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MESSIANIC PROPHECIES THAT POINT TO JESUS

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Jews for Jesus has curated 40* of the most helpful messianic passages along with their New Testament fulfillments. Some are direct prophecies; some are pictures of the coming Messiah; some reflect God's patterns in history. To better understand the New Testament references listed, read the short commentaries for each passage posted online at j4j.co/top40mp.

After Yeshua (Jesus) was crucified, some of his followers were crushed. They had hoped that he would be the Messiah who would destroy the tyranny of Rome and restore the kingdom of Israel. But their idea of the Messiah was not God's idea. Yeshua died, but he also rose from the dead, and to his disappointed followers he said:

“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” (Luke 24:25–27, 32)

To “suffer these things and enter into his glory,” he had to first die as an atonement for our sins and then rise from the dead—as the prophets of the Hebrew Bible had said.

We invite you to explore these passages from the Jewish Scriptures and their fulfillments in the life of Yeshua.

*In our short commentaries, we divided Isaiah 52:13–53:12 into four parts, making a total of 40.
Picture: Inscriptions in Hebrew on the walls inside Izaak Synagogue in the Jewish Kazimierz district of Krakow, Poland.

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE THE
SEED OF THE
WOMAN AND
DESTROY SATAN

TANAKH REFERENCE

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Genesis 3:15

FULFILLMENT

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Romans 16:20

See also:

Galatians 4:4

Hebrews 2:14

Revelation 12:9

Revelation 12:17

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE THE
DESCENDANT OF
ABRAHAM THROUGH
WHOM ALL NATIONS
WOULD BE BLESSED

TANAKH REFERENCE

“I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis 12:3

FULFILLMENT

“And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’ God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.”

Acts 3:24–26

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE A
WILLING SACRIFICE

TANAKH REFERENCE

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

Genesis 22:1–18 (especially vv. 9–10)

FULFILLMENT

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

See also:

Hebrews 11:17–19

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE THE
COMING ONE
TO WHOM THE SCEPTER
BELONGS

TANAKH REFERENCE

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

Genesis 49:10

FULFILLMENT

Going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

Through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations.

Romans 1:5

See also:

Matthew 2:6

Romans 15:18; 16:26

Hebrews 7:14

Revelation 5:5

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE THE
PASSOVER LAMB

TANAKH REFERENCE

“Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household.”

“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.”

Exodus 12:3, 7–13

See entire chapter

FULFILLMENT

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1:29

See also:

John 1:36

John 19:33

John 19:36

1 Corinthians 5:7–8

1 Peter 1:19

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE
LIFTED UP

TANAKH REFERENCE

Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And 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. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Numbers 21:6–9

FULFILLMENT

“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”

John 3:14–18

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE
THE STAR
COMING OUT
OF JACOB

TANAKH REFERENCE

“I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth.”

Numbers 24:17

FULFILLMENT

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, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

Matthew 2:1–2

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

Revelation 22:16

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE
A PROPHET
LIKE MOSES

TANAKH REFERENCE

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen. . . I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.”

Deuteronomy 18:15, 18–19

FULFILLMENT

When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

John 6:14

See also:

Matthew 13:57; 21:46

Luke 24:19

John 1:21, 25; 6:14; 7:40

Acts 3:22; 7:37

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE OUR
KINSMAN-REDEEMER
WHO FREELY
REDEEMS US
THROUGH
HIS GRACE

TANAKH REFERENCE

“So I thought I would tell you of it and say, ‘Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.’ If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you.” And he said, “I will redeem it.”

Ruth 4:4

See entire chapter

FULFILLMENT

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people.”

Luke 1:68

See also:

Luke 1:50, 58, 72, 78

John 10:17–18

Romans 5:7–8

Ephesians 1:7

Colossians 1:4

Hebrews 2:11–12, 17

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE
A DESCENDANT
OF DAVID

TANAKH REFERENCE

“When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

2 Samuel 7:12–16

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

Isaiah 11:1

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

Jeremiah 23:5–6

FULFILLMENT

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Matthew 1:1

See also:

Luke 1:32–33

Acts 15:15–16

Hebrews 1:5

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE CALLED
GOD'S SON

TANAKH REFERENCE

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

Psalm 2:7

See entire psalm

FULFILLMENT

A voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1:11

See also:

Luke 3:22

Acts 4:25–28

Acts 13:33

Hebrews 1:5

Hebrews 5:5

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE
RESURRECTED

TANAKH REFERENCE

I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 16:8–11

FULFILLMENT

"Therefore he says also in another psalm, 'You will not let your Holy One see corruption.'"

