

January 12, 2025

Messianic Fulfillment Part 1

We finished the Old Testament. Israel no longer existed. Judah had been exiled in Babylon for 70 yrs and then returned to the promised land. The Greeks became the world leader and they were led by Alexander the Great. He allowed them to worship as they pleased. After he died however, one of his heirs to the throne did allow Israel to keep their Jewishness. They desecrated the temple and tried to force people to convert- again. They came to a small town north of Jerusalem and tried to convert the family of Simon Maccabees. When they refused, a huge revolt among the Jews arose and for 24yrs they fought the Greeks. The Maccabean family were their primary leaders. They got the temple back after only 3yrs and rededicated it. the Jewish people looked at Judas Maccabees as a savior. He delivered the people from the Greeks and freed them. He got the temple back and was seen as a Messiah figure.

Not too long after, Greeks fall out of power and Rome into power. Now we set the stage for Jesus to be born. Once again, Israel/Judah is looking for someone, like Judas, to save them from the Romans who were oppressing them again.

Looking at Roman history here is important. Julius Caesar was a Roman ruler who declared himself to be "God". He was eventually assassinated and his son, Octavian became the ruler and was known as Caesar Augustus. He was called the "godman" the "prince of peace" the man who restored peace to Rome. So just before Jesus came, the world was worshipping a god-man who brought peace named Caesar Augustus.

Now a baby is born in **Bethlehem**- home of whom? KING DAVID. What tribe was David part of? The tribe of **Judah**, Jacob's 4th son who received the **blessing** from his father. The entire OT is fulfilled in Jesus. W/o Jesus, none of it makes sense and w/o the OT the NT makes no sense. Jesus was a JEW from the tribe of Judah. His mother was Jewish as was his stepfather Joseph. He dressed, ate, prayed like a Jew. He was a rabbi, so he taught. And he had followers like all Rabbi.

Jesus fulfills the Old Testament. What does that even mean? All the mistakes, sins, errors that took place in the OT, Jesus does the right way.

We know that the blessing and inheritance is supposed to be passed on to the first son. We also know that many times the first son messed up and so his blessing went to someone else. ISRAEL was God's first son. That nation was God's first born. They messed up and messed up and messed up. So God sends his only begotten son- a replacement of the first born and this son is of God- this son is God. Jesus.

Jesus relives the story of the Israelites and fulfills it. What Israel the nation and people didn't do, Jesus does.

What were the Jews expecting? They were expecting another Judge, King or Judas Maccabees. Someone to come and defeat their human enemies and restore the Royal dynasty, restore order to the promised land and to make their name great in the whole world. The prophets- Isaiah, Micah and others talked about the savior to be born.

- 1) Jesus came to redeem us from our sins. The spotless lamb that Abraham said "God would provide"
- 2) Jesus reveals how much God loves us! He sent his son
- 3) Shows us how to live. Israelites couldn't get it right, they kept falling and sinning, Jesus shows us how to get it right!
- 4) Empowers us to become God's children
- 5) Gives us a new law, the beatitudes- how to love

6) Has 12 disciples- righting the wrongs that the 12 tribes did

Period	Old Testament	Jesus' Fulfillment
Early World	Garden Eden	Garden of Gethsemane
Patriarchs	Sacrifice of Isaac	Jesus' sacrifice
Egypt and Exodus	Passover lamb	Jesus is the Lamb of God
Desert Wanderings	Desert 40yrs	Desert 40 days
Conquest	Joshua crosses Jordan	Jesus baptized in Jordan and enters ministry
Royal Kingdom	David is enthroned	Jesus assumes David's throne
Divided Kingdom	Lose access to the temple	Jesus becomes the temple

The Old Testament makes no sense apart from the new and the New makes no sense apart from the Old. Israel, God's people, have a long history of turning from God. They are waiting for all the promises to Abraham to be fulfilled. They await a savior. THEN "unto us a child is born" and he is named Jesus- which is another form of the name Joshua. Which means: God saves. Jesus is born. Not only is he a cute little human baby, but he is also GOD. An angel appeared to Mary to tell her she was going to have Jesus. Jesus taught people and HEALED people! Jesus began his public ministry at age 30 and it was just for 3 short years. He was challenging the way people did things. He was showing people that loving others and caring for others is more important than any "law". Jesus was showing us how to The Jewish leaders felt threatened and they did not like it. As a result, they worked to have him killed.

WATCH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkOZYZIFY0I>