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## <u>Fulfilled Messianic Prophecies</u>:

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Why do we need the Messiah?

Eccl. 7:20 - For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin. <u>Isa. 64:6</u> - But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags;

The profile of <u>the Messiah</u> is in the Hebrew Scriptures. Why is that significant? The Bible is ONE STORY/ONE NARRATIVE.

From the book of Genesis in the Hebrew Scriptures through to the book of Revelation in the New Testament, God revealed Himself and declared throughout the Bible His provision of coming to know Him through the Jewish Messiah, Jesus!

In the book of Genesis we read of

CREATION FALL REDEMPTION RESTORATION

These four words describe the plot of the entire Bible in reference to God's relationship with mankind!

<u>CREATION</u> – God created the heavens and the earth. God created man who is the crowning point of God's creation (Gen. 1 & 2). Man was created in the image of God (will, intellect, emotions). Man was created to have dominion – to co-rule the earth as God's representative. Man was created to nurture and serve the earth.

Man and God experienced a daily encounter in the Garden of Eden – the physical Garden of Eden.

God declared His creation good/very good.

<u>Gen. 1:31</u> - Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

God had given Adam and Eve everything BUT told them NOT to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil. ... *for in the day that you eat of it, you shall surely die* (Gen. 2:17).

<u>SIN</u> – Sin (falling short of God's glory [Rom. 3:23]) entered the world when Satan (the devil, the accuser, the adversary) entered the Garden of Eden and caused Eve and Adam to doubt God – to rebel against what God said!

When sin entered the world man was separated from God. Death is a separation. There was spiritual death – there was no fellowship with God. And, there was physical death – their physical body began to deteriorate.

"death" – separation – physically, spiritually, eternally!

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Gen. 3:1-13 - Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; <sup>3</sup> but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. (Adam and Eve took it upon themselves to fix the problem of sin) 8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup> And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" 12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." (blame game) 13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." (blame game).

<u>Gen. 3:15</u> – and IMMEDIATELY after man sinned, God PROMISED HIS PLAN OF REDEMPTION – His plan of rescuing man...His plan of DELIVERING man from this separation from Himself – through the Messiah – Who was called "the Seed of the woman" at this time.

GOD'S PROMISE OF HIS PLAN OF DELIVERANCE WAS BECAUSE MAN HAS A **NEED.** 

Man needs to be BROUGHT BACK INTO RELATIONSHIP WITH God!

Gen. 3:15 - And I will put enmity between you (Satan – accuser; adversary) and the woman, and between your seed (offspring) (Col. 1:13) and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.

In Gen. 3:15 we note judgment and promise! Satan's power over death will be defeated at the cross (<u>Heb. 2:14</u> - *Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh* 

and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil...) because of the PROMISE of the Messiah's suffering for our sin. Gen. 3:15 lays out for us the ultimate defeat of Satan through the ONE Who would come – be BORN into this world - and RESOLVE the SIN ISSUE!

This prophecy also gives the first hint of the virgin birth, declaring that the Messiah, the Deliverer, would be the Seed of the Woman, born of woman, not of the man. And this prophecy speaks of the Messiah suffering.

Why did God make this promise to man in the first book of the Bible?

God's plan is ALWAYS Plan A!!

NOTHING can thwart God's Plan!

God promised to rescue man from being separated from Him. WHY?

God DESIRED to have a relationship with man for all eternity!

God created man to have dominion, to co-rule – to represent God on the earth (Gen. 1:26-28)

Man brought sin into the earth.

The Messiah is the God/man – fully God/fully man. (virgin birth; no transmission of sin; the Messiah is God - Isa. 9:6 – Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace).

He must be man so that He can shed His blood.

Gen. 3:21 - Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

<u>Lev. 17:11</u> – the life of the flesh is in the blood and I have given it to you upon the altar for the atonement (covering) of your soul. It is the blood that makes atonement for your soul!

It was through the blood of the Passover lambs at the first Passover by which God physically REDEEMED/DELIVERED the children of Israel from bondage to slavery in Egypt – and brought them to the land of promise!

<u>REDEMPTION</u> – purchasing out of bondage to sin; a price needed to be paid. *You know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold....But with the precious blood of Christ"* (1 Peter 1:18-19).

GOD provides the solution for sin (Gen. 3:15) the story of which is then unfolded throughout Scripture through to Revelation 19.

We do not strive to get to God. Good works is NOT the way to God. God has come to us through the Messiah!!

RESTORATION – GOD has promised that He will return His creation - the heavens and the earth and man – to the conditions before sin entered the world! (Romans 8:20-23).

## THE BIBLE IS ONE STORY/ONE NARRATIVE CREATION SIN REDEMPTION RESTORATION