

Old Testament Prophecies of Jesus Christ

Messiah • Son of God • God Incarnate • Savior • King • Coming Lord

I. THE FIRST PROMISE OF THE MESSIAH

Prophecy	What It Points To	New Testament Fulfillment
Genesis 3:15	The offspring of the woman will crush the serpent	Galatians 4:4; Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 3:8
Genesis 12:1–3	Through Abraham all nations will be blessed	Galatians 3:8, 16
Genesis 22:18	Blessing comes through Abraham's offspring	Galatians 3:16
Genesis 17:19	Covenant line continues through Isaac	Matthew 1:2; Luke 3:34
Genesis 21:12	Promised line comes through Isaac	Hebrews 11:17–18
Genesis 28:13–14	Blessing to all families through Jacob's offspring	Matthew 1:2; Luke 3:34
Genesis 49:10	The ruler will come from Judah	Hebrews 7:14; Revelation 5:5
Numbers 24:17	A star and scepter will arise from Israel	Matthew 2:1–2; Revelation 22:16

II. THE MESSIAH WOULD BE A PROPHET LIKE MOSES

Deuteronomy 18:15–19

God promised:

- A prophet would arise from Israel.
- He would speak God's words.
- God's people would be required to listen to Him.

Fulfillment:

- John 1:45
- Acts 3:20–23
- Acts 7:37

Jesus is the ultimate Prophet who perfectly reveals the Father.

See also:

John 1:18; Hebrews 1:1–3

III. THE MESSIAH WOULD COME FROM DAVID

2 Samuel 7:12–16

God promised David that one of his descendants would possess an everlasting throne and kingdom.

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 1:1
- Luke 1:31–33
- Acts 13:22–23
- Romans 1:3
- Revelation 22:16

Also see:

- **1 Chronicles 17:11–14**
 - **Psalms 89:3–4, 27–29, 35–37**
 - **Jeremiah 23:5–6**
 - **Jeremiah 33:14–17**
 - **Ezekiel 37:24–25**
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IV. THE MESSIAH WOULD BE THE SON OF GOD

Psalms 2:1–12

The promised King is identified as God's **Son**, and the nations ultimately belong to Him.

New Testament application:

- Matthew 3:17
- Acts 4:25–28
- Acts 13:33
- Hebrews 1:5

- Hebrews 5:5
 - Revelation 2:26–27
 - Revelation 19:15
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V. PROPHECIES SHOWING THAT THE MESSIAH IS GOD

These passages are especially important from a historic Baptist understanding of the **full deity of Christ**.

Psalm 45:6–7

The Messianic King’s throne is described as God’s throne.

Fulfillment/application:

- Hebrews 1:8–9

Psalm 102:25–27

The LORD is described as the eternal Creator.

The New Testament applies this passage directly to the Son.

Fulfillment/application:

- Hebrews 1:10–12

Psalm 110:1

David’s descendant is also David’s **Lord**.

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 22:41–46
- Mark 12:35–37
- Luke 20:41–44
- Acts 2:34–36
- Hebrews 1:13

Isaiah 7:14

The promised child is called:

Immanuel — “God with us.”

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 1:22–23

Isaiah 9:6–7

The promised child is called:

- Wonderful Counselor
- Mighty God
- Everlasting Father
- Prince of Peace

His kingdom will never end.

Fulfillment:

- Luke 1:32–33
- John 1:1–14

Isaiah 40:3

A messenger prepares:

“the way of the LORD”

The New Testament identifies the messenger as John the Baptist preparing the way for **Jesus**.

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 3:1–3
- Mark 1:2–3
- Luke 3:4–6
- John 1:23

This is one of the strongest OT-to-NT identifications of Jesus with Yahweh.

Jeremiah 23:5–6

The righteous descendant of David is associated with the divine name:

“The LORD is our righteousness.”

See:

- Luke 1:32–33
- 1 Corinthians 1:30

Micah 5:2

The ruler born in Bethlehem has origins described as being:

“from ancient days.”

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 2:1–6
- John 7:42

Malachi 3:1

The messenger prepares the way, and then:

“the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.”

