Notes for the Ones Called-Out to Meet

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Fifty Prophetic Passages About Jesus

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- 1. The one who would crush the head of the serpent would be "the seed of the woman" (Gen. 3:15 1400+ BC; Gal.4:4).
- 2. He would be "the seed of Abraham" (Gen.12:3; 22:18; Matt. 1:1; Gal. 3:16),
- 3. He would be descended through Isaac (Gen. 17:19; Lk. 3:34),
- 4. He would be a king descended from Jacob (Num. 24:17 1400+ BC; Matt. 1:2)
- 5. He would be a king descended from Judah (Gen. 49:10; Lk. 3:33).
- These statements narrow the scope. The unfolding of God's redemptive plan has narrowed to one ethnic group on the planet, the Jews, and a king will arise from one tribe of that larger nation, the tribe of Judah. These statements were written by Moses, well over a thousand years before Christ. These five statements already exclude well over 99% of those who ever have lived. Beyond being from Judah, however, we are told that...
- 6. God would establish a descendant of David on an eternal throne (2 Sam. 6:12-16; Isa. 9:7 700 BC; Lk. 1:32,33; 3:31).
- 7. This ruler would be born in Bethlehem (Mic. 5:2 700 BC; Lk.2:4),
- 8. Yet His origin is from long ago, from the days of eternity (Mic. 5:2; Jn. 8:56-58).
- 9. He would be born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14; Lk. 1:26-35 -- Remember "seed of the woman?"),
- 10. He would be called "Immanuel" (meaning, "God with us") (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-23).
- These statements were all written before 700 BC, seven centuries before the events would take place!
- The weeping near Bethlehem (site of Rachel's tomb Gen. 35:19) over the loss of children was prophesied in Jer. 31:15 (586 BC), and fulfilled in Matt. 2:16-18, as Herod ordered Bethlehem's infant boys to be killed in an attempt to cut off the young Messiah. God warned Joseph to flee, so
- 12. Joseph brought Mary and Jesus to Egypt, until an angel told him to return, since Herod was dead, unknowingly fulfilling another prophecy, "Out of Egypt I called My Son" (Hos.11:1 720 BC; Matt. 2:14,15).
- 13. The family relocated to Nazareth in Galilee. Nazareth is from the Hebrew "*netser*", which means "branch" or "sprout", a common Messianic title from the OT (Isa. 11:1; Cf. Isa. 4:2; 11:10; Jer. 23:5; 33:15; Zech. 3:8; 6:12 520 BC). Because He grew up there, throughout His life Jesus was literally called "Jesus the Nazarene", or "Jesus the Sprout/Branch" (Matt. 2:22,23). Even His first name, Jesus, was prophecy being fulfilled. It means "Yahweh saves" or "the salvation of Yahweh". Thus, the name "Jesus of Nazareth" literally meant "Yahweh's salvation, the Sprout/Branch". Jesus was the Messiah hidden in plain sight! Even His enemies repeatedly said these words, but had no understanding of what they were calling Him.
- 14. It was prophesied that God would send a forerunner before Him (Mal. 3:1 430 BC; Lk. 7:24,27).
- 15. Isaiah had spoken that a voice would cry out in the wilderness, calling people to prepare the way for the Lord (Isa, 40:3-5; Lk. 3:3-6), John the Baptist's ministry.
- 16. After the appearance of this forerunner, "the glory of the Lord will be revealed" (Isa. 40:5; Jn. 1:14-18).
- 17. It was also said that Elijah would come before the coming of the Lord (Mal. 4:5,6; Lk.1:17; Matt. 11:13,14).
- 18. God even revealed that the Messiah would show up 483 years after a decree to rebuild Jerusalem. This works out to be 26 A.D. from the time that the Persian King, Artaxerxes, commissioned Ezra's return (457 B.C.), which is also the date that Luke documents as the beginning of Jesus' ministry (Dan. 9:24-26 530 BC; Ezr. 7:8; Lk.3:1). What other possible explanation could there be for this, that would take seriously that this is an actual prophecy? How many possible decrees to rebuild and restore Jerusalem have there been? What other historical figures 483 years after any of these decrees have ever been thought by *anyone* to be the Messiah? Could this just be coincidental, or "rigged"? No way! The Dead Sea scrolls prove that Daniel's prophecy existed long before Jesus was born. It defies the imagination that someone could simply dismiss such a clear, powerful indicator of *when* God's Messiah would show up on the scene!
- 19. God would even call Him "the Son of God" (Psa. 2:7 970 BC; Matt. 3:17).
- 20. Isaiah said that the people of the spiritually darkened area of Galilee would see a great light, and that "He will make it glorious" along "the way of the sea" (the name of the caravan route along the sea of Galilee). Jesus concentrated much of His ministry in *this very region* and displayed the glory of God through signs and wonders, preaching the good news of the Kingdom of God (Isa. 9:1,2; Matt. 4:13-16).
- 21. It was said that He would speak in parables (Psa. 78:2-4 700 BC; Matt. 13:34,35).
- 22. He would preach good news to the afflicted, and bind up the brokenhearted (Isa.61:1,2; Lk. 4:18,19).

