

Does the Hebrew Bible Prophecy the Messiah?

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Messianic Prophecy in the Writings

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1 Samuel 2:1-10

¹Then Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD, My mouth speaks boldly against my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation. ...

1 Samuel 2:1-10

¹⁰“Those who contend with the LORD will be shattered; Against them He will thunder in the heavens, The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; And He will give strength to His king, And will exalt the horn of His anointed.”

Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶And Mary said: “My soul exalts the Lord,

⁴⁷And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

⁴⁸“For He has had regard for the humble state of His bondservant; For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed.

Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁹“For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name. ...

⁵⁴“He has given help to Israel His servant, In remembrance of His mercy,

⁵⁵As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and his descendants forever.”

Luke 1:68-73

⁶⁸“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people,

⁶⁹And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of David His servant—

⁷⁰As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old—

Luke 1:68-73

⁷¹Salvation FROM OUR ENEMIES, And FROM THE
HAND OF ALL WHO HATE US;

⁷²To show mercy toward our fathers, And to
remember His holy covenant,

⁷³The oath which He swore to Abraham our
father ...

*2 Samuel 7:8-16;
1 Chronicles 17:7-14*

¹⁰... Moreover, I tell you that the LORD will build a house for you.

¹¹“When your days are fulfilled that you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up one of your descendants after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

*2 Samuel 7:11-16;
1 Chronicles 17:10b-14*

¹²“He shall build for Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.

¹³“I will be his father and he shall be My son; and I will not take My lovingkindness away from him, as I took it from him who was before you.

¹⁴“But I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever.” ’ ”

Davidic Covenant Components

- God will build David a royal dynasty (2 Sam. 7:11; 1 Chron. 17:10b)
- His son will reign securely (2 Sam. 7:12-16; 1 Chron. 17:11-14)
- His heir will build a temple for the Lord (2 Sam. 7:13; 1 Chron. 17:12)

Davidic Covenant Components

- His son's throne is established forever (enduring and eternal) (2 Sam. 7:13, 16; 1 Chron. 17:12, 14)
- God would make David's name great (2. Sam. 7:9; 1 Chron. 17:8)
- Israel would experience an unprecedented era of permanent tranquility, peace, security and justice (2 Sam. 7:10; 1 Chron. 17:9)

Davidic Covenant Components

- David's dynasty would never be abolished and would continue in perpetuity (2 Sam. 7:15; 1 Chron. 17:13)
- Promise of an undying son/eternal king to permanently guarantee the previous components (1 Chron. 17:14)

Speedily cause the Branch of your servant David to flourish. Exalt his horn by your salvation, because we hope for your salvation all the day. Blessed are you, O Lord, who causes the horn of salvation to flourish.

15th Benediction, Amidah,

Matthew 1:1

¹The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Luke 1:31-33

³¹“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.

³²“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

³³and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”

Matthew 9:28

²⁸When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

Matthew 20:31

³¹The crowd sternly told them to be quiet, but they cried out all the more, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!”

Mark 10:49

⁴⁹And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him here.”
So they called the blind man, saying to him,
“Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you.”

Acts 2:30-31

³⁰“And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE,
³¹he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.

Acts 13:23

²³“From the descendants of this man (David), according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus

Revelation 22:16

¹⁶“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

Proverbs 30:4

⁴Who has ascended into heaven and descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has wrapped the waters in His garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name or His son's name? Surely you know!

Luke 1:31-33

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³³and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”

Psalm 2:1-12

¹Why are the nations in an uproar And the peoples devising a vain thing?

²The kings of the earth take their stand And the rulers take counsel together Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

³“Let us tear their fetters apart And cast away their cords from us!”

Psalm 2:1-12

⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them.

⁵Then He will speak to them in His anger And terrify them in His fury, saying,

⁶“But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain.”

Psalm 2:1-12

⁷“I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

⁸‘Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.

⁹‘You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.’ ”

Psalm 2:1-12

¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, show discernment;
Take warning, O judges of the earth.

¹¹Worship the LORD with reverence And
rejoice with trembling.

¹²Do homage to the Son, that He not become
angry, and you perish in the way, For His
wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are
all who take refuge in Him!

Acts 4:25-26

²⁵who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Your servant, said, 'WHY DID THE GENTILES RAGE, AND THE PEOPLES DEVISE FUTILE THINGS?

²⁶'THE KINGS OF THE EARTH TOOK THEIR STAND, AND THE RULERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER AGAINST THE LORD AND AGAINST HIS CHRIST.'

Acts 13:33

³³that God has fulfilled this promise to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, 'YOU ARE MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU.'

Romans 1:4

⁴who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,

Hebrews 1:5

⁵For to which of the angels did He ever say,
“YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU”?
And again, “I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM AND HE
SHALL BE A SON TO ME”?

Hebrews 5:5

⁵So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, “YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU”;

Mark 14:61

⁶¹But He kept silent and did not answer. Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, “Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?”

