

The Messianic Hope

Part 3 of 3

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- **Acts 3:11-26**
- **Introduction**

In this final portion of this series, we will consider the hope of the Messiah as embodied in the Prophets. We have considered the Messianic hope from the Law of Moses and from the Psalms. We know that in the past God spoke to the people through the Prophets and has in the times of Scripture, spoken through His Son (Heb. 1:1). The Jews broke the scriptures up into these three categories (Law, Psalms, Prophets) and all three reveal much about the coming Messiah. However, in the Prophets, we have far more detailed and exact prophecy about the coming Messiah than in the other two.

- **Daniel's Seventy Weeks**

Daniel 9

This is one of the most difficult and complicated prophecies in the Scriptures. Over the years there have been a myriad of systems developed to interpret these verses, some of them scholarly and others just not derived from sound thinking. However there are some very clear things to be established from these verses and when we consider the precision with which God chose to answer Daniel's prayer, we see that all things have been laid out by God down to the exact timing of all things.

This is clearly a covenantal prophecy. Not only does Daniel speak of relief for God's covenantal people, we see the confirmation of a covenant and many images of the curses and blessings of the covenant established through Moses.

In this prophecy there are seventy weeks (literally "sevens") discussed as the time frame in which these things would occur. There is much in the Scriptures to warrant understanding these weeks as actually years (Leviticus. 25:8) and this 490 year period is broken down into three parts, 49 years, 434 years and 7 years for a total of 490. When the 490 year period begins is highly debated but the verses tell us that it begins at the decree to *rebuild and restore* Jerusalem. There were four decrees concerning this, first by Cyrus (Isaiah 44:28, 45:1-7) who allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem and begin rebuilding the temple however, the work didn't really begin in earnest until after the fourth decree.

There are six things which are promised in this prophecy:

1. The finishing of the transgression
2. To make an end of sins
3. To make reconciliation for iniquity
4. To bring in everlasting righteousness
5. To seal up vision and prophecy
6. To anoint the Most Holy

There have been many who will figure out the calendar of events based on ancient records. Although this prophecy is meant to have that level of revelation it is not fruitful for our discussion to do the math. More importantly is the precision with which God revealed His mind and the hope He intended to depart to the captive Israel with regard to their coming Messiah.

- **The Suffering Servant**

Isaiah 53

This famous chapter has been the topic of dispute for centuries. It's level of precision and completeness have lead skeptics to argue that the words were written after the time of Christ. Although God doesn't do this every time, He put an end to the dispute by allowing us to find the Dead Sea Scrolls which contained a complete copy of this chapter dating to 200 BC. Although this was five hundred years after it was actually written, the fact that an indisputable date of any number of years prior to Christ proves it's validity.

Isaiah 53:1: quoted in John 12:38; Romans 10:16.

Isaiah 53:3-6: quoted in Acts 26:22,23.

Isaiah 53:4-6,11: quoted in 1 Peter 2:24,25.

Isaiah 53:4: quoted in Matthew 8:17.

Isaiah 53:9: quoted in 1 Peter 2:22.

Isaiah 53:12: quoted in Mark 15:28; Luke 22:37.

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- **General Messianic Prophecy**

The Advent of the Messiah

Isaiah 40:3-5: quoted in Matthew 3:3; Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4-6.

Habakkuk 1:5: quoted in Acts 13:40,41.

- Zechariah 9:9: quoted in Matthew 21:4,5; John 12:14,15.

Malachi 3:1: quoted in Matthew 11:10; Mark 1:2; Luke 7:27.

The Salvation brought by the Messiah

Isaiah 25:8: quoted in 1 Corinthians 15:54.

- Isaiah 28:16: quoted in Romans 9:33; 1 Peter 2:6.

Isaiah 59:20,21: quoted in Romans 11:26,27.

Jeremiah 31:31-34: quoted in Hebrews 8:8-12; 10:16,17.

Hosea 1:10: quoted in Romans 9:26.

Hosea 2:23: quoted in Romans 9:25; 1 Peter 2:10.

Joel 2:28-32: quoted in Acts 2:16-21.

Amos 9:11,12: quoted in Acts 15:16,17.

Haggai 2:6: quoted in Hebrews 12:26.

Zechariah 12:10: quoted in John 19:37.

The Birth of the Messiah

- Isaiah 7:14: quoted in Matthew 1:23.
- Micah 5:2: quoted in Matthew 2:5,6; John 7:42.

The Ministry of the Messiah

Isaiah 9:1,2: quoted in Matthew 4:15,16.

Isaiah 42:1-4: quoted in Matthew 12:17-21.

Isaiah 49:6: quoted in Luke 2:32; Acts 13:47,48; 26:23.

Isaiah 54:13: quoted in John 6:45.

Isaiah 55:3: quoted in Acts 13:34.

Malachi 4:5,6: quoted in Matthew 11:13,14; 17:10-13; Mark 9:11-13; Luke 1:16,17

Zechariah 13:7: quoted in Matthew 26:31,56; Mark 14:27,50.

The Government of the Messiah

Daniel 7:14,27: quoted in Luke 1:32,33.

- Isaiah 9:6-7: quoted in Luke 1:32,33.

Isaiah 11:10: quoted in Romans 15:12.

The Death of the Messiah

Zechariah 11:13: quoted in Matthew 27:9,10.