; Zech. 14:3-4)
- The Messiah would be divine, capable of standing in the very presence of God Himself in the heavens, and would be granted eternal dominion over the entire world (Dan. 7:13-14)
- Messiah would arrive prior to the destruction of the Temple (Dan 9:24-26)

Messianic Prophecies Synthesis from the Prophets

- The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Despite experiencing birth, the Messiah is also a divine, eternal being (Mic. 5:2)
- By riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, the Messiah would humbly present himself and his kingdom of peace to the Jewish people (Zechariah 9:9-10)
- Following His rejection by Jewish leadership and violent execution, the human/divine Messiah would supernaturally manifest himself to Israel and finally win their wholehearted acceptance (Zechariah 12:10)
- The Messiah would enter the Temple, preceded by a forerunner (Mal. 3:1)