For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, but he whom God raised up did not see corruption."

Acts 13:35–37

See also:

Acts 2:22–32

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE FORSAKEN
AND PIERCED,
BUT VINDICATED

TANAKH REFERENCE

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Psalm 22:1, 16–18, 22

(Hebrew Bible, verses 2, 17–19, 23)

See entire psalm

FULFILLMENT

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Matthew 27:46

So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

John 19:24

See also:

Matthew 27:35, 39, 43–44, 46

Mark 15:34

John 19:23–24, 30

Hebrews 2:11–12

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE
THE RIGHTEOUS
SUFFERER

TANAKH REFERENCE

Reproaches have broken my heart, so that I am in despair.

I looked for pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none.

They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.

Psalm 69:20–21

[Hebrew Bible, verses 21–22]

See entire psalm

FULFILLMENT

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:28–30

See also:

Matthew 27:33–34, 48

John 2:17; 15:25

Romans 15:1–3

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE GREATER
THAN DAVID

TANAKH REFERENCE

The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

Psalm 110:1,4

See entire psalm

FULFILLMENT

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet””? If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?”

Matthew 22:41–45

See also:

Mark 12:35–37; Luke 20:41–44

Acts 2:34–36, 1 Cor. 15:25–28;

Hebrews 1:3, 13; 4:14–5:10

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE
THE REJECTED
CORNERSTONE

TANAKH REFERENCE

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:22–24

FULFILLMENT

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’”

Matthew 21:42

See also:

Mark 12:10–11

Luke 20:17–18

Acts 4:9–12

Ephesians 2:20

1 Peter 2:4–8

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE ACCLAIMED

TANAKH REFERENCE

Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm 118:25–29

FULFILLMENT

The crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

Matthew 21:9

See also:

Mark 11:9–10

Luke 13:34–35

Luke 19:38

John 12:13

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE
BORN OF A VIRGIN

TANAKH REFERENCE

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

FULFILLMENT

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

Matthew 1:22–23

See also:

Luke 1:30–37

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE THE
GREAT LIGHT

TANAKH REFERENCE

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Isaiah 9:1–2

(Hebrew Bible, verses 8:23–9:1)

FULFILLMENT

Leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”

Matthew 4:13–16

See also:

Luke 1:76–79; 2:32

John 1:4–5; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE THE
WONDERFUL
COUNSELOR,
MIGHTY GOD,
EVERLASTING
FATHER, &
PRINCE OF PEACE

TANAKH REFERENCE

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:6–7
(*Hebrew Bible, verses 9:5–6*)

FULFILLMENT

“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Luke 1:32–33

See also:

Matthew 12:42

Luke 1:32–33, 79

John 14:27

Acts 10:36

Romans 9:5

Philippians 4:17

Colossians 2:3

2 Thessalonians 3:3

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE CALLED
A NAZARENE

TANAKH REFERENCE

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

Isaiah 11:1

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isaiah 53:3

FULFILLMENT

He went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Matthew 2:23

THE MESSIAH
WOULD PERFORM
SIGNS OF HEALING

TANAKH REFERENCE

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Isaiah 35:5–6

FULFILLMENT

Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

Matthew 11:4–6

See also:

Luke 7:20–23

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE
PRECEDED BY
A FORERUNNER

TANAKH REFERENCE

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Isaiah 40:3–5

FULFILLMENT

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

Matthew 3:1–3

See also:

Mark 1:1–3

Luke 1:76; 3:1–6; 7:27

John 1:22–23

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE A
LIGHT FOR THE
NATIONS OF
THE WORLD

TANAKH REFERENCE

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness."

Isaiah 42:1–7

FULFILLMENT

Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all and ordered them not to make him known. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

"Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased.

I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; and in his name the Gentiles will hope."

