

MESSIANIC PROPHECY— JEREMIAH, EZEKIEL

Jeremiah 23:5-6

"Behold, *the* days are coming," declares the LORD, "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch [tzemmach]; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ "In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, 'The LORD [Yahweh] our righteousness.'" (NASB)

- The Messiah will be a king from the line of David and will do justice in the land
- The Messiah will save Judah and Israel (cf. Romans 11:25-26)
- The Messiah will be called "Yahweh" and be the God-Man

The *Midrash* on Proverbs 21 reads, "Rabbi Hunah said, 'Eight names are given to the Messiah which are: Yinnon, Shiloh [Genesis 49:10], David, Menachem, Yahweh [Jer 23:6], Justi de Nostra, Tzemmach [branch- Jeremiah 26:5; 33:11; Zech 3:8; 6:12], Elias [Elijah].'"

The *Midrash* on Lamentations 1:16 reads, "What is the name of the Messiah? Rav Ava ben Kahanna said, 'Yahweh is his name and this is proved by, 'this is his name...[quoting Jeremiah 23:6].'"

The *Midrash* on Psalm 21:1 says, "God calls King Messiah by his own name, but what is his name? the answer is 'Yahweh is a man of war' and concerning Messiah we read 'Yahweh our righteousness this is his name.'"¹

Jeremiah 30:9, 21

But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them. (Jer 30:9 NASB)

Their leader [lit. 'majestic one'; Heb. *addir*] shall be one of them, And their ruler shall come forth from their midst; And I will bring him near and he shall approach Me; For who would dare to risk his life to approach Me?' declares the LORD. (Jer 30:21 NASB)

- The Messiah will be a king from the line of David
- The Messiah will be Jewish and will also serve as a priest ("bring him near")

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD, "I will also take *a sprig* from the lofty top of the cedar and set *it* out; I will pluck from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one and I will plant *it* on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ "On the high mountain of Israel I will plant it, that it may bring forth boughs and bear fruit and become a stately [lit. 'majestic'; Heb *adder*] cedar. And birds of every kind will nest under it; they will nest in the shade of its branches. ²⁴ "All the trees of the field will know that I am the LORD; I bring down the high tree, exalt the low tree, dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will perform *it*." (NASB)

- The Messiah will be a majestic (or 'stately') figure who bears much fruit
- The Messiah will be honored by all other kings of the earth ('trees of the field')

Ezekiel 21:25-27

And you, O slain, wicked one, the prince of Israel, whose day has come, in the time of the punishment of the end, ²⁶ thus says the Lord GOD, Remove the turban and take off the crown; this *will* no longer *be* the same. Exalt that which is low and abase that which is high. ²⁷ A ruin, a ruin, a ruin, I will make it. This also will be no more until He comes whose right it is, and I will give it *to Him*.' (NASB)

- The Messiah will be the one who unites the office of Priest and King (turban and crown; see Hebrews 7)

¹ These three quotes occur in *Messianic Christology* by Arnold Fruchtenbaum, page 62-63. He also mentions *Talmud (Babba Bathra Tractate 75b)* where it alludes to Jeremiah 23:5-6 giving the name of the Messiah as "LORD our Righteousness".

Ezekiel 34:1-31

1 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying, ² "Son of man, prophesy against the **shepherds of Israel**. Prophesy and say to those shepherds, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "**Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves!** Should not the shepherds feed the flock?' ³ "You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat *sheep* without feeding the flock. ⁴ "Those who are sickly you have not strengthened, the diseased you have not healed, the broken you have not bound up, the scattered you have not brought back, **nor have you sought for the lost**; but with force and with severity you have dominated them. ⁵ "They were scattered for lack of a shepherd, and they became food for every beast of the field and were scattered. ⁶ "**My flock** wandered through all the mountains and on every high hill; **My flock** was scattered over all the surface of the earth, and there was no one to search or seek *for them*.'" ⁷ Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ⁸ "As I live," declares the Lord GOD, "surely because **My flock** has become a prey, **My flock** has even become food for all the beasts of the field for lack of a shepherd, and My shepherds did not search for **My flock**, but *rather* the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed **My flock**;" ⁹ therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ¹⁰ 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will demand My sheep from them and make them cease from feeding sheep. So the shepherds will not feed themselves anymore, but I will deliver **My flock** from their mouth, so that they will not be food for them.'" ¹¹ For thus says the Lord GOD, "**Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.**" ¹² "As a shepherd cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day. ¹³ "I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the streams, and in all the inhabited places of the land. ¹⁴ "I will feed them in a good pasture, and their grazing ground will be on the mountain heights of Israel. There they will lie down on good grazing ground and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ "I will feed **My flock** and I will lead them to rest," **declares the Lord GOD.** ¹⁶ "**I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with judgment.**" ¹⁷ "As for you, **My flock**, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I will judge between one sheep and another, between the rams and the male goats. ¹⁸ 'Is it too slight a thing for you that you should feed in the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pastures? Or that you should drink of the clear waters, that you must foul the rest with your feet?' ¹⁹ 'As for **My flock**, they must eat what you tread down with your feet and drink what you foul with your feet!'" ²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them, "Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ "Because you push with side and with shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns until you have scattered them abroad, ²² therefore, I will deliver **My flock**, and they will no longer be a prey; and I will judge between one sheep and another. ²³ "Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd. ²⁴ "And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David will be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken. ²⁵ "I will make a covenant of peace with them and eliminate harmful beasts from the land so that they may live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. ²⁶ "I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing. And I will cause showers to come down in their season; they will be showers of blessing. ²⁷ "Also the tree of the field will yield its fruit and the earth will yield its increase, and they will be secure on their land. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bars of their yoke and have delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them. ²⁸ "They will no longer be a prey to the nations, and the beasts of the earth will not devour them; but they will live securely, and no one will make *them* afraid. ²⁹ "I will establish for them a renowned planting place, and they will not again be victims of famine in the land, and they will not endure the insults of the nations anymore. ³⁰ "Then they will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are My people," declares the Lord GOD. ³¹ "As for you, My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, you are men, and I am your God," declares the Lord GOD." (NASB)

- The Messiah will be the true shepherd of God's flock and will also be Yahweh (cf. Luke 19:10)

And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ "For the Son of Man has come to **seek** and to save that which was **lost.**" (Luke 19:9-10 NASB)

"I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One as a **Son of Man was coming**, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. ¹⁴ "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and *men of every language* Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed. (Dan 7:13-14 NASB)