

Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled By Jesus

'Salvation comes from the Jews' (John 4:22).

This Bible study has been compiled for believers who are trying to share their faith with their Jewish family and friends. There are many prophecies about our Jewish Messiah, Yeshua Ha Mashiach, also known as Jesus. Many Jewish people do not know there were any prophecies about Yeshua's first coming to earth, so they don't believe He really is the Saviour of all mankind. The Jews are most definitely God's chosen people, chosen to bring forth our Messiah but they too must be born-again to enter the Kingdom of God (Romans 3:9). The problem is, the Jews know the history of terrible persecutions, even murders of them in large numbers by wicked pseudo Christians, so trusting Christians is difficult for them. Jesus was Jewish. All His disciples and the apostles were Jewish. Jesus' family and friends on earth were Jewish. The first believing church was mostly made up of Jewish people; Gentiles joined later. Our salvation comes from the Jews. God never intended for this work of salvation, begun by a Jewish Man (Yeshua), in the land of the Jews (Israel), amidst Jewish people, in the Jewish language (Hebrew), to be lost to the Jews. How could this fundamentally Jewish religion become so non-Jewish? Because of anti-Semitism in the church. It was men who pushed the Jews out, not God.

Our job as genuine believers is to put right, what has been dreadful wrongs done to the Jews. They are our brothers and sisters (Romans 10:12) and we must help them find salvation with love and care. We hope this list of fulfilled prophecies regarding our Messiah will help show the way of salvation to those who are open and willing, both Jews and Gentiles alike. We have not listed every Messianic prophecy there is in the Bible, but we have given you enough to prove Yeshua truly was the Messiah Who was to come. To help us show the Jewish people the way of salvation, there are some facts we need to be aware of; stumbling blocks that make believing in our Messiah hard for some Jews. Some Jewish people believe the scriptures regarding Jesus are wholly New Testament verses, and are very surprised to find them in the Tenach (Old Testament). We need to show them the prophecies about Jesus in their own Tenach that have been fulfilled in the Gospels. The Tenach tells us how the Messiah would come; the circumstances of His birth; where He would be born; where He would live; what He would do and how the people would react to Him; how and where He would die; that He would rise again; that He would bless the Gentiles; and working from Daniel's 70 weeks, that all this would take place before 70 AD.

Stumbling block: They believe in the Shema; that is they know God is One and there is no other, so believing in God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit is to them, like believing in three Gods. We need to understand about the three-in-one God, so we can help them understand. During creation God was written in the plural, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness" (Genesis 1:26). The Apostle Peter said Jesus was both Saviour and God (2 Peter 1:1). Jesus said, "I and the Father are One" (John 10:30). That is one in unity but two persons, each with His own role. A married couple are to become one flesh (Genesis 2:24) – two people, but one in unity. We have one body, but we are body, soul and spirit – three-in-one (1 Thessalonians 5:23). If we hold an egg, we hold three parts in one – the shell, the white and the yolk, but it is still just one egg – each part with its own purpose. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God sent to us after Jesus rose from the dead. The Holy Spirit is as real as God the Father and Jesus the Son. Jesus spoke about Him several times and Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and called Him "Father, Lord of heaven and earth" (Luke 10:21). The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are three Persons but One in unity, and to have this same unity with God, we must be baptised in the (one) name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).

Stumbling block: Many Jews do not realise that Jesus was sent by God to help the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matthew 15:24). It was after Jesus rose from the dead, after Peter had been filled with the Holy Spirit, that he was told by God not to consider the Gentiles unclean, for God Himself was granting them a chance of repentance (Acts 11:18). Even though God always goes to the Jews before the Gentiles, they are not to be divided as they once were.

Stumbling block: They ask: Does God really have a Son? We need to show our Jewish friends, God Himself revealed to Peter that Jesus was the Messiah; the Son of God (Matthew 16:13 to 17). We need to encourage them to read the New Testament for themselves to show them it really is a Jewish book full of promises and is not in any way against the Jews. Indeed, it was written by Jewish men to other Jews, about the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Who sent His Son as a Jewish Messiah to save the world (John 3:16). The Jews were told God was going to give His Son to the world and some of His names would be Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace, and He would establish His Kingdom (the Kingdom of God) from the throne of King David (Isaiah 9:6 & 7).

