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**Gal. 4:4, “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,”**

**9. The Messiah is *Yeshua* (Jesus) of Nazareth who fulfilled many more than one hundred Messianic prophecies in the Hebrew Bible.**

# Seed of the Woman

Gen. 5

Gen. 9, 11

Gen. 12–50

Num. 24:  
14, 17

2 Chron.  
17:10–14

Amos 9:24, 25

Adam to  
Noah

Noah through  
Shem to  
Abraham

Abraham to  
Judah

Star and  
Scepter  
from Judah  
Restoration  
of House of  
David

Davidic  
Covenant

**Gen. 3:15**, “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and **between your seed and her Seed**; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

1. The Virgin is a sign to the House of David, *Immanuel*, “*God with us*” (ca. 728 BC).

Isa. 7:14, “Therefore the Lord Himself will give y’all, i.e., House of David, a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name *Immanuel*.”

**Context:**

Isa. 7:2, “And it was told to the house of David ...”

Isa. 7:13, “Then he said, ‘Hear now, O house of David!’ ”

**Matt. 1:18, “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.”**

**Matt. 1:20, “... an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.**

**Matt. 1:21, “ ‘And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.’ ” [NKJV]**

**Matt. 1:22, “So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:**

**Matt. 1:23, “ ‘*Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,*’ which is translated, ‘God with us.’ ”**



## **2. Born in Bethlehem, City of David (ca. 730 BC).**

**Mic. 5:2, “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,  
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be  
Ruler in Israel,  
Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.”  
[NKJV]**

**Matt. 2:1, “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,**

**Matt. 2:2, “saying, ‘Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.’”**

**Matt. 2:3, “When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.” [NKJV]**

**Matt. 2:4, “And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.**

**Matt. 2:5, “So they said to him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:**

**Matt. 2:6, “ ‘*But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.*’ ”  
[NKJV]**

**Luke 2:1, “And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.**

**Luke 2:2, “This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.**

**Luke 2:3, “So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.**

**Luke 2:4, “Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,” [NKJV]**

**Luke 2:10, “Then the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.**

**Luke 2:11, “For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord. [RD]**

**Luke 2:12, “And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”  
[NKJV]**

**3. The timing of the Messiah's birth was precisely predicted by the prophet Daniel (ca. 540 BC).**

**Dan. 9:24, “Seventy periods of seven [490 years] are determined for your people [Israel] and for your holy city [Jerusalem], to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.”**

**Dan. 9:25, “Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem [March 5, 444 B.C.]**

**Until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven periods of seven and sixty-two periods of seven;”**

**[7 periods + 62 periods = 69 periods × 7 = 483 years;**

**483 × 360 = 173,880 days]**

**From March 5, 444 BC to Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem six days before the Cross was 173,880 days.**

**Dan. 9:26, “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary [AD 70]. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined.”**

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**“The street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times.”**

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**4. He would be preceded by a forerunner (predicted *ca.* 450 BC).**

**Malachi 3:1, “ ‘Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,’ says the LORD of hosts.”**

**4. He would be preceded by a forerunner (predicted ca. 450 BC).**

**Matt. 11:7, “As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?**

**Matt. 11:8, “But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses.**

**Matt. 11:9, “But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.**

**Matt. 11:10, “For this is he of whom it is written:**

***‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.’ ”***

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**Mark 1:2, “As it is written in the Prophets: ‘*Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.*’**

**Mark 1:3, “*The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.*’ ” [Isa. 40:3]**

**Mark 1:4, “John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.”**

**5. He would give sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, and the lame will walk.**

**Isaiah 35:5, “Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.**

**Isaiah 35:6, “Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.”**

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**Matt. 11:2, “And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples**

**Matt. 11:3, “and said to Him, ‘Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?’”**

**Matt. 11:4, “Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Go and tell John the things which you hear and see:**

**Matt. 11:5, “*‘The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.’ ”*”**

**6. What will Messiah accomplish? He is a substitute sacrifice for our sins (ca. 728 BC).**

**Isa. 53:4, “Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

**Isa. 53:5, “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 we are healed.**

**Isa. 53:6, “All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”**

**1 Pet. 2:24, “who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.**

**1 Pet. 2:25, “For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”**

**Isa. 53:10, “Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.”**



**1 Pet. 3:18, “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,”**

## **7. He will be rejected by His people (*ca.* 728 BC).**

**Isa. 53:3, “He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.”**

**Matt. 26:47, “And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.”**

**Matt. 26:67, “Then they [Sanhedrin members] spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands,”**

**Matt. 27:2, “And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.”**

**Matt. 27:22, “Pilate said to them, ‘What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?’ They all said to him, ‘Let Him be crucified!’**

**Matt. 27:23, “Then the governor said, ‘Why, what evil has He done?’ But they cried out all the more, saying, ‘Let Him be crucified!’ ”**

**8. By knowing about the Messiah and believing in Him, He will make the many righteous.**

**Isa. 53:11, “Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge [knowing about Him] shall the righteous one, My servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.”**

**Since the Servant here dies for the iniquities of the people of Israel, He cannot be also identified as the people of Israel.**

**“The remarkable prophecy in Isaiah was understood by the Babylonian Talmud, the Aramaic Targums, ancient rabbinical commentaries to refer to the Messiah. Moshe Kohen ibn Crispin (14<sup>th</sup> century Rabbi): ‘This prophecy was delivered by Isaiah at the divine command for the purpose of making known to us something about the nature of the future Messiah, who is to come and deliver Israel ... in order that if anyone should arise claiming to be himself the Messiah, we may reflect and look to see whether we can observe in him any resemblance to the traits described here: if there is a resemblance, then we may believe that he is the Messiah our Righteous; but if not, we cannot do so.’ ”**

**9. He would be crucified, prophesied centuries before crucifixion was invented [prophesied by King David, *ca.* 1000 BC].**

**Psa. 22:16, “For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;**

**Psa. 22:17, “I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me.**

**Psa. 22:18, “They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.”**

**What are the chances, the probability, that only eight prophecies could be fulfilled in one person?**

**“The chance that any man might have ... fulfilled all eight prophecies is one in 10 to the 17<sup>th</sup>. That would be 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 (one hundred quadrillion).”**

**~Peter Stoner, *Science Speaks***



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**“We take 10 to the 17<sup>th</sup> silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all of the state 2 feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly ... Blindfold a man and tell him he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up [that one marked silver dollar]. What chance would he have of getting the right one? That is the same chance of one man fulfilling only 8 of the prophecies. But there are more than 100 fulfilled at what is Jesus’s first coming.”**

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