

## Jesus Messiah Pastor Katy Reeves

The Jews of Jesus' day eagerly anticipated a specific prophesied figure referred to in several scriptures as the **Messiah or Anointed One**, a great King of the [lineage](#) of David who, by the power of God, would restore Israel and rule the world.

- Jesus of Nazareth was that Anointed One—and He will yet fulfill these prophecies.
- *Messiah* (translated Christ in English) is not a name ... it is His **Title**.
- Every book in the Bible mysteriously points toward Him.
- The Bible is God's personal message to Mankind.
- God prepared Israel for the Messiah *and* He included enough detail to [insure](#) that there could be no question as to His identity.
- The Bible tells us even though the accounts of Jesus documented in the New Testament were seen by many thousands of eyewitnesses it also says, "*We have even the more sure word of prophecy,*"

The ancient Jewish Scriptures (the Tanakh ...the "Old Testament") from which the following prophecies are taken, were all written from 400 years to 2,000 years *BEFORE* Jesus was born (400 BC - 2,000 BC) and were translated from the Hebrew into Greek by 72 Jewish priests and scholars who were brought together sometime around 270 B.C.

- *So, these prophecies were in writing and being translated from Hebrew into Greek almost three hundred years before Jesus was even born in Bethlehem .*

**Let's look at these prophecies that were fulfilled in the life of Jesus of Nazareth.**

*The Messiah would be born of a virgin*

Isaiah 7:14

- Immanuel means "*God with us*"

*The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem . . .*

Micah5:2

- A Biblical description of God ... *Messiah would step forth from Eternity!!!*

***Messiah would be the "Son of God" . . .***

Isaiah 9:6

Psalms 2:6-7

- "Kiss *the SON* (of God) lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. *Blessed are all those who trust in Him.*" (Psalm 2:12)
- "Who has established all the ends of the Earth? What is *His Name*, and what is *His SON's Name*, if you know? (Proverbs 30:4)

***The Messiah would ride triumphantly into Jerusalem . . . Meek and lowly . . . riding on a donkey***

- "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion (Israel)! *Behold, your King (Messiah) is coming to you; He is just and having Salvation, yet He is lowly and riding on a donkey.*" (Zechariah 9:9)

***He would be betrayed by a friend***

- "Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me." (Psalm 41:9)
- This is fulfilled in Matthew 26:21-26

***They would set a price on Him of 30 pieces of silver . . . which would then be thrown into the potter's field***

- "So they weighed out for my wages *thirty pieces of silver*. And the LORD said to me, *Throw it to the potter*' - that princely price they set on me." (Zechariah 11:12-13)

***People would be attracted to Him through His words and deeds . . . not by His looks***

- "He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him." (Isaiah 53:2)

***The Messiah would be despised by the world and rejected by Israel***

- "The Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, To Him whom man (the world) despises, To Him whom the nation (Israel) abhors." (Isaiah 49:7)

***The Messiah would be despised and rejected . . . He would deeply feel the pain of rejection***

Isaiah 53:3

***People would turn their backs on Him***

"And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him;" (Isaiah 53:3)

***The Messiah would be despised***

- "He was despised, and we did not esteem Him." (Isaiah 53:3)

***He would suffer . . . brutally beaten and bloodied***

- "So His appearance was marred more than any man" (Isaiah 52:14)

***The Messiah would be beaten, bloodied, and would die for our iniquities (sins) so we could escape the judgment . . . the darkness and torments of Hell***

- "But He was wounded for *our* transgressions, He was bruised for *our* iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon *Him*, *And by His stripes (whip lashes) we are healed. And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity (sin) of us all.*" (Isaiah 53:5-7)

***Yet, as the Passover Lamb of God, He would remain silent during His ordeal***

- "He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth." (Isaiah 53:7)

***He would be Crucified . . . a torturous and agonizing death***

- "All My bones are out of joint . . . My tongue clings to My jaws; *They pierced My hands and My feet, They look and stare at Me.*" (Psalm 22:14, 15, 16, 17)

***He would have stakes . . . nails . . . driven through his hands***

- "And someone will say to Him, *What are these wounds in your hands?*' Then He (Messiah/Christ) will answer, *Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.*" (Zechariah 13:6)