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 11:10
 - Mark 1:2
 - Luke 7:27
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VI. THE MESSIAH’S BIRTH

Born of a woman

Genesis 3:15

Fulfillment:

- Galatians 4:4

Descendant of Abraham

Genesis 12:3; 22:18

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 1:1
- Galatians 3:16

Descendant of Isaac

Genesis 17:19; 21:12

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 1:2
- Luke 3:34

Descendant of Jacob

Genesis 28:14

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 1:2
- Luke 3:34

From the tribe of Judah

Genesis 49:10

Fulfillment:

- Hebrews 7:14
- Revelation 5:5

Descendant of Jesse

Isaiah 11:1–10

Fulfillment:

- Romans 15:12

Descendant of David

2 Samuel 7:12–16

Jeremiah 23:5

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 1:1
- Luke 1:32
- Romans 1:3

Born of a virgin

Isaiah 7:14

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 1:18–25
- Luke 1:26–35

Born in Bethlehem

Micah 5:2

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 2:1–6
 - Luke 2:4–7
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VII. EVENTS SURROUNDING HIS CHILDHOOD

Rachel weeping for her children

Jeremiah 31:15

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 2:16–18

Called out of Egypt

Hosea 11:1

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 2:14–15

This is best understood as **typological fulfillment**: Israel was God’s “son” called out of Egypt, and Jesus, the true and perfect Son, recapitulates Israel’s history.

VIII. JOHN THE BAPTIST WOULD PREPARE HIS WAY

Isaiah 40:3–5

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 3:1–3
- Mark 1:2–4
- Luke 3:3–6
- John 1:23

Malachi 3:1

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 11:10
- Mark 1:2
- Luke 7:27

Malachi 4:5–6

The promised Elijah-like messenger.

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 11:13–14
- Matthew 17:10–13
- Luke 1:16–17

John was not literally Elijah reincarnated. He ministered in the **spirit and power of Elijah**.

IX. HIS MINISTRY WOULD BEGIN IN GALILEE

Isaiah 9:1–2

Light would appear in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali.

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 4:12–16
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X. THE SPIRIT WOULD REST UPON HIM

Isaiah 11:1–2

The Spirit of the LORD would rest upon the Messiah.

Isaiah 42:1

God places His Spirit upon His Servant.

Isaiah 61:1

The Messiah is anointed by the Spirit.

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 3:16–17
 - Luke 3:21–22
 - Luke 4:18–21
 - John 1:32–34
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XI. HIS MIRACLES WOULD IDENTIFY HIM

Isaiah 35:4–6

The coming salvation of God would be accompanied by:

- Blind eyes being opened
- Deaf hearing
- Lame walking
- Mute speaking

Jesus specifically pointed to these miracles as evidence of His identity.

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 11:2–6
 - Luke 7:20–23
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XII. HE WOULD PREACH GOOD NEWS

Isaiah 61:1–2

The Anointed One would:

- Proclaim good news to the poor
- Proclaim liberty
- Give sight
- Proclaim the Lord's favor

Jesus read this passage and declared:

Luke 4:21

that it was being fulfilled in their hearing.

See:

- Luke 4:16–21
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XIII. HE WOULD TEACH USING PARABLES

Psalm 78:2

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 13:34–35
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XIV. HE WOULD BE GENTLE AND COMPASSIONATE

Isaiah 42:1–4

God's Servant would not crush the weak but faithfully bring justice.

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 12:15–21
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XV. HE WOULD BRING SALVATION TO THE GENTILES

Isaiah 11:10

Nations would seek the root of Jesse.

Fulfillment:

- Romans 15:12

Isaiah 42:6

The Servant would be:

“a light for the nations.”

Isaiah 49:6

God's salvation would reach:

“to the end of the earth.”

Fulfillment/application:

- Luke 2:29–32
 - Acts 13:46–48
 - Acts 26:22–23
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XVI. THE MESSIAH WOULD BE A PRIEST

Psalm 110:4

The Messiah would be:

“a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

Fulfillment:

- Hebrews 5:5–6
- Hebrews 6:19–20
- Hebrews 7:15–28

Jesus uniquely fulfills the roles of:

- Prophet
 - Priest
 - King
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XVII. THE KING WOULD ENTER JERUSALEM ON A DONKEY

Zechariah 9:9

The King comes:

- Righteous
- Bringing salvation
- Humble
- Riding on a donkey

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 21:1–9
 - John 12:12–16
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XVIII. THE PEOPLE WOULD CRY “BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES”

Psalm 118:25–26

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 21:9
 - Mark 11:9–10
 - Luke 19:38
 - John 12:13
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XIX. HE WOULD BE REJECTED

Psalm 118:22–23

The stone rejected by the builders becomes the cornerstone.