Stumbling block: We need to reassure the Jews of the truth about Jesus' crucifixion. To understand the whole picture of this terrible event, we need to study the whole crucifixion story in all four Gospels. The reality is; the Jews did not directly participate in His crucifixion. His Jewish friend Judas betrayed Jesus but it was the barbaric Gentile Romans who crucified Him. Roman soldiers arrested Jesus. Roman soldiers whipped Him. Roman soldiers stole His clothing. It was the Roman governor Pontius Pilate who handed Jesus over to the Roman soldiers to have Him crucified, and washed his hands of Him. A Roman soldier stabbed (pierced) Jesus in the side. Roman soldiers nailed Him to the cross. Some Jews rejected Jesus as their King. They did not recognise Him for Who He was and because He did many miracles, the Jewish hierarchy became jealous and called for His crucifixion, but they played no active role in the murder of Jesus. Yes, there were Jews who rejected Jesus, but worldwide, many, many more Gentiles have rejected Him.

Stumbling block: There are many Jews and Gentiles that use the name Christ as an expletive. If the word Christ is not used, but replaced by the word Messiah – it takes on a whole new perspective. Jesus is our Messiah, our God-given anointed Saviour. Many Jews can accept Jesus as a good Man, but feel that if the Jews in Jesus' day rejected Him as the Messiah, when they were healed by Him and were able to physically touch Him, why should Jews believe in Him now? The simple fact is, to reject Jesus, either then or now, for Jew or Gentile, results in eternal death. To accept Him will result in eternal life. These principles are for Jews and Gentiles alike.

Stumbling block: They ask: If God loved the Jews as much as He says He does (Deuteronomy 7:6 to 9), why has He allowed so many to be killed by severe persecutions throughout the world over thousands of years? Jews are not alone in wondering about this. Millions of God-fearing believers have been persecuted and murdered. Persecution does not mean God's love is in any way diminished. Quite the opposite. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for the Kingdom of Heaven is their's" (Matthew 5:10). The scriptures make it clear that nothing in all creation can ever separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:38 & 39). Persecution, caused by jealousy, which breeds hatred, was first experienced when wicked Cain murdered righteous Abel (Genesis 4:8). Persecution and murder came into being as a result of sin coming into the world via Adam, so we are not to be surprised when the world hates God's people, just as Cain hated Abel's righteousness (1 John 3:12 & 13). The Lord has promised a special place in heaven for those who have been persecuted (Revelation 7:14 to 17). Jews need to know God still loves them as much as He always did, and no amount of persecution by evil people will ever change that.

Right from the beginning, immediately after Adam and Eve sinned, the Lord told the devil he would be defeated by the Offspring of a woman. 'And I will put enmity between you (the devil) and the woman (later, the church), and between your offspring (evil forces) and her Offspring (Jesus); He will bruise your head underfoot (defeat him) and you will lie in wait and bruise His heel (wait to crucify the Messiah)' (Genesis 3:15). In this scripture God was declaring the end right from the beginning. So what does the prophet say? 'I am God and there is none like Me; declaring the end from the beginning' (Isaiah 46:9 & 10).

In the Old Testament, God the Father said He is the first and the last. 'Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts; "I am the First and I am the Last"' (Isaiah 44:6). Jesus declared, "I am the First and the Last" (Revelation 22:13). The last verse written in the Book of Revelation, penned by the Apostle John who was a Jewish man, reads 'The grace of the Lord Yeshua Ha Mashiach be with all God's holy people. Amen' (Revelation 22:21). John knew without a doubt that Jesus was his Messiah.

There are several distinctive differences between Jews and Gentiles. Here are just five. (1) The Lord established a covenant between Himself and Abraham – the father of all Jews, and made specific promises to his descendants; but there was no covenant with any Gentile nation nor were they given any promises. (2) The Jews were chosen and loved by God; but no Gentile nation was ever chosen. (3) The Jews had the One true God to follow and obey; the Gentiles had many gods. (4) The Jews were given a token of their covenant – circumcision, as proof of their acceptance of their covenant with God; Gentiles have never been told to have their sons circumcised because of a covenant with God. (5) The Jews were promised their Messiah; Gentiles were not. The one and only way Gentiles can have a Messiah or Saviour, is to accept the Jewish Messiah. When Jews become believers in the Messiah they do not have to give up their Jewishness. Just the same applies to Gentiles who become believers in the Messiah – they do not have to become Jewish. Accepting the Messiah does not stop Jews from being Jewish. The believers in the very first churches were Jews. They continued to be Jews, following the Jewish culture, customs, traditions and they spoke Hebrew. Their identity as Jews remained intact, but when Jesus died on the cross, it broke down the division between Jews and Gentiles, so we can all become part of one body, one bride, one group of people, all loving and

