A painting of a man in a yellow robe writing on a scroll, with a scale of justice in the background.

Journey Through the Bible

Isaiah Part 2:

The Messianic Prophecies

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How God Communicates

- ◆ The Lord gives the prophet a picture or vision in his mind. The prophet then describes using his own words.
- ◆ The Lord will put into the prophet's mind and heart His own thoughts and feelings.
- ◆ . The Lord will speak His words into the prophet's mind which the prophet then speaks out. These prophecies are usually introduced with the words, "Thus says the Lord."



Messiah

- ◆ Messiah is a Hebrew word which means “Anointed One”.
- ◆ The exact equivalent in the Greek New Testament is “Christ”.
- ◆ Messiah was the title given to the Saviour that God had promised to send.



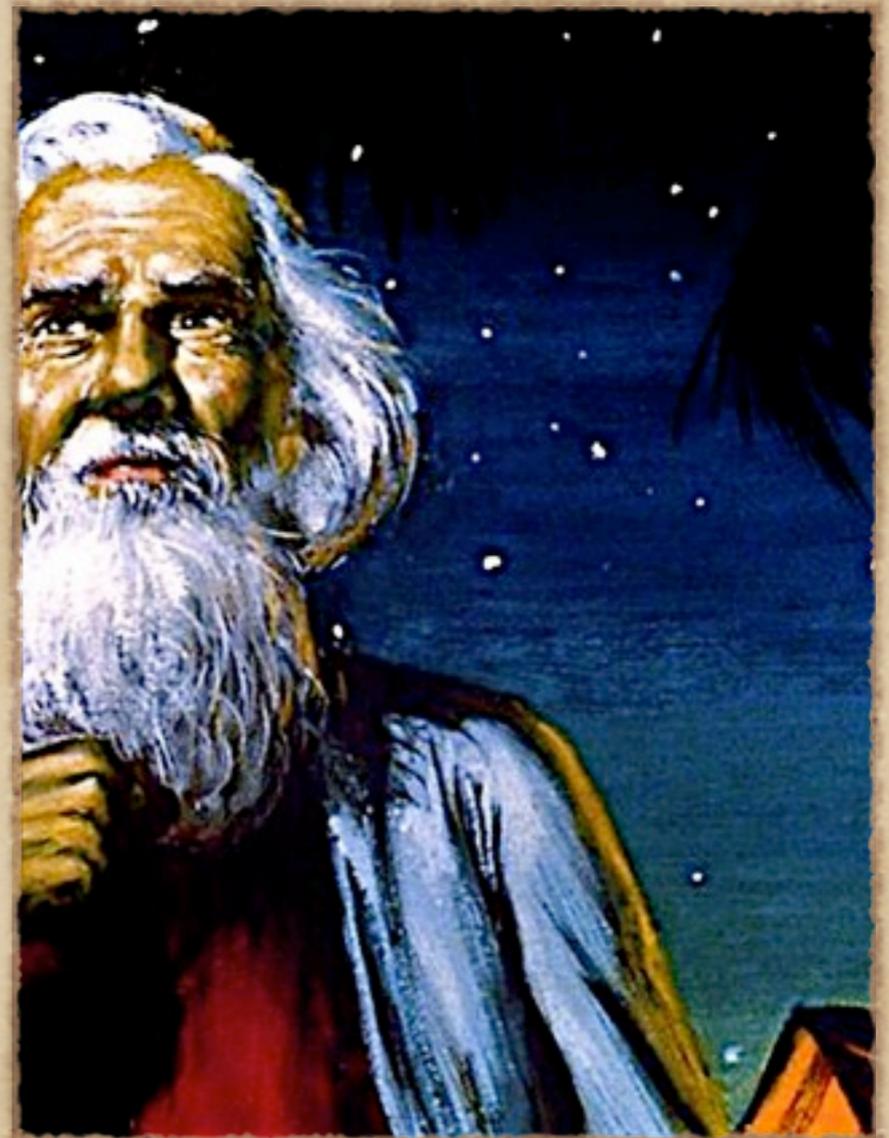
Messiah

- ◆ The first time God made this promise was in Genesis 3:15 right after the Fall.
- ◆ When God pronounced a curse on Satan He gave the first indication of how He was going to deal with these terrible consequences of man's disobedience.
- ◆ “And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.” (Genesis 3:15, NKJV)
- ◆ This is called the proto-Gospel.