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 21:42
- Mark 12:10–11
- Luke 20:17
- Acts 4:10–12
- 1 Peter 2:4–7

Isaiah 8:14

He would become a stone of stumbling.

Fulfillment/application:

- Romans 9:32–33
- 1 Peter 2:7–8

Isaiah 28:16

God would establish the chosen cornerstone.

Fulfillment:

- Romans 9:33
- Romans 10:11
- 1 Peter 2:6

XX. HE WOULD BE HATED WITHOUT CAUSE

Psalm 35:19

Psalm 69:4

Fulfillment:

- John 15:24–25
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XXI. HIS OWN PEOPLE WOULD REJECT HIM

Isaiah 53:1–3

The Servant would be:

- Despised
- Rejected
- Not esteemed

Fulfillment:

- John 1:11
 - John 12:37–38
 - Romans 10:16
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XXII. HIS ZEAL FOR GOD’S HOUSE

Psalm 69:9

Fulfillment:

- John 2:13–17
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XXIII. HE WOULD BE BETRAYED BY A FRIEND

Psalm 41:9

A close companion who shared bread would betray Him.

Fulfillment:

- John 13:18
 - John 13:21–27
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XXIV. THE BETRAYAL PRICE WOULD BE THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER

Zechariah 11:12

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 26:14–16
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XXV. THE BETRAYAL MONEY WOULD BE CONNECTED WITH THE POTTER

Zechariah 11:13

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 27:3–10

Matthew 27 attributes the prophetic fulfillment to Jeremiah while incorporating wording especially associated with Zechariah 11. Conservative interpreters have offered several explanations involving prophetic collections and Jeremiah's related potter imagery.

XXVI. HIS DISCIPLES WOULD ABANDON HIM

Zechariah 13:7

Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 26:31
 - Mark 14:27
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XXVII. FALSE WITNESSES WOULD ACCUSE HIM

Psalm 27:12

Psalm 35:11

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 26:59–61
 - Mark 14:55–59
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XXVIII. HE WOULD REMAIN SILENT BEFORE HIS ACCUSERS

Isaiah 53:7

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 26:62–63
 - Matthew 27:12–14
 - Mark 15:3–5
 - Acts 8:32–35
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XXIX. HE WOULD BE BEATEN AND SPAT UPON

Isaiah 50:6

The Servant gives His back to those who strike Him and does not hide His face from disgrace and spitting.

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 26:67
 - Matthew 27:26, 30
 - Mark 14:65
 - Mark 15:19
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XXX. THE GREAT SUFFERING SERVANT PROPHECY

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

This is arguably the clearest extended Old Testament prophecy of Christ's substitutionary death.

It predicts that the Servant would:

- Be exalted — Isaiah 52:13
- Be horribly disfigured — Isaiah 52:14
- Be rejected — Isaiah 53:2–3
- Bear our griefs — Isaiah 53:4
- Carry our sorrows — Isaiah 53:4
- Be pierced for our transgressions — Isaiah 53:5
- Be crushed for our iniquities — Isaiah 53:5
- Bring peace through His punishment — Isaiah 53:5
- Heal through His wounds — Isaiah 53:5
- Bear our sin — Isaiah 53:6
- Remain silent before His accusers — Isaiah 53:7
- Be led like a lamb to slaughter — Isaiah 53:7
- Be killed for the sins of God's people — Isaiah 53:8
- Be buried with the rich — Isaiah 53:9
- Be completely innocent — Isaiah 53:9
- Become a guilt offering — Isaiah 53:10
- See life beyond His death — Isaiah 53:10–11
- Justify many — Isaiah 53:11
- Bear their iniquities — Isaiah 53:11
- Bear the sins of many — Isaiah 53:12
- Intercede for transgressors — Isaiah 53:12

New Testament fulfillment

- Matthew 8:16–17
- Matthew 27:57–60
- Mark 15:28
- Luke 22:37
- John 12:37–38
- Acts 8:26–35
- Romans 4:25

- Romans 5:18–19
- 1 Corinthians 15:3
- 1 Peter 2:21–25
- Hebrews 9:28

This passage strongly supports the historic Baptist doctrine of **penal substitutionary atonement**: Christ willingly bore the judgment our sins deserved.