servicing God in unity (1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:28). Jews and Gentiles will always have different backgrounds and cultures, but we will also, always have the same Messiah. We need accept and love the Jewish people, because through them, we have our salvation. We need to love them, not as mascots, or as 'Jewish' believers, but as normal, born-again believers, who have accepted their Messiah as their God, just like we have.

God the Father told the Jews through the prophet Isaiah, He was going to do a new thing, and that 'new thing' was ushering in the new covenant. "I AM the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King." Thus says the Lord, Who makes a way through the sea and a path through the mighty waters, Who brings forth chariot and horse, army and mighty warrior ... Do not remember the former things; neither consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs forth; do you not know it? I will give waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My people, My chosen, the people I formed for Myself, that they may set forth My praise ... You have burdened Me with your sins; you have wearied Me with your iniquities. I, even I AM He Who blots out your transgressions. For My own sake I will not remember your sins ... Hear, O Jacob, My servant and Israel, whom I have chosen," Thus says the Lord, Who formed you will help you: "Fear not, O Jacob, My servant whom I have chosen. I will pour water upon him who is thirsty. I will pour My Spirit and My blessing upon your descendants. They shall spring up among the grass like willows by the rivers. One will say, I am the Lord's; and another will call himself by the name of Jacob; and another will write upon his hand, I am the Lord's, and surname himself by the name of Israel." Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: "I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no God" (Isaiah 43:15 to 44:6).

The above verses penned by Isaiah, talk about the Lord giving spiritual water to the Jews who are thirsty for Him. The Lord said that again hundreds of years later; "I, Jesus, have sent My messenger angel to you to witness these things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright Morning Star. The Holy Spirit and the Bride (the church, genuine Christians) say, "Come!" Let him who is listening say, "Come!" Let everyone come who is (spiritually) thirsty and whoever desires to do it, let him come, take, drink the water of Life without cost (Revelation 22:16 & 17). God said He was going to do something greater than he did during the Exodus when he delivered the children of Israel from slavery. At the very first Passover, the Lord said, "When I see the blood I will pass over you." The Israelites were redeemed by the blood of a male lamb (Exodus 12:5), then baptised into the water of the Red Sea, then baptised by the Holy Spirit in the cloud. 'I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, that our forefathers were all under the cloud, and every one of them passed safely through the Red Sea. Each one of them was baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the Red Sea; all of them ate the same supernatural food, and they all drank the same supernatural drink, for they drank from a Rock which followed them, and the Rock was the Saviour and Messiah' (1 Corinthians 10:1 to 4). The Israelites were so impressed by what the Lord did for them, Moses' sister Miriam wrote and sang a song about it, and led all the women in praise and worship (Exodus 15:1 to 21). There were two great miracles in that event; the miracle of salvation and the miracle of deliverance from the oppressors. That was a great miracle, but the Lord said He was going to do something even greater than that. He said not to remember the things of old, or the way He did things in the past, but to look for the new thing He was going to do. He said He would pour out His Holy Spirit on the Jewish people and initially, the Lord poured out His Holy Spirit on thousands of Jewish people just like it was written in Isaiah. The whole world may not all be converted to salvation but every person on earth has heard about the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus. 'Keep the faith, not moving away from the hope of the Gospel which you heard, and which has been preached to every person under heaven' (Colossians 1:23). When Jesus came and ushered in the new covenant, He fulfilled the prophecy about the new thing God intended to do that was spoken about in Isaiah.

