



'PROPHETS TELL OF THE MESSIAH'

Isaiah 9:6; Micah 5:2, Jeremiah 23:5, 6, Zechariah 6:12-13; 9:9

An important phase of the preparation of the civilized world for the Advent, or coming, of the Savior and the Christian faith was the messianic hope of Judaism, which made the Jews a people who looked to the future. When conditions around them were discouraging, they were sustained by this hope. They lived for the day the promised Messiah would be established on the throne of his kingdom.

The title "Messiah" is derived from the Hebrew word "mashiach," which means to anoint. As used by the Jews it means "anointed one." Paul states in Galatians 4:4, 5. "But when the time was right, God sent his Son, and a woman gave birth to him. His Son obeyed the Law, so he could set us free from the Law, and we could become God's children." This simply was the moment by which the whole pre-messianic period would be completed.

Five Old Testament prophets foretold of the advent or coming of the Messiah into the world to redeem those who had departed from God.

The prophets tell of the Coming of the Messiah

I. The Prophet Isaiah

- A. Born of a Virgin – 7:14
- B. A great ruler and descendant of David 9:6, 7
- C. Bring peace to the nations – 2:4
- D. Descendent of Jessie (11:1)
- E. Will be "a light to all nations" – 42:6; 49:6
- F. The Coming One as the servant of Jehovah – 42:1-9; 49:1-13; 50:4-11; 52:13 to 53:12
- G. The Suffering Servant – 53
 - 1. Despised and rejected – v. 3
 - 2. Oppressed and Afflicted – v. 7
 - 3. Sin offering – v. 10
 - 4. Bore the sins of many – v. 12
- H. The Messiah speaks about His mission – Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:21

II. The Prophet Micah

- A. The birth of the Messiah – 5:2
- B. Birth place of prophecy confirmed – Matthew 2:6

III. The Prophet Jeremiah

- A. Describes the coming of the Messiah – 23:5, 6
 - 1. David's son, the branch will reign as king and he will execute justice and righteousness in the land – v. 5
 - 2. He will be called "The Lord of Righteousness" – v. 6
- B. He will introduce a new covenant – 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:10-12; 10:16; Romans 11:27
- C. Covenant written on peoples' hearts not tables of stone – Jeremiah 31:33
- D. The Lord's wonderful promise – Jeremiah 33:14-16

IV. The Prophet Zechariah

- A. The coming priest king – 6:12-13
- B. Messiah would enter Jerusalem on a donkey – 9:9
- C. Prophesied 30 pieces of silver betrayal price – 11:12-13; Matthew 27:9-10
- D. Messiah would be pierced - 12:10

V. The Prophet Malachi – Malachi 4:2, 3

- A. Victory will shine like the sun to those who hear the Messiah – v. 2
- B. When the Messiah comes justice will prevail and "evil people will be as ashes under your feet." – v 3

There are many verses throughout the Old Testament foretelling the coming of the Messiah and we read of their being fulfilled in the New Testament.

Prophecy

Fulfillment

VI. Place of Birth	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1
V. Time of Birth	Daniel 9:25	Luke 2:1, 2
VII. Born of Virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18
VIII. Massacre of Infants	Jeremiah 3:15	Matthew 2:16
IX. Messiah as a prophet	Deuteronomy 18:15	John 6:14
X. His rejection by Jesus	Isaiah 53:3	John 1:11

Study these five prophecies and their fulfillments as you prayerfully remember the coming of Jesus Christ to redeem the lost. Make the Advent Season one of personal and spiritual growth. Get acquainted with God again (Job 22:21-28).

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