***He would be mocked during His time of suffering and death***

- "A reproach of men and despised of the people, They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying 'He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him;'" (Psalm 22:7-8)

***They would divide His garments and cast lots for His clothes***

- *"They divide my garments among them, and for My garments they cast lots." (Psalm 22:18 . . . see Matthew 27:24))*

***The Sun would go down at "Noon" and God would "Darken" the land in broad daylight . . .***

- *"And it shall come to pass in that Day," says the Lord GOD, That I will make the Sun go down at NOON, and I will DARKEN the Earth in broad daylight; I will turn your feasts into mourning, And all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist, And baldness on every head; I will make it like mourning for an only Son, And its end like a bitter day." (Amos 8:9-10)*

***He who knew no sin would be made sin for us . . .***

- *"My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?"(Psalm 22:1)*
- *With these words from the Cross, Jesus was POINTING the Jewish leaders to Psalm 22.*
- *The Jewish leaders who were gathered around the Cross knew the Scriptures well.*
- *For Psalm 22 opens with the words "My God, My God why have you forsaken Me?"*
- *and is a detailed prophecy foretelling the death of the Messiah on the Cross,*
- *written a thousand years before the Cross and written centuries before this form of execution was even invented - written when the Jewish form of execution was stoning.*
- *We are told Messiah (Christ) "became sin" for us, so He could be "forsaken" and experience the utter darkness, aloneness, and torment of Hell for us ...*
- *and so that all who will believe and trust in Him to save us from our sins and from Hell will never have to experience the feeling of being "forsaken" and completely separated from God in the utter darkness of Hell . . .*

***The Messiah's side would be pierced***

- *"Then they will look upon Me whom they have pierced; they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn."(Zechariah 12:10 . . . this is also a prophecy of His Return)*

***He would be buried in a rich man's grave***

- "He was buried like a criminal in a rich man's grave;" (Isaiah 53:9)

***He was innocent . . . without guilt . . . without sin***

- "But He (Messiah ... Christ) had done no wrong, and he had never spoken an evil word." (Isaiah 53:9)

***The Messiah would be quickly Resurrected (raised from the dead) . . .***

- "For You will not leave my soul in Sheol (Hell), (King David *knew* there is a Heaven ... *and* a Hell) *NOR will You allow Your Holy One (Messiah!) to see corruption (decompose).*" (Psalm 16:10)

***The Jewish Messiah (Christ) would be a savior to all peoples, including Jews and non-Jews alike . . . thus fulfilling the Abrahamic Covenant***

- "I will *ALSO* give You as a light to the Gentiles (non-Jews), That You should be My Salvation (saving us from our sins and from Hell) to the ends of the Earth." (Isaiah 49:6)

***The Messiah (Christ) would be the Sacrifice (payment) for all our sins . . . The only burden He asks us to carry is to believe and trust in (and love) Him with all our hearts.***

- "And He bore the sin of many . . ." (Isaiah 53:12)

***The Cross was part of GOD's Plan ... so all who receive Jesus (Yeshua) as their Lord can be washed clean of all their sins through His innocent blood ... and spared from the darkness and torment of Hell***

- "Yet it was *the Lord's good plan* to bruise him; put Him to grief, make His soul *an offering* for sin . . ." (Isaiah 53:10, KJV paraphrased)

***God (Messiah/Christ) would then return to His place in Heaven, until . . . (remember Messiah is God who placed His Spirit in the form of Man ... inside a living Tabernacle)***

- "I (the LORD) will return again to My place UNTIL they (Israel) acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; in their affliction (the coming "Apocalypse") they will diligently seek Me" . . . (Hosea 5:15)
- For the LORD to *return* to His place means that He had to have *left* His place.
- One requirement that must be met before He can return to Earth is for the

children of Israel to "acknowledge their offense."

- Notice that the word offense is singular, not plural, and it is specific.
- This means that Israel must acknowledge their rejection of the Messiah and pray, as a nation, for His return.
- We are told this will be fulfilled at the very end of the Tribulation.
- God will fulfill all of His covenants with the nation Israel.