The whole concept of Jesus and the way He did things was a new thing for the Jews. Here are just two examples. The Law said, 'An eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth' (Exodus 21:24). Jesus said, "Turn the other cheek" (Matthew 5:38 & 39). The Law said the Jews could do nothing on the Sabbath Day (Exodus 20:10). Jesus said to do good on the Sabbath Day (Matthew 12:12). The following prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament are not a description of Him as we read in the New Testament; they are a complete description of our Messiah written about Him thousands of years before He was born on earth. If the Jews genuinely believe in Moses, then they would have to believe in Jesus, because Moses wrote about Jesus. "If you believed Moses, you would believe Me for he wrote about Me; but if you do not believe his writings, how then will you believe My teachings?" (John 5:46 & 47).

The Messianic prophetic scriptures tell us the Messiah would be **born in Bethlehem, be called out of Egypt** (Hosea 11:1) and yet be **called a Nazarene** (Matthew 2:23). How could One Person come from three different places? Jesus was **born in Bethlehem** (Micah 5:2). When Jesus was still a Baby, Joseph was

forced to flee to Egypt because Herod wanted Jesus killed (Matthew 2:13 to 16). Once Herod was dead, the Lord told Joseph to return to Israel; **calling His Son out of Egypt**, but Herod's son was king, so Joseph withdrew into his hometown of Nazareth making Jesus **a Nazarene** (Matthew 2:19 to 23). All of these prophecies were fulfilled and there are many more prophecies fulfilled by Jesus.

Prophecy: 'The Lord Himself shall give you a sign. Behold, the young woman who is a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call His name Immanuel' (Isaiah 7:14).

Fulfilled: 'When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit ... Behold the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel' (Matthew 1:18 & 23).

Prophecies: Our Messiah would be born in Bethlehem and would exist long before He was born on earth. 'But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are small among the clans of Judah; yet out of you shall One come forth for Me Who is to be ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth have been from old, from ancient days' (Micah 5:2).

Fulfilled: 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself. He was present originally with God (John 1:1 & 2) ... And He Himself existed before all things were created, in heaven and on earth' (Colossians 1:17).

Fulfilled: 'When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold wise men from the east came to Jerusalem asking; "Where is He Who has been born King of the Jews?" ... Herod called together all the chief priests and scribes and asked them where the Messiah was to be born. They replied to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 'You Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are not in any way least among the chief cities of Judah; for from you shall come a Ruler Who will govern My people Israel'" (Matthew 2:1 to 6). 'Does not the scripture tell us that the Messiah will come from the offspring of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?' (John 7:42).

Prophecy: 'A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more' (Jeremiah 31:15).

Fulfilled: 'Then what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and great mourning; Rachel weeping for her children; she couldn't be comforted, because they are no more' (Matthew 2:17 & 18).

Prophecy: 'The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him' (Isaiah 11:2).

Fulfilled: 'Behold, the heavens were opened and John saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and resting on Him, and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is My Beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased!" (Matthew 3:16 & 17).

Prophecy: 'Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be opened ... the lame man will leap like a deer and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy' (Isaiah 35:5 & 6).

Fulfilled: 'Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing every kind of disease and sickness among the people' (Matthew 9:35).

Prophecy: 'I will open My mouth in a parable; I will utter sayings of old' (Psalm 78:2).

Fulfilled: 'Jesus said these things to the crowds in parables; indeed, without a parable He said nothing to them. This was in fulfilment of what was spoken by the prophet; "I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things that have been hidden since the foundation of the world"' (Matthew 13:34 & 35).

Prophecy: 'In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He will make it glorious, by the way of the Sea of Galilee, beyond the Jordan River, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them the Light has shined' (Isaiah 9:1 & 2).

Fulfilled: 'He withdrew into Galilee, and leaving Nazareth, He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the Sea of Galilee in the country of Zebulun and Naphtali – so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled. "The land of Zebulun and Naphtali, in the way to the Sea beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who dwelt in darkness have seen a great Light and those who sat in the shadow of death, Light has dawned"' (Matthew 4:12 to 16).

Prophecy: 'The sceptre shall not depart from Judah nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh (the Messiah) comes' (Genesis 49:10).

Fulfilled: 'For it is obvious that our Lord sprang from the tribe of Judah' (Hebrews 7:14).

Prophecy: 'The Lord said to Me, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You"' (Psalm 2:7).

