



The Messiah in the Psalms

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- Reference: The Messiah in the Old Testament by Walter Kaiser, Jr.

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Week	Date	Topic	Scripture	Teacher
1	1/05	Introduction: The Study of Messianism Handout MSWord Presentation	N/A	Bob Gray
2	1/12	The Messiah in the Pentateuch pt. 1 Handout MSWord Presentation	Genesis – Deut.	Bob Gray
3	1/19	The Messiah in the Pentateuch pt. 2	Genesis – Deut.	Bob Gray
4	1/26	The Messiah Before and During the Davidic Monarchy	Judges – 2 Chron.	Norm Herr
5	2/02	The Messiah in the Psalms pt.1	Psalms	Norm Herr
6	2/09	The Messiah in the Psalms pt.2	Psalms	Norm Herr
7	2/16	The Messiah in the Ninth- and Eighth-Century Prophets	Joel, Hosea, Amos, Micah	TBA
8	2/23	Missions Fair	N/A	N/A
9	3/02	The Messiah in the Eighth-Century Prophets (Isaiah)	Isaiah	Rob Taylor
10	3/09	The Messiah in the Seventh- and Sixth-Century Prophets	Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel	Rob Taylor
11	3/16	The Messiah in the Postexilic Prophets	Haggai, Zech, Malich	Rob Taylor
12	3/23	Christophanies	Various	Rob Taylor
13	3/30	Christophanies & Conclusion	Various	Rob Taylor



Treatments of the Psalms

- H.C. Leupold (Exposition of the Psalms)
 - ◆ Considers four Psalms to be Messianic (22,45,72,10)
 - ◆ Others are “types of Christ”
- Augustine
 - ◆ Treated most Psalms as Messianic



Two Lines

- Seed of the Woman (Gen 3:15)
- Messianic Line
- Seed of the Serpent (Gen 3:15)
- Line of the Antichrist
 - 1 John 2:18 Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come.



Organization of Messianic Psalms

- David's Greater Son (Pss 89; 132)
- The Mystery of the Incarnation (Pss 8; 40)
- The Rejection of the Messiah (Pss 118; 78:1-2)
- The Betrayal of the Messiah (Pss 69; 109)
- Death and Beyond (Pss 22; 2)
- Victory Over Death (Pss 16; 102)
- Messiah's Marriage and Ministry (Pss 45; 110)
- The Reign of the Glorious King (Pss 72; 68)



Psalm 89 David's Greater Son

- 19 ¶ Once you spoke in a vision, to your faithful people you said: "I have bestowed strength on a warrior; I have exalted a young man from among the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant; with my sacred oil I have anointed him.
- 21 My hand will sustain him; surely my arm will strengthen him.
- 22 No enemy will subject him to tribute; no wicked man will oppress him.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him and strike down his adversaries.
- 24* My faithful love will be with him, and through my name his horn will be exalted.
- 25 I will set his hand over the sea, his right hand over the rivers.
- 26* He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Saviour.'
- 27* I will also appoint him my firstborn, the most exalted of the kings of the earth.
- 28* I will maintain my love to him for ever, and my covenant with him will never fail.
- 29 I will establish his line for ever, his throne as long as the heavens endure.
- 30 "If his sons forsake my law and do not follow my statutes,
- 31 if they violate my decrees and fail to keep my commands,
- 32 I will punish their sin with the rod, their iniquity with flogging;
- 33 but I will not take my love from him, nor will I ever betray my faithfulness.

Psalm 89 David's Greater Son (promises to David)



- (1) David and his seed would be given divine assistance (v. 21).
- (2) No enemy of David's house would subject him to tribute or be allowed to oppress him (v. 22).
- (3) God would mow down the enemies of the Davidic house as their foes advanced against them (v. 23).
- (4) The Davidic power ("horn") would triumph because God had set his gracious love on that house (v. 24).
- (5) The Davidic kingdom would extend its scope far beyond Canaan (v. 25).



