

Chardon Christian Fellowship
Home Fellowship Lessons
Names of God
Lesson 8: Jesus; Named in the Old Testament

INTRODUCTION

In the Old Testament, we see promises and descriptions of the Messiah. We are informed of the things that the Messiah would do, the signs that will show who He is, and the details of His ministry.

This lesson focuses on the description and names of the Son of God, Messiah, Jesus Christ. We will focus in this lesson on the Old Testament descriptions and prophecies, and in the next lesson, the names of Jesus in the New Testament.

LESSON

A. Jesus's birth was foretold

Genesis 3:15 ¹⁴ *The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, and dust you will eat all the days of your life; ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."* NASB

The above verse from Genesis is cited by many scholars as prophesy that the Messiah will come from the "seed of a woman" and not that of a "man" (See **Isaiah 7:14** below). Satan will hurt the Messiah (**Matthew 27:33-61**), however, Messiah will in the end crush the head of Satan (**Rev 20:7-10**).

Isaiah 7:14 ¹⁴ *Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.* NASB

In a previous lesson we learned that *Immanu El* (Immanuel) literally means "*Elohim with us*" or "*God with us.*" The virgin will give birth to a son whose name is "*God With Us.*"

Micah 5:2 *"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity (olam)."* NASB

In the above verse in Micah, the birthplace (Bethlehem) of the Messiah (the Eternal One) is foretold, which is then recorded in **Matthew 2:1** and **Luke 2:4-6**. He is also referred to as The Eternal One in this passage, which we know from previous study as *El Olam* (Eternal God; **Genesis 21:33**).

B. God gave names to Jesus in the Old Testament

1. Messiah

In Daniel, there is a prophecy regarding the Messiah and the “seventy weeks of the Messiah”. The word used in Hebrew for Messiah is *mashiyach* which is interpreted as Messiah or The Anointed One.

Daniel 9:25-26 ²⁵ So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah (Mashiyach) the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. ²⁶ Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah (Mashiyach) will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. NASB

We also see *mashiyach* used in a prophetic Psalm about the Messiah. The passage below, **Psalm 2**, is prophetic about the Lord’s Anointed, the Messiah (*mashiyach*). The Lord (YHWH; verse 2) calls him “His Anointed”, “My King”, “My Son”, and “the Son”. God calling The Messiah as His Son is also recorded in **Matthew 3:16-17**.

Psalm 2:1-12 Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing? ² The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His Anointed (Mashiyach) saying, ³ “Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!” ⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them. ⁵ Then He will speak to them in His anger and terrify them in His fury, saying, ⁶ “But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain.” ⁷ “I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You. ⁸ ‘Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Your possession. ⁹ ‘You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.’” ¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; Take warning, O judges of the earth. ¹¹ Worship the LORD with reverence and rejoice with trembling. ¹² Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him! NASB

Matthew 3:16-17 ¹⁶ After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, ¹⁷ and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.” NASB

2. Immanuel

In a previous lesson we learned that *Immanu El* (Immanuel) literally means “*Elohim with us*” or “*God With Us*.” The virgin will give birth to a son whose name is “*God With Us*.” This passage defines for us that the Messiah will be the Son of God.

Isaiah 7:14 ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel. NASB

3. Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

We find in Isaiah a wonderful description of the Messiah. This can only be the Messiah since it refers to a ‘child born to us’ with the stated Godly attributes:

Isaiah 9:6-7 ⁶ *For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.*
NASB

In some translations “Wonderful” and “Counselor” are together as “Wonderful Counselor” and in some translations they are separate attributes of the Messiah, separated with a comma as “Wonderful, Counselor.” The two words are separate in Hebrew, describing the Messiah’s attributes. For a better understanding of this passage in **Isaiah 9**, we can look to the Orthodox Jewish Bible translation for clarification of the descriptions of the Messiah:

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 9:6 *For unto us a yeled (child) is born, unto us ben (son) is given; and the misrah (dominion) shall be upon his shoulder; and Shmo shall be called Peleh (Wonderful), Yoetz (Counsellor), El Gibbor (Mighty G_d), Avi Ad (Possessor of Eternity), Sar Shalom (Prince of Peace).* OJB

This verse in **Isaiah 9** was highlighted by Sandy Patty and Larnelle Harris in a song released in 1982, ‘More Than Wonderful’ (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZawEuhZxWgw>). You are encouraged to go listen to it [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBKCoRdbjig> recorded in 1984, or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SRTwUvZG5a0> about 20 years later with the great pianist Anthony Burger].

