















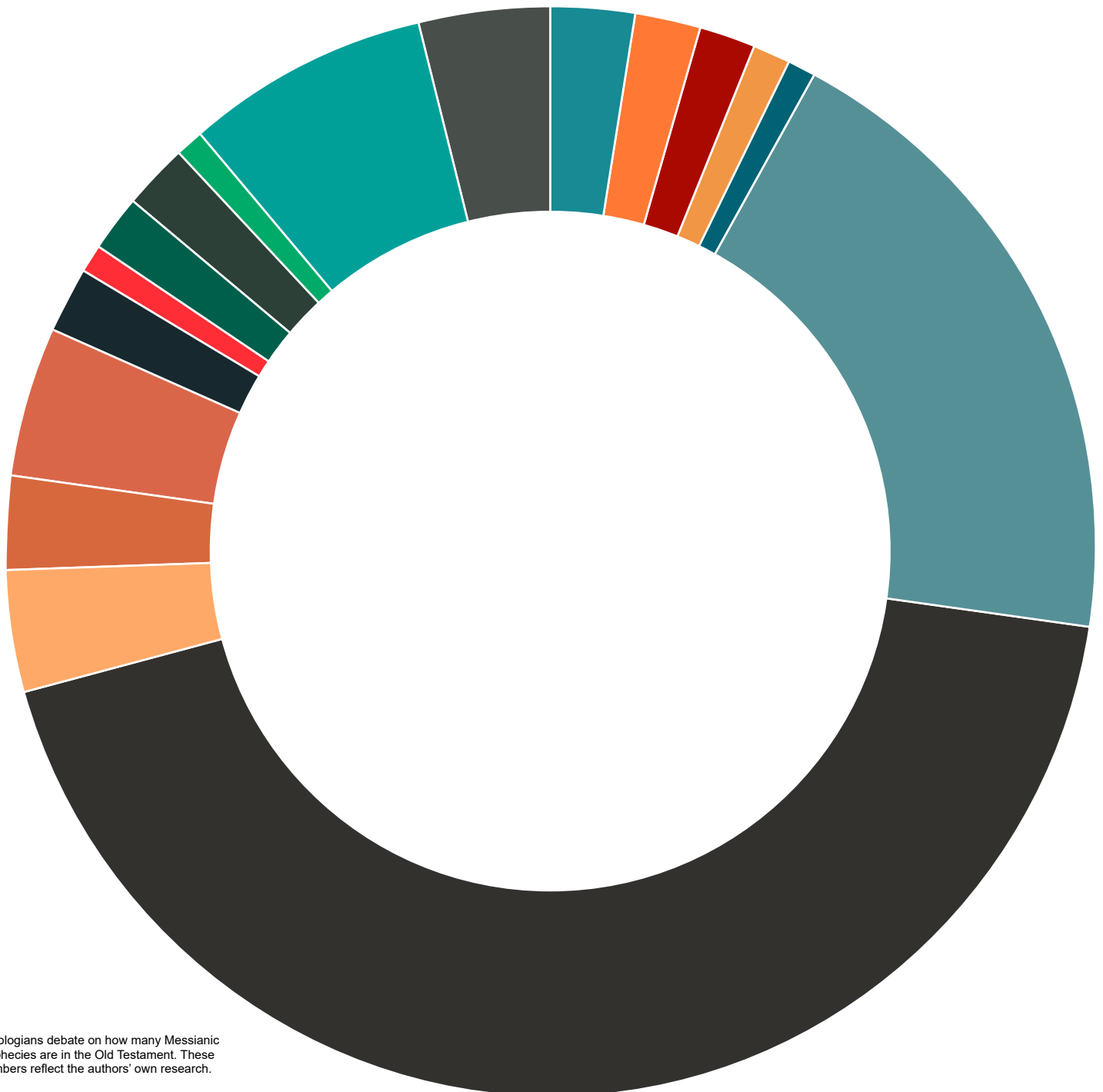




MESSIANIC PROPHECIES IN OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

Genesis	(3)		Numbers	(2)		Deuteronomy	(2)	
2 Samuel	(1)		1 Chronicles	(1)		Psalms	(21)	
Isaiah	(48)		Jeremiah	(4)		Ezekial	(3)	
Daniel	(5)		Hosea	(2)		Joel	(1)	
Amos	(2)		Micah	(2)		Haggai	(1)	
Zechariah	(8)		Malachi	(4)		Total*	(110)	



*Theologians debate on how many Messianic prophecies are in the Old Testament. These numbers reflect the authors' own research.



RECOGNIZING THE MESSIAH

Messiah's Birth

The Old Testament does not say much about how the Messiah will be born. It does however specify that the Messiah will be born of a virgin and that he will be born in Bethlehem.

