

The coming of Jesus was predicted in the ancient Hebrew Scriptures. If Jews follow the Torah they can find that Jesus is their Messiah.

A Jew will appreciate their cultural identity far more after converting to Christianity, because they will find in Jesus the fulfillment of God's destiny for Israel. Yes, this is true and it is good news.

SIGNS OF THE MESSIAH ALREADY FULFILLED

God spoke through His prophets and foretold the signs of the coming Messiah. Prophecy is a sign from God, giving us the Jewish textual evidence to prove that Jesus is the Messiah and He will come again. Read this in the Torah for yourself.

The Son of David (Psalm 132:11; Jeremiah 33:15-16) – One of the most important arguments for Jesus being the Messiah is the fact that He is a direct descendent of King David.

There were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Christ (Matthew 1:1-17).

Born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14) – The angel Gabriel came to a humble Jewish maiden to reassure her not to be afraid. The messianic sign was then fulfilled. Christmas is all about celebrating the birth of the Messiah upon this earth.

Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2) – Jesus' birth in Bethlehem was not by the choice of Mary and Joseph; it was forced upon them by Caesar Augustus' taxation decree which required

Joseph to leave his home in the city of Nazareth and return to his place of origin; thus fulfilling prophecy.

He had to come while the Temple of Jerusalem was standing (Malachi 3:1; Haggai 2:7-9) – The Temple did not exist at certain periods in Jewish history, and it was destroyed in 70 A.D. Jesus appeared at the right time.

Perform amazing miracles (Isaiah 35:5-6) – His miracles had to include opening the eyes of the blind (Isaiah 29:18). Jesus is known as the greatest miracle worker of all time.

Enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9) – Jesus fulfilled this prophecy when He entered Jerusalem, just prior to His crucifixion.

Rejected by His own people (Isaiah 53:3) – The first coming of the Messiah was not for the purpose of triumphing over Israel's enemies, but for revealing God's love, humility and mercy.

Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12-13; Psalm 41:9) – The religious leaders who wanted to get rid of Jesus agreed to pay Judas Iscariot 30 pieces of silver to have Jesus handed over to them.

Beaten and spat upon (Isaiah 50:6); **pierced through His hands, feet and side** (Zechariah 12:10; Psalm 22:16); **to bear our sins through His death** (Isaiah 53:12) – The crucifixion of Jesus is the greatest sign that He is the Messiah of Israel. He has given His life for the salvation of His people.

Rise from the dead (Psalm 16:10-11; 49:15), **and ascend into Heaven** (Psalm 68:18; 110:1); **confirming that He is the Son of God** (Psalm 2:7) – The Messiah came to Israel to open the way for the salvation of the Gentiles (Isaiah 49:6). The religion of Messiah has spread throughout the world because Jesus is alive.

The ends of the earth will turn to God through the Jewish Redeemer. The light of Christ shines throughout the nations today, proving that Jesus was the Promised One who was to come.

THE GOSPEL IN THE TORAH

From Isaiah 52:13 it speaks of someone who is going to be so highly exalted that Rabbis have said He is above Abraham, Moses and the angels, but first He was going to be terribly disfigured.

Isaiah 53 then goes on to speak about Him carrying our sins and going to His death, like a lamb to the slaughter. It also predicts that He will again see the light of life, speaking of His resurrection. Written to the Jewish people hundreds of years before His coming, this is a clear presentation of the gospel.

How would you know who the Messiah was? How could you identify him? Specific prophecies about places, times and events have been fulfilled in only ONE person—that is in JESUS of Nazareth! He is the fulfillment of messianic prophecy.

THE TIME OF PEACE

The Messiah will bring peace to all humanity, so that, "Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more" (Isaiah 2:4). A number of Jews have used this as

an excuse not to accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. They have ignored the prophecies that are already fulfilled by stating that Jesus' first coming did not bring about universal peace.

The Scriptures are clear that the Messiah had to die, rise from the dead, ascend to Heaven, and when He returns the remaining messianic prophecies will be fulfilled. While Jews are still waiting for the first coming of the Messiah, Christians are waiting for His second coming. Only then we will have complete and perfect peace.

THE ONLY WAY OF SALVATION

Jews must put their faith in Jesus as their saviour from sin. The curse of sin entered the world when Adam first fell from grace. Before that time there was no death, but when Adam ate the forbidden fruit death entered the world. In Adam we all die because we are born in sin. As King David said in the Psalms, "Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me" (Psalm 51:5).

The wages of sin is death and therefore death had to be conquered to open the way for us to come back to God. Jesus carried your sins to the cross and died in your place to take your punishment. Jesus is the Lamb of God who shed His holy, righteous blood to make atonement unto God.

Jesus was buried, and as the prophets predicted, on the third day He rose from the dead so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

The prophets have said that the Jewish people will look to the One they have pieced (Zechariah 12:10). The death and resurrection of the Messiah are the key events for the salvation of mankind.

You have to think for yourself about who Jesus is, but the evidence is clear. If any Jewish person turns to the Lord the veil is lifted (2 Corinthians 3:14-16). The veil is being lifted so that you can come to the Messiah. Open your heart to Him today so that His love and peace can fill your heart.

When there is a conflict between what the Rabbis say and what the Messiah is saying, it is so important that every Jew respectively say to the Rabbis, "I respect you but I must obey God."

Are you for Christ or against Him? Where do you stand? How can you live without confessing your sins to God and acknowledging Jesus as the One who can save you?

A crucified Jewish carpenter holds the keys of eternal life. The glory of God is revealed in Jesus.

We must have a burden for the lost sheep of Israel. Paul had this burden in his heart (Romans 9:2-5; 10:1). The devil hates the Jewish people and tries to stop Christians from witnessing to them and showing them Christ's love, but these precious people need to be saved. We must long to see the salvation of the Jewish people because Jews need Jesus.

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