

## Doctrine of the Messianic Hope: Part I

(Prelude to Christmas)

As we enter the Christmas season, there is no better time that to reaffirm the Doctrine of the Messianic Hope as found in the Old Testament. This is part one of a two part Doctrine of Messianic Hope that will be followed by a third related doctrinal theme, the Doctrine of the Incarnation.

1. **Christ is the key to understanding all Scripture** - Jesus revealed himself to two disciples on Emmaus Road Lk 24:25-27 and to His disciples after the resurrection 24: 44-49. He showed them all things in Scripture concerning Himself as follows:
  - Christ is our Sabbath – Gen 2:2; Lev. 23:3; 25:2-4, 8-15; Heb 3:11; 4:1-10
  - Christ is our Passover – Ex 12:1-28; 1 Cor 5:7
  - Christ is our Tabernacle – Ex 25:1-31:18; Jn 1:14
  - Christ is our Sacrifice – Lev 1-7; Heb 10:1-18
  - Christ is our Tabernacle – Jn 1:14
  - Christ is our Feast Days – Lev 23:1-44
  - Christ is our Kinsman Redeemer –Ruth 4:5-7, 17
  - Christ is the Seed of the Woman – Gen 3:15; 49:10; Lk 1:30-35
  - Christ is the Angel of the Lord – Josh 5:13-15; Judg 13:6-21
  - Christ is the Manna from Heaven – Ex 6:4, 15; Jn 6:32
  - Christ is the Brazen Serpent – Num 21:8-9; Jn 3:14
  - Christ is the fulfillment of the Old Testament Types – see 1 Cor 10:1-13
  
2. **Christ is the Center of the Book of Isaiah** - The most Messianic Book
  - Christ is Immanuel – “God with us” – Isa 7:14; Mt 1:23
  - Christ is the Miracle Working Counselor – Isa 9:6; Heb 1:1-4; 2:1-4
  - Christ is the Mighty God – Isa 9:6 lit. “hero God”
  - Christ is the Father of Eternity – Isa 9:6; Jn 8:58; 11:25
  - Christ is the Prince of Peace – Isa 9:6; cf. Isa 2:1-4; Jn 14:27-31
  - Christ is the “Branch” of the stem of Jesse – Isa 11:1-16
  - Christ is our “Nail” in Holy of Holies – Isa 22:20-25; Ez 9:8; Zech 10:4
  - Christ is the Cornerstone of Zion – Isa 28:16-19
  - Christ is the Reigning King of Peace – Isa 32:1-20
  - Christ is the Coming Comforter – Isa 40:1-31
  - Christ is the Servant of the Lord – Isa 42:1-7; 49:1-7; 50:4-11
  - Christ is the Suffering Servant – Isa 52:13 – 53:12
  - Christ is the Preacher of Good Tidings – Isa 61:1-11
  - Christ is the Author of the New Creation – Isa 62:1 – 66:24

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