Messiah's Lineage

The Messiah will be a descendent of Abraham, Judah, and King David. God promised Abraham and David that one of their descendents would bless all people and reign forever.

Messiah's Ministry

The Old Testament prophets described the Messiah's ministry which would consist of miracles, teaching, pain, rejection by his people, and a humble background.

Messiah's Suffering

The Messiah is prophesied to suffer and die in our place. The Messiah will arrive humbly and die a wretched death in order to bring hope and salvation to all nations.

Messiah's Reign

The prophecies also announce that the Messiah will reign eternally as the righteous and just king from the line of David. Yes, the Messiah will be crushed by mankind but he will return victorious.

Messiah's Era

In one of the most detailed prophecies recorded in the Old Testament, Daniel revealed when the Messiah would begin his ministry on earth.

Israel's Rejection of Messiah

The Israelites were anticipating the Messiah but they were confused. They expected a conquering king but instead they should have been expecting a humble and suffering servant.

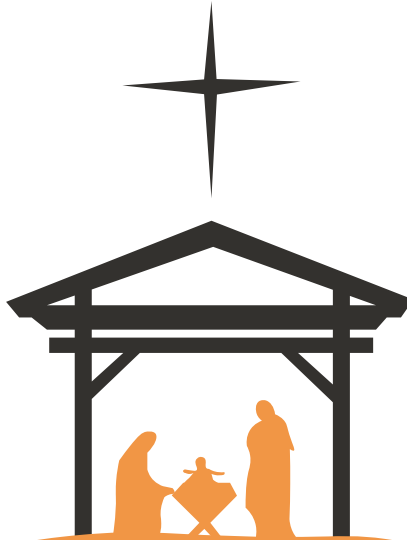


BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH

There are two primary prophecies concerning the Messiah's birth:



**Birth
Mother**
Isaiah 7:14



**Birth
Location**
Micah 5:2

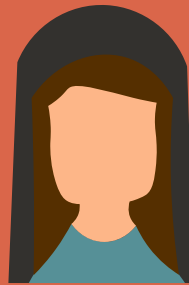
Mother



Fulfillment

1

**The Messiah
will be born of
a virgin.**



“This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit... The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”
Matthew 1:18,23

Location



Fulfillment

2

**The Messiah
will be born in
Bethlehem.**



“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea... King Herod had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.””
Matthew 2:1,4-6



LINEAGE OF THE MESSIAH

The Messiah will be a descendent of...
Abraham (Genesis 12:2-3 - Matthew 1:1)
Judah (Zechariah 10:4 - Matthew 1:2)
David (2 Samuel 7:12-16 - Matthew 1:6)

Genealogy of Jesus

Abraham
 Isaac
 Jacob
Judah
 Perez
 Hezron
 Ram
 Amminadab
 Nahshon
 Salmon
 Boaz
 Obed
 Jesse
King David

Solomon
 Rehoboam
 Abijah
 Asa
 Jehoshaphat
 Jehoram
 Uzziah
 Jotham
 Ahaz
 Hezekiah
 Manasseh
 Amon
 Josiah
 Jeconiah
 Shealtiel
 Zerubbabel
 Abihud
 Eliakim
 Azor
 Zadok
 Akim
 Elihud
 Eleazar
 Matthan
 Jacob
 Joseph

Nathan
 Mattatha
 Menna
 Melea
 Eliakim
 Jonam
 Joseph
 Judah
 Simeon
 Levi
 Matthat
 Jorim
 Eliezer
 Joshua
 Er
 Elmadam
 Cosam
 Addi
 Melki
 Neri
 Shealtiel
 Zerubbabel
 Rhesa
 Joanan
 Joda
 Josek
 Semein
 Mattathias
 Maath
 Naggai
 Esli
 Nahum
 Amos
 Mattathias
 Joseph
 Jannai
 Melki
 Levi
 Matthat
 Heli
 Mary

Jesus

Matthew traces the genealogy of Jesus through His father Joseph while Luke likely traces Jesus' ancestry through his mother Mary.

This could be explained by Matthew tracing Jesus' lineage through His legal father in order to appeal to his Jewish audience which was his tendency while Luke highlights Jesus' humanity and therefore traces His lineage through His birth mother.

Another reason to take this stance is because Luke writes that Joseph was Jesus' father "so it was thought" (3:23).

Luke also had women in the spotlight throughout his gospel so it is logical that he traced Jesus' lineage through His mother in spite of this being abnormal for the time period.

