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*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*  
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Selected Scriptures

## **“How Would You Recognize The Messiah?”**

### I. **The Law** (Gen. 3:15; 4:1; 5:21-29; 6:1-4; 22:18; 49:10; Numbers 23-24; Deut. 18:15-19)

Gen. 5 – genealogy names: “**Man** (Adam) **appointed** (Seth) **mortal** (Enosh) **sorrow** (Cainan), **the Blessed God** (Mahalel) **shall come down** (Jared), **teaching** (Enoch) **His death shall bring** (Methuselah) **the despairing** (Lamech) **rest/comfort** (Noah).”

**Summary of the Law:** The Messiah will be a virgin-born God-Man sent to destroy Satan and reverse the curse of the Fall (sin). He will come through the line of Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Judah. He will be a Prophet, Priest, & Conquering King, and will come on the scene while Judah’s genealogical records are still available (before 70 A.D.). As the promised “seed” (singular) of Abraham He will provide blessings beyond the borders of Israel to the entire world!

### II. **The Prophets** (Is. 7:1-17; 8:9-10; 9:6-7; 11:1-2; 40:3-5; 42:1-6; 49:1-13; 50:4-9; 52:13-53:12; 61:1-3; Jer. 23:5-6; Mic. 5:2; Zech. 9:9-10; 11:1-17; 12:10; 13:7; Mal. 3:1)

**Summary of the Prophets:** The Messiah will be God-man, prophet-priest-king, born of a virgin in the city of Bethlehem even though He is eternal, be preceded by a forerunner, minister in humility & gentleness, ride into Jerusalem as King on a foal of a donkey, be rejected by the nation of Israel & betrayed for 30 pieces of silver, be tried & convicted, suffer physically to the point of being unrecognizable, die a violent death as a substitutionary atonement for the sins of people. His rejection by Israel will lead to their destruction and will open the door for Gentiles to be saved. Ultimately Israel will recognize & believe in Him when He returns.

### III. **The Writings** (1 Chron. 17:1b-14; Ps. 2:7-12; 16:1-11; 22:1-31; 80:17; 110:1-7; Prov. 30:4; Dan. 9:1-17)

**Summary of the Writings:** The Messiah will be the eternal Son of God and the son of David (but descended through a line other than Jeconiah). He will be the king of the entire world, ruling over Jews and Gentiles, and be a priest after the order of Melchizedek. He will be rejected in His first coming, suffer extreme agony and die by way of crucifixion, and then rise from the dead. He will ascend to heaven and sit down at God's right hand. Later He will return, Israel will accept Him, and He will rule in the Messianic Kingdom. His first coming will be 483 years after the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. His birth and death must happen before 70 A.D.

### **Discussion & Application:**

1. If you were looking for a specific person (that you had never met before) out of the billions of people on the planet, what information would you need to find them? How could you be absolutely sure that you had found them?
2. Using the Old Testament to prove that Jesus was the Messiah was something Jesus and the early church leaders did frequently (see Lk. 24:13, 44; Acts 2:22-38; 3:18-26; 7; 8:26-39; 9:20-22; 10:42-43; 13:16-41; 17:2-3; 18:5, 24-28; 26:23; 28:23). Why was this such an important aspect of the preaching of the early church? Is it still important today?
3. What is the promise in Gen. 3:15? Is there a "hint" of the Virgin Birth in that verse? What other Old Testament passage(s) clearly describe the Messiah being born of a virgin? Why was this necessary?
4. Why would it be impossible to identify the Messiah after 70 A.D.?
5. What prophecies specifically tell us that the Messiah will be both God and man?
6. Why do so many Jewish people (and Gentiles) still reject Jesus as the Messiah? What are they looking for? Which prophecies about the Messiah are they failing to understand?
7. Why isn't Daniel included with The Prophets in the Old Testament? What does Daniel 9:24-27 tell us about when the Messiah will come?
8. How many passages tell us that the Messiah will die? Why does He have to do that?
9. Are you convinced? Is Jesus the Messiah? Have you accepted Him as your Lord and Savior? Have you trusted in His finished work on the cross as final payment for all of your sins? Are you following Him in every area of your life? Is it obvious that He is ruling and reigning in you? If not, what specific area do you need to surrender to His lordship?
10. For more detailed information about these passages please get the sermon series, "The Messiah in the Old Testament," by Pastor Paul in the Media Center.

