

Signposts for the Messiah—Part 2 Selected Scriptures

I-III. The Messiah Will Be Born a Human Son of Eve & a Deliverer (Gen. 3:15, 27; cf. Lev. 17:11; John 12:31; 16:33; Rom. 3:21-26; Gal. 4:4-5; Heb. 2:14; 9:11-12, 22—4000 BC≈)

IV. The Messiah Will Be Born a Descendent of Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3; cf. Gen. 4:25-26; 9:26-27; 17:19; 21:12; 22:18; 49:10; Num. 24:17; 1 Sam. 16:1, 12-13; 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Isa. 11:1, 10; Matt. 1:1-2, 6-7; Luke 1:32-33; 3:23-38; Rom. 9:5; Heb. 7:14—2200 BC≈)

V. The Messiah Will Be Born with a Celestial Announcement (Numbers 24:17; cf. Matt. 2:1-12—1500 B.C.≈)

VI. The Messiah Will Be Born to Sit on David's Throne Forever (1 Chron. 17:11-14; cf. 2 Sam. 7:12-13, 16, 25-26; 1 Chron. 17:23-27; Ps. 89:3-4, 35-37; 132:11; Isa. 9:7—1000 BC≈)

VII. The Messiah Will Be Born of a V _____ (Isaiah 7:14—750 BC≈)

- Isaiah was a prophet to 4 kings of the Southern Kingdom of Judah (Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, & Hezekiah)
- Judah was under attack from Syria and the Northern Kingdom of Israel and God wanted Ahaz to pick a sign that prove that He was with Judah; but he was afraid, so God gave the king a sign.
- virgin = almah (עַלְמָה) = "virgin, young maiden, young girl"**
- The Near Fulfillment was most likely a young virgin girl in the King's court, who would not die in an invasion, but live to become pregnant and give birth (cf. Isa. 7:15-16; 8:1-4)
- The Far Fulfillment was 600 years later when the Holy Spirit overshadowed the Mary, a young virgin girl, and she supernaturally conceived a Son, a Seed of Eve, who became our literal Immanuel, God with us! (cf. Matt. 1:20-25, Luke 1:26-35)

VIII. The Messiah Will Be Born God in the F _____ (Isa. 9:6-7—750 BC≈)

- The entire first half of chapter 9 is a signpost (cf. Isa. 9:1-5; Matt. 4:12-16)
- the government will rest on His shoulders...***
 - He will be the King of kings over every government (Rev. 19:15-16; cf. Matt. 1:21; Luke 1:31-33; 2:7, 11; Rev. 2:27)
- His name will be called Wonderful Counselor...***
 - This King of kings will give the people divine wisdom that will never cease to bless them! (Isa. 2:3; cf. 2 Sam 16:23; 1 Kings 3:28)
- Mighty God...***
 - The Jewish Religious Leaders somehow missed this Divine Revelation that the Messiah would be our Immanuel; God in the Flesh (John 1:14; cf. Deut. 10:17; Isa. 8:8, 10; 10:21; Neh. 9:32; Matt. 1:1, 6-7, 21-23; Luke 1:32-33; 3:23-38; John 14:8-11)
- Eternal Father...***
 - Jesus Himself declared that "...³⁰ ***I and the Father are one.***" (John 10:30; cf. Isa. 40:11; cf. Isa. 63:16; 64:8; Ps. 68:5-6; 103:13; Prov. 3:12; John 14:8-9)
- Prince of Peace***
 - Jesus bought on Calvary's Cross Peace between God and whomsoever will confess, repent, and trust IN Him (Isa. 53:5-6ff)
 - But His redeemed children will never have Peace with the world (Matt. 10:34-36)
 - Until Jesus returns to judge the earth and establish His Millennial Kingdom (cf. Micah 4:3; Isa. 2:4; 11:6-9)

IX. **The Messiah Will Be Called Out of E_____** (Hosea 11:1—

750 BC≈)

- a. This is another hard to see Signpost
- b. The prophet's Near Focus is God's intense love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness for His people Israel as demonstrated in freeing them from Egyptian bondage (cf. Isa. 12:1; 40:1, 2; 49:13; Jer. 31:10–14; Zec. 1:12–17)
- c. His Far Focus is Jesus and His families escape of Herod's bloodlust on the children of Bethlehem and their return after the king's death (cf. Matt. 2:13-15)

X. **The Messiah Will Be Born in B_____ of Judea** (Micah 5:2—750 BC≈):

- a. This Signpost was at least well known among "*...the chief priests and scribes of the people,*" (cf. Matt. 2:4)
- b. ***Ephrathah*** simply means "fruitful" and it is just a way to tell this village in Judea apart from another Bethlehem that was in Galilee
 - i. It was a small town roughly 6 miles from Jerusalem that had also been the home of Boaz, Ruth, and their grandson Jesse, who was the father of king David.
- c. ***His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity***
 - i. Only God is eternal (cf. Matt. 2:1-6; Luke 2:1-7; John 1:14; 7:42)