

# The Messianic Prophecies

...the coming of the Messiah  
as foretold & prophesied in the Old Testament...

- or -

How the Old Testament points to Jesus Christ!

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**This messianic prophecy comes from the apocalyptic literature section of **Daniel**.**

**This vision, along with the one immediately before it in **Daniel 7:9-12**, form the heart of the book of **Daniel**. The message is that God is in control — forever!**

**Daniel's vision of "one like a son of man" offered a new picture of the Messiah for God's people, and "the son of man" became an important figure.**

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**Jewish people expected the "son of man" to come at the end of time and bring either God's judgment or salvation. Which one the "son of man" brought depended on every person's own faith and conduct.**

## **Matthew 25:31-33**

*When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.*

**The "son of man" was also understood to be the Messiah.**

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**In the Old Testament, the phrase "son of man" is often used generically to refer to any person. In this way, "son of man" compares to "John Doe."**

**"Son of man" first appears in **Numbers 23:19**, and is used in this generic sense.**

## **Numbers 23:19**

*God is not man, that he should lie,  
or a son of man, that he should change his mind.  
Has he said, and will he not do it?  
Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?*

**"Son of man" is used this same way in the books of **Job (16:21, 25:6, 35:8)**, **Psalms (8:4, 144:3, 146:3)**, **Isaiah (51:12, 56:2)**, and **Jeremiah (50:40, 51:43)**.**

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In the book of **Ezekiel**, God addresses Ezekiel by the term "son of man" 93 times

(2:1,3,6,8; 3:1,3,4,10,17,25; 4:1,16; 5:1; 6:2; 7:2; 8:5,6,8,12,15,17; 11:2,4,15; 12:2,3,9,18,22,27; 13:2,17; 14:3,13; 15:2; 16:2; 17:2; 20:3,4,27,46; 21:2,6,9,12,14,19,28; 22:2,18,24; 23:2,36; 24:2,16,25; 25:2; 26:2; 27:2; 28:2,12,21; 29:2,18; 30:2,21; 31:2; 32:2,18; 33:2,7,10,12,24,30; 34:2; 35:2; 36:1,17; 37:3,9,11,16; 38:2,14; 39:1,17; 40:4; 43:7,10,18; 44:5; 47:6).

In the **Gospels**, Jesus identified Himself as the "son of man" many times (# of times in Matthew—29; Mark—14; Luke—26; John—13).

In the book of **Ezekiel**, the prophet Ezekiel was God's personal representative. Many times in **Ezekiel**, God addressed Ezekiel, saying, "Son of man, go speak/say/prophecy," etc.

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**By referring to Himself as the "son of man," Jesus was saying (without words) that He, like Ezekiel, was God's personal representative.**

**John's gospel supports this idea:**

## **John 5:30**

*I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.*

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**When Jesus referred to Himself as the "son of man," it was in three contexts:**

**1<sup>st</sup>, in reference to His present, earthly activity;**

*e.g., Matt. 16:13, Mark 2:10, Luke 9:58, John 9:35*

**2<sup>nd</sup>, in reference to His impending suffering or death;**

*e.g., Matt. 17:22, Mark 10:33, Luke 9:22, John 8:28*

**3<sup>rd</sup>, in reference to His future activity as judge.**

*e.g., Matt. 25:31, Mark 14:62, Luke 21:27*

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**The early Church identified Jesus as the "son of man" that appeared in Daniel's vision.**

**The first connection of Jesus with Daniel's "son of man" happened in Acts, when Stephen looked into heaven and saw Jesus appearing as the "son of man."**

## **Acts 7:54-56**

*Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."*

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**Daniel 7:13-14** is a messianic prophecy for two reasons.

**First**, Daniel's vision says and shows that the "*son of man*" (God's *Messiah*) will rule beside God in heaven.

The New Testament proclaims that **Daniel's** messianic prophecy is fulfilled by revealing Jesus as the "*son of man*" from Daniel's vision.

**Second**, **Daniel 7:13-14** foretells the future rule and eternal kingdom that the *Messiah* will have.

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**In Daniel's vision, the "son of man" was "given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him."**

**At the end of Matthew's gospel, Jesus indicates that Daniel's vision is fulfilled.**

## **Matthew 28:16-20**

*Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.*

*And Jesus came and said to them,*

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*

*And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

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**In the New Testament, the Apostle Peter witnesses that Jesus' kingdom is eternal:**

## **2Peter 1:10-11**

*Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

**Through the Nicene Creed, in the words, "...and His kingdom will have no end," the Church proclaims its witness that Jesus' kingdom is eternal.**

**The last messianic prophecy in the book of Daniel is found in chapter 9.**

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**Two things are difficult to understand about this messianic prophecy:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> — what is going to happen, and**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> — when it will happen.**

