

## MESSIANIC PROPHECY—ISAIAH PART FIVE

### Isaiah 42:1-7

"Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one *in whom* My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> "He will not cry out or raise *His voice*, Nor make His voice heard in the street. <sup>3</sup> "A bruised reed He will not break And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> "He will not be disheartened or crushed Until He has established justice in the earth; **And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law.**" <sup>5</sup> Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it And spirit to those who walk in it, <sup>6</sup> "I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you, And I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup> To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon And those who dwell in darkness from the prison." (NASB)

"Behold My Servant, the Messiah, I will draw Him near, My chosen one in whom my Memra is well-pleased."  
(Targum Pseudo Jonathan)

- The servant (Messiah) would be delighted in by the LORD (referenced at baptism, Matt 3:17, Mark 1:11, Luke 3:22 and transfiguration, Matt 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35; 2 Pet 1:17)
- The servant (Messiah) would be given the Spirit (John 3:34, "without measure")
- The servant (Messiah) would be gentle and meek (Matthew 11:29)
- The servant (Messiah) would persevere and not overcome with discouragement as He succeeds in His ministry
- The servant (Messiah) would be the covenant for Jews and Gentiles

"But Jesus, aware of *this*, withdrew from there. Many followed Him, and He healed them all, <sup>16</sup> and warned them not to tell who He was. <sup>17</sup> *This was* to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: <sup>18</sup> "BEHOLD, MY SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN; MY BELOVED IN WHOM MY SOUL IS WELL-PLEASSED; I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM, AND HE SHALL PROCLAIM JUSTICE TO THE GENTILES. <sup>19</sup> "HE WILL NOT QUARREL, NOR CRY OUT; NOR WILL ANYONE HEAR HIS VOICE IN THE STREETS. <sup>20</sup> "A BATTERED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK OFF, AND A SMOLDERING WICK HE WILL NOT PUT OUT, UNTIL HE LEADS JUSTICE TO VICTORY. <sup>21</sup> "**AND IN HIS NAME THE GENTILES WILL HOPE.**" (Matthew 12:16-21 NASB)

### Isaiah 49:1-8

"Listen to Me, O islands, And pay attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called Me from the womb; From the body of My mother He named Me. <sup>2</sup> He has made My mouth like a sharp sword, In the shadow of His hand He has concealed Me; And He has also made Me a select arrow, He has hidden Me in His quiver. <sup>3</sup> He said to Me, "You are My Servant, Israel, In Whom I will show My glory." <sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have toiled in vain, I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity; Yet surely the justice *due* to Me is with the LORD, And My reward with My God." <sup>5</sup> And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel might be gathered to Him (For I am honored in the sight of the LORD, And My God is My strength), <sup>6</sup> He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel *and* its Holy One, To the despised One, To the One abhorred by the nation, To the Servant of rulers, "Kings will see and arise, Princes will also bow down, Because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You." <sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD, "In a favorable time I have answered You, And in a day of salvation I have helped You; And I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people, To restore the land, to make *them* inherit the desolate heritages;" (NASB)

- The servant (Messiah) would be despised and abhorred

- The servant (Messiah) would be a messenger of light to the ends of the earth
- The servant (Messiah) would be restore Israel and their land back to the LORD

### **Isaiah 50:4-9**

"The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens *Me* morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple. <sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not disobedient Nor did I turn back. <sup>6</sup> I gave My back to those who strike *Me*, And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting. <sup>7</sup> For the Lord GOD helps Me, Therefore, I am not disgraced; Therefore, I have set My face like flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed. <sup>8</sup> He who vindicates *Me* is near; Who will contend with *Me*? Let us stand up to each other; Who has a case against *Me*? Let him draw near to *Me*. <sup>9</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD helps *Me*; Who is he who condemns *Me*? Behold, they will all wear out like a garment; The moth will eat them." (NASB)

- The servant (Messiah) would be taught by God each morning
- The servant (Messiah) would suffer and be humiliated
- The servant (Messiah) would be innocent and will withstand all accusations (John 8:46)

### **Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

- The servant (Messiah) would be born in natural circumstances with no unusual characteristics
- The servant (Messiah) would suffer
- The servant (Messiah) would be rejected and despised
- The servant (Messiah) would undergo a legal trial and be condemned to death
- The servant (Messiah) would executed
- The servant (Messiah) would buried in a rich man's tomb
- The servant (Messiah) would resurrected
- The servant (Messiah) would live and die as a substitute to fulfill OT law
- The servant (Messiah) would bring justification to all who believe in Him<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Closely following Arnold Fruchtenbaum in *Messianic Christology*, page 59.