Fulfilled: 'He has completely fulfilled for us by raising up Jesus, as it is written in the second Psalm, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You"' (Acts 13:33). 'And there came a Voice out from within heaven, "You are My Beloved Son; in You I am well pleased"' (Mark 1:11). 'And the Holy Spirit descended upon Him like a dove, and a Voice came from heaven saying, "You are My Beloved Son! In You I am well pleased"' (Luke 3:22). 'I have seen, and my testimony is that this is the Son of God! ... Behold! The Lamb of God!' (John 1:34 & 36).

Prophecy: 'The Lord God (the Father) says to my Lord (our Messiah, the Son), "Sit at My right hand until I make your enemies Your footstool' (Psalm 110:1)

Fulfilled: 'There is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, Who is the Messiah, the Lord!' (Luke 2:11). 'To which of the angels has God ever said, "Sit at My right hand until I make your enemies a stool for your feet?"' (Hebrews 1:13).

Prophecy: 'I have set My King firmly on My holy hill of Zion' (Psalm 2:6).

Fulfilled: 'Where is He Who has been born King of the Jews?' (Matthew 2:2).

Prophecy: 'I will raise up for them a Prophet from among their brethren like you, and will put My words in His mouth; and He shall speak to them all that I command Him' (Deuteronomy 18:18).

Fulfilled: 'This is the Prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee' (Matthew 21:11). 'I am able to do nothing from Myself but only as I am taught by God; I do only the will of the Father Who sent Me' (John 5:30).

Prophecy: 'The Lord God has sworn and will not revoke or change it; You are a Priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek' (Psalm 110:4).

Fulfilled: 'Consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest' (Hebrews 3:1). 'Being named by God as High Priest after the order of Melchizedek' (Hebrews 5:10).

Prophecy: 'For the Lord is our Judge, our Lawgiver and our King, and He saves' (Isaiah 33:22).

Fulfilled: 'I judge and My judgement is right' (John 5:30). 'One only is the Lawgiver and Judge Who is able to save' (James 4:12).

Prophecies: 'In Abraham's Seed, all the nations of the earth be blessed' (Genesis 22:18). 'From Isaac will your Seed be called' (Genesis 21:12). 'A Star shall come forth out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel' (Numbers 24:17). 'There shall come forth a Shoot out of the stock of Jesse' (Isaiah 11:1). 'Behold, the days are coming when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, and He will reign as King' (Jeremiah 23:5).

Fulfilled: 'The book of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham' (Matthew 1:1). 'The son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham' (Luke 3:34). 'There shall be a Sprout from the root of Jesse' (Romans 15:12). 'God promised through His prophets in the scriptures regarding His Son, Who was descended from David' (Romans 1:2 & 3). 'I, Jesus, I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright Morning Star' (Revelation 22:16).

Prophecy: 'Behold I send My messenger and he shall prepare the way before Me, and the Messiah Whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple' (Malachi 3:1). 'A voice of one who cries: Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord' (Isaiah 40:3).

Fulfilled: 'This is he who was mentioned by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness; prepare the way for the Lord' (Matthew 3:3; Mark 1:2 & 3; Luke 3:4). 'John said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness; Prepare the way of the Lord," as the prophet Isaiah said' (John 1:23).

Prophecy: 'Behold, the days are coming when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah' (Jeremiah 31:31).

Fulfilled: 'He took the cup after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you"' (Luke 22:20; 1 Corinthians 11:25).

Prophecy: 'Behold! Your King comes to you; He is righteous and having salvation, humble, and riding on a donkey, upon a colt, the foal of a donkey' (Zechariah 9:9).

Fulfilled: 'Jesus said, "Go into the village that is opposite you, and at once you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me." This happened so that what was spoken by the prophet might be fulfilled: Behold, your King is coming to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey' (Matthew 21:1 to 5).

Prophecies: 'My own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate bread with Me, has lifted up his heel against Me' (Psalm 41:9). 'They weighed out for My price, thirty pieces of silver. Throw it to the potter – the price I was valued at by them! And I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the Lord' (Zechariah 11:12 & 13).

Fulfilled: 'When Jesus had dipped the bread into the dish, He gave it to Judas' (John 13:26). Judas asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand Him over to you?" And they weighed out for Judas, thirty pieces of silver. When Judas His betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was filled with remorse. He brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests, and throwing the pieces of silver into the temple (the house of the Lord), he departed and hanged himself. So they bought the potter's field in which to bury strangers' (Matthew 26:15; 27:3 to 10).

