

MESSIANIC PROPHECY— JOEL, HOSEA, AMOS, MICAH

Joel 2:23

"So rejoice, O sons of Zion, And be glad in the LORD your God; For He has given you the early rain for *your* vindication. And He has poured down for you the rain, The early and latter rain as before." (NASB)

""And ye sons of Zion, joy and rejoice, In Jehovah your God, For He hath given to you the **Teacher for righteousness**, And causeth to come down to you a shower, Sprinkling and gathered -- in the beginning." (YLT)

- The Messiah would be a teacher for righteousness (see Luke 22:9-11; Vulgate, Targum and Symmachus have 'teacher').
- The Messiah would be bring forth the rain "at first" and then later "pour down" His Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28-29 being began at Pentecost in Acts 2- cf. Kaiser, *Messiah in the OT*, pg. 142; Hosea 6:3).

"They said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare it?"¹⁰ And He said to them, "When you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house that he enters."¹¹ "And you shall say to the owner of the house, '**The Teacher** says to you, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"'" (Luk 22:9 NASB)

"When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at **His teaching**;²⁹ for He was teaching them as *one* having authority, and not as their scribes." (Mat 7:28 NASB)

Hosea 3:4-5

"For the sons of Israel will remain for many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or *sacred* pillar and without ephod or household idols.⁵ Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king; and they will come trembling to the LORD and to His goodness in the last days." (NASB)

- The Messiah would be the 2nd "David" and sought after by Israel in the latter days (Zech 12:10; Hos 5:15-6:3)

Amos 9:11-15

"In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, And wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins And rebuild it as in the days of old;¹² That they may possess the remnant of Edom And all the nations who are called by My name," Declares the LORD who does this.¹³ "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "When the plowman will overtake the reaper And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; When the mountains will drip sweet wine And all the hills will be dissolved."¹⁴ "Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, And they will rebuild the ruined cities and live *in them*; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit."¹⁵ "I will also plant them on their land, And they will not again be rooted out from their land Which I have given them," Says the LORD your God." (NASB)

- The Messiah will be raised up in fulfillment of promises to David 'its ruins' (quoted in Acts 15:15-17 and determine that it will be AFTER the church age)

Micah 2:12-13

"I will surely assemble all of you, Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of Israel. I will put them together like sheep in the fold; Like a flock in the midst of its pasture They will be noisy with men."¹³ "The breaker goes up before them; They break out, pass through the gate and go out by it. So their king goes on before them, And the LORD at their head." (NASB)

- The Messiah will be at the head of the flock who also will be King and the LORD
- The Messiah will be preceded by a "breaker" (alluded to in Matthew 11:12; Elijah is the breaker in Jewish tradition [RaDaK commentary] and seems to agree with Jesus in Matthew 11:13; cf. Mal 3:1a, Isaiah 40:3, Mal 4:5-6, Luke 1:16-17, Matt 17:10-13)

Micah 5:1-4

"Now muster yourselves in troops, daughter of troops; They have laid siege against us; With a rod they will smite the judge of Israel on the cheek."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.**"³ Therefore He will give them *up* until the

time When she who is in labor has borne a child. Then the remainder of His brethren Will return to the sons of Israel. ⁴ And He will arise and shepherd *His flock* In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will remain, Because at that time He will be great To the ends of the earth." (NASB)

- The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem (quoted by Matthew 2:4-6)
- The Messiah's existence would be from eternity past (Psalm 74:12- referring to God; 90:2; 93:2; Prov 8:22-23)
- The Messiah will be a ruler