***Awesome: When God's Word and the prophecies became one . . .***

- "Now when they had *fulfilled* all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. *But God raised Him from the dead.* He was seen for *many* days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people." (Acts 13:29-31)

***Jesus Messiah pointed the Jews back to the Law of Moses and the Prophets ...***

- "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, *that all things (prophecies) MUST be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.*" And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures." Then He (Jesus) said to them,
- "*Thus it is written, and thus it was NECESSARY for the Messiah (Christ) to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name to ALL nations, BEGINNING at Jerusalem.*" (Luke 24:44-47)

***The Torment of the Cross. The first prophecy found in the Bible is spoken by God to Adam, Eve, and Satan in the Garden of Eden . . .***

- "I will put enmity (hatred) between you (Satan) and the woman (Eve), And between your seed (the Antichrist) and her Seed (Messiah); He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." (Genesis 3:15)
  - This first prophecy is a prophecy of the Messiah.
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- It also sets the stage for Satan's hatred against mankind ... (and *especially* against the Jews because they would bring forth Messiah *and* will be instrumental in His Return (which we are told will end Satan's rule on Earth) ... *and ... this* is why the genealogy of Jesus through *Mary*

(Miriam) ... Luke 3:21-38 ... is taken all the way back to *Adam*.)

- In this prophecy we are told the seed of the woman, the Messiah (the Christ), would have his heel bruised.
- If you study the physical trauma associated with Crucifixion, you soon find it was designed to cause extreme pain and torment before death.
- The word "excruciating" comes from the root word "crucify."
- Crucifixion was a cruel, slow, agonizing, and tortuous form of execution designed to kill through slow suffocation.
- The shoulders of the person being crucified would dislocate and separate.
- The only way the person nailed to the Cross could breathe (or speak) would be to gather as much strength as they could and try to stand up on the nail or the spike that had been driven through their feet.
- The feet were severely bent forward and pressed together in order to nail them to the Cross.
- When the feet were nailed securely to the Cross, one heel would be pressed tightly against the wood of the Cross.
- So, in order to breathe or to speak, the person nailed to the Cross had to put all of their weight on the heel and the large spike that had been driven through the feet in order to stand up far enough to gasp for breath.
- This incredibly tortuous process would painfully bruise that heel.
- Also, we are told that Jesus was scourged by the Romans before He was crucified.
- These "stripes" He took on His back were another form of cruel punishment derived by the powers of the day.
- The Roman "whip" used for scourging was small with pieces of metal and bone attached.
- The prisoner's back was stretched tight as He, in this case, Jesus, was tied to a post.
- The Roman whip was designed to dig into the skin of the back and then tear the skin away from the bone.
- By the time Jesus was crucified the skin of His back that had been torn from the "stripes" would have been hanging loosely off of the bone like a tattered cloth.
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- Take a moment to consider the amount of pain shooting through the body of Christ as He struggled with dry, parched lips and gasping for breath to stand up by pressing down on that heel which was *nailed* to the Cross, causing His tattered back with its exposed bone to rub against the roughly hewn wood of His Cross in order to clearly speak those words . . .  
***."Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."***(Luke 23:34)

***ANOTHER ancient prophecy pointing to the Cross . . . the "Serpent on the Pole"***

- Here, we find another prophetic "foreshadowing" of the Cross in the book of Numbers (one of the five books of Moses) . . .
- "So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, '*We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us.*' So Moses prayed for the people.
- Then the LORD said to Moses, *Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.* 'So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, *when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.*" (Numbers 21:6-9)

In the Bible, the serpent is used as a symbol for "sin," and bronze a symbol of "judgment," because bronze could withstand the fire.

- We find in this verse that once the people acknowledged their sin, they only needed to look upon the serpent on the pole to be healed and saved.
- We are told Jesus "became" sin, like that "fiery serpent" on the pole, for us . . .
- *"For He made Him who knew no sin (Messiah on the Cross) to be sin FOR us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."* (2 Corinthians 5:21)

***Jesus points to this prophetic model of the Serpent on the Pole . . .***

- And Jesus said, *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish (in Hell) but have eternal life.*
  
- For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should *not* perish (in Hell), but have everlasting life (in Heaven). For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:14-17)
- It is interesting that after hearing the story of the serpent in the wilderness, the ancient Greeks adopted this sign of the serpent on the

pole as their symbol for healing.