Prophecies: 'He was despised and rejected by men' (Isaiah 53:3) ... They hate Me without cause (Psalm 69:4) ... I have become a reproach to others; when they see Me they shake their heads' (Psalm 109:25).

Fulfilled: 'He came to that which belonged to Him, and they who were His own did not receive Him' (John 1:11). 'The world does hate Me because I denounce it for its wicked works (John 7:7) ... Those who passed by spoke reproachfully and shook their heads' (Matthew 27:39).

Prophecy: 'My friends stand aloof and My kinsmen stand afar off (Psalm 38:11) ... Smite the Shepherd and the sheep will be scattered' (Zechariah 13:7).

Fulfilled: 'Peter followed from a distance' (Matthew 26:58); 'Then all of His disciples left Him and fled' (Mark 14:50), 'All the friends of Jesus stood at a distance, watching' (Luke 23:49).

Prophecy: 'Malicious and unrighteous witnesses rise up' (Psalm 35:11).

Fulfilled: 'The chief priests sought to get false witnesses to testify against Jesus' (Matthew 26:59).

Prophecy: 'He was oppressed, yet when He was afflicted He opened not His mouth; like a Lamb is led to the slaughter, He opened not His mouth' (Isaiah 53:7).

Fulfilled: 'But when the charges were made against Him, He made no answer ... He made no reply to him, not even a single accusation so that the governor marvelled greatly' (Matthew 27:12 & 14).

Prophecies: 'I gave My back to the smiters and My cheeks to those who plucked off the hair; I hid not My face from shame and spitting' (Isaiah 50:6) ... He was pierced for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, with His stripes (whip marks) we are healed' (Isaiah 53:5). 'All who see Me laugh at Me and mock Me' (Psalm 22:7).

Fulfilled: 'They spat in His face and struck Him with their fists; and some slapped Him in the face' (Matthew 26:67) ... 'They spat on Him and struck Him on the head with a staff ... Jesus was flogged (whipped) (John 19:1) and had a crown of thorns put on His head ... When they finished mocking Him, they led Him away to be crucified' (Matthew 27:29 to 31).

Prophecy: 'He (Jesus) trusted on the Lord, that He (God) would deliver Him. Let Him (God) deliver Him (Jesus), seeing that He delights in Him!' (Psalm 22:8).

Fulfilled: 'The people stood by watching but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others now let Him save Himself, if He is the Messiah of God, His Chosen One!" The soldiers mocked Him saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save Yourself"' (Luke 23:35 to 37).

Prophecies: 'He was taken away; He was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken to His death for the transgression of the people' (Isaiah 53:8) ... 'After sixty-two weeks shall the Anointed One be cut off and will have nothing belonging to Him' (Daniel 9:26).

Fulfilled: 'The foxes have holes, birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head (Matthew 8:20) ... They crucified Him and shared His garments among themselves' (Mark 15:24).

Prophecy: 'He keeps all His bones; not one of them is broken' (Psalm 34:20).

Fulfilled: 'When they came to Jesus and saw He was already dead, they did not break His legs. These things happened so the scripture might be fulfilled; Not one of His bones shall be broken' (John 19:33 & 36).

Prophecies: 'They pierced My hands and My feet' (Psalm 22:16) ... 'They shall look on Me Whom they pierced' (Zechariah 12:10).

Fulfilled: 'One of the (Roman) soldiers pierced His side with a spear ... The scripture says, they shall look on Him Whom they have pierced' (John 19:34 & 37).

Prophecy: 'In My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink' (Psalm 69:21).

Fulfilled: 'Jesus said in fulfilment of the scripture, "I thirst." A bowl full of sour wine (vinegar) was placed there, so they put a sponge soaked in the vinegar on a hyssop reed and held it to His mouth and He received it' (John 19:28 to 30).

Prophecy: 'They part My garments among them and cast lots for My raiment' (Psalm 22:18).

Fulfilled: 'When they had crucified Him, the soldiers divided His garments by casting lots so that the scripture was fulfilled, "They parted My garments among them and over My raiment they cast lots"' (John 19:23 & 24).

