

Key Messianic Prophecies of the Tanakh (Jewish Bible)

In the Hebraic perspective the absolute congruence between the Hebrew Tanakh (a.k.a. Christian Old Testament) and the B'rit Chadasha (a.k.a. Christian New Testament) is not only an absolute fact but of paramount importance. The Tanakh ... the Testament of Promise is the foundation for the revelation of and fulfillment by Yeshua HaMashiach to Israel and all Nations within the auspices of the Everlasting Covenant as recorded within the B'rit Chadasha.

What this means is that the B'rit Chadasha does not and cannot stand alone without taking into account the fundamental nature that the Tanakh has with respects to: G_D's very nature, G_D's plan for creation; The Everlasting Covenant; The Mashiach and Torah (The WORD) itself. In essence the greater revelation of these matters as recorded within the B'rit Chadasha stand atop the Tanakh and consequently must align with and be reconciled to the earlier revelation. Without such alignment we as people simply would not be able to trust what has been handed down through the years as being viable Holy Scripture.

To this extent it is of the utmost importance to understand what is foretold of the Mashiach first and foremost within the auspices of the Tanakh itself so that we can competently assess if Yeshua did in fact satisfy the requirements of Mashiach ... and secondly to determine if we as people have accurately interpreted what Mashiach's mission ... the Gospel is all about.

As such let us review the key Messianic prophecies within the Tanakh while understanding that these revelations given to us by ADONAI (LORD) are not subject to anything less than mandatory acceptance. The point being that sin is transgression of the law and failure to accept ADONAI's revelation of His Mashiach would essentially constitute rebellion ... or sin!

Let us be clear on this last issue ... the Holy Scriptures reveal that a lack of faith in Mashiach will result in judgment ... as such there can be no doubt that a lack of faith in Mashiach is indeed a breach of the law for which there is no mercy. Consequently our loving ADONAI provided us a plethora of prophecies regarding His Holy One!

Key Messianic Revelations

Knowledge of Mashiach's Divine Nature:

- To know that G_D will come as Mashiach ... HIS ruling ARM (Isa. 40:10)
- To know that Mashiach will be from ancient days ... everlasting and eternal (Micah 4:14-5:2)
- To know that Mashiach will be ImmanuEl ... G_D with us (Isa. 7:13-14)

- To know that Mashiach will come to HIS temple and deliver the covenant (Mal. 3:1)
- To know that Mashiach will be like unto the eternal but as a “Son of Man” coming in the clouds of Heaven (Dan. 7:13-14)
- To know that Mashiach is Lord over kings and the eternal Priest in the matter of Melchizedek. (Psalms 110:1-4)
- To know that Mashiach will be “Pele-Joez-El-Gibbor-Abi-Ad-Sar-Shalom” - Wonderful Counselor, Mighty G_D, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace ... Mashiach will be the exact image and likeness of G_D ... a perfect unity (Isa. 9:5-6)

Commentary:

The Tanakh clearly declares the awesome and divine nature of Mashiach ... The Holy One of Israel! The text is clear and authoritative ... Mashiach is unlike any human and shares the Creator's divine majesty.

To deny the unique unity that Mashiach has with ELOHIM is to essentially tell G_D that “we don't believe you and we will never submit and worship the one you send in Your Holy NAME”.

The B'rit Chadsha records the revelations and events associated with Yeshua of Nazareth ... the record bares testimony to the prophecies and revelations depicted in the Tanakh! Yeshua is the Son of ELOHIM!

Knowledge of Mashiach's Redemptive Mission:

- Bring good tidings unto the humble (Isa. 61:1; Nah. 2:1)
- Bind up the broken-hearted (Isa. 61:1)
- Comfort those that mourn (Isa. 61:1)
- Open the of the eyes to them that are blind (Isa. 61:1; Isa. 35:5)
- Open the ears of the deaf (Isa. 35:5)
- Free the tongue of the dumb (Isa. 35:5)
- Heal the lame (Isa. 35:5)
- Free the captives/possessed/unclean/infirm/dead (Isa. 61:1)
- Strengthen the weak and fearful (Isa. 35:3)
- Proclaim Jubilee (Isa. 61:1; Isa. 35:3)
- Disavow the curse of Israel's covenant with death (Isa. 28:16)
- Serve as the foundation stone for the renewed covenant (Isa. 28:16; Mal. 3:1; Jer. 31:30-33; Psa. 118:22)
- Build G_D's eternal place of dwelling (2 Sam. 7:12-16; Isa. 28:16; Mal. 3:1; Jer. 31:30-33)