**In this messianic prophecy, events are only vaguely described.**

**By comparison, the time and sequence described in the prophecy are precise and exact.**

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**These are the durations of time that are mentioned:**

**“seventy weeks,”  
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“half the week”**

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**A straight-forward reading of Daniel 9:24-27 suggests that the events described in this messianic prophecy will start 70 weeks from Daniel’s time.**

**However, this portion of the book of Daniel contains visions and apocalyptic revelations. Because apocalyptic literature is highly symbolic, it should not be taken literally.**

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**Also, because the ancient Hebrew people regarded “7” as a holy number, the number “70” in **Daniel 9:24-27** can be interpreted symbolically.**

**For example, in His answer to a question about forgiveness, Jesus used “70” not as a literal number, but as a symbolic one:**

## **Matthew 18:21-22**

*Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

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**Obviously, Jesus did not mean for us to “keep count” of how many times we forgive someone. Forgiveness should be something we do as His followers. Forgiveness is a holy thing (see also *Luke 17:3-4*).**

**In *Daniel 9:24-27*, “70 weeks” could be interpreted to mean something like the phrase, “in the fullness of time.”**

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**70 weeks = 490 days.** Because there are 7 days in a week, 490 days computes as the number 7 squared, then multiplied by 10. Symbolically, these numbers could very well mean “in the fullness of time,” or “when the time is right.”

Literally, 70 weeks are the same as 17½ months or almost 1½ years, but the “weeks” meant by “70 weeks” in this messianic prophecy are not literal weeks.

The “weeks” are the number of years.

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**In the Old Testament, “7 years” as a period of time could be referred to as “1 week.”**

**An example of this is in the famous Old Testament story of Jacob working for 7 years (“one week”) for the hand of Laban’s daughter, Rachel, in marriage. Unfortunately for Jacob, Laban tricked Jacob into working 7 more years for Rachel, because Laban would not give his youngest daughter (Rachel) in marriage before his oldest daughter (Leah).**

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**Laban told Jacob, “Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.”**

**Homework: Read the story of Jacob’s “2 long weeks of work” in [Genesis 29:15-30](#).\***

## **Genesis 29:15-30**

**Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?"**

**Now Laban had two daughters.**

**The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.**

**Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance.**

**Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel."**

**Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.**

**Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. (Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her servant.)**

**And in the morning, behold, it was Leah!**

**And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me?"**

**Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?"**

**Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week.**

**Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. (Laban gave his female servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her servant.) So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban for another seven years.**

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**In a similar fashion of counting, the Church celebrates Easter for one “week,” but that week consists of a “week of weeks.” The Easter season in the Church lasts for 7 Sundays — a “week” of weeks.**

**It is important to note the context of the messianic prophecy in Daniel 9:24-27.**

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**At the beginning of chapter 9, Daniel reported that he finished his own “Bible study” on the book of Jeremiah. Daniel learned from his study of Jeremiah...**

## **Daniel 9:2b**

*...the number of years that, according to the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.*

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**After Daniel was done with his bible study, he made a long prayer of confession and repentance to God on behalf of the Jewish people.**

## **Daniel 9:3**

*Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.*

**In his prayer, Daniel listed the sins of the people, and acknowledged God’s holiness and the righteousness of His judgment against His people.**

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**Daniel asked God to bring the punishment of His people to an end, so they might return home and once again worship God in the Temple in Jerusalem.**

## **Daniel 9:16-19**

*“O Lord, according to all your righteous acts, let your anger and your wrath turn away from your city Jerusalem, your holy hill, because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a byword among all who are around us. Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name.”*

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**It is after making this prayer that Daniel received the vision containing the messianic prophecy.**

**The messianic prophecy is a description of how Daniel’s prayer will be answered.**

**Because the vision with the prophecy comes in answer to Daniel’s prayer, the prophecy inspires great hope in the people for returning home.**

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**For those in exile, the time to fulfill this messianic prophecy would feel like weeks instead of years.**

*Homework assignment: read **Daniel 9:1-19**.*

**Because Daniel 9:24-27 uses symbolic language, there is more than one way it can be interpreted.**

**Here is one interpretation of what the messianic prophecy says will happen and when.**

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### “seventy weeks”

**“70 weeks” is the total time described in this messianic prophecy. Each “week” is seven years, so “70 weeks” equals 490 years.**

**Some messianic prophecies are fulfilled in a moment (“a virgin will conceive,” “they will gamble for his clothes,” etc.), but this messianic prophecy will take almost 5 centuries to fulfill!**

**Perhaps this is one reason Daniel’s prophecies about the coming of Christ were missed.**

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**The “clock” of the “70 weeks” starts with the order to rebuild Jerusalem, and the events described in the prophecy will happen “according to schedule.”**

**According to Daniel 9:24-27, the entire time from the decree to rebuild & restore Jerusalem until it is destroyed again will be “70 weeks,” or 490 years.**

