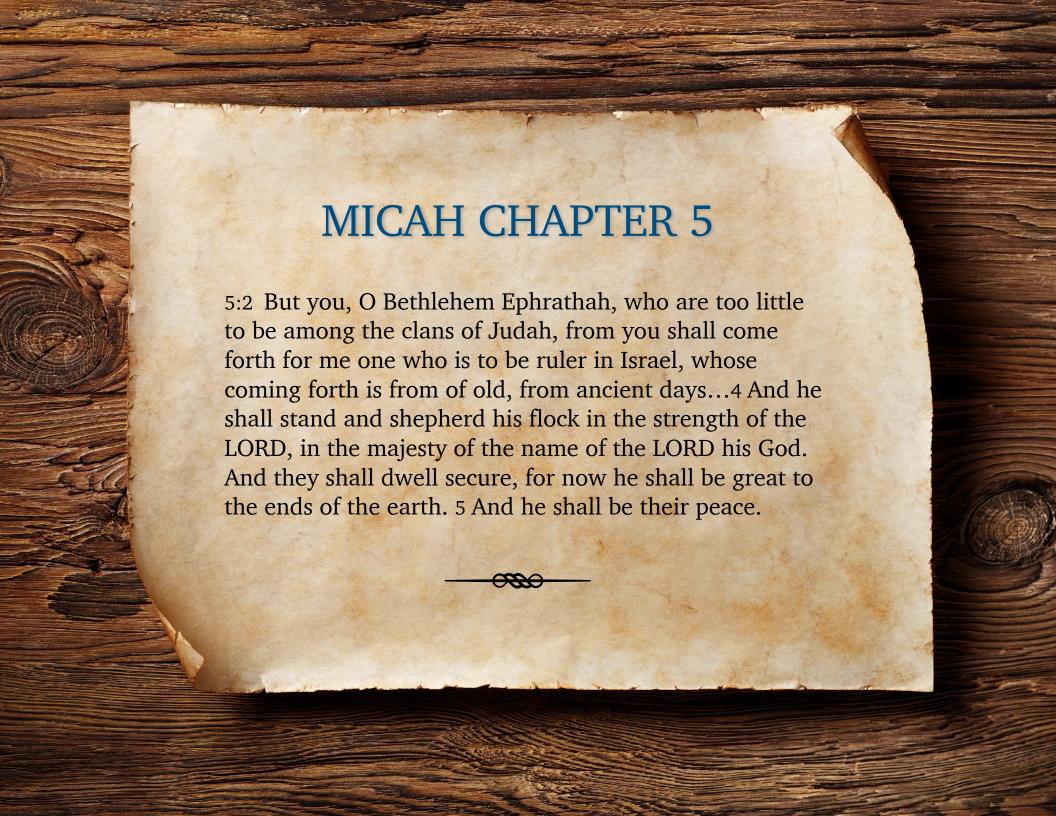


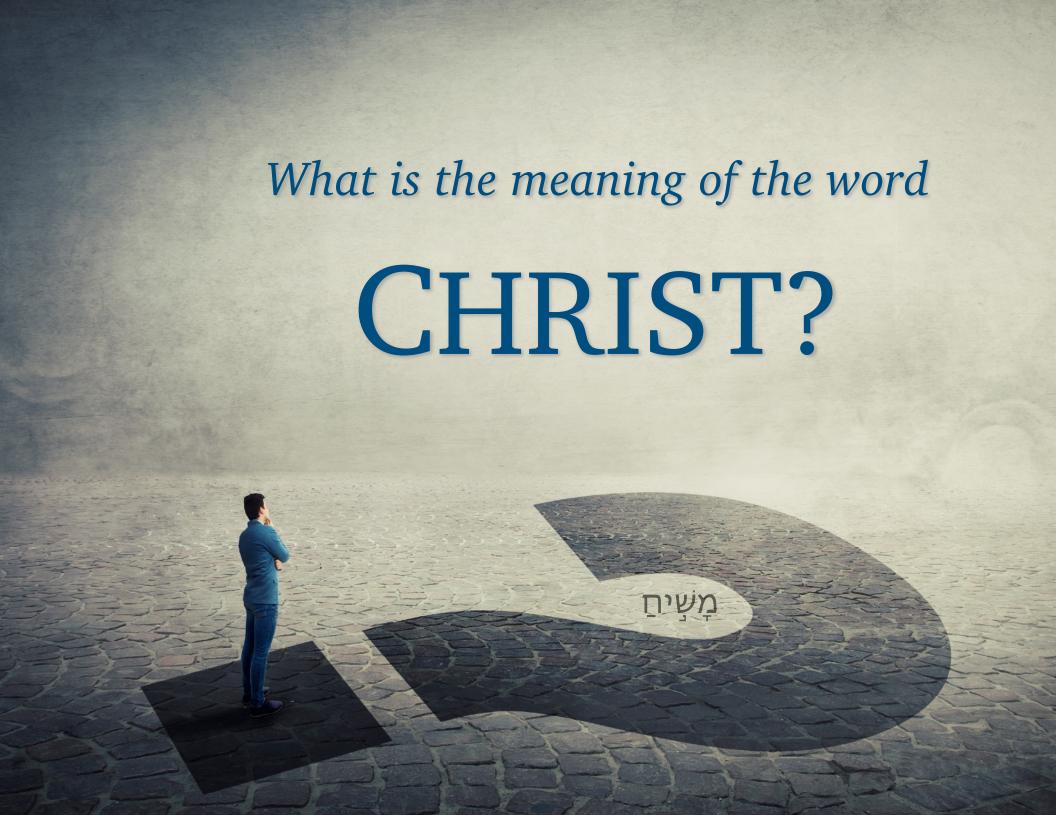
What Child is This?