Messiah

- ◆ God promised Abraham that the Promised One would be of his descendants
“In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”
(Genesis 22:18, NKJV)
- ◆ Later at the end of Genesis 49 Jacob prophesies that the Promised One would be a King who would arise from the tribe of Judah.



Messiah

- ◆ Under the influence of the Holy Spirit Balaam makes a prophecy concerning the Promised Ruler which showed that the Promised One would in some way be a divine king:
“I see Him, but not here and now. I perceive Him, but far in the distant future. A Star will rise from Jacob; a Sceptre will emerge from Israel.” (Numbers 24:17, NLT)



Messiah

- ◆ When Moses was about to die he prophesied that God would raise up another like himself who would be a mediator between the people and the holy God.
- ◆ “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”
(Deuteronomy 18:15, ESV)



Messiah Facts Before Isaiah

1. The Messiah would be a descendent of Abraham i.e. a Jew,
2. He would belong to the tribe of Judah,
3. He would be a divinely appointed King who would be a blessing to all nations i.e. all peoples,
4. He would be a Mediator between God and man.
5. There would something strange or unique about His birth "The Seed of the woman."



Why Does God Reveal the Future?

- ◆ “I am the Lord; that is My Name! I will not give My glory to another or My praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”
(Isaiah 42:8–9, NIV84)
- ◆ “Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all My purpose,’”
(Isaiah 46:9–10, ESV)



Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will be called before His birth to be God's Servant
(49:1)

“Coast-lands, listen to Me; distant peoples, pay attention. The Lord called Me before I was born. He named me while I was in My mother's womb.” (Isaiah 49:1, HCSB)

- Fulfilment: “But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a Son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.”” (Matthew 1:20–21, HCSB)

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will be born of a virgin (7:14)
“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, NKJV)
- This is the answer to the puzzle about the “Seed of the woman.” The Messiah would be the son of a virgin. We know from the gospels of Matthew and Luke that God accomplished this impossible sign by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will be a Descendant of Jesse and thus in the Davidic line (11:1, 10).
“There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.” (Isaiah 11:1, NKJV)
King David belonged to the tribe of Judah (His father was Jesse) and a descendent of Abraham.
- Fulfilment is seen in the words of the angel to Mary, “You will conceive and give birth to a Son, and you will name Him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His ancestor David.” (Luke 1:31–32, NLT)

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will be empowered by the Holy Spirit
(11:2; 42:1).

“And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”

(Isaiah 11:2, ESV)

- Jesus was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit when John baptised Him.

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will be gentle towards the weak (42:3)
“He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. He will bring justice to all who have been wronged.” (Isaiah 42:3, NLT)
- Many examples in Jesus having mercy and being gentle on sinners.

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will be obedient to the Lord in His mission (50:4–9)
“The Sovereign Lord has given Me His words of wisdom, so that I know how to comfort the weary. Morning by morning He wakens Me and opens My understanding to His will. The Sovereign Lord has spoken to Me, and I have listened. I have not rebelled or turned away.” (Isaiah 50:4–5, NLT)
- Fullfillment
“Jesus gave them this answer: “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by Himself; He can do only what He sees His Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all He does. Yes, to your amazement He will show Him even greater things than these.” (John 5:19–20, NIV84)

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will voluntarily submit to suffering
(50:6; 53:7-8).

“I gave My back to those who strike, and My cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not My Face from disgrace and spitting.” (Isaiah 50:6, ESV)

- “Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands, saying, “Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?”” (Matthew 26:67-68, NKJV)

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will be rejected by Israel (49:7; 53:1, 3).
“Men looked down on Him. They didn't accept Him. He knew all about sorrow and suffering. He was like someone people turn their faces away from. We looked down on Him. We didn't have any respect for Him.” (Isaiah 53:3, NIV)
- “Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. [Pilate] said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” They cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”” (John 19:14–15, ESV)

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will take on Himself the sins of the world (53:4-6, 10-12).
“Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes His Life a guilt offering, . . . because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” (Isaiah 53:10-12, NIV84)
- “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29, NKJV)