**Table of Messianic Prophecies**  
(adapted from “Messianic Christology,” by Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum)

<b>His Person</b>	
He would be human	Gen. 3:15
He would be a descendant of Abraham	Gen. 22:18
He would be from the Tribe of Judah	Gen. 49:10
He would be a son of David	Is. 11:1-2; Jer. 23:5-6; I Chron. 17:10b-14
He would be both God and man (Messiah is YHWH – Jehovah)	Gen. 3:15; Is. 7:14; Is. 9:6-7; Jer. 23:5-6; Mic. 5:2; Zech.12:10; Zech. 13:7; Ps. 80:17; Ps. 110:1-7
He will live eternally	I Chron. 17:10b-14
<b>His Nature</b>	
He would be full of the Holy Spirit	Is. 11:1-2; 42:1-4; 61:1-2a
He would be humble	Zech. 9:9-10
He would be gentle	Is. 42:1-4
He would have a unique relationship with God	Ps. 16:1-11
He would be the son of God	Ps. 2:7-12; Prov. 30:4
He would be the Good Shepherd	Zech.11:1-17
<b>His Appearing</b>	
He would be born of a virgin	Gen. 3:15; Is. 7:14
He would be born in normal circumstances	Is. 52:13-53:12
He would be born in poverty	Is. 11:1-2
He would be preceded by a herald	Is. 40:3-5; Mal. 3:1
He would be born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2
He would be seen riding on a donkey	Zech. 9:9-10
He would be present 483 years after the decree to rebuild Jerusalem (33 A.D.)	Dan. 9:24-27
He would appear before 70 A.D.	Gen. 49:10; Is. 7:14; 8:9-10; 9:6-7; Zech. 11:1-17; I Chron. 17:10b-14; Dan. 9:24-27
<b>His Offices</b>	
He would be a king	Gen. 49:10; Num. 24:17a; Is. 7:14; 9:6-7; Jer. 23:5-6; I Chron. 17:10b-14; Ps. 2:7-12; 110:1-7
He would be a priest	Ps. 110:1-7
He would be a prophet	Dt. 18:15-19; Is. 61:1-2a
<b>His Mission and Ministry</b>	
He would be specially trained	Is. 50:4-9
He would remove the curse due to Adam’s fall	Gen. 5:21-29
He would bring salvation to Gentile nations	Is. 42:1-4; 49:1-13
He would be rejected at first	Is. 49:1-13; 52:13-53:12; Zech. 11:1-17; 12:10; Ps. 22; 110:1-7
He would only be accepted by a small believing remnant of the people	Zech. 11:1-17
He would appear to fail but in fact be successful	Is. 42:1-4
He would be sold for 30 pieces of silver	Zech. 11:1-17
His rejection would result in an attack upon Israel and the scattering of the people	Zech. 11:1-17; 13:7
He would eventually be accepted	Is. 49:1-13; Ps. 110:1-7
He would be seated at the right hand of God	Ps. 80:17; 110:1-7

<b>His Suffering and Death</b>	
He would suffer	Is. 50:4-9; 52:13-53:12; Ps. 22
He would be legally tried and condemned to death	Is. 52:13-53:12
He would die	Ps. 16:1-11; Ps. 22
He would be executed	Is. 52:13-53:12; Dan. 9:24-27
He would die a violent death by means of piercing	Zech. 12:10; 13:7; Ps.22
His death would be substitutionary	Is. 52:13-53:12
His death would result in the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple	Dan. 9:24-27
He would be buried in a rich man's tomb	Is. 52:13-53:12
He would be resurrected	Is. 52:13-53:12; Ps. 16:1-11; 22
He would bring justification to those who believe in Him	Is. 52:13-53:12
<b>His Future</b>	
He will be ruler of the Gentile nations	Ps. 2:7-12
He will rule over Israel in the Messianic Kingdom	Ps. 110:1-7