- The symbol is still used by our medical profession. You might note there is only *one* serpent on this ancient symbol, not two.
- So, as those who looked upon the fiery serpent in the wilderness were saved from their sins, so will all who believe in Jesus on the Cross be saved . . . and welcomed into His Kingdom of Heaven, forever.

***The Promise of the Cross is available to everybody.***

- The offer is extended to all.
- The early church included all - Jew, Roman, Ethiopian, Greek, rich and poor, men and women, centurion and rabbi, together, *as one*.
- They saw . . . they heard . . . *they believed!*
- It was only *after* the Jews rejected their Messiah that the good news of this new covenant of God's Grace would be offered to all people around the world.
- Messiah died for *all* who believe, from Israel and from all the nations and people of the world.

***The Scriptures tell us there are TWO roles the Messiah must fulfill:***

- ***First***, as the *Passover Lamb of God* . . .
- The 'Atonement' for sin whose blood shed on the Cross saves us from the utter darkness and torment of Hell
- ***Second***, as the *Lion of Judah* . . .
- As King of kings and *Lord of lords* ... to *save Israel* from the armies of the world which will someday soon come against Her ... and then He will restore the Earth in peace and beauty

***The Scriptures ALSO tell us the Messiah will return . . . twice:***

- ***First***, "*as a thief in the night*" . . . For those who have waited in faith . . . the "Rapture."
- To *remove* the faithful believers from Earth to shelter them (like Enoch and Lot) ... *before* the "Apocalypse."
- ***Second***, "*every eye shall see*" . . . With those who have waited in faith.
- When He *returns* to establish His Kingdom (of peace and beauty) over the world ... *after* the "Apocalypse"

***Please Remember . . .***

- The Kingdom of Heaven is available to *every* man, woman, boy, and girl in this world, no matter who they are, where they live, or what they have done.

- It is freely offered to any and all who will receive it.
- Simply learn of Jesus, the promised Messiah, invite Him into your life as Lord, believe He died on the Cross for all of your sins and rose from the grave (proving there *is* a Kingdom of Heaven ... and a Hell).
- Learn of Him and believe in Him . . . for He was the only one who has ever loved you enough to *substitute* Himself for *you* on the Cross.
- He shed His blood, suffered, and died on the Cross to *save* you from your sins *and* from the utter darkness and torment of Hell, *if* you will accept it, believe it, and trust in it.
- That is why Jesus is called Savior.
- He now lovingly and graciously offers you life in Heaven (and we are warned it is a "take it or leave it" proposition.)
- We have to consciously receive it and accept it in faith.
- If you sincerely admit you have sinned (which means you will *need* a Savior to get into Heaven) and ask Jesus to come into your life and honestly try to stop doing (and saying) those things God says are wrong, you *will* go to Heaven ... and with open arms and tears of joy He will receive *all* who will come to Him in faith and in love ... ***It's God's Promise!!!***

The *only* unpardonable sin is to reject God's love and His free offer of life in the Kingdom of Heaven by rejecting Jesus Christ who stepped forth from Eternity ... not to condemn the sinner, but to *save* the sinner (from the torment of Hell) and who willingly and lovingly shed His blood on the Cross so we can be washed clean of *all* our sins.

- The Bible warns there will be no peace in our lives until we make peace with God through His Son, Jesus (Yeshua), the promised Messiah.
- The Bible *also* says there will be no peace in Israel *or* on Earth until Jesus (Yeshua), the Messiah returns . . .
- "The Lord is my shepherd . . ." (Psalm 23:1)

***And Jesus graciously tells us,***

- "*I am* the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)
- It is interesting to note the only prophecies found in other religions are either based on prophecies *already* found in the Scriptures, or point to a powerful leader who someday will rise.
- The Bible warns to beware of this false messiah who *will* soon rise and *will* deceive many.
- God also makes it very clear there would be only *one* real Messiah. If

you are approached, or belong to a religion which denies Jesus is the Messiah, humbly ask them to show you the prophecies preparing the way and describing *their* prophet . . .