How the Christmas story fulfills ancient prophecies









OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES

That Proclaim Israel's Messiah

2Sam 7 • **Psalm 2** (1000 BC)

In 2 Samuel 7, God promised David that one of his descendants would reign on his throne *forever*. Ps 2:2: "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his **Anointed.**"

Isaiah 9:6-7 (700 BC)

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful-Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David...from this time forth and forevermore."

Daniel 2 & 7 (575 BC)

Ch. 2: A great idolatrous statue of gold, silver, bronze and iron is destroyed by a stone cut by no human hand which then grows to become a great mountain. 2:44 "In the days of those kings [of the fourth kingdom of iron] the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed..." Ch. 7: Four terrifying beasts come out of the sea, but Danies sees a vision of one like a son of man coming on the clouds of heaven who appears before the Ancient of Days and is given everlasting dominion and glory...all peoples and nations shall serve him"

ARAMAIC TARGUMS

Jewish Paraphrase Translations

···· 2nd Century AD ····

ISAIAH 9:6 "A boy has been born to us, a son has been given to us...And his name has been called from before the One Who Causes Wonderful Counsel, God the Warrior, the Eternally Existing One—the Messiah who will increase peace upon us in his days."

MICAH 5:2 "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrath, you were as too small to be numbered among the thousands of the house of Judah. From you shall come forth before me the Messiah to be executing rule over Israel..."

ANCIENT JEWISH

References to the Messiah Outside the Bible

DEAD SEA SCROLLS (100 BC)

4Q521 "Heaven and earth shall listen to his MESSIAH"

1QSa 2:12 "...when God has fathered the MESSIAH"

4 EZRA (Late 1st Century AD)

12:32 "The MESSIAH...will arise from the posterity of David"

MISHNA (2nd-3rd Century AD)

Sota 9:15 "With the footprints of the MESSIAH...scarcity increases"

Dead Sea Scroll 11Q13

"[H]e will proclaim to them the jubilee, thereby releasing them from the debt of all their sins...he shall atone for all the sons of light...This visitation is the day of salvation (Is 49:8) that he has decreed through Isaiah the prophet concerning all the captives, inasmuch as Scripture says, 'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, Your divine being reigns" (Is 52:7). This scripture's interpretation: the mountains are the prophets, they who were sent to proclaim God's truth and to prophesy to all Israel. And the messenger is the *anointed* of the Spirit, of whom Daniel spoke [saying] an anointed one shall be cut off' (Dan 9:26). The 'messenger who brings good news, who announces salvation' is the one of whom it is written, 'to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor...(Is 61:1-2, Lk 4:16-19).







Isaiah 53

The Suffering Servant

- he will be lifted up and *exalted*, yet *marred* (52:13-14)
- he will *sprinkle* many nations (52:15)
- he will be *pierced* for our transgressions (53:5)
- he will be laid in the *grave* with a rich man in his *death* (53:9)
- he will see light and his days will be prolonged (53:10-11)
- he will bear their *iniquities* (53:11)
- he will make many to be *accounted righteous* (53:11)
- he will be numbered with *transgressors* (53:12, Lk 22:37)
- he will *divide spoils* in a victory celebration (53:12)

The Suffering Servant

An ANCIENT Jewish Interpretation of Isaiah 52 & 53

52:13 Behold, my servant the MESSIAH will be successful; he will be lifted up and increase...15 He will scatter many nations. Kings will be silent on account of him...53:3 Then the glory of all the kingdoms will become a disgrace, and will be cut off...4 they are despised and not esteemed...5 Then...our iniquities will be forgiven on account of him...6 All of us like sheep have been scattered...and it was pleasing from before the Lord to forgive all of us our sins on account of him...9 For he will remove the rule of the nations from the land of Israel...10 They will see the kingdom of their MESSIAH...12 [H]e handed his life over to the death...and to the rebels it will be forgiven on account of him.

The GOSPEL Creed

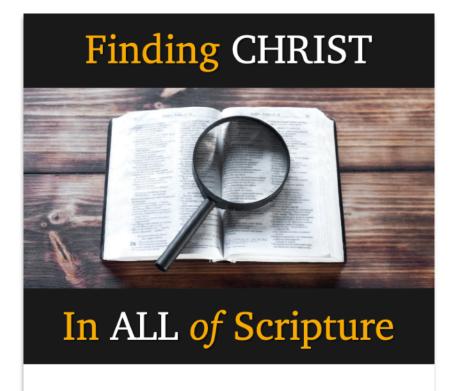
1 Corinthians 15:1-6

I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved...For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.





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