XXXI. PSALM 22 — THE CRUCIFIED MESSIAH

Although written approximately a thousand years before Christ, Psalm 22 contains remarkable parallels to the crucifixion.

Psalm 22:1

The forsaken cry.

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 27:46
- Mark 15:34

Psalm 22:6–8

The sufferer is mocked and ridiculed.

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 27:39–43

Psalm 22:14

His body is poured out and physically exhausted.

See:

- John 19:28–34

Psalm 22:16

The sufferer is surrounded and his hands and feet are associated with severe injury.

See:

- Luke 24:39–40
- John 20:25–27

Psalm 22:17

His bones are visible.

Psalm 22:18

His garments are divided and lots cast for them.

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 27:35
- Mark 15:24
- Luke 23:34
- John 19:23–24

Psalm 22:27–31

His suffering ultimately results in worldwide worship of the LORD.

XXXII. HE WOULD BE GIVEN SOUR WINE

Psalm 69:21

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 27:34, 48
 - John 19:28–30
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XXXIII. HIS BONES WOULD NOT BE BROKEN

Exodus 12:46

The Passover lamb's bones were not to be broken.

Numbers 9:12

Again, no bone of the Passover lamb was to be broken.

Psalm 34:20

God keeps His righteous sufferer's bones.

Fulfillment/application:

- John 19:31–36
- 1 Corinthians 5:7

This is an important **Passover type** pointing toward Christ.

XXXIV. HE WOULD BE PIERCED

Zechariah 12:10

Israel would look upon the one they pierced.

Fulfillment:

- John 19:34–37

Future significance:

- Revelation 1:7
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XXXV. HE WOULD BE NUMBERED WITH TRANSGRESSORS

Isaiah 53:12

Fulfillment:

- Luke 22:37

See also:

- Mark 15:27

Jesus was crucified between criminals.

XXXVI. HE WOULD INTERCEDE FOR SINNERS

Isaiah 53:12

Fulfillment:

- Luke 23:34

- Hebrews 7:25
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XXXVII. HE WOULD BE BURIED WITH THE RICH

Isaiah 53:9

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 27:57–60

Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy man, placed Jesus in his own new tomb.

XXXVIII. THE MESSIAH WOULD RISE FROM THE DEAD

Psalms 16:8–11

God's Holy One would not see corruption.

Fulfillment:

- Acts 2:25–32
- Acts 13:34–37

Peter explicitly teaches that David was prophetically speaking about the resurrection of Christ.

XXXIX. THE SUFFERING SERVANT WOULD LIVE AFTER HIS DEATH

Isaiah 53:10–12

After His sacrificial death, the Servant would:

- See His offspring
- Prolong His days
- See the result of His suffering
- Be exalted

This requires life following His death.

See:

- Acts 2:32
 - Romans 6:9
 - Revelation 1:18
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XL. THE MESSIAH WOULD ASCEND

Psalm 68:18

New Testament application:

- Ephesians 4:7–10

See also:

- Acts 1:9
 - Hebrews 4:14
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XLI. HE WOULD SIT AT THE FATHER'S RIGHT HAND

Psalm 110:1

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 22:44
- Acts 2:33–36
- Romans 8:34
- Colossians 3:1
- Hebrews 1:3, 13
- Hebrews 10:12–13
- Hebrews 12:2
- 1 Peter 3:22

Psalm 110 is one of the most frequently quoted Messianic passages in the New Testament.

XLII. THE MESSIAH WOULD BE BOTH KING AND PRIEST

Zechariah 6:12–13

The coming **Branch** would rule and also perform priestly functions.

Compare:

- Jeremiah 23:5
- Psalm 110:4
- Hebrews 7:1–28

Jesus alone perfectly combines the offices of:

Prophet — Priest — King

XLIII. DANIEL’S “SON OF MAN”

Daniel 7:13–14

Daniel sees:

“one like a son of man”

coming with the clouds.

He receives:

- Dominion
- Glory
- A kingdom
- Worship/service from all peoples
- An everlasting kingdom

Jesus repeatedly called Himself:

“the Son of Man.”

