

Signposts for the Messiah—Part 3

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 L_____ Our Righteousness (Jer. 23:5-6—(600 BC≈))

- Jeremiah was called the weeping prophet because he knew the suffering coming and that very few if any would listen; especially not the so-called "shepherds" of Israel (cf. Jer. 14; 27; 28; Isa. 28; Ezek. 13, 34; Micah 3; Zech. 11)
- This prophecy reveals that the Messiah will be:
 - A **Branch** (descendant) of King David
 - God is NOT done with Israel (Rom. 11:25-27; cf. Isa. 27:9; 54:1-17; 59:20-21; 60:1-22; 65:17-25; Jer. 31:33-34; 32:37; Ezek. 37:15-28; Zech. 14:11; Heb. 8:10, 12)
 - The **Lord** = Yahweh
- In Him **we might become the righteousness of God IN Him.**" (2 Cor. 5:21)

XII. The Messiah Will Be Born with S_____ (Jer. 31:15—600 BC≈)

- Ramah** = "high place"

- It was also a place outside Jerusalem where Jews were gathered for exile to Babylon
- Rachel** = beloved wife of Jacob who bore him Benjamin and Joseph and whose tomb was just outside of Bethlehem
- Near Fulfillment:** when the descendants of Benjamin were killed or exiled to Babylon
- Far Fulfillment:** when King Herod slaughtered the children **from two years old and under** in and around Bethlehem to try and kill the Messiah (cf. Matt. 2:16ff.)

XIII. The Messiah Will Be Born on a Divine T_____ (Dan. 9:24-27—590 BC≈)

- Many first century AD historians wrote about firm persuasions, established beliefs, and oracles from sacred writings that a mighty king would rise from Judea (cf. Tacitus, *Histories*, Seutonius, *Life of Vespasian*, Josephus, *Wars of the Jews*)
- Daniel was put in charge of Babylon's Magi / Wise Men and probably had great influence on them regarding God and His Scriptures (cf. Dan. 2:48)
- The Angel Gabriel was sent by God to answer Daniel's prayers with a Divine Timetable for Israel & the Messiah
 - v. 24: The entire timeline for Israel
 - week = 7 years
 - seventy weeks = 490 years
 - v. 25: The timeline for the Messiah
 - seven weeks** = 49 years to rebuild Jerusalem & the Temple
 - sixty-two weeks** = 434 years to live in the Promised Land
 - Combined they = 483 years **until Messiah the Prince**

4. King Artaxerxes **Decree** = 14th of March 445 B.C. + 483 years = 6th day of April, 32 A.D. (cf. Neh. 2:1-8; Matt. 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12)
- iii. v. 26: Jesus' Crucifixion and Israel's Destruction
 1. In 70 A.D. the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple and God put Israel's timetable on "hold" and made the Church His "People of God" "**until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in**" (cf. Rom. 11:25ff)
- iv. v. 27: The final week of Israel's Divine Timetable—The 7 Year Tribulation (cf. Jer. 30:7, 22; Hosea 6:1–2; Zech. 12:10; Matt. 24:21; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:3; Rev. 6-12)
 1. The church will be Raptured before God's judgment of Tribulation officially starts (1 Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 1-4)
 2. Jesus will return a conqueror to establish His 1000-year Millennial Kingdom (cf. Rev. 19:11-16ff.)

XIV. **The Messiah Will Be Born With A M_____**

(Mal. 3:1—400 BC≈)

- a. **Fulfillment** = John the Baptist (cf. Mal. 4:5; Isa. 40:3; Matt. 3:3; 11:10, 14; 17:12ff.; Mark 1:1-3; Luke 1:17; 3:4-6; 7:26, 27; John 1:19-23)