- (a) Wonderful (Peleh) – defined as: miraculous; wonderful; marvel; extraordinary.
- (b) Counselor (Yoetz or Yawatz) – defined as: to advise; counsel, counselor. He is THE COUNSELOR for any and all facets of our lives.
- (c) Mighty God (El Gibbor) – *El* being short hand for *Elohim*, that is, God the Lord. *Gibbor* defined as powerful, strong, mighty, strong or mighty warrior. Only The Messiah can be The Powerful, Almighty God.
- (d) Eternal Father (Avi or ‘Ab or Awb; Ad or ‘Ad) – *Avi* being defined as: God as Father of His people; father of an individual; head, founder, patron of a group of people. ‘*Ad* being defined as: perpetuity; forever; indefinite into the future; forever duration. Only God can be the Eternal Father.
- (e) Prince of Peace (Sar Shalom) – *Sar* is defined as: head person; chieftain; noble; official; captain. *Shalom* is defined as: safety; soundness; completeness; health and prosperity welfare; peace; tranquility. Only God can be the “head person” or guardian of

peace and welfare. No one can exceed His power, therefore, His desires are the guarantee of the outcome.

C. Jesus's ministry and death were foretold, and He fulfilled prophecy

The Messiah will fulfill prophecies when He comes. There are many prophecies about Jesus; however, we will only focus on a few verses that point out His character and descriptions of Him.

(1) Zechariah 9:9 *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.* NASB

This promise above from the Old Testament is considered prophetic regarding King Jesus. There are verses in the New Testament that confirm the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy of King Jesus:

(a) Jesus is just -

Revelation 19:11 ¹¹ *And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.* NASB

Luke 18:6-8 ⁶ *And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge ⁷ now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?" ⁸ I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"* NASB

1 Peter 3:18 ¹⁸ *For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;* NASB

(b) Jesus is endowed with salvation –

Salvation is the 'deliverance from harm, ruin or loss.' Jesus is the Perfect Lamb of God whose death on the cross paid for our sins (atonement), and as a result, secured our salvation (release from 'harm, ruin, loss' due to sin). He did this perfectly, fully, and to the satisfaction of God the Father.

1 Peter 2:24-25 ²⁴ *and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. ²⁵ For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.* NASB

Hebrews 7:24-25 ²⁴ *but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. ²⁵ Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.* NASB

1Peter 3:18 ¹⁸ For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; NASB

Acts 4:10-12 ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead – by this name this man stands here before you in good health. ¹¹ He is the STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, but WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” NASB

Ephesians 2:5-9 ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. NASB

Romans 10:8-10 ⁸ But what does it say? “THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART”—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. NASB

(c) Jesus is humble -

Philippians 2:5-7 ⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. NASB Is there anything more humble than the Son of God becoming a man ?!

John 13:5 ⁵ Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. NASB This was the lowest form of servanthood, that is, the one who took off the visitor’s sandals, and washed their grimy and dirty feet. Remember, they walked on paths or hard-packed roads of dirt or rock, animals also were on those roads (no diapers on the animals!), and they did not have socks (just feet and leather sandals). The Messiah and God of this Universe, who in the future would hold the keys of death and hell (**Revelation 1:17-18**), washed their feet !!!

(d) Jesus was mounted on a donkey -

Luke 19:30-35 ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you; there, as you enter, you will find a colt tied on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, and they threw their coats on the colt and put Jesus on it. NASB

(2) Psalm 22:16-18 ¹⁶ *For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet.* ¹⁷ *I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me;* ¹⁸ *They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.* NASB

This above passage from the Old Testament is considered prophetic regarding Messiah, Jesus, who was to be killed for His people. There are verses in the New Testament that confirm the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy of the Messiah. Keep in mind, He who was God before the beginning (**Genesis 1:1** ; **John 8:58**) and will be beyond the end (**Revelation 1:17** ; **Revelation 22:13**)

