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In <u>Daniel</u>, The Messiah appears as…

A. **The Stone Cut Out without Hands** (Dan. 2:34-35; 44-45)

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C. **The <u>Ruling Son of Man</u>** (Daniel 7:13-14)

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Micah 5:2 - But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.	***Matthew 2:6 - And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.***

PREDICTION	***FULFILLMENT***
Micah 5:3 - Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.	***Revelation 12:2 - And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.***

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A. My Servant, the Branch (Zech. 3:8; 6:12)

PREDICTION	***FULFILLMENT***
Zechariah 3:8-9 … behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH. For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be <u>seven eyes</u>: …	***Revelation 5:6 - And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and <u>seven eyes</u>, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.***

PREDICTION	***FULFILLMENT***
Zechariah 6:12-13 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, <u>Behold the man</u> whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.	***John 19:5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, <u>Behold the man</u>!*** ***Ephesians 2:21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth <u>unto an holy temple</u> in the Lord:*** ***John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. <u>I go to prepare a place for you</u>.***

B. The Humble King Riding on a Donkey (Zech. 9:9-10)

PREDICTION	***FULFILLMENT***
Zechariah 9:9-10 - Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: <u>behold, thy King cometh unto thee</u>: he is just, and having salvation; <u>lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass</u>…and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.	***Matthew 21:5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, <u>Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass</u>, and a colt the foal of an ass.*** ***John 12:15 Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.***

C. The Rejected Shepherd (Sold for 30 Pieces of Silver) (Zech. 11:12-13)

PREDICTION	FULFILLMENT
Zechariah 11:12-13 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.	***Matthew 26:15 - And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.*** ***Matthew 27:5 - And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.*** ***Matthew 27:7 - And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.***

Note: Jeremiah made the same prediction regarding the potter's field: Jeremiah 18:1-4 & 19:1-3

Fulfilled: Matthew 27:9 - Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

D. The One Looked Upon and Pierced (Zech. 12:9-10)

PREDICTION	FULFILLMENT
Zechariah 12:9-10 - And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. ***And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.***	***Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.***

E. The Smitten Shepherd Abandoned by His Sheep (Zech. 13:7)

PREDICTION	FULFILLMENT
Zechariah 13:6-7 And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. ***Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered…***	***Ps 22:16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.*** ***John 19:34, 37 - But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water….And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.*** ***Mt 26:31 Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.***

F. The Returning LORD Standing on the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:3-9)

PREDICTION	FULFILLMENT
Zechariah 14:3-5 - Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. ***And his feet shall stand in that day upon the <u>mount of Olives</u>, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north,*** ***and half of it toward the south.*** ***… and <u>the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints (Holy Ones) with thee</u>.***	***Acts 1:11-12 - … Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, <u>shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven</u>.*** ***Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the <u>mount called Olivet</u>, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.*** ***1Thess. 3:13 … at the <u>coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints</u>.*** ***Jude 1:14 …Behold, <u>the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints</u>,***

The Mount of Olives, an Eschatological Mountain!
Jesus TAUGHT about the end-times and His Return on the Mount of Olives. It is called the "Olivet Discourse" (Matthew 24-16); He ASCENDED from the Mount of Olives after His resurrection (Acts 1:11-12); and He will RETURN to the Mount of Olives for the Battle of Armageddon (Zech. 14:4-5)

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The Messenger of the Covenant (Malachi 3:1-3)

PREDICTION	FULFILLMENT
Malachi 3:1-3 - Behold, <u>I will send my</u>	***Matthew 11:10-11 - For this is he, of whom it is***

messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.	***written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist:*** ***Hebrews 8:6 … he (Jesus) is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.*** ***Hebrews 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant***

Note: Malachi 3:1 – Lord = Adonai (Master, Sovereign One)

"Messenger of the Covenant" – Jesus would be the Messenger of the New Covenant. This New Covenant promised a new heart and a new spirit fulfilling Jeremiah 31:31-33. A Covenant provided for us at Calvary when Jesus gave His body and shed His blood on the cross; A Covenant to be ultimately realized and fulfilled in Israel when Christ gives Israel the promised kingdom.

Conclusion: Go looking for Jesus when you read your Bible – from Genesis to Revelation. He is the theme of the Bible.

By seeing His glory you will be changed into His image!

2 Cor. 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

I find my Lord in the Bible
Where ever I chance to look,
He is the theme of the Bible
The center and heart of the Book;
He is the Rose of Sharon,
He is the Lily fair,
Where ever I open my Bible
The Lord of the Book is there.
He, at the Book's beginning,
Gave to the earth its form,

He is the Ark of shelter
Bearing the brunt of the storm,
The Burning Bush of the desert,
The budding of Aaron's Rod,
Where ever I look in the Bible
I see the Son of God.
The Ram upon Mt. Moriah,
The Ladder from earth to sky,
The Scarlet Cord in the window,
And the Serpent lifted high,
The smitten rock in the desert,
The Shepherd with staff and crook,
The face of my Lord I discover
Where ever I open the Book.
He is the Seed of the Woman,

The Savior Virgin-born;
He is the Son of David,
Whom men rejected with scorn,
His garments of grace and of beauty
The stately Aaron deck,
Yet He is a priest forever,
For He is Melchizedek.
Lord of eternal glory
Whom John, the Apostle saw;
Light of the golden city,
Lamb without spot or flaw,
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For whom the Virgins look.
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