What is "The Messiah?"

Messiah — Meshiach (The Anointed One — Hebrew)

Christ — Christos (The Anointed One — Greek)

The Two Streams of Messianic Prophecy

1. Prophecies of the Kingly Messiah

"Tell him this is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and He will branch out from His place and build the temple of the LORD. It is He who will build the temple of the LORD, and He will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on His throne. And He will be a priest on His throne. And there will be harmony between the two.'"

- Zechariah 6:12,13

2. Prophecies of the Suffering Messiah (Isaiah 53:1-10)

"But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed."

- Isaiah 53:5

The Five Periods of the Messiah

- His lineage
- His birth
- His life
- His suffering and death
- His Kingdom (including His resurrection)

Key Verse:

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understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ
will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and
forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at
Jerusalem."

- Luke 24:44-47

The Prophecies of the Life of the Christ

10. He will be preceded by Elijah.

"See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes." - Malachi 4:5

"For all of the Prophets and the Law prophecy until John [the Baptist]. And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come." - Matthew 11:14

9. He will be declared as the Son of God.

"I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." - Psalm 2:7

"And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased." - Matthew 3:17

8. He would have a passion for the Temple of God.

"... for zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me." - Psalm 69:9

"So He made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves He said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." - John 2:15-17

7. He would be a prophet.

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to Him."

- Deuteronomy 18:15

"...and that He may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you — even Jesus. He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as He promised long ago through His holy prophets. For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything He tells you. Anyone who does not listen to Him will be completely cut off from among his people.'

- Acts 3:20-23

6. He would be a priest in the line of Melchizedek.

"The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." - Psalm 110:4

"So Christ also did not take upon Himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to Him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." And He says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

- Hebrews 5:5,6

5. He would bring light and honour to the Galilee.

"Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future, He will honour Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan — The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

- Isaiah 9:1,2

"Leaving Nazareth, He went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali — to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

- Matthew 4:13-16

4. He would do miraculous wonders.

"In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see."

- Isaiah 29:18

"So He replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor."

- Luke 7:22

3. He would provide freedom and hope.

"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn"

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Then He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on Him, and He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

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2. He would provide rest.

"This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."

- Jeremiah 6:16

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1. He would be the salvation for the Gentiles too!

"He says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

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"Simeon took Him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." - Luke 2:28

"Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. Many followed Him, and He healed all their sick, warning them not to tell who He was. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on Him, and He will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out, till He leads justice to victory. In His name the nations will put their hope."

- Matthew 12:15-21

Consider His Miracles while living in Capernaum:

- Centurion's servant
- Canaanite woman's daughter
- Feeding of 5,000

"The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel."

- Matthew 15:31

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What Are My Lessons from These Prophecies?

- 1. Jesus knew who He was!
- 2. The prophecies are incredible but Jesus was so humble!
- 3. Many of the prophecies speak of how He will care for others.
- 4. When people knew the prophecy and saw the fulfillment in Jesus Christ, they believed!

My Reaction —

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