

Portrait of Messiah

Who? **Psalm 2:2, 6-7.**
What? **Jeremiah 31:31-34.**
When? **Daniel 9:24-26.**
Where? **Micah 5:2.**
How? **Zechariah 12:10.**
Rejection?! **Psalm 118:22.**
Gentiles?! **Isaiah 49:5-6.**
Messiah! = **Isaiah 52:13-53:12.**

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Who? God sent the Messiah, His Son. (John 3:16)
What? The New Covenant. (Luke 22:14-20)
When? Prior to the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE (AD),
Where? Bethlehem. (Matthew 2:1-10)
How? By His atoning death for us. (John 19:37)
Rejection?! By certain leaders. (1 Peter 2:6-7)
Gentiles?! Included. (Acts 26:22-23)
Messiah! = Isaiah 52:13-53:12

From the beginning, the *Tenach* (Jewish Bible) promised a Messiah (Genesis 3:15), a Savior for both Jews and Gentiles (Isaiah 49:6). The *Tenach* reveals over 65 distinctives of the Messiah. He would be betrayed from the tribe of Judah (Micah 5:2), a descendant from the family of David (Jeremiah 23:5-6), born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14), in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2,4). The specific time the Messiah would be cut off (Daniel 9:26). He would be betrayed by a friend (Psalm 41:9) and sold for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:13). In **Isaiah 53**, we read about the details of Yeshua's (Jesus') sufferings. He would be wounded for our sins and transgressions, his hands and feet would be pierced. He would suffer and die (Isaiah 53:9) as an atoning sacrifice prior to the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70 CE (AD) (Daniel 9:24-26). He would be resurrected (Psalm 16:10).

Yeshua (Jesus) was from the tribe of Judah (Luke 3:33), the family of David (Luke 3:31) and born of a Virgin (Matthew 1:18-23) in Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-7). He was betrayed by a friend (John 18:5, Mark 14:17-18) and sold for 30 pieces of silver (Matthew 26:15). He suffered and died (Matthew 27:33-56) as an atoning sacrifice prior to the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE (AD). He was resurrected providing salvation for Jew and Gentile alike (Matthew 28:1-20), (Brit-Chadashah-New Covenant), (Luke 19:41-44).

God is Holy and the source of eternal life

Isaiah 5:16: But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

Psalm 16:11: You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

The Hebrew Bible says that man's sin separates him from a perfect and Holy God.

Isaiah 59:2: But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.

Ecclesiastes 7:20: For there is not a just man upon earth, that does good, and sins not.

Isaiah 64:6: But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Ezekiel 18:4: The soul who sins will die (spiritually and physically).

Hebrews 9:27: And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Daniel 12:2: And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

God requires blood sacrifice for the atonement of sin.

Leviticus 17:11: For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.

In the past, God temporarily atoned for man's sin by initiating the Levitical animal sacrificial system pointing forward to the perfect and final sacrifice for sin made by Messiah Himself (Leviticus chapters 1-7).

God promised to send the Messiah to provide that atonement.

Messiah to be divine

Jeremiah 23:5-6: Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. * ... and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (Messiah to be called The Lord Our Righteousness).

Messiah to be the Son of God

Psalm 2:7-8: I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

Isaiah 9:6-7: For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name 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, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom. To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever.

Proverbs 30:4: Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?

Psalm 2:12: Do homage to the Son, lest He become angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled. Blessed are all they who take refuge in Him.

Time of Messiah's Coming

Daniel 9:25, 26: Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince will be seven weeks and 62 weeks. And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined (Messiah to come and be cut off (die) before the destruction of the Second Temple (Sanctuary), which was destroyed by Titus in the Roman Siege of Jerusalem in 70 CE (AD)).

Messiah to be born in Bethlehem

Micah 5:2, 4: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting. And He shall stand and feed His flock In the strength of the LORD. In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth;

Messiah to enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey

Zechariah 9:9-10: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth!

Messiah to establish a new covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34: Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ... for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more (By His sacrificial death and resurrection, the atoning blood of Messiah inaugurated and ratified the new covenant between God and man promising a complete forgiveness of sin (Isaiah 53)).

Isaiah 53

(Written by the Jewish Prophet Isaiah, 700 BCE, from the book of Isaiah in the Hebrew Bible).

Messiah to be the Suffering Servant

Isaiah 52:13-15

Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.

Isaiah 53

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And he hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

Read a detailed description of Messiah's sufferings

Psalm 22:14-17: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; and You have brought me into the dust of death. ... they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.

Messiah's sacrificial death for the atonement of our sin

Isaiah 53:5-12: But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: * ... and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ... he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he had put him to grief: when He shall make his soul an offering for sin, ... because he had poured out his soul unto death: ... and he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

John 1:29: The next day John saw Jesus (Yeshua) coming toward him, and said, Behold the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world (New Covenant/Brit-Chadashah).

Hebrews 9:12: Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us (New Covenant).

1 Corinthians 15:3-4: ... how that Messiah died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: (New Covenant).

Romans 5:8: But God commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Messiah died for us (New Covenant).

Romans 5:9: ... being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him (New Covenant).

Romans 4:7: ... Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered (New Covenant).

Messiah to be Resurrected

Psalm 16:10: For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

Zechariah 12:10: And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

Messiah was crucified on Passover, and his body, the sinless bread of life, was broken and buried during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Three days later, he was raised to life on the Feast of Firstfruits. God's plan of redemption was perfectly timed and we see that it was God's plan all along for Messiah to suffer, die and be resurrected as an atone-ment for our sins (Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 53, Psalm 16:10).

Messiah to be a light to the Gentiles

Isaiah 42:6: I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles,

Isaiah 11:10: And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious.

Isaiah 49:6: Indeed He 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 give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'

The Hebrew Bible tells us how to have eternal life with God.

Salvation by Faith

We must believe God as our father Abraham did

Genesis 15:6: And he (Abraham) believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Habakkuk 2:4: ... but the just shall live by his faith.

John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have ever-lasting life

1 John 2:25: And this is the promise that he has promised us, even eternal life.

John 6:29: Yeshua answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

John 3:36: He that believes on the Son has everlasting life; and he that believes not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob sent His Son Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) to provide the ultimate blood atonement for the remission of sin. On our behalf, Messiah Jesus perfectly obeyed God's Holy Law, died as the final sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin, was buried and res-urrected through providing salvation for Jews and Gentiles who accept His final atoning sacrifice for the forgiveness of their sins. His free gift of salvation is for those who place their faith in His sacrificial death, burial and resurrection.

Believe in Yeshua (Jesus) God's promised Messiah and Deliverer, and the moment you do, like Abraham, God counts your faith as righteousness and gives you the gift of eternal life and peace with God.

Shalom

And you shall seek Me, and find Me when you shall search for Me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13

