

**MESSIANIC PROPHECIES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT
FULFILLED IN CHRIST
CHRISTMAS EDITION INTRODUCTION**

Throughout the **NEW TESTAMENT**, we read where the **APOSTLES** appealed to two areas of **THE LORD JESUS CHRIST'S** life to establish **HIS MESSIAHSHIP**. One was the reality of **HIS RESURRECTION** and the other the fact of **HIS FULFILLING OF MESSIANIC PROPHECY!**

Understand that the **OLD TESTAMENT** was written over about a 1500 year period and contains **several hundred references** to the coming **MESSIAH!** All of these were fulfilled in the **LORD JESUS CHRIST!** And so they establish a solid confirmation of **HIS** credentials as the **MESSIAH!**

The word, or we should say the title "**MESSIAH**" comes from the **HEBREW** word which means "**ANOINTED ONE**". It is one of the prophetic names or titles for **THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**.

The word or title "**CHRIST**" comes from the **GREEK** word which means "**ANOINTED ONE**."

In **BIBLICAL** times there was an outward act of **ANOINTING** those who became **PROPHETS, PRIESTS, and KINGS**. These acts of **ANOINTING** were outward pictures of the gifts of the **HOLY SPIRIT** being conferred on those who were **ANOINTED** to fulfill the tasks they were called to. So the title **MESSIAH** is well suited to the **ONE** who holds **ALL** those offices!

So, whether we say that "**JESUS is the MESSIAH**" or "**JESUS is the CHRIST**" or even "**JESUS is the ANOINTED**" or "**ANOINTED ONE**" we are speaking of the same thing. All of these terms are interchangeable.

Centuries ago **PROPHETS** spoke of the coming great **LEADER** that would be **SENT** by **GOD** and would be **GOD'S ANOINTED**, the **MESSIAH!**
***Psalms 2:2**—"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed..."*
(Isaiah 11:1-5; 42:1-7; 61:1-3; Daniel 9:25-26)

JESUS was **ANOINTED** by the **SPIRIT OF GOD** and made claims to being the **ONE** revealed by **GOD** as the **MESSIAH** and as the **LORD** and **SAVIOR** of the world.

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But how can we know that for sure that **JESUS** was the **ANOINTED ONE?** After all, the **JEWS** are still looking for the **MESSIAH**. Did they miss **HIM** or did we?

I. LET'S SEE THE PURPOSE OF MESSIANIC PROPHECY:
A. TO SHOW THAT THERE IS ONE TRUE GOD WHOSE KNOWLEDGE IS INFINITE AND WHOSE WORD IS NEVER BROKEN!

***Numbers 23:19**—"God is not a man, that he should lie; Neither the son of man, that he should repent: Hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"*

B. TO SHOW THAT ALL THINGS ARE SUBJECT TO GOD'S DIVINE WILL!

***Isaiah 46:9-10**—"9 Remember the former things of old: For I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times the things that are not yet done, Saying, My counsel shall stand, And I will do all my pleasure:"*

***Isaiah 48:3**—"I have declared the former things from the beginning; And they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass.*

***Isaiah 48:5**—"I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; Before it came to pass I shewed it thee: Lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, And my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them."*

***Romans 1:1-4**—"1 PAUL, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, 2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) 3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; 4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:"*

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II. LET'S SEE THE APPEALS TO MESSIANIC PROPHECY.

A. JESUS Appealed To Messianic Prophecy!

1. Regarding Himself In The Sermon On The Mount!

Matthew 5:17-18— “17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”

2. In His Admonishment Against The Unbelieving Jew!

John 5:39-40— “39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. 40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.”

John 5:46-47—“46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. 47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?”

Matthew 13:14—“14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:” (Cf. *Isaiah 6:9-10*)

Matthew 21:42—“42 Jesus saith unto them, **Did ye never read in the scriptures**, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: **this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?**” (Cf. *Psalms 118:22-23*)

3. In His Declaring The Identity And Ministry Of John The Baptist!

Matthew 11:10— “For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.”

4. In His Hometown Synagogue In Nazareth!

After publically reading from *Isaiah 61:1-3* it says of **JESUS, Luke 4:20-21**—“20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 And he began to say unto them, **This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.**”

5. To His Disciples Before His Death, Burial, and Resurrection!

Luke 22:37—“For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, **And he was reckoned among the transgressors**: for the things concerning me have an end. (Referring to *Isaiah 53:12* - “...and he was numbered with the transgressors...”)

6. To His Disciples After His Death, Burial, and Resurrection!

Luke 24:25-27—“25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: 26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? 27 **And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.**”

Luke 24:44-46—“44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that **all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.** 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, 46 And said unto them, **Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:**”

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**B. New Testament Writers And Apostles Appealed To
Messianic Prophecies Fulfilled In Jesus!**

1. The Apostle Peter!

Acts 3:18— “But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.”

Acts 10:43—“To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.”

1 Peter 2:5–6—“5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.”

2. The Apostle Paul!

Acts 13:26-41; 17:1-3

Romans 1:2; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

3. The Apostle Matthew!

Matthew 1:22–23— “22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”

Matthew 2:4–5—“4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. 5 And they said unto him, In Beth-lehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,” (Cf. Micah 5:2)

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**C. In The Person And Work Of CHRIST There Is A
Fulfillment Of The Levitical Feasts:**

The Feast (Leviticus 23)

Passover

Unleavened Bread

First Fruits

Pentecost

Trumpets

Atonement

Tabernacles

Fulfillment In CHRIST

Death Of Christ

(1 Corinthians 5:7)

Holy Walk

(1 Corinthians 5:8)

Resurrection

(1 Corinthians 15:23)

**Outpouring Of The
Holy Spirit**

(Acts 1:5; 2:4)

Israel’s Regathering

(Matthew 24:31)

Cleansing By Christ

(Romans 11:26)

**Rest and Reunion with
Christ.**

(Zechariah 14:16-18)

**III. LET’S UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PREDICTIVE
PROPHECY!**

**A. It Shows That There Is A DIVINE Intellect Behind Both
The Old And New Testaments!**

B. It Establishes The Fact Of The GOD Of The BIBLE!

C. It Authenticates The Deity Of The LORD JESUS CHRIST!

D. It Proves The DIVINE INSPIRATION Of The BIBLE!