Matthew 12:15–21

See also:

Luke 2:27–32

John 8:12

Revelation 21:23–24

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE
THE SUFFERING
SERVANT

TANAKH REFERENCE

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 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. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

FULFILLMENT

That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

Matthew 8:16–17

“Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:28

Likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

Luke 22:20

Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.

Matthew 27:59–60

Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

Acts 8:32–35

See also:

Matthew 26:28

John 12:37–38

Romans 10:16

Hebrews 9:28

1 Peter 2:21–25

THE MESSIAH
WOULD DO
LIFE-AFFIRMING,
REDEMPTIVE DEEDS

TANAKH REFERENCE

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn.

Isaiah 61:1–2

FULFILLMENT

The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4:17–21

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE
THE OBJECT OF A
MURDEROUS PLOT

TANAKH REFERENCE

Thus says the LORD: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more."

Jeremiah 31:15

FULFILLMENT

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

Matthew 2:16–18

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BRING IN
A NEW COVENANT

TANAKH REFERENCE

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah."

Jeremiah 31:31

FULFILLMENT

"For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Matthew 26:28

See also:

Mark 14:24

Luke 22:20

1 Corinthians 11:25

2 Corinthians 3:6

Hebrews 7:22; 8:6–13; 9:15;

10:14–18; 12:24

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE THE
SON OF MAN

TANAKH REFERENCE

“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.”

Daniel 7:13–14

FULFILLMENT

“But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.”

Matthew 9:6

See also:

Matthew 9:6; 12:8; 13:41; 16:13, 27; 26:64

Mark 8:31

Luke 6:22; 9:22

John 1:51; 3:13–14

Acts 7:56

Revelation 1:13; 14:14

and many others

THE MESSIAH
WOULD COME
ACCORDING TO A
TIMETABLE

TANAKH REFERENCE

“Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”

Daniel 9:24–27

FULFILLMENT

“So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.”

Matthew 24:15–16

“But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where he ought not to be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let the one who is on the housetop not go down, nor enter his house, to take anything out.”

Mark 13:14–15

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law.

Galatians 4:4

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE
CALLED OUT
OF EGYPT

TANAKH REFERENCE

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

Hosea 11:1

FULFILLMENT

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

Matthew 2:13–15

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE BORN
IN BETHLEHEM

TANAKH REFERENCE

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Micah 5:2

(Hebrew Bible, verse 1)

FULFILLMENT

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, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” . . . They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

Matthew 2:1–2, 5–6

See also:

John 7:40–43

THE MESSIAH
WOULD COME
RIDING ON A COLT

TANAKH REFERENCE

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey, on
a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9

FULFILLMENT

Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them.

Matthew 21:1–7

See also:

Mark 11:1–7; Luke 19:29–35; John 12:14–15

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE
BETRAYED FOR
THIRTY PIECES
OF SILVER

TANAKH REFERENCE

Then I said to them, “If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, keep them.” And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver. Then the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter.”

Zechariah 11:12–13

FULFILLMENT

Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.

Matthew 26:14–15

See also:

Matthew 27:3

Matthew 27:9–10

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE PIERCED

TANAKH REFERENCE

I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

Zechariah 12:10

FULFILLMENT

Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Matthew 24:30

See also:

John 19:31–37

Revelation 1:7

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE PRECEDED
BY A MESSENGER

TANAKH REFERENCE

“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; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.”

Malachi 3:1

FULFILLMENT

“What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’”

Matthew 11:9–10

See also:

Mark 1:2–3

Luke 1:76; 7:26–27

THE MESSIAH
WOULD BE
PRECEDED
BY ELIJAH
THE PROPHET

TANAKH REFERENCE

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

Malachi 4:5–6
(*Hebrew Bible, verses 3:23–24*)

FULFILLMENT

“If you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Matthew 11:14–15

See also:
Matthew 16:14; 17:9–13
Mark 6:14–16; 9:11–13
Luke 1:16–17
John 1:21

THE MESSIAH
IS SPOKEN OF
THROUGHOUT THE
HEBREW BIBLE

TANAKH REFERENCE

Hebrew Bible

FULFILLMENT

He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Luke 24:25–27

They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”

Luke 24:32

