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CREDENTIALS

of the

MESSIAH

# *Fraudulent Messiahs*

☆ Judaism - more than  
16 false messiahs



Rebbe Menachem  
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# The Woman and Her Seed

Gen 3:15

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."



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# *The Virgin Birth*

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14



# *The Child King*

## Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



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# *The Child King*

4 names ...

- ✧ Wonderful Counselor (*Pele Yoeitz*)
- ✧ Mighty God (*El Gibbor*)
- ✧ Everlasting Father (literally Eternal Father – *Avi Ad*)
- ✧ Prince of Peace (*Sar Shalom* – only name used for man and God)



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# *Family Credentials*

## Isaiah 9:7

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.



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# *Family Credentials*

Messiah would have to come from...

- ✧ King David's own nation - Israel
- ✧ King David's own tribe - Judah
- ✧ King David's own family
- ✧ furthermore - born in Bethlehem





# *Family Credentials*

Micah 5:2

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”



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# *Family Credentials*

Matthew 1:1

“A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ  
the son of David, the son of Abraham”



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# *Summary*

We have biblically established that the Messiah must ...

- ✧ be a man born of a virgin
- ✧ be from the family of King David
- ✧ be from the Tribe of Judah
- ✧ be born in Bethlehem in Israel
- ✧ be born before 70AD



# *Credentials of Rejection and Suffering*

Isaiah 53 called “the Rabbis Conscience” for 2 reasons...

- ✧ Isaiah 53 not read in synagogues
- ✧ interpretation has been changed since 11th Century - Rabbi Rashi



# *Credentials of Rejection and Suffering*

## Isaiah 53:3

“He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering”



# *Credentials of Rejection and Suffering*

Isaiah 53:5-6

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.



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# *Credentials of Rejection and Suffering*

## Isaiah 53:11

“After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.”



# *The Gospel of Messiah*

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Cor. 5:21





# *Summary of Credentials*

Messiah had to ...

- Be a man born of a virgin.
- Be from the family of King David.
- Be from the Tribe of Judah.
- Be born in the town of Bethlehem in Israel.
- Be born before AD 70.



# *Summary of Credentials*

- Be rejected and suffer for the sins of others
- Rise from the dead to ensure the forgiveness of sins



# *The Messianic Paradox*

- ✧ seemingly contradictory prophecies about the Messiah
- ✧ Rabbi's solution - 2 roles = 2 Messiahs
- ✧ Biblical solution - one Messiah with 2 comings



# *Messiah Will Return*

“I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” - Jesus





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