Most importantly:

Matthew 26:63–66

Jesus combines **Daniel 7:13–14** with **Psalm 110:1** when answering the high priest.

Also see:

- Matthew 24:30
 - Mark 14:61–64
 - Revelation 1:7
 - Revelation 14:14
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XLIV. DANIEL'S PROPHECY OF THE ANOINTED ONE

Daniel 9:24–27

Daniel foretells:

- The coming of an **“anointed one”**
- His being **“cut off”**
- Events connected to Jerusalem and the temple

Conservative Baptists overwhelmingly regard this passage as Messianic.

However, Baptists differ concerning:

- The precise chronology
- The starting point of the seventy weeks
- The identity of certain figures
- Whether the seventieth week follows immediately or is separated by the present church age

Therefore, the Messianic significance is much clearer than every detail of the prophetic timetable.

XLV. THE MESSIAH WOULD ESTABLISH A NEW COVENANT

Jeremiah 31:31–34

God promises a New Covenant involving:

- Forgiveness of sins
- God's law written on the heart
- Personal knowledge of God

Jesus explicitly identifies His blood with this covenant.

Fulfillment:

- Luke 22:20
 - 1 Corinthians 11:25
 - Hebrews 8:6–13
 - Hebrews 9:15
 - Hebrews 10:15–18
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XLVI. THE TRUE SHEPHERD

Ezekiel 34:23–24

God promises one Shepherd from David's line.

Ezekiel 37:24–28

God's servant David will shepherd God's people under an everlasting covenant.

Fulfillment in Christ:

- John 10:11–16
- Hebrews 13:20
- 1 Peter 5:4

Jesus is:

“the good shepherd.”

XLVII. THE BRANCH PROPHECIES

Several prophets use the imagery of the coming **Branch**.

Isaiah 11:1

A shoot comes from Jesse.

Jeremiah 23:5–6

A righteous Branch comes from David.

Jeremiah 33:14–16

The righteous Branch executes justice.

Zechariah 3:8

God promises:

“my servant the Branch.”

Zechariah 6:12–13

The Branch will rule and serve as priest.

These converge in Jesus Christ, David’s promised King.

XLVIII. THE SERVANT SONGS OF ISAIAH

Four passages are commonly known as Isaiah’s **Servant Songs**:

Isaiah 42:1–9

The chosen Servant brings justice to the nations.

Isaiah 49:1–13

The Servant restores Israel and brings salvation to the Gentiles.

Isaiah 50:4–11

The Servant obediently suffers humiliation.

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

The Servant dies as a substitutionary sacrifice for sinners and is afterward exalted.

Together they provide one of the fullest Old Testament pictures of Jesus.

XLIX. THE PASSOVER LAMB AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

Exodus 12:1–46

The Passover lamb:

- Must be without blemish
- Dies in the place of others
- Its blood protects from judgment
- None of its bones are broken

New Testament identification:

John 1:29

Jesus is:

“the Lamb of God.”

John 19:36

His bones are not broken.

1 Corinthians 5:7

“Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.”

1 Peter 1:18–19

Christ is compared to a lamb without blemish or spot.

This is **typology**, rather than simply a verbal prediction.

L. THE BRONZE SERPENT AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

Numbers 21:4–9

Those facing death looked upon God’s provision and lived.

Jesus explicitly applies this event to His crucifixion:

John 3:14–15

“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.”

LI. JONAH AS A TYPE OF CHRIST’S DEATH AND RESURRECTION

Jonah 1:17

Jesus explicitly uses Jonah’s experience as a sign pointing toward His own death and resurrection.

Fulfillment/application:

- Matthew 12:39–40
 - Matthew 16:4
 - Luke 11:29–30
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LII. ISAAC AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

Genesis 22:1–18

Isaac is:

- The beloved promised son
- Offered by his father
- Connected with sacrifice
- Received back figuratively from death

See:

- Hebrews 11:17–19

This should be considered **typology**, not a direct verbal prediction.

LIII. THE MANNA AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

Exodus 16

Jesus identifies Himself as the ultimate fulfillment of the bread from heaven imagery.

See:

- John 6:30–35
- John 6:48–51

Jesus declares:

“I am the bread of life.”