John 1:34

34 “I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

Acts 9:20

²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

Psalm 16:1-11

⁸I have set the LORD continually before me;
Because He is at my right hand, I will not be
shaken.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad and my glory
rejoices; My flesh also will dwell securely.

¹⁰For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol;
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo
decay.

Psalm 16:1-11

¹¹You will make known to me the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your
right hand there are pleasures forever.

Acts 2:25-32

²⁵“For David says of Him ...

²⁹“Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

³⁰“And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE,

Acts 2:25-32

³¹he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.

³²“This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

Acts 13:35-37

³⁴“As for the fact that He raised Him up from the dead, no longer to return to decay, He has spoken in this way: ‘I WILL GIVE YOU THE HOLY and SURE blessings OF DAVID.’

³⁵“Therefore He also says in another Psalm, ‘YOU WILL NOT ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY.’

Acts 13:35-37

³⁶“For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers and underwent decay;
³⁷but He whom God raised did not undergo decay.

Psalm 22:1-31

¹My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.

²O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; And by night, but I have no rest.

³Yet You are holy, O You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Psalm 22:1-31

⁴In You our fathers trusted; They trusted and You delivered them.

⁵To You they cried out and were delivered; In You they trusted and were not disappointed.

⁶But I am a worm and not a man, A reproach of men and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me sneer at me; They separate with the lip, they wag the head, saying,

Psalm 22:1-31

⁸“Commit yourself to the LORD; let Him deliver him; Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him.”

⁹Yet You are He who brought me forth from the womb; You made me trust when upon my mother’s breasts.

¹⁰Upon You I was cast from birth; You have been my God from my mother’s womb.

Psalm 22:1-31

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near; For there is none to help.

¹²Many bulls have surrounded me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled me.

¹³They open wide their mouth at me, As a ravening and a roaring lion.

Psalm 22:1-31

¹⁴I am poured out like water, And all my bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It is melted within me.

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And my tongue cleaves to my jaws; And You lay me in the dust of death.

Psalm 22:1-31

¹⁶For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet.

¹⁷I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me;

¹⁸They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots.

Psalm 22:1-31

¹⁹But You, O LORD, be not far off; O You my help, hasten to my assistance.

²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword, My only life from the power of the dog.

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth; From the horns of the wild oxen You answer me.

Psalm 22:1-31

²²I will tell of Your name to my brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

²³You who fear the LORD, praise Him; All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And stand in awe of Him, all you descendants of Israel.

Psalm 22:1-31

²⁴For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from him; But when he cried to Him for help, He heard.

²⁵From You comes my praise in the great assembly; I shall pay my vows before those who fear Him.

Psalm 22:1-31

²⁶The afflicted will eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations will worship before You.

²⁸For the kingdom is the LORD's And He rules over the nations.

Psalm 22:1-31

²⁹All the prosperous of the earth will eat and worship, All those who go down to the dust will bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep his soul alive.

³⁰Posterity will serve Him; It will be told of the Lord to the coming generation.

³¹They will come and will declare His righteousness To a people who will be born, that He has performed it.

Matthew 27:35

³⁵And when they had crucified Him, they divided up His garments among themselves by casting lots.

Matthew 27:39-46

³⁹And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads

⁴⁰and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

Matthew 27:39-46

⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him and saying,

⁴²“He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him.

Matthew 27:39-46

⁴³“HE TRUSTS IN GOD; LET GOD RESCUE Him now, IF HE DELIGHTS IN HIM; for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’ ”

⁴⁴The robbers who had been crucified with Him were also insulting Him with the same words.

Matthew 27:39-46

⁴⁶About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?” that is, “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”

Psalm 45:1-7

¹My heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

²You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever.

³Gird Your sword on Your thigh, O Mighty One, In Your splendor and Your majesty!

Psalm 45:1-7

⁴And in Your majesty ride on victoriously, For the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; Let Your right hand teach You awesome things.

⁵Your arrows are sharp; The peoples fall under You; Your arrows are in the heart of the King's enemies.

Psalm 45:1-7

⁶Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

⁷You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of joy above Your fellows.

Some see here Solomon and Pharaoh's daughter only – they are short-sighted; others see both Solomon and Christ – they are cross-eyed; well-focused spiritual eyes see here Jesus only, or if Solomon be present at all, it must be like those hazy shadows of passers-by which cross the face of the camera, and therefore are dimly traceable upon a photographic landscape.

C.H. Spurgeon, A Treasury of David

Hebrews 1:8-9

⁸But of the Son He says, “YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM.

⁹“YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS.”

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Psalm 72

¹Give the king Your judgments, O God, And
Your righteousness to the king's son.

²May he judge Your people with righteousness
And Your afflicted with justice.

³Let the mountains bring peace to the people,
And the hills, in righteousness.

Psalm 72

⁴May he vindicate the afflicted of the people,
Save the children of the needy And crush the
oppressor.

