

20. The narrowing of the bloodline of the humanity of Messiah continues to contract. Dr. Scofield comments:

Here, again, is a narrowing of the whole Messianic outlook. We began with a promise that might have been fulfilled in any man born of woman [Genesis 3:15]; it was narrowed first into the man, Abram [Genesis 12:1–3; 17:16–19]; then Ishmael and his posterity were excluded [Genesis 25:12–15], and Isaac chosen; then Esau and his descendants were excluded and Jacob chosen [Genesis 28]; then out of the twelve sons of Jacob, Judah was chosen [Genesis 49:8–12], and, now, out of all Judah, David and his line [2 Samuel 7:12, 16; 23:1–5; Jeremiah 23:1–5; 33:17, 20–21]. Whoever the Messiah is, He must come from the kingly house of David, and therefore must be of Judah—a Jew. Do you not see how the marks of identity are accumulating? It would not do even for a Jew to say, “I am the Messiah,” unless he could establish his Davidic descent.¹

21. Having confirmed that the Messiah/Christ will be genetically linked to the chart pedigree of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the tribe of Judah, and house of David, we now begin to turn our attention to identifying Immanuel: God with us.
22. The promise given to Isaiah and prophesied by him is the miracle of the virgin birth which he recorded in Isaiah 7:14.
23. The sign given to recognize the Messiah/Christ is that He will arrive from a virgin, yet to be identified. When a young woman delivers a child, it is not a miracle, but quite routine.
24. When a young woman delivers a child in status quo virginity it is a miracle which is unique to the human race.
25. The sign to the house of David is that when the Messiah/Christ appears into human history, He will be the offspring of a virgin.
26. On the Lord’s arrival in Bethlehem, Isaiah prophesies the credentials of the Messiah/Christ in:

¹ C. I. Scofield, *Prophecy Made Plain* (Greenville, SC: The Gospel Hour, 1967), 101.

Isaiah 9:6 - For unto us a Child is born [**true humanity**], unto us a Son is given [**the Christ**]; and the government will rest on His shoulder, and His name will be called Wonderful: the One giving counsel, Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace [**undiminished deity**].

v. 7 - Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, on the throne of David and upon His kingdom to give it order [**the Millennium**], and to establish it with justice and righteousness from here on even forever [**the Millennium & the New Heavens & new earth**]. The zeal of the Lord of the armies will accomplish this. (EXT)

27. These two verses confirm the Immaculate Conception miraculously brought about by the Holy Spirit, while the deity of the Christ is revealed in verses 6 & 7 with a series of appellatives that can only be possessed by deity.
28. Therefore we have isolated the identity of the Messiah/Christ as undiminished deity and true humanity in one Person which will enter human history through the virgin birth, whose human personality will follow the line of David, in the tribe of Judah, and of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
29. The entire chart pedigree of the Lord's human bloodline has now been covered from Adam down to David. The summary, as far as we have gone, includes these clues that will lead to the identity of the Messiah/Christ:
 - (1) The chart pedigree begins with the prophecy that Eve will bear a child, fathered by Adam, thus beginning the system of procreation that will ultimately produce the First Advent of Messiah/Christ. (Genesis 3:15)
 - (2) Since the Messiah/Christ must be true humanity, neither seraphs nor cherubs qualify, so they are eliminated from consideration. (Matthew 22:30)

- (3) He must be in the line of Abraham, therefore He must be a Jew, neither Semitic, nor Hamitic, nor Japhetic.
 - (4) He must be in the line of Isaac and Jacob who are Jews, not Ishmael or Esau who are Semitics. (Matthew 1:2; 22:32)
 - (5) His lineage must descend through the tribe of Judah: prophetic in Genesis 49:9; fulfilled in Matthew 1:1, 2, 6, and 16 and Luke 3:23, 30, 31, 34, 36, and 38.
 - (6) Within the tribe of Judah, the Messiah must emerge from the royal family of David. (Jeremiah 33:17)
 - (7) The Messiah/Christ must be born of a virgin thus to eliminate the imputation of Adam's original sin and the possession of a sin nature. (Isaiah 7:14 cf. Romans 5:12-17)
 - (8) The complete title of the Messiah/Christ must be Immanuel: "God with us." (Isaiah 9:6-7; John 1:1, 14)
30. Scripture certifies the chart pedigree of Messiah so precisely that we may expect His arrival into human history. But is there biblical proof of His arrival?

Proof of the First Advent

1. It has been about 2,800 years since Isaiah prophesied the appearance of the Messiah/Christ, but he provided no guidance regarding the expected time of the advent.
2. This task was left to Daniel which he dutifully supplied in chapter 12 of his entry into the third division of the Jewish Tanakh.
3. In the Book of Daniel, chapter 9, Daniel gives us a precise breakdown of how the Jews could anticipate the arrival of the Anointed One.
4. To understand the timetable of the prophecy we must come to understand the vocabulary of the prophecy presented to Daniel by the Seraph Gabriel.

5. The key term to enter into your vocabulary is the Hebrew word **שָׁבוּעַ** (*shavua'*), translated in the Bible by the word “weeks,” which is a Hebrew term that refers to any “group of seven.”
6. In this case it refers to groups of seven years. One *shavua'* is seven years; two groups of seven are fourteen years, and so on. The same idea is found in Greek where the word **ἑπτά** (*heptá*) is brought over into English as “heptad.”
7. In Daniel 9:24–27, the term *shavua'* is used several times as he makes reference to certain events that transpire over the course of seventy *shavua'* (490 years) that lead up to the virgin birth of Messiah/Christ, the intercalation of the Church Age, the 2d Advent, and start of the Millennium.
8. Here is how the prophecy is revealed with ongoing commentary:

Daniel 9:24 - Seventy weeks [group seventy *shavua'* totaling 490 years: $70 \times 7 = 490$ lunar² years] have been decreed [by Artaxerxes I³] for your people and your holy city [Jerusalem], to finish the transgression [2d Advent terminates 5th cycle of discipline imposed in A.D. 70], to make an end of sin [Jewish unbelievers removed to Tartarus under the baptism of fire], to make atonement for iniquity [regathering of Israel], to bring in everlasting righteousness [the perfection of the millennial kingdom], to seal up vision and prophecy [fulfillment of the unconditional covenants], and to anoint the most holy place [dedication of the Holy of Holies in the millennial temple].

² The lunar year used by the Jews contained 360 days at the time Daniel wrote. The solar calendar was used beginning with Julius Caesar. Daniel's prophecy indicates that a certain event will put this prophetic calendar in motion. That event occurs when the Jews are allowed to begin reconstruction of the city of Jerusalem in 445 B.C. and terminates in A.D. 33 with the Lord's entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

³ “Artaxerxes—a king of Persia in whose court Ezra and Nehemiah were officials (Ezra 7:1, 7). Known as Artaxerxes I Longimanus, he temporarily halted the rebuilding program at Jerusalem that Cyrus, his predecessor, had encouraged (Ezra 4:7–23), but later allowed it to continue (Ezra 6:14). In the seventh year of his reign (458 B.C.), he authorized the mission of Ezra to lead a large number of Israelites back from the captivity to Jerusalem (Ezra 7:1–28). In the 25th year of the reign of Artaxerxes (445 B.C.), he allowed Nehemiah to return to Jerusalem and to begin rebuilding the walls of that city (Neh. 2:1–10; 13:6)” (*Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, gen. ed. Ronald R. Youngblood [Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1995], 123).