

### The Golden thread of Messiah in Exodus to Matthew

Good morning church, I want to welcome you to our service today. If this is your first time joining us here on Sunday Online, we would like to welcome, you to our service today and invite you to join us every Sunday for a weekly message.

### Let us pray

#### Introduction

Today we will continue to follow this Golden Thread of Messiah as found throughout the Old Testament right into Matthew when this Saviour/Messiah is born.

What is very interesting is that this message will start and end with a genocide to kill every male child because Satan believes to kill the Seed of the woman, all he needed to do was kill the source of that seed, which is man, any man that seemed to be that specific seed he would kill to destroy this Saviour/Messiah from coming to destroy him.

We will also see that Satan does everything in his power to destroy Israel because he knows from the rise of Abraham's seed, that this seed of a woman will come through this nation, which will become known as Israel!

However, God in His infinite wisdom starts to speak through the Holy Spirit to prophets and others and they start to prophesy over 48 Messianic prophesies but also 324 individual prophesies relating to this specific Messiah will do or fulfil this Seed of the woman prophesy God made in **Genesis 3:15**, that would destroy Satan's power and take back the power and authority that God gave to Adam in **Genesis 1:26-31**, but which Adam and Eve, mankind lost when they sinned in **Genesis 3:1-7**.

#### Moses

After Israel returned to Joseph in Egypt, they lived and were in slavery for 430 years- before the Exodus but around 350 years into their slavery Satan tried again to destroy the seed of woman by trying to kill every male child under the age of two years other.

First Pharoah tries to kill the male children secretly by asking the Egyptian midwives to kill every male born child at birth, **Exodus 1:15-21** and then publicly by commanding that every male child be thrown into the Nile and drowned **Exodus 1:22**.

But there is a God-fearing family that has a son, named Moses and they decided to hide him in an ark (a basket that was daubed with pitch and asphalt) **Exodus 2:1-4**. Is it not amazing that when God decided to destroy the whole of mankind that was corrupted by the seed of the angels, He saved Noah and his family in an Ark and now when He wants to save the Seed of the woman once again, He once again uses an Ark?

We all know the story and so Pharoah's daughter discovers Moses in the bullrushes, names him Moses because she drew him out of the water, that is what Moses means, drawing him out of the water! (Exodus 2:10). So, Moses grows up in the house of Pharoah.



Eventually, God will save and bring the nation of Israel back to their homeland through Moses and eventually Joshua but along the way, Satan still tried to destroy Moses by causing Israel to sin in **Exodus 32** and thereby rejecting God and God destroying Israel. Moses pleads with God to spare Israel and so God relents **Exodus 32:11-14**.

Remember this happens after they received the 10 commandments in **Exodus 20**, so Israel knew God's law, yet they rebelled again!

This will be a cycle, which the nation of Israel will repeat over and over again right to the coming of Messiah.

These periods where Israel serves God, and they prosper and then another cycle where they rebel and reject God, but God NEVER rejects them because they are His chosen people and are still today, Hid chosen people and through Israel, He was to bring forth the Seed of woman for than 1590 years later.

### Prophesies of Messiah

As I said earlier there are over 324 personal prophesies and more than 48 Messianic prophesies about the coming of Jesus Christ the Messiah and ALL we fulfilled to the letter in Jesus Christ.

The chance that One Man can fulfil all these 372 prophesies is staggering and prove that Jesus Christ was this Messiah, this Seed of the woman spoken of in **Genesis 3:15**.

The probability of One Man fulfilling just 48 of these prophesies is 1 in 13 trillion! To understand this in perspective, the chance of you winning the power ball in the USA is 1 in 292 million, to equal these odds of being Jesus through these 48 prophecies are the same as you winning, the USA power ball lottery every day for the next 122 years.

If you maybe have some doubt as to where Jesus Christ was the Son of God, I guess you either do not want to believe that there is a God or truly Jesus Christ was the Son of God, the Messiah spoke of throughout the Bible, the "Seed of the Woman" prophesied by God in **Genesis 3:15**.

Let us look at some of the scripture

### The Son of David

**2 Samuel 7:12-16** "12" When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup> I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. <sup>15</sup> But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. <sup>16</sup> And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."



The odds of one man fulfilling this prophesy but notice there are at least three prophesies in this one passage – He would be the son of David; He would chasten be beaten with rods and blows of the son of men and lastly His Kingdom would last forever.

All three fulfilled in the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The line of the David Fulfilled in Matthew 1:6, Luke 1:32-33, Acts 15:15-16 and Hebrews 1:5 – Matthew 1:1-6 "...' Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jessie Begot David the king. David begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah..."

The odd of One Man fulfilling just being Born of King David is 1 in 100 million.

Born of a Virgin and will be called Immanuel (God with us)

**Isaiah 7:14** <u>"</u><sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

Isaiah prophesied this approximately 6700 years before the birth of Jesus. The odd on just this one prophesy is undermined, it is believed that between 150-80 billion people have been born and walked this earth so at a minimum, this is 1 in 80 billion and increasing every day by about 380,000 babies a day.