(a) Pierced hands and feet -

Crucifixion is the cruelest and most humiliating form of punishment in the ancient world and the Roman Empire. It predates Roman rule, where the pre-Roman Empire Greeks used it and referred to crucifixion as *anastauro* which usually means “to impale” people onto poles or crosses. It was customary under Roman rule to nail the arms (just above the wrists) and the feet to the cross so that the victim would suffer horribly as a public spectacle for many hours or days, eventually dying from asphyxiation. This was the custom in the Roman Empire during the Spartacus rebellion (73-71 BC; where they lined 120 miles of the Appian Way from Rome with 6,000 crucified bodies), other rebellions, and at the siege and destruction of Jerusalem in 71 AD. Thus, through this time period, the Romans used this form of execution. We do not have the details of the nails in the hands and feet in the four Gospel accounts; however, we do know He was crucified and it was the custom of the occupying Roman army, most likely to have been by capital punishment of crucifixion by nailing His wrists and feet nailed to the cross. The crucifixion is described in all four Gospel accounts (**Matthew 27:15-66**; **Mark 15:6-47**; **Luke 23:13-53**; **John 19:13-42**), and Jesus confirms the use of nails in Luke:

Luke 24:38-40 ³⁸ *And He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”* ³⁹ *See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”* ⁴⁰ *And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.* NASB

(b) Count all my bones -

It was customary that in order to speed up a death during crucifixion, the soldiers would break the leg bones. During crucifixion, as fluid accumulates in the lungs and around the heart, in order to breathe, one has to push up using the feet and legs to relieve the strain on the chest muscles and take a breath. If the leg are broken, you cannot push up, and soon suffocate (asphyxiation). Jesus did not have his legs broken and fulfilled the passage in **Psalm 22**:

John 19:31-36 ³¹ *Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.* ³² *So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him;* ³³ *but coming to*

Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. ³⁵ And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. ³⁶ For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, "NOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE BROKEN." NASB

(c) They stare at me –

Many scholars believe this refers Jesus on the cross, lifted up before man, and they gazed upon Him on the cross. Jesus actually stated this:

John 12:32-33 ³² *And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.* ³³ *But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die. NASB*

Luke 23:48 ⁴⁸ *And all the crowds who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, began to return, beating their breasts. NASB* This confirms that there was a crowd watching the crucifixion (watching, gazing, staring) and they would have to “look up” to view Jesus on a cross on top of a hill.

(c) Divide my garments –

John 19:23 ²³ *Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. NASB*

(d) Cast lots for clothing -

John 19:23 ²³ *Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. ²⁴ So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be"; this was to fulfill the Scripture: "THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS." NASB*

(3) Isaiah 53:6 ⁶ *All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him. NASB*

(a) Jesus bore (as a burden) our iniquity -

1 Peter 2:21-24 ²¹ *For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, ²² WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; ²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. NASB*

Matthew 8:16-17 ¹⁶ *When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill. ¹⁷ This was to*

fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES." NASB

APPLICATION

Even after 35+ years, the lyrics in the song 'More Than Wonderful' by Sandy Patty and Larnelle Harris reach out to us and challenge us:

I stand amazed when I think that the King of glory
Should come to dwell within the heart of man
I marvel just to know He really loves me
When I think of who He is, and who I am

For He's more wonderful than my mind can conceive
He's more wonderful than my heart can believe
He goes beyond my highest hopes and fondest dreams
He's everything that my soul ever longed for
Everything He's promised and so much more,
More than amazing, more than marvelous
More than miraculous could ever be
He's more than wonderful, that's what Jesus is to me

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- Our souls and eternal destination have been purchased with such a great price (the Blood of Jesus).
- Before time began, God planned for the redemption of man. Before time began, God committed that as God the Son, The Messiah, He would pay the price for our sins and save us from eternal separation from God.
- Throughout the Old Testament, the Messiah is described and promised.
- Throughout Jesus's time on earth, He proclaimed His coming as the Messiah and that He would die for us.
- It is a fact that Jesus died on the cross, innocent of any sin, fulfilling the payment for our sins.
- After His death and resurrection, He ascended to heaven and sent The Helper (Holy Spirit) to guide us.
- The New Testament proclaims the Messiah's triumph over death at resurrection, and that He has the keys to death and Hades.
- The New Testament proclaims that at the name of Jesus, all will bow and acknowledge Him as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

THEN CONSIDER:

- Why do we complain about such trivial things when our sins are forgiven, our soul has been healed, and eternity assured through the Blood of Jesus?
- Why do we neglect worshipping the One who paid for our sins?
- Why do we not recoil with wretchedness when someone blasphemes the Name of the Holy One?

SUGGESTION:

- Perhaps we should read our Bible before beginning the day, so our mind is focused on The Lord instead of earthly things?
- Perhaps we should ask God to give us a deep appreciation of the price that was paid for our sins? Maybe consider the consequence of no salvation.
- Perhaps we could memorize one of the verses in this study that pertain to the Messiah?

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