LIV. THE ROCK IN THE WILDERNESS

Exodus 17:1–7

Paul identifies the spiritual reality behind Israel’s provision:

1 Corinthians 10:4

“the Rock was Christ.”

Again, this is biblical **typology**.

LV. THE TABERNACLE AND SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM

Much of:

- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers

foreshadows Christ.

Hebrews explains these patterns extensively.

Especially:

- Hebrews 8:1–6
- Hebrews 9:1–28
- Hebrews 10:1–22

Christ is:

- The true High Priest
 - The final sacrifice
 - The mediator
 - The way into God’s presence
 - The fulfillment of the sacrificial system
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LVI. THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

Leviticus 16

The high priest, blood sacrifice, scapegoat, and atonement anticipate Christ’s once-for-all sacrifice.

See:

- Hebrews 9:6–14
- Hebrews 9:24–28

- Hebrews 10:10–14
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LVII. THE MESSIAH'S KINGDOM WILL BE ETERNAL

Psalm 2:6–12

The Son rules the nations.

Psalm 72:1–19

The righteous Davidic king exercises worldwide dominion.

Isaiah 9:6–7

His government and peace have no end.

Daniel 2:44

God establishes a kingdom that will never be destroyed.

Daniel 7:13–14

The Son of Man receives an everlasting kingdom.

Fulfillment:

- Luke 1:32–33
 - Revelation 11:15
 - Revelation 19:11–16
 - Revelation 22:3–5
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LVIII. CHRIST'S SECOND COMING

Many Old Testament Messianic prophecies have aspects awaiting their complete fulfillment at Christ's return.

Psalm 2:7–12

The Son ultimately rules the nations.

See:

- Revelation 19:15

Isaiah 11:1–10

The Davidic King will rule with perfect righteousness.

Isaiah 25:6–9

God destroys death and saves His people.

New Testament application:

- 1 Corinthians 15:54
- Revelation 21:4

Isaiah 63:1–6

The divine warrior comes in judgment.

Compare:

- Revelation 19:11–16

Daniel 7:13–14

The Son of Man comes with the clouds and receives universal dominion.

Fulfillment:

- Matthew 24:30
- Matthew 26:64
- Revelation 1:7

Zechariah 12:10

Israel looks upon the pierced One.

Fulfillment/application:

- John 19:37
- Revelation 1:7

Zechariah 14:3–9

The LORD comes, defeats His enemies, and reigns as King over all the earth.

Compare:

- Revelation 19:11–21
- Revelation 20:1–6

Malachi 4:1–3

The Day of the LORD brings judgment upon the wicked and deliverance for God's people.

LIX. NEW TESTAMENT PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S RETURN

Jesus and the apostles repeatedly promise His literal, personal return.

Matthew 24:27

His coming will be unmistakable.

Matthew 24:29–31

The Son of Man comes with power and glory.

Matthew 25:31–34

The Son of Man comes in glory and sits upon His throne.

John 14:1–3

Jesus promises to come again.

Acts 1:9–11

Jesus will return in the manner in which He ascended.

1 Corinthians 15:51–55

The dead will be raised and believers transformed.

Philippians 3:20–21

Christ will transform believers' bodies.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

The Lord descends from heaven and believers are gathered to Him.

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

The Day of the Lord will come.

2 Thessalonians 1:7–10

Jesus is revealed from heaven in judgment.

2 Thessalonians 2:1–8

Christ's coming brings the destruction of the man of lawlessness.

Titus 2:13

Believers await:

“our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.”

Hebrews 9:28

Christ will appear a second time for salvation to those eagerly waiting for Him.

James 5:7–8

The coming of the Lord is near.

1 Peter 1:13

Believers await Christ's revelation.

2 Peter 3:3–13

The Day of the Lord will come.

1 John 3:2–3

When Christ appears believers will be like Him.

Revelation 1:7

He comes with the clouds and every eye will see Him.

Revelation 19:11–16

Christ returns as conquering King.

Revelation 22:7

Christ declares:

“I am coming soon.”

Revelation 22:12

Again:

“I am coming soon.”

Revelation 22:20

Jesus’ final promise:

“Surely I am coming soon.”