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- (6) David and his seed would be able to cry out at any time to God as "my Father, my God, the Rock iny Savior" (v. 26).
- (7) So exalted would David be over the other kings of the earth that he would be known as God's "firstborn" (v. 27).
- (8) The terms of David's covenant and God's gracious love for him would never fail or end (v. 28).
- (9) The line of David's seed and his throne would endure as long as the heavens (v. 29).

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- ◆ (10) God would not renounce his promise to David just because some of his offspring did not follow God's statutes and laws; these descendants might personally fail to participate in the benefits of the Davidic covenant, but they had to transmit those promises to the rest of the line of David (vv. 30-34).
- ◆ (11) God took a final oath, based on his holiness, that what he had promised to David was inviolable and unbreakable (vv. 35-36).
- ◆ (12) God promises one more time that David's line/seed and throne will be as enduring as the sun and moon are in the sky (vv. 36-37).

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David's Dilemma

How will the promises to David be fulfilled?

- 34 I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered.
- 35 Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness--and I will not lie to David--
- 36* that his line will continue for ever and his throne endure before me like the sun;
- 37* it will be established for ever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky." Selah
- 46 How long, O LORD? Will you hide yourself for ever? How long will your wrath burn like fire?
- 52* Praise be to the LORD for ever! Amen and Amen.



Psalm 110 The conquering King and Enthroned Messiah

- 1 Of David. A psalm.] The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."
- 2 The LORD will extend your mighty sceptre from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies.
- 3* Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy majesty, from the womb of the dawn you will receive the dew of your youth.
- 4* The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest for ever, in the order of Melchizedek."
- 5* ¶ The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.
- 6 He will judge nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.
- 7 He will drink from a brook beside the way; therefore he will lift up his head.
- This psalm is quoted in the NT more frequently than any other psalm (referred to in Mt 22: 41-45; Mk 12:35-37; Lk 20:41-44; Ac 2:34-36; Heb 1: 13; 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:11, 15, 17, 2 1). This psalm is also the source for the references in ICo 15:25; Eph 1:20; Col 3:1; We 3:22; Heb 8:1; and 10:12.



NT references to Psalm 110

- Mark 12:35 While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, “How is it that the teachers of the law say that the Christ is the son of David?”
- Mark 12:36 David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared: ‘The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.’ ’
- Mark 12:37 David himself calls him ‘Lord.’ How then can he be his son?” The large crowd listened to him with delight.
- Luke 20:41 Then Jesus said to them, “How is it that they say the Christ is the Son of David?”
- Luke 20:42 David himself declares in the Book of Psalms: “ ‘The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand
- Luke 20:43 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.’ ” ’
- Luke 20:44 David calls him ‘Lord.’ How then can he be his son?”



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- Acts 2:34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “ ‘The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand
- Acts 2:35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” ’
- Acts 2:36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”
- Hebr. 1:13 To which of the angels did God ever say, Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet” ?
- Hebr. 5:6 And he says in another place, “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”
- Hebr. 5:10 and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.
- Hebr. 6:20 where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.



NT references to Psalm 110

- Hebr. 7:11 If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come —one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron?
- Hebr. 7:15 And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears,
- Hebr. 7:17 For it is declared: “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”
- Hebr. 7:21 but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him: “The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: You are a priest forever.’ ”



PRIEST AND KING

- **PRIEST**

- ◆ 1 [Of David. A psalm.] The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

- **KING**

- ◆ 4* The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest for ever, in the order of Melchizedek."



Characteristics of Messiah

- King
- Priest
- Appointed by God
- Eternal Office
- Priest according to Melchezidek
- Promises given to
 - ◆ Eve
 - ◆ Shem
 - ◆ Abraham
 - ◆ Isaac
 - ◆ Jacob
 - ◆ David
- Are fulfilled in the Messiah



Psalm 2

- 1 Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?
- 2* The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.
- 3* "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters."
- 4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.
- 5 Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,
- 6* "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."
- 7 ¶ I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.
- 9* You will rule them with an iron sceptre; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."
- 10 ¶ Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling.
- 12* Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.