- Circumcise the remnant and put Torah upon their hearts (Jer. 31:30-33; Isa. 42:3)
- Guarantee the seed of Israel forever (Jer. 31:36; Isa. 49:5-6)
- Restore the pride of Jacob, as the pride of Israel (Nah. 2:1)
- Cut off the wicked one (hasatan) (Nah. 2:1)
- Minister Mercy in humility and meekness (Isa. 42:2-3)
- Sacrifice His righteous self for the transgressors (Isa. 53:10)
- Bear the iniquities of the transgressors (Isa. 53:11)
- Make intercession for the transgressors (Psa. 110:4; Isa. 53:12)
- Reconcile the transgressors to G_D (Jer. 31:33; Isa. 53:11)
- Fill up the Torah as the prophet to come (Deut. 18:15-19; Isa. 42:4; Nah. 2:1)
- Bring light to the darkness (Jer. 31:33; Isa. 9:1; Isa. 42:4)
- Teach the knowledge of G_D (Isa. 2:3-4; Isa. 42:3; Isa. 42:18-21; Hab. 2:14)
- Fill the Earth with the knowledge of G_D (Isa. 7:14; Isa. 42:4; Hab. 2:14)
- Deliver salvation to Israel (Psa. 14:7; Isa. 49:5-6)

- Deliver salvation to the ends of the Earth (Isa. 49:6;
- Bless all the families of the Earth (Isa. 49:6; Gen. 22:18; Gen 28:14)
- Proclaim the day of The LORD's vengeance (Isa. 6:1; (Isa. 35:3)
- Proclaim judgment upon those without faith in HIM (Isa. 28:22; Isa. 40:10; Deut. 18:19)

Commentary:

The Tanakh paints a clear prophetic picture of Mashiach's mission which is focused upon healing, redemption, reconciliation, transformation and salvation.

What also should be discerned however is that Mashiach's mission is most certainly also Covenantal and Torah (knowledge of G_D) centric. The Tanakh clearly points to Mashiach operating within the same eternal guidelines and principles established by the "Great I AM"!

The B'rit Chadasha assuredly upholds Mashiach not only completing this mission but doing so within the same standards and principles set forth in the Tanakh. The clarity of Mashiach's mission is evident when the B'rit Chadasha is viewed within the traditional and proper Hebraic framework.

The life of Mashiach ... the suffering servant:

- Born in Bethlehem (Mic. 5:1)
- Descended from the stock of Jesse (Isa. 1:1-2)
- Descended from the line of King David (Jer. 23:5; 2 Sam. 7:12-16)
- Miraculously birthed of a virgin girl (Isa. 7:14)
- Honored and Blessed by Kings bearing gifts (Psa. 72:10-11)
- Foreshadowed by the messenger ... a voice in the wilderness ... having a spirit of Elijah (Mal. 3:1; Mal. 3:23; Isa. 58)
- Imbued with unmeasured Spirit of G_D (Isa. 42:1; Isa. 61:1)
- A loving delight to the soul of G_D MOST HIGH (Isa. 42:1)
- Humble, meek, merciful and loving (Isa. 42:2-3)
- A most wondrous healer of ailments and torments (Isa. 35:5-6; Isa. 61:1)
- Ridden into Jerusalem triumphantly ... victoriously but lowly in humility upon a donkey (Zech. 9:9)
- Rejected by the leaders of Israel (Psa. 118:22-23)
- Betrayed by his own people (Psa. 41:6-10)
- Betrayed for thirty pieces of silver out of the Temple treasury

(Zech. 11:12-13)

- Alienated from HIS people (Psa. 69:9)
- Abandoned when HE as the shepherd is smitten (Zech. 13:7)
- Beaten, spat upon and shamed by HIS tormentors (Isa. 50:5-7)
- Tested by HIS tormentors (Psa. 22:8-9)
- A reproach ... despised of the people (Psa. 22:7-9; Isa. 53:3; Psa. 69:20)
- Allowed to suffer without rescue (Psa. 22:2-3; Isa. 53:4-5)
- Robbed of HIS garments by way of the casting of lots (Psa. 22:19)
- Allowed to be offered up for slaughter (Isa. 53:7-8; Dan. 9:26)
- Sacrificed for Israel (Isa. 53:8-9)
- Wounded in the hands and feet (Psa. 22:17)
- Suffering no broken bones (Psa. 22:18)
- Given vinegar to drink (Psa. 69:22)
- Obedient unto death (Isa. 53:1-9)
- Die broken hearted (Psa. 69:21)
- Poured out like water (Psa. 22:15)

- Buried with the sinners (Isa. 53:9)
- Not be abandoned to the nether-world ... be raised from the dead (Psa. 16:9-10; Hosea 5:15-6:2; Jon. 2:3-10)
- Questioned about the wounds on HIS hands (Zech. 13:6)
- Remembered by Name forever (Psa. 72:17)

The Tanakh is not short on prophetic passages depicting how Mashiach can and would be recognized. The Tanakh contains prophecies pertaining to Mashiach's birth through His death and resurrection. The fulfillment of these prophecies was recorded in the B'rit Chadasha and can only be ascribed to the personage of Yeshua of Nazareth.