LX. A SIMPLE BAPTIST SUMMARY OF MESSIANIC PROPHECY

Taken together, Scripture predicted that the Messiah would:

1. Come as the offspring of the woman — **Genesis 3:15**
2. Come through Abraham — **Genesis 12:3**
3. Come through Isaac — **Genesis 17:19**
4. Come through Jacob — **Genesis 28:14**
5. Come through Judah — **Genesis 49:10**
6. Come through Jesse — **Isaiah 11:1**
7. Be David’s descendant — **2 Samuel 7:12–16**
8. Yet also be David’s Lord — **Psalms 110:1**
9. Be the Son of God — **Psalms 2:7**
10. Be God with us — **Isaiah 7:14**
11. Be called Mighty God — **Isaiah 9:6**
12. Be born of a virgin — **Isaiah 7:14**
13. Be born in Bethlehem — **Micah 5:2**
14. Have an eternal kingdom — **Isaiah 9:7**
15. Be preceded by a messenger — **Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1**
16. Minister in Galilee — **Isaiah 9:1–2**
17. Be filled with the Spirit — **Isaiah 11:2; 61:1**
18. Perform miraculous signs — **Isaiah 35:5–6**
19. Preach good news — **Isaiah 61:1**
20. Bring salvation to Gentiles — **Isaiah 49:6**
21. Enter Jerusalem riding a donkey — **Zechariah 9:9**
22. Be rejected — **Isaiah 53:3**
23. Be betrayed by a friend — **Psalms 41:9**
24. Be betrayed for thirty silver pieces — **Zechariah 11:12**
25. Have the money associated with a potter — **Zechariah 11:13**
26. Be abandoned by His followers — **Zechariah 13:7**

27. Be falsely accused — **Psalm 35:11**
28. Remain silent before His accusers — **Isaiah 53:7**
29. Be beaten and spat upon — **Isaiah 50:6**
30. Be mocked — **Psalm 22:7–8**
31. Suffer piercing wounds — **Psalm 22:16; Zechariah 12:10**
32. Have His garments divided — **Psalm 22:18**
33. Be given sour wine — **Psalm 69:21**
34. Be numbered with criminals — **Isaiah 53:12**
35. Bear the sins of others — **Isaiah 53:4–6**
36. Die as a substitutionary sacrifice — **Isaiah 53:8–12**
37. Be buried with the rich — **Isaiah 53:9**
38. Rise from the dead — **Psalm 16:10**
39. Be exalted following His suffering — **Isaiah 52:13; 53:11–12**
40. Ascend — **Psalm 68:18**
41. Sit at God's right hand — **Psalm 110:1**
42. Serve as eternal High Priest — **Psalm 110:4**
43. Establish the New Covenant — **Jeremiah 31:31–34**
44. Serve as the Good Shepherd — **Ezekiel 34:23**
45. Receive an everlasting kingdom — **Daniel 7:13–14**
46. Return in glory — **Daniel 7:13; Zechariah 14:4–9**
47. Judge the nations — **Psalm 2:8–12**
48. Reign over the whole earth — **Zechariah 14:9**

Baptist Theological Conclusion

Historic conservative Baptist theology understands these passages as revealing one unified plan of redemption centered in **Jesus Christ**.

Jesus is simultaneously:

- **The promised offspring** — Genesis 3:15
- **The Son of Abraham** — Matthew 1:1
- **The Lion of Judah** — Revelation 5:5
- **The Son of David** — Matthew 1:1
- **The Son of God** — Psalm 2:7
- **God with us** — Isaiah 7:14
- **The Mighty God** — Isaiah 9:6
- **The Prophet like Moses** — Deuteronomy 18:15
- **The suffering Servant** — Isaiah 53
- **The Passover Lamb** — 1 Corinthians 5:7

- **The Great High Priest** — Hebrews 4:14
- **The Good Shepherd** — John 10:11
- **The risen Lord** — Psalm 16:10
- **The King at God's right hand** — Psalm 110:1
- **The Son of Man** — Daniel 7:13
- **The King of kings** — Revelation 19:16
- **The coming Lord** — Revelation 22:20

The Old Testament expectation and the New Testament declaration meet in one person:

JESUS CHRIST — MESSIAH, SAVIOR, LORD, AND GOD.

Luke 24:25–27, 44–47

Jesus Himself taught that **Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms ultimately pointed toward Him, His suffering, His resurrection, and the worldwide proclamation of repentance and forgiveness in His name.**