**In that time, Christ will come and accomplish God’s purpose.**

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**The “70 weeks” can be divided into three time periods.**

### **1st Time Period: “seven weeks”**

**God’s punishment of His people through exile came to an end when the Persians conquered the Babylonians.**

**In 453 B.C., Persian king Artaxerxes ordered the restoration and rebuilding of Jerusalem and its Temple.**

**Homework: read *Nehemiah chapter 2* for the decree to rebuild Jerusalem.**

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**The rebuilding of Jerusalem and the Temple took place during this first time period of “7 weeks” (49 years).**

**The restoration of the walls and Temple took between 40-50 years (“7 weeks”) because activities of surrounding nations hindered the restoration process.**

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Time Period: “sixty-two weeks”**

**“62 weeks” equals 434 years. In this time, Persia was replaced as a world power by Greece, under Alexander the Great.**

**Alexander died unexpectedly from illness (age 32), and had no heirs. His kingdom was divided among four of his generals (after some in-fighting).**

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**A Greek king named Antiochus IV Epiphanes tried to destroy all practice of Jewish religion — he plundered the Temple, made it illegal to circumcise, setup an idol on the altar in the Temple in Jerusalem and even sacrificed pigs on it.**

**Judas Maccabeus led a successful revolt against Antiochus. Under the Maccabees, Temple worship was restored.**

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**Under Julius Caesar, Rome became the next world power. Herod the Great ruled in Judea with Rome’s support.**

**Herod renovated and transformed the Temple, by doubling its area and adding much splendor. Herod’s renovations of the Temple included the addition of the Antonia fortress and surrounding the Temple Mount on four sides with massive walls.**

**Toward the end of this “62 week” time period, Christ came, “right on schedule.”**

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**According to Luke**, Jesus’ ministry began “in the *fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar*,” with the appearance of John the Baptist (*see Luke 3:1-2*).

**Question:** When was the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the rule of the Roman emperor Tiberius?

**Answer:** It was the 782<sup>nd</sup> year after the founding of Rome — which corresponds to the year 30 A.D. on our calendar.

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## **3<sup>rd</sup> Time Period: “one week” / “half the week”**

**Jesus taught three and-a-half years (half of one “week” of years), then suffered in the 33<sup>rd</sup> or 34<sup>th</sup> year on our calendar.**

**The timing of Jesus’ appearance and His ministry match up precisely to the time indicated in the messianic prophecy of **Daniel 9:24-27!****

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**The messianic prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27 was further fulfilled when Jerusalem was destroyed for a second time in the year 70 A.D. by the Romans (Jerusalem was destroyed the first time by the Babylonians).**

**Before destroying the city, the Roman army laid siege to Jerusalem.**

**During the siege, chaos ruled inside Jerusalem as the different leaders of rebel factions fought each other for control.**

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**Religious services in the Temple were conducted infrequently, and Temple services stopped for good after the Romans destroyed the city and the Temple.**

**The Temple, and Jerusalem with it, became desolate, according to the messianic prophecy of **Daniel 9:24-27**.**

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**Jesus reminded His followers of Daniel’s prophecy, and warned of the coming destruction of Jerusalem.**

## **Matthew 24:15-16**

*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.*

**Sometime during the siege of Jerusalem, Christians fled the area, as Jesus encouraged them ahead of time to do.**

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**For this reason, Christians did not suffer the loss of life that many Jews did during the destruction of Jerusalem.**

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**The “most holy place” that was anointed after the “70 weeks” is, according to the New Testament, the hearts of those who believe in and follow Jesus Christ.**

**In the New Testament, the Apostles Peter and Paul both describe the body of Christ as the “new, living Temple of God.”**

**See these verses: 1Peter 2:4-5\*, 1Corinthians 3:16-17\*, 1Corinthians 6:19-20\*, 2Corinthians 6:16-18\*, Ephesians 2:19-22\***

**1Peter 2:4-5**

**As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

**1Corinthians 3:16-17**

**Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?  
If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him.  
For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.**

**1Corinthians 6:19-20**

**Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.**

**2Corinthians 6:16-18**

**What agreement has the temple of God with idols?  
For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,  
"I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."**

**Ephesians 2:19-22**

**So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.**

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**When studied in depth, the messianic prophecy in Daniel 9:24-27 is astonishing and amazing — especially when compared with the subsequent events in both world & Jewish history.**

**More than the events, it is the timing described in Daniel 9:24-27 that make this messianic prophecy a wonder to behold.**

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**What makes Daniel 9:24-27 a messianic prophecy is its focus on “an anointed one.” The “anointed one” is understood to be the Messiah.**

**The Greek word “christ” and the Hebrew word “messiah” both mean “anointed.”**

**As Christians, we believe that Jesus is the “anointed one” (the “Christ” or “Messiah”) foretold in Daniel 9:24-27.**

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**Our study now turns to the book of Hosea.**

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