⁵Let them fear You while the sun endures, And
as long as the moon, throughout all
generations.

⁶May he come down like rain upon the mown
grass, Like showers that water the earth.

Psalm 72

⁷In his days may the righteous flourish, And
abundance of peace till the moon is no more.

⁸May he also rule from sea to sea And from
the River to the ends of the earth.

⁹Let the nomads of the desert bow before
him, And his enemies lick the dust.

Psalm 72

¹⁰Let the kings of Tarshish and of the islands bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.

¹¹And let all kings bow down before him, All nations serve him.

¹²For he will deliver the needy when he cries for help, The afflicted also, and him who has no helper.

Psalm 72

¹³He will have compassion on the poor and needy, And the lives of the needy he will save.

¹⁴He will rescue their life from oppression and violence, And their blood will be precious in his sight;

¹⁵So may he live, and may the gold of Sheba be given to him; And let them pray for him continually; Let them bless him all day long.

Psalm 72

¹⁶May there be abundance of grain in the earth on top of the mountains; Its fruit will wave like the cedars of Lebanon; And may those from the city flourish like vegetation of the earth.

¹⁷May his name endure forever; May his name increase as long as the sun shines; And let men bless themselves by him; Let all nations call him blessed.

Psalm 72

¹⁸Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel,
Who alone works wonders.

¹⁹And blessed be His glorious name forever;
And may the whole earth be filled with His
glory. Amen, and Amen.

²⁰The prayers of David the son of Jesse are
ended.

O God, give the King Messiah the laws of Thy justice, and Thy righteousness to the son of King David. ... May his name be remembered forever, his name which was made ready even before the sun came into being. By his merit all nations shall be blessed, and they shall say: "It is well with him."

Targum to the Hagiographa

Psalm 96:9-13

⁹Worship the LORD in holy attire; Tremble before Him, all the earth.

¹⁰Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns; Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity.”

¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; Let the sea roar, and all it contains;

Psalm 96:9-13

¹²Let the field exult, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy

¹³Before the LORD, for He is coming, For He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness And the peoples in His faithfulness.

Acts 10:42

⁸But of the Son He says, “YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM.

⁹“YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS.”

Acts 17:31

³¹Because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”

Psalm 98:6-9

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
Shout joyfully before the King, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar and all it contains, The world
and those who dwell in it.

Psalm 98:6-9

⁸Let the rivers clap their hands, Let the mountains sing together for joy

⁹Before the LORD, for He is coming to judge the earth; He will judge the world with righteousness And the peoples with equity.

Revelation 19:11

¹¹And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

Psalm 110:1-7

¹The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”

²The LORD will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, “Rule in the midst of Your enemies.”

Psalm 110:1-7

³Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Your youth are to You as the dew.

⁴The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.”

Psalm 110:1-7

⁵The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath.

⁶He will judge among the nations, He will fill them with corpses, He will shatter the chief men over a broad country.

⁷He will drink from the brook by the wayside; Therefore He will lift up His head.

Matthew 22:43-45

⁴³He said to them, “Then how does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying,

⁴⁴‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, “SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES BENEATH YOUR FEET” ’?

⁴⁵“If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his son?”

Acts 2:34-35

³⁴“For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: ‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, “SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

³⁵UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.” ’

Hebrews 1:13

¹³But to which of the angels has He ever said,
“SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR
ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET”?

Hebrews 5:6

⁶just as He says also in another passage, “YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.”

Hebrews 6:20

¹⁹This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,

²⁰where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 7:1-28

¹For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

Hebrews 7:1-28

²to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all the spoils, was first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace.

Hebrews 7:1-28

³Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually. ...

¹²For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also.

Hebrews 7:1-28

¹³For the one concerning whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar.

¹⁴For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests.

Hebrews 7:1-28

¹⁵And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek,

¹⁶who has become such not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life.

Hebrews 7:1-28

¹⁷For it is attested of Him, “YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.”

Messianic Prophecies Synthesis from the Law

- A coming Messiah, born of woman, will defeat Satan (Gen. 3:15)
- The Messiah would reverse the curse (Gen. 5:28-29)
- Messiah would be the seed of Abraham (Gen. 22:17-18)
- The Messiah would be a Jewish king from the tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:10)
- The coming of Messiah would be heralded by the astronomical sign of a star (Num. 24:17)
- The Messiah would be a Jewish prophet uniquely similar to Moses (Deut. 18:15-19)

Messianic Prophecies Synthesis from the Writings

- The Messiah would be the ultimate Son of David (1 Chron 17:7-14)
- The Messiah would be the Son of God (Ps. 2:1-12)
- The Messiah would be resurrected from the dead (Ps. 16)
- The Messiah would suffer and be exalted (Ps. 22)
- The Messiah a divine king/priest of the order of Melchizedek (Ps. 110:1-7)
- The Messiah would be a stone rejected by foolish builders (Ps. 118:22-23)