This prophecy was fulfilled in **Luke 1:35** "<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."

And Matthew 1:18-23 "<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Then Joseph her husband, being "a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. <sup>20</sup> But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: <sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

Did you know that Jesus, lesous, means Healer, physician and SAVIOUR!

You might say but Jesus was not named Immanuel and that is true because Immanuel was a description of His characteristics just has Isaiah, two chapters later called Him in **Isaiah 9:6**, Wonderful, Counsellor, Everlasting Father, Mighty God, Prince of Peace, these were names given to

**Isaiah 9:6-7** "<sup>6</sup> For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting



Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this."

### Satan tries to Kill Jesus

So, after more than 4,000 years after the prophecy of the Seed of a Woman would come to destroy Satan and his kingdom, Jesus Christ is born.

By this time Satan knows exactly who He is and tried first to kill him at birth through Herod by once again causing a genocide of killing all the Jewish male children under 2 years old in Bethlehem and the surrounding areas **Matthew 2:16-18** which was prophesied in **Jeremiah 31:15**. **Matthew 2:16-18** "<sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: <sup>18</sup> "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more."

Eventually, Satan realises that he cannot kill Jesus, so he tries tempting Him with the three desires within all of mankind. **Matthew 4:1-11**. Note that this is Satan's method of attack. Jesus was baptised in **Matthew 3:3-17** where GOD says that He, Jesus is His Son and in Whom He is well pleased, then Jesus goes into the wilderness to fasts for 40 days and nights, note that when you have come through a spiritual high or you are facing extreme weariness through stress or overwork etc, Satan will attack you.

The first two times he tries to cast doubt on who Jesus Christ is, God just confirmed that Jesus was His Son, and He was please with Him but Satan says I you are? What a cheek, Satan knew exactly who Jesus was, but he tried to cast doubt on his standing.

This is exactly what Satan will do to you, If you are a Christian, you would do this or that. You cannot be a Christian because you did this and that! What does Jesus do? He goes to the Word of God and quotes scripture to Satan.

The way we defeat Satan is not by our standing or anything else by what the Word of God says about us, so we need to learn, memorize and read the Word of God to know what it says!

Then lastly, he shows Jesus the easy way to the World to recognise Him and worship Him as God if He would only bow down and worship him as god.

How many men and women have Satan won over with this trick of riches, fame and fortune has Satan lied to and who have bowed down to him and he has fulfilled this promise at the cost of their very souls? Sadly many!



However, Jesus once again defeats Satan by the Word of God and did you know now, we too can defeat Satan by the Blood of the Lamb and the Word of our testimony in Jesus Christ.

Now Satan knows his time is short and so he goes for the death blow, if he can get Israel to reject Jesus Christ as their Messiah, he could have Jesus Killed and win!

But as I have said before Satan does not know everything, he is not God and therefore Omniscient, and so he plays the final hand in his deck by getting the Jews to crucify Jesus on the Cross of Calvary and so Jesus died on the Cross and Satan celebrates his victory over God by killing the Seed of a Woman who God raised, BUT three days later God raises Jesus Christ from the dead and God plan is revealed, not only had Jesus Christ paid the FULL PRICE for the SIN of mankind, He had taken back the power and authority God had given to mankind through using the Name of Jesus and at this Name, every knee will bow and tongue confess that Jesus Christ is LORD!

**Philippians 2:8-11** "<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the Name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

### In closing

As I close this message today, and we could continue for many hours talking about the over 350 prophesies about Jesus Christ being the Messiah, the Saviour, the Seed of a Woman but just these two scriptures I used are more than enough to "mark" Jesus Christ as the Messiah and my Saviour and the Saviour of the entire human race!

To ignore this fact that Jesus Christ is God and that HE died for your and my sin is just plain stupidity and to discount the Bible as just another book or as folk law has eternal consequences, I wish on no one.

No other book in the whole wide world has been translated, sold and read like the Bible, no other book even comes close. Today the Bible still outsells any book by a factor of over 100 to 1 and the reason for this is, that this IS truly the WORD of God!

When Jesus died on the Cross for you and my sin, He declared us RIGHTEOUS, SANCTIFIED, JUSTIFIED, and gave us MERCY and GRACE, and declared us His Children and our Names are written in the Lambs Book of Life.

What an amazing God we serve, what an AWESOME plan He has had to redeem mankind, through Jesus Christ and thereby giving us a FULL Pardon for our sin, because Jesus Christ paid the price for SIN on our behalf, which is called GRACE!

What will you do with Jesus? Will you choose God's plan which is Jesus Christ and accept Him as God and Saviour and Lord of your life and submit and bow down to Jesus Christ or will you reject His



calling and bow down to the world system and reject God and indirectly choose Satan as your redeemer?

The choice is yours to make, both choices have eternal consequences. I suggest that you come to Jesus Christ and submit to God's plan which is, Salvation through His only Son, Jesus Christ!

## Let's pray