There is no doubt that within the Tanakh itself a clear picture is painted regarding the two-fold manifestation of Mashiach. First as the suffering servant (Mashiach ben Yosef) and yet again as the Conquering King (Mashiach ben David)

Mashiach is destined to be the KING OF KINGS:

- Mashiach will wait to return as KING (Isa. 30:8-18)
- Israel will return to G_D ... seeking Mashiach (Hosea 3:3-5)
- Israel in their time of distress will mourn their rejection of Mashiach and G_D will be gracious unto Israel (Zech. 12:8-10)

- The nations shall rebel against G_D and His Anointed King (Psa. 2:1-3)
- Mashiach will be given HIS inheritance (Psa. 2:6-12)
- Mashiach will crush rebellion upon the Earth (Isa. 63:2-6)
- Mashiach will set up HIS Kingdom (Hag. 2:5-9)
- Mashiach will build the temple, bear the glory and sit upon the throne as HE rules (Zech. 6:12-13; 2 Sam. 7:13-14)
- Mashiach rules with the eternal scepter of Judah (Gen. 49:10)
- Mashiach stands as an ensign of the peoples and HIM the nations shall seek (Isa. 11:10)
- Mashiach will rule all the nations ... HIS rightful inheritance as the Eternal Anointed ONE (Psa. 110:1-7; Dan. 7:13-14)
- Mashiach will reign with justice and righteousness ... HE shall prosper ... when Judah is saved and Israel dwells safely (Jer. 23:5-6)
- Mashiach will restore the glory of Israel (Psa. 45:14-18)
- Mashiach will reign for eternity (Dan. 7:14; 2 Sam. 7:13)

The Tanakh clearly depicts the ultimate destiny of Mashiach through numerous prophetic passages. Undoubtedly Mashiach as declared in the Tanakh is destined for eternal Lordship as the “Son of David” ... sitting upon the throne of the Kingdom Israel in glory and splendor.

Naturally the corpus of the Tanakh inspired writings, which declare, reference, imply and allude to Mashiach, are in no way limited to the discrete prophecies depicted herein. From a Messianic Hebraic perspective it is important to recognize and understand that in all ways the Tanakh and B’rit Chadasha is about ADONAI’s own story and what He does for humanity as depicted through His chosen people Israel. As such the corpus is Messianic centric ... in all ways pointing to the restoration plan and works of ADONAI ... and of course His Mashiach.

Consequently the patterns that surface with respects to ADONAI’s actions as well as the lives and actions of major Biblical characters such as: Joseph, Moses, Samuel, David, Zechariah, et. al. ... inevitably point us towards the broader promise and persona of Mashiach Himself.

Ultimately it is this framework of “pattern recognition” ... depicted within the Tanakh (The Testament of promise) that sets the stage for recognition of these promises within the auspices of the B’rit Chadasha (Testament of fulfillment).

Although these declared Messianic truths revealed within the Tanakh may be intuitively obvious to believers of Yeshua (The Christ/Anointed One) ... it is important in all ways that Mashiach’s credentials be established within the Tanakh before they are established in the B’rit Chadasha (a.k.a. Christian New Testament). Ultimately there is little value in a testament of fulfillment (B’rit Chadasha) if said fulfillment cannot be reconciled to a previously declared promise/prophecy within Holy Scripture ... agreed?

Understanding what is being fulfilled and correctly discerning the meaning and ramifications of fulfillment essentially mandate that we first understand correctly the context in which the promise/prophecy was made!

So ... just like in faith we accept all of the awesome events depicted in the Tanakh ... we are left with faith to accept the inspired writings and record of events contained within the B'rit Chadasha. But let us do so knowing that we can't short change our glorious Mashiach. He has done nothing but uphold the Everlasting Covenant ... the Holy Torah ... G_D's plan for humanity ... as is foretold in the Tanakh.

As we marvel at these prophecies and ponder the glory of Yeshua HaMashiach ... let us keep in mind Jewish brethren that these prophecies were fulfilled in Yeshua or we are without hope! As for the Christian brethren let us keep in mind that we can't be selective as to the elements of Mashiach's mission we may want to accept ... it is a package deal. So let us all put on our Hebraic eyes and see Mashiach for Who He truly is ... the Holy and Righteous: Redeemer, Savior, King and LORD of Israel ... and the upholder and completion of the eternal Covenant and Torah of ADONAI!

Note: The complimentary books provided on this site cover in significant detail the completion of Messianic fulfillment by Yeshua of these related prophecies. These Hebraic perspective commentaries of Holy Scripture provide insights with respects to the fullness and meaning of Yeshua's awesome works ... but ... ultimately like all of Holy Scripture it boils down to faith. Just as faith is needed to believe the record of the great Exodus and Wilderness experiences ... faith is required to believe the record of the great events associated with Yeshua's glorious ministry.

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