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will triumph over death (53:10).
“But it was the Lord’s good plan to crush Him and cause Him grief. Yet when His life is made an offering for sin, He will have many descendants. He will enjoy a long life, and the Lord’s good plan will prosper in His hands.” (Isaiah 53:10, NLT)
- “But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus Who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay.” (Matthew 28:5–6, ESV)

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will be exalted (52:13; 53:12).
“See, My Servant will act wisely; He will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.” (Isaiah 52:13, NIV84)
- “When they saw Him, they worshipped, but some doubted. Then Jesus came near and said to them, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.” (Matthew 28:17–18, HCSB)

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will come to comfort Israel and to bring vengeance on the wicked (61:1-3).

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.” (Isaiah 61:1-3, NKJV)

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will manifest God's glory (49:3).
- “And He said to me, ‘You are My servant, O Israel, In whom I will be glorified.’” (Isaiah 49:3, NKJV)

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will restore Israel spiritually to God (49:5) and physically to the land (49:8).
“And now the Lord speaks— the One Who formed Me in My mother’s womb to be His Servant, Who commissioned Me to bring Israel back to Him. The Lord has honoured Me, and My God has given Me strength.” (Isaiah 49:5, NLT)
- “This is what the Lord says: “At just the right time, I will respond to You. On the day of salvation I will help You. I will protect You and give You to the people as My covenant with them. Through You I will re-establish the land of Israel and assign it to its own people again.” (Isaiah 49:8, NLT)

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will reign on David's throne (9:7).
- “The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from now on and for ever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will accomplish this.”
(Isaiah 9:7, HCSB)

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will make a new covenant with Israel (42:6; 49:8-9).
- “I, the Lord, have called You to demonstrate My righteousness. I will take You by the hand and guard You, and I will give You to My people, Israel, as a symbol of My covenant with them. And You will be a Light to guide the nations.” (Isaiah 42:6, NLT)

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will be a light to the Gentiles (42:6; 49:6).
- Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'
(Isaiah 49:6, NKJV)

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will restore the nations (11:10).
- “And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious.”
(Isaiah 11:10, NKJV)

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will be worshipped by the Gentiles
(49:7, 52:15).
- “Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and their Holy One, to One deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the Servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, Who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, Who has chosen You.” (Isaiah 49:7, ESV)

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- He will govern the world (9:6).
- “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. and His Name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
(Isaiah 9:6, NKJV)

Isaiah's Messianic Prophecies

- The people of Isaiah's day had no idea how the prophecies about the Messiah would be fulfilled.
- New Testament writers showed how Jesus fulfilled the prophecies in His life-time.
- We in our turn wonder how prophecies that have not happened yet will be fulfilled
- We don't know when or how, but we can be sure that these prophecies will be fulfilled exactly as God foretold.

God Knows What Will Happen To Us

- God knows everything about our lives before we live it.
- “In Christ, He chose us before the world was made so that we would be His holy people—people without blame before Him. Because of His Love, God had already decided to make us His own children through Jesus Christ. That was what He wanted and what pleased Him,” (Ephesians 1:4–5, NCV)

“In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him Who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of His glory.” (Ephesians 1:11–12, NIV84)

God Knows What Will Happen To Us

Claiming Ephesians 1:4-5, and 11-12 for yourself.

- “That is, in Christ, He chose **me** before the world was made so that **I** would be [one of]His holy people—without blame before Him. Because of His Love, God had already decided to make **me** His own child through Jesus Christ. That was what He wanted and what pleased Him,”
- “In Jesus **I** was also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him Who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will, in order that **I**, might be for the praise of His glory.”

God Has A Plan For Your Life

- In prayer submit yourself to Him, “Lord I give You myself and all that I have. Use me. I want to serve You in any way You want.”
- You ask Him to guide and and show you what He wants you to do day by day,
- “Lord ,what do You want me to do today that is part of Your plan for my life?” Pray that prayer at the beginning of the day.



How can you make yourself available to God?

- Many of the really important steps in God's mega-plans for the world end up depending on small day-to-day decisions made by ordinary people like you and me.
- One of the things that the Messianic prophecies teach us is that God is concerned with the smallest detail.
- The small things you do or say each day in obedience to the Lord may form part of the Lord's plan of salvation in someone else's life.



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