Acts 4:27-28 Rebellion against God's anointed

- 27* Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.
- 28* They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.



Acts 13:32-37

The Beginning of the End

- 32* "We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers
- 33* he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: "'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.'
- 34* The fact that God raised him from the dead, never to decay, is stated in these words: "'I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.'
- 35* So it is stated elsewhere: "'You will not let your Holy One see decay.'
- 36* "For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed.
- 37* But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.



Rejection of the Messiah (Psalm 118)

- 22* The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;
- 23* the LORD has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25* O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.
- 27 The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God, and I will give thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures for ever.

Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord



- Mt 23:39 For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."
- Mr 11:9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
- Mr 11:10* "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"
- Lu 19:38 "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
- Joh 12:13* They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!"



Betrayal of the Messiah

Psalm 69

- Psalm comes out of experiences of David
 - ◆ Holder of the office and benefits that are to come from the Messiah
 - ◆ David experiences in miniature the malice his namesake will experience
- Suffering is predictive of the Messiah
 - ◆ David is a “type” of Christ



NT references to Psalm 69

- Matt. 27:48 Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink.
- John 2:17 His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”
- John 15:25 But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: ‘They hated me without reason.’
- John 19:28 Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” 29 A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.



NT references to Psalm 69

- Acts 1:16 and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus — 17 he was one of our number and shared in this ministry.” 18 (With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. 19 Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 “For,” said Peter, “it is written in the book of Psalms, “ ‘May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,’ and, “ ‘May another take his place of leadership.’
- Rom. 11:9 And David says: “May their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them. 11:10 May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever.”
- Rom. 15:3 For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.”



NT References to the Cornerstone

- Mt 21:42* Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes'?"
- Mr 12:10 Haven't you read this scripture: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;
- Mr 12:11 the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes'?"
- Lu 20:17 Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone'?"
- Ac 4:11* He is "'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.'
- 1Pe 2:4* As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him--



Psalm 22

- 1 [For the director of music. To [the tune of] "The Doe of the Morning". A psalm of David.] My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
- [Lu 22:44](#) And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.
- [Heb 5:7](#) During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.



- 2 O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent. 3 Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel. 4 In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. 5 They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.
- Ro 9:33 As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."



- 6 But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.
- [Heb 13:12](#) And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.



- 7 All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads: 8 "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."
- [Mt 27:39](#) Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads
- [Mt 27:40](#) and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"
- [Lu 23:35](#) The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."



- 9 Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast. 10 From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- Mt 2:13 When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."



- 11 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no-one to help.
- Mt 26:56 But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.
- Mt 26:72 He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!"
- Mt 26:74 Then he began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!"
Immediately a cock crowed.



- 12 Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. 13 Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.
- Mt 27:1 Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death.
- Ac 4:27 Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.



- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.
- Mr 14:33 He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled.
- Mr 14:34 "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."



- 16 Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.
- [Joh 19:37](#) and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."



- 17 I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.
- John 19 33 But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. 35 The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. 36 These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," 37 and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."



- 18 They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.
- Joh 19:23 When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.



- 19 But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me. 20 Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs. 21 Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen. 22 ¶ I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you.
- [Ac 5:30](#) The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead--whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.



- 23 You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honour him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! 24 For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.
- Heb 5:7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.



- 25 From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfil my vows.26 The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the LORD will praise him--may your hearts live for ever!
- Joh 4:14 but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
- Joh 6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."



- 27 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,
- 1Th 1:9 for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,
- Re 7:9 After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no-one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.
- Re 15:4 Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."



- 28 for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.
- Re 11:15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."



- 29 All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him--those who cannot keep themselves alive.
- Joh 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."
- Joh 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
- Joh 11:26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"



- 30 Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.
- Mt 3:9 And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.
- Ga 3:26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,
- 1Pe 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.