MINISTRY OF THE MESSIAH



Prophecy	Fulfillment	Description
Isaiah 40:3-4	Luke 3:4-6	The Messiah will be preceded by a messenger
Genesis 12:2-3 Psalm 72:17	1 John 2:2 Romans 3:29	The Messiah will bless all nations through his ministry.
Psalm 69:9	John 2:17	The Messiah will have zeal for the house of God.
Psalm 78:2	Matthew 13:35	The Messiah will speak in parables.
Isaiah 9:1-2 Isaiah 42:6	Matthew 4:13-16	The Messiah will be a light to the Gentiles.
Isaiah 11:2	Matthew 3:16	The Spirit of God will descend on the Messiah.
Isaiah 35:5-6	Matthew 12:22-23	The Messiah will open the eyes of the blind, open the ears of the deaf, make the mute talk, and the lame walk.
Isaiah 42:1	John 5:22	The Messiah will bring justice to the nations.
Isaiah 49:6-8	Acts 4:12	The Messiah will bring salvation to the world.
Isaiah 49:6-8	Luke 4:28-30	The Messiah will be despised by a nation.
Isaiah 53:2	Matthew 13:55	The Messiah's stature will not draw people to him.
Isaiah 59:20	Matthew 4:17	The Messiah will redeem sinners.
Jeremiah 31:31-32	Luke 22:20	The Messiah will establish a New Covenant.
Daniel 7:13	Mark 8:31	The Messiah will have the title of "Son of Man".
Daniel 7:14	Matthew 28:19-20	The Messiah will be worshipped by the whole world.



SUFFERING OF THE MESSIAH

Why does the Messiah have to suffer?



The Messiah does not *have to* suffer, however God has chosen the Messiah to take on the punishment of our sins in our place. Isaiah says that the Messiah will be “pierced for our transgressions” and “crushed for our iniquities” (53:5). Messiah will die even though he is sinless (Isaiah 53:9) and his death will redeem sinners (Isaiah 59:20).

How does the Messiah suffer?



physically

The Messiah will be pierced (Zechariah 12:10) and beaten to the point where his appearance is disfigured (Isaiah 52:14). None of his bones will be broken (Psalm 34:20) but he will still be familiar with suffering (Isaiah 53:3).

spiritually

Messiah does not only experience physical pain, he experiences spiritual pain as well. Psalm 22:1 reveals the Messiah being forsaken by God. Isaiah writes that the Messiah will be a guilt offering who will die in our place (53:10).

alone

Prophets share that the Messiah will be abandoned not only by God but also by his friends and followers (Zechariah 13:7). The Messiah will be alone in one sense, however he will be killed with sinners (Isaiah 53:9) and will be mocked by onlookers (Isaiah 50:6).



SUFFERING OF THE MESSIAH

Prophecy	Fulfillment	Description
Isaiah 53:4	Matthew 8:17	The Messiah will take up our infirmities and sorrows.
Isaiah 53:5	1 Peter 2:24	The Messiah will be punished for our sins.
Isaiah 53:3	Matthew 27:15-26	The Messiah will be rejected and despised by men.
Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 26:62-63	The Messiah will be silent before his accusers.
Isaiah 53:9	John 19:18	The Messiah will be killed alongside sinners even though he himself is sinless.
Isaiah 53:10	Matthew 26:39	The Messiah will be killed as a guilt offering and according to the will of God.
Isaiah 52:14	John 19:1	The Messiah's appearance will be disfigured.
Isaiah 59:20	Matthew 4:17	The Messiah will redeem sinners through his suffering.
Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 27:26-31	The Messiah will be mocked and spit on.
Zechariah 11:4-13	John 19:14-16	Israel will reject the Messiah.
Zechariah 12:10	John 19:37	The Messiah will be pierced.
Zechariah 13:7	Matthew 26:31	The Messiah will be abandoned by his friends when he needs them most.
Psalms 16:10	1 Corinthians 15:3-4	The Messiah will rise from the dead.
Psalms 34:20	John 19:36	The Messiah will not break a single bone.
Psalms 69:21	Matthew 27:34,48	The Messiah will drink vinegar out of thirst.



REIGN OF THE MESSIAH

Prophecy	Fulfillment	Description
Zechariah 6:12-13	Hebrews 7	The Messiah will be both High Priest and Reigning King.
Psalms 110:1	Colossians 3:1	The Messiah will be at the right hand of God.
Psalms 89:26-27	Revelation 1:5	The Messiah will be the exalted king over all creation.
2 Samuel 7:12-16 Daniel 7:27	Revelation 5:12-13	The Messiah's reign will be eternal.
Isaiah 11:3-4	John 5:22	The Messiah will judge creation.
Isaiah 25:8	Hebrews 2:14-15 Revelation 21:4	The Messiah will defeat death and end pain.
Isaiah 42:2	Revelation 21:4	The Messiah will bring peace to creation.
Isaiah 42:4	John 5:22	The Messiah will bring justice to humanity.
Isaiah 45:23	Romans 14:11	Every knee will bow to the Messiah.
Isaiah 63:1-3	Revelation 19:13	The Messiah will wear a robe dipped in blood.
Isaiah 65:17	Revelation 21:1	The Messiah will create a New Heaven and a New Earth.
Isaiah 9:6	Colossians 1:15	The Messiah is God.