- 23. As the introducer of the Messianic age, He would open the eyes of the blind, heal the lame, restore hearing to the deaf, enable the dumb to speak (Isa. 29:18,19; 35:5,6; Matt. 11:2-5).
- 24. He will be a light to the nations (Isa. 49:6; Jn. 8:12).
- 25. He is to bring salvation to the ends of the earth (Isa. 49:6; Jn. 12:32; Matt. 28:18-20).
- 26. Moses prophesied that God would raise up a prophet like him, one who would speak God's words with authority (Deut. 18:15; Matt. 21:11; Lk. 7:16; Jn. 7:16; 12:47-49; Acts 3:19-26).
- 27. He would be a priest according to the order of Melchizedek (Psa. 110:4 970 BC; Heb. 5:5,6).
- 28. He would come into Jerusalem as a humble King, riding on a donkey (Zech. 9:9; Mk. 11:7-11).
- 29. He would be honored and praised by infants and small children (Psa. 8:2 970 BC; Matt. 21:15,16).
- 30. He would not be believed (Isa. 53:1; Jn. 12:37,38).
- 31. He would be despised and rejected by His own people (Isa. 49:7; 53:3; Jn. 1:11; Lk. 23:18).
- 32. He would be betrayed by a close friend (Psa. 41:9 970 BC; Jn. 13:21-26).
- 33. He would be sold out for 30 pieces of silver (Zech. 11:12; Matt. 26:15).
- 34. His disciples would scatter upon His arrest (Zech. 13:7; Matt. 26:31,56).
- 35. He would be hated without reason (Psa. 35:19 970 BC; Jn. 15:24).
- 36. He would be accused by false witnesses (Psa. 35:11; Mk. 14:57.58).
- 37. He would be silent before His accusers (Isa. 53:7; Mk. 15:4,5).
- 38. He would be considered as a criminal (Isa. 53:12; Mk. 15:27.28).
- 39. He would be spat on and beaten (Isa. 50:6; Matt. 26:67).
- 40. He would be whipped (Isa. 53:5; Jn. 19:1).
- 41. They would pierce His hands and His feet (Psa. 22:16 970 BC; Act 2:33; Jn. 20:19-35; cf. His side Zech. 12:10; Jn. 19:34).
- 42. They would sneer at Him and mock Him (Psa. 22:7,8; Lk. 23:35).
- 43. He would be insulted (Psa. 69:9 970 BC; Rom. 15:3).
- 44. They would gamble for His clothing (Psa. 22:17; Matt. 27:46).
- 45. He would suffer as a sacrifice for the sins of others (Isa. 53:5; Rom. 5:6,8).
- 46. He would be forsaken by God (Psa. 22:1; Matt. 27:35,36).
- 47. None of His bones would be broken (Psa. 34:20 970 BC; Jn. 19:32,33,36).
- 48. He would be buried in a rich man's tomb (Isa. 53:9; Matt. 27:57-60).
- 49. He would rise from the dead (Psa. 16:10 970 BC; Psa. 49:15; Mk. 16:6,7).
- 50. He would ascend into heaven (Psa. 68:18 970 BC; Acts 1:3-11; 1 Cor. 15:4; Eph. 4:8).
- He will sit at God's right hand, until all His enemies are subjected to Him (Psa. 110:1; Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20).