

## The Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks – 17

Not only was the Messiahship of Jesus, including his death, a fulfilment of the **Seventy Weeks prophecy** - all the other Old Testament predictions of the Messiah are then seen to be in harmony with Daniel -

- **Hosea 3:4-5** “The children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and **without a sacrifice** ... **5** Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king ... in the latter days.” The law of Moses did not promise eternal life, rather it pronounced a curse on any who failed to keep every part of it - **Deuteronomy 27:26**. That law was a temporary measure until the coming of the promised offspring of Abraham, the Messiah, to “**bless all nations**” - **Genesis 12:3** - by releasing believers from sin and death - **Daniel 9:27** Messiah “shall confirm the covenant”.

**Psalm 40:6-8** **40:6** “**Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened; Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require...**” (what God requires is:) **8** “**I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart.**” Messiah, who fulfilled this, was the true sacrifice, **unblemished** in character.

- **Psalm 110:1** “The LORD said to **my Lord**, “**Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.**” This was not Solomon, but David’s promised offspring who would occupy a greater position than David. **Verse 4** “The LORD has sworn and will not relent, ‘**You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.**’”

So God has made David’s promised offspring not only the king to reign, but also High Priest in his capacity as intercessor for those who come to God through Him. This being so, then this position is no longer assigned by God to the descendants of Aaron. His position was part and parcel with the law of Moses, so showing that law to be **obsolete** after the Messiah was “**cut off**”.

- **Zechariah 3:8** “**Hear now, O Joshua**” [Strong 3091 = Hebrew *Yehowshuwa`* = salvation of Yah = Jesus] “**the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch.**” This is a title of Messiah, the promised offspring of David - **1 Samuel 11:1-5; Jeremiah 23:5-6**. He will bring salvation - **Jeremiah 33:14-16**. “**He will be a priest upon his throne**” - **Zechariah 6:9-15**.

**2 Samuel 7:12-16**, the promise to David, shows that while Messiah was to have a human mother, his Father would be God - **14** “**I will be his Father, and he shall be My son.**” This is in harmony with **Isaiah 7:14** “**Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin\* shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.**” \* The Septuagint Greek translation of the Old Testament translators took *almah* in **Isaiah 7:14** to be “**virgin**” = Strong 3933 - Greek *parthenos* = a sexually untouched woman - so this is a prophecy of the virgin birth of the Messiah.

- Commenting on the occurrence of *parthenos* in **Isaiah 7:14**, J. Skinner comments: “More probably it expresses a belief current in Jewish circles that the Messiah was to be born of a virgin. A good deal of evidence has been adduced to shew that such an expectation actually prevailed amongst both Alexandrian and Palestinian Jews, and if it existed it could hardly fail to influence the exegesis of this prophecy”. More next time, God willing.