Prophecy: 'He was numbered with the transgressors' (Isaiah 53:12).

Fulfilled: 'With Him they crucified two robbers; one on His right hand and one on His left, and the scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was counted with the transgressors"' (Mark 15:27 & 28).

Prophecy: 'He made intercession for the transgressors' (Isaiah 53:12).

Fulfilled: 'Father forgive them for they do not realise what they are doing' (Luke 23:34).

Prophecy: 'My God. My God. Why have You forsaken Me?' (Psalm 22:1)

Fulfilled: 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? – My God. My God. Why have You forsaken Me?' (Matthew 27:46).

Prophecy: 'Into Your hands I commit My Spirit' (Psalm 31:5).

Fulfilled: 'Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit!' (Luke 23:46).

Prophecy: 'My heart is like wax; it is melted down within Me' (Psalm 22:14).

Fulfilled: 'His sweat became like great clots of blood dropping down on the ground' (Luke 22:44). 'One of the (Roman) soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water flowed out' (John 19:34). Note: This phenomenon would be caused by a medical condition now called 'Hematidrosis' brought on by extreme stress and anguish.

Prophecy: 'They shall come and shall declare His righteousness to a people yet to be born – that He has done it; that it is finished!' (Psalm 22:31).

Fulfilled: 'Jesus said, "It is finished!"' (John 19:30).

Prophecy: 'Thus says the Lord, "In that day I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear daylight"' (Amos 8:9).

Fulfilled: 'Now from the sixth hour (noon) there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour (3 pm)' (Matthew 27:45).

Prophecy: 'They assigned Him a grave; with a rich man in His death' (Isaiah 53:9).

Fulfilled: 'When it was evening, there came a rich man named Joseph from Arimathea ... and Joseph took the body of Jesus and laid Him in his own fresh tomb' (Matthew 27:57 to 60).

Prophecies: 'My body will dwell in safety; You will not abandon Me; neither will You allow Your Holy One to see decay (Psalm 16:9 & 10). On the third day He will raise us up' (Hosea 6:2). 'I will declare the decree of the Lord: He (God) said to Me (Jesus), "You are My Son; today I have begotten You"' (Psalm 2:7).

Fulfilled: 'Jesus said to them, "Thus it is written that the Messiah should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead"' (Luke 24:46) ... Thus God has completely fulfilled for us, by raising up Jesus as it was written in the second Psalm, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You." God raised Jesus from among the dead, now no more to return to decay of the grave. God says in another Psalm, "You will not allow Your Holy One to see decay' (Acts 13:33 to 35).

Apart from the direct prophecies with their fulfilments, there are many indirect situations that point to our Messiah. One example is the Passover lamb had to be a male in perfect condition without any blemishes (Exodus 12:3 to 5) and Jesus was called the sacrificial Lamb (John 1:29 & 36; 1 Peter 1:19). Abraham was asked to sacrifice Isaac at Moriah (Genesis 22:2) where Jerusalem was later situated, and we know Jesus was sacrificed outside Jerusalem (Hebrews 13:12). When Abraham was stopped from sacrificing Isaac, it was as though Isaac, the son of promise, had risen from the dead (Hebrews 11:17 to 19). Abraham spoke prophetically to Isaac when he said, "God Himself will provide a Lamb for the offering" (Genesis 22:8).

Another 'picture' of the Messiah was the drink offering. When the Jews were asked to pour out a drink offering of wine (symbolising blood), with the same amount of oil (symbolising the Holy Spirit) over the sacrificial lamb on the altar (Exodus 29:40), God knew, but the Jews could not have known in those ancient of days, that the amount specified by the Lord God, the ¼ of a hin, was the approximate amount of blood a healthy grown man would have in his body. When Jesus shed His blood for us, it was already prophesied through the drink offering.

When Melchizedek the priest and king, brought out the bread and wine (Genesis 14:18), he was prophesying through his actions, of the body and blood of our Messiah Who was then to come. When Jesus was on earth, during His last Passover, He took the bread and the wine and said they were His body and blood (Matthew 26:26 to 29) and He is our King and Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek (Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:6 & 7:21).

We hope these ancient prophecies, all completely fulfilled by Yeshua will convince our Jewish brethren that Yeshua was indeed their Messiah.

Amen and God bless you.

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