ERA OF THE MESSIAH

“While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the Lord my God for his holy hill— while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. He instructed me and said to me, “Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed.

Therefore, consider the word and understand the vision:

“Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place. “Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

Daniel 9:20-27

“sevens”

7 “sevens”

62 “sevens”

represents 7 years

represents 7 periods of 7 years

represents 62 periods of 7 years

$7 \times 7 = 49$ years

$62 \times 7 = 434$ years

$49 + 434 = 483$ years

a year in Daniel’s time was 360 days ↴

$483 \text{ years} \times 360 \text{ days} = 173,880 \text{ days} \text{ ↴}$

$173,880 \div 365 = 476 \text{ years and } 140 \text{ days}$

476 years and 140 days after the decree to rebuild Jerusalem the Messiah would be cut off.

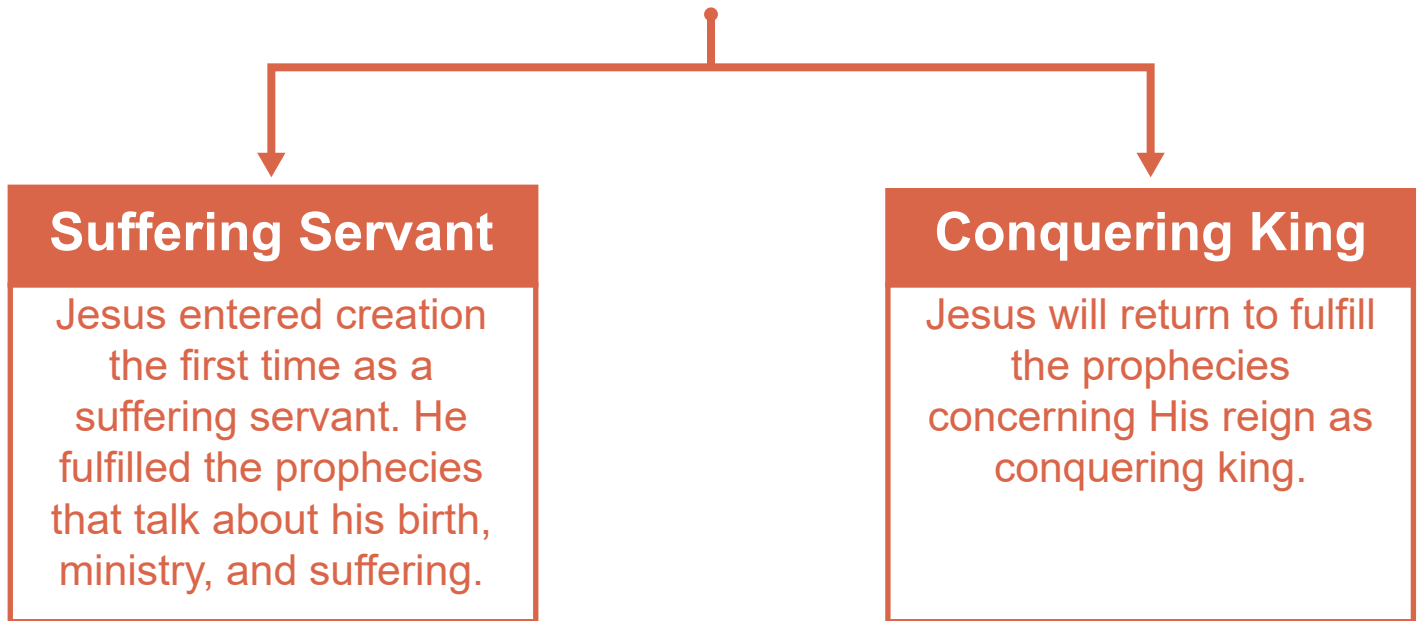
The decree to rebuild Jerusalem was issued in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes (Nehemiah 2:1) which was approximately 445 BC. This puts the date of the Messiah being cut off around 31 AD.



ISRAELITES REJECTION OF THE MESSIAH

If the Messiah was prophesied so clearly, why did so many Israelites reject Him?

The Messiah's Roles



The Israelites were so focused on the conquering king arriving that it clouded their interpretation of the Messianic prophecies. They should have realized that the Messiah would have to be crushed before ushering in his eternal kingdom and salvation for his followers.¹

Regardless, all of the Messianic prophecies clearly point to one individual:

Jesus!!!