

Prophecies Concerning the First Coming of Messiah

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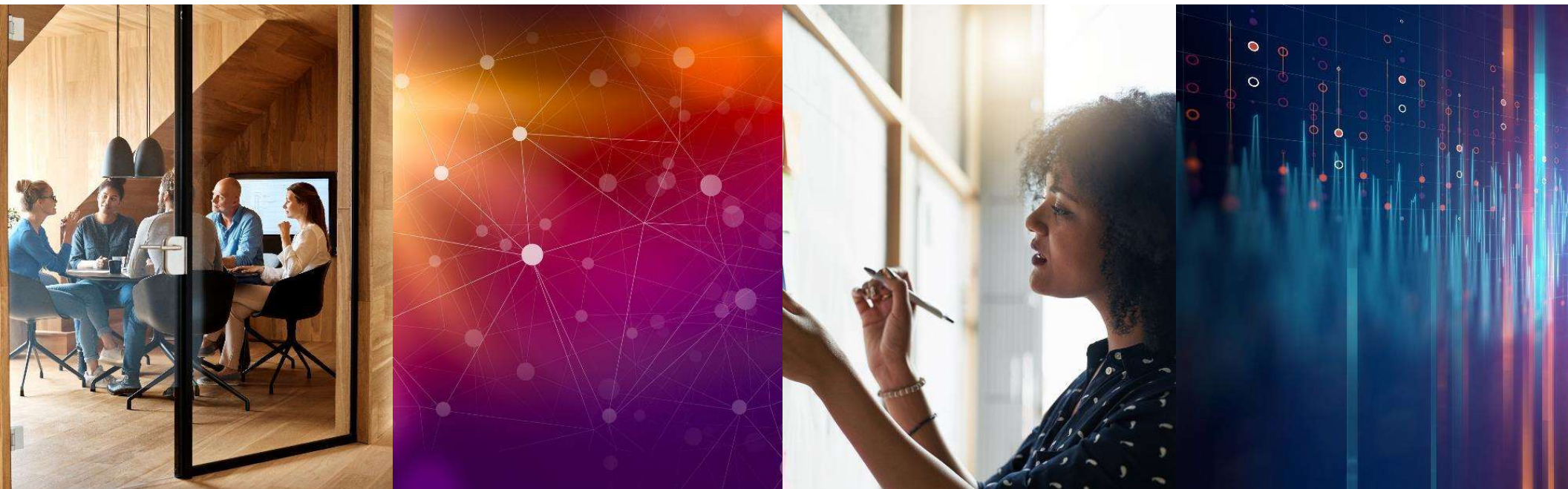
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Introduction

Before we study the book of Mark, we shall have a 2-part introduction to Mark including going thru the first 2 chapters. Mark immediately “gets into it” without much introductory material, so we shall provide some of that for ourselves. Here we examine a select number of Old Testament Prophecies concerning the birth and early life of the Messiah of Israel and indicate their New Testament Fulfillment.



Messiah Shall Be Born of a Virgin


The Virgin Birth

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

Isaiah 7:14: Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel.

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

Matthew 1:22-23: All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel'--which means, 'God with us.'



Messiah Shall Be Of The Tribe of Judah And From Bethlehem

Bethlehem of Judah

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

Micah 5:2: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

Mat 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 2 Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren;

Matthew 2:1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem.



Messiah's Death Shall Be Sought After in His Infancy

Attempted Murder in Messiah's Infancy

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

Jeremiah 31:15: This is what the Lord says: 'A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because her children are no more.'

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

Matthew 2:16-18: When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: 'A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.'



Messiah Shall Come Out of Egypt

Out Of Egypt Shall Messiah Come

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

Hosea 11:1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

Matthew 2:14-15 So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.'



Messiah Shall Be Poor and Average Looking

Messiah Shall be Poor and Average Looks

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

Isa 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

Luke 2:7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.



A Messenger Prepares the Way for Messiah

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OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

Mal 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

Mat 11:7 And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? 8 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. 10 For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. 11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.



Messiah's Messenger Shall Be In The Spirit Of Elijah And A Voice Crying in the Wilderness

A Messenger Prepares the Way for Messiah

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

Isa 40:3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

Mat 3:3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Luke 1:17 (Speaking of John the Baptist)
And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.



Messiah Shall Be a Stumbling Block To Israel

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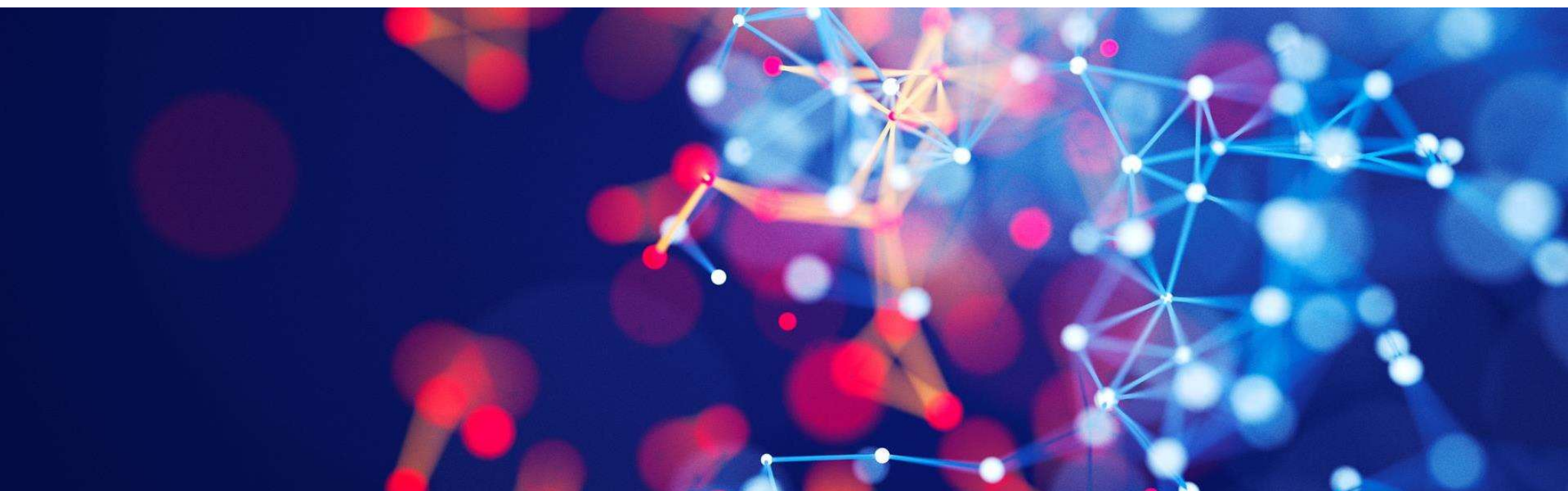
OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

Isa 8:14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

Mark 12:10 And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:

I Pet 2:8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.



Summary

This Review Of Some Of The Messianic Prophecies Concerning The Nature and Earthly Background Of The Messiah Serves As Part One Of Our Introduction To The Book Of Mark.

Thank You

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