

Signposts for the Messiah—Part 4

Selected Scriptures

- I-III. **The Messiah Will Be Born a Human Son of Eve & a Deliverer** (Gen. 3:15, 27—4000 BC≈)
- IV. **The Messiah Will Be Born a Descendent of Abraham** (Gen. 12:1-3—2200 BC≈)
- V. **The Messiah Will Be Born with a Celestial Announcement** (Numbers 24:17—1500 B.C.≈)
- VI. **The Messiah Will Be Born to Sit on David's Throne Forever** (1 Chron. 17:11-14—1000 BC≈)
- VII. **The Messiah Will Be Born of a Virgin** (Isa. 7:14—750 BC≈)
- VIII. **The Messiah Will Be Born God in the Flesh** (Isa. 9:6-7—750 BC≈)
- IX. **The Messiah Will Be Called Out of Egypt** (Hosea 11:1—750 BC≈)
- X. **The Messiah Will Be Born in Bethlehem of Judea** (Micah 5:2—750 BC≈)
- XI. **The Messiah Will be Born the LORD Our Righteousness** (Jer. 23:5-6—600 BC≈)
- XII. **The Messiah Will Be Born with Sorrow** (Jer. 31:15—600 BC≈)
- XIII. **The Messiah Will Be Born on a Divine Timetable** (Dan. 9:24-27—590 BC≈)
- XIV. **The Messiah Will Be Born With A Messenger** (Mal. 3:1—400 BC≈)
- XV. **The Messiah Was Born with a M_____ (Luke 1:5-15)**
- Zacharias & Elizabeth were too old to have children naturally
 - Zacharias would probably only have one opportunity to burn incense in the Temple during his entire lifetime
 - The angel told Zacharias that God would open Elizabeth's womb
 - That son would be the forerunner for the Messiah

XVI-XX. **The Messiah WAS Born of a V_____, God in F_____, the H_____ S_____ of Eve, who will Sit on the Throne of D_____ (Luke 1:26-35 cf. Matt. 1:18-24)**

- Now in the sixth month** = 6 months had passed since Elizabeth became pregnant
- Jesus = Iesous (Ἰησοῦς)** = "The Lord Is Salvation" or "God saves" (*Joshua* or *Yeshua*) (cf. Acts 7:45; Heb. 4:8)
- the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David** (2 Sam. 7:13, 16; Ps. 89:4, 29; 132:12; Isa. 9:7; Dan 7:13-14)
- ³⁴**...How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?** (KJV)
 - know = ginósco (γινώσκω)** = "to know someone intimately"
- The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you** = Jesus is Fully Man & Fully God

XXI-XXIV. **The Messiah WAS Born a Descendant of A_____, in B_____, as a D_____, & as the L_____ (Luke 2:8-11)**

- same region** = the area around Bethlehem where many of the sheep sacrificed in the Temple were raised
- shepherds** were at the bottom of the Jewish social ladder and continually ceremonially unclean
- "the glory of the Lord"** = "Shekinah" Glory of God (cf. Ex. 13:20-22; 14:24-25; 16:7, 10; 24:17; 33; 40:34; Ps 63:2)
- good news = euangelizō (εὐαγγελίζω)** = "to tell the good news, to announce the gospel" (Evangelize)
- city of David** = Bethlehem; David's birthplace, placing Jesus in Abraham's Messianic line
- Savior = sōtēr (σωτήρ)** = "rescuer, one who delivers or saves"
- Christ = Christos (Χριστός)** = "Messiah a title for the Anointed One," "Christ a proper name for Jesus of Nazareth"
- Lord = kyrios (κύριος)** = "Lord, supernatural master over all" "ruler, master, lord, one who exercises authority over"

XXV-XXVI. **The Messiah WAS Born On a Divine T_____**
& with a C_____ Announcement (Matt. 2:1-10)

- a. **magi** = "wise-men" not kings
- b. Daniel was put in charge of all the magi and he likely taught them much about the Scriptures, including God's Divine Timetable for the Messiah and the Christmas Star (cf. Dan. 2:48; 9:24-27; Num. 24:17a)
- c. The magi came sometime between 40 days and 2 years after Jesus' birth (cf. Lev. 2:2-8; Luke 2:22-24)
- d. The **star** was apparently no longer shining when the **magi** reached Jerusalem
- e. No star, comet, meteorite, supernova, or alignment of planets can appear, disappear, reappear, and move around until it rests over a specific house
 - i. The **star** = the "Shekinah" Glory of God (cf. Ex. 13:20-22; 14:24-25; 16:7, 10; 24:17; 33; 40:34; Ps 63:2; Matt. 17:2)

XVII-XVIII. **The Messiah Was Born with S_____ & Was Called Out of E_____ (Matt. 2:13-18)**

- a. This fulfilled the prophecy of Hosea (cf. Hos. 11:1)
 - i. He was originally talking about how the nation of Israel was called out of Egyptian bondage, by the power and love of God.
 - ii. But he was also looking to the future...when God's literal Son Jesus would have to flee to and return from Egypt because of man's hatred and rebellion
- b. This final Signpost fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah (cf. Jer. 31:15)
 - i. The prophet was originally talking about the weeping of the mothers whose sons were killed or carried off to captivity in Babylon
 - ii. He was also looking at the coming of the Messiah and the fact that mankind loves the darkness and hates the Light (cf. John 3:19-20)