

I. Introduction

A. There is a very obscure passage in the OT that teaches about a Man who will come into the world and destroy the nations who come against Him.

1. The passage is couched in a very hard time in the life of Israel.
2. It is spoken by a man who is least likely to prophesy, and yet did.

B. Numbers 23:8

1. Balak had heard that Israel had defeated Og, king of Bashan as they were traveling to the land promised to Abraham.

2. Balak was king of Moab.

a) *Moab (along with Ammon) were the ancestors to Lot.*

b) *Lot's daughters had these sons (Moab and Ammon) by incest and were, therefore, cursed nations (Genesis 19:30-38).*

3. Balak hired Balaam, a diviner, prophet, and seer of the day, to curse Israel so that, perhaps, Balak might defeat them in battle -

Numbers 22:6

6 "Now, therefore, please come, curse this people for me since they are too mighty for me; perhaps I may be able to defeat them and drive them out of the land. For I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed."

4. Balaam, after quite the dialogue with God via direct address and the talking donkey, ends up going (vv. 22:6-21).

5. Instead of cursing Israel, Balaam, under the power of the Holy Spirit, actually blesses them (see vv. 23:5, 16; cf. 24:2).

6. Inside of this blessing is the description of Messiah.

a) *Numbers 24:5-9, 15-19.*

b) *See Matthew 2:15*

C. This prophecy was not made in obscurity.

1. It echoes Moses' previous writings of:

a) *Genesis 3:15*

b) *Genesis 49:10*

2. It is also repeated in the Psalms

a) *2:7ff*

b) *72:1-11*

3. It is also implied in the prophets.
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Isaiah 49:22-26

22 Thus says the Lord GOD,
 "Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations
 And set up My standard to the peoples;
 And they will bring your sons in their bosom,

And your daughters will be carried on their shoulders.
 23 “Kings will be your guardians,
 And their princesses your nurses.
 They will bow down to you with their faces to the earth
 And lick the dust of your feet;
 And you will know that I am the LORD;
 Those who hopefully wait for Me will not be put to shame.

24 “Can the prey be taken from the mighty man,
 Or the captives of a tyrant be rescued?”
 25 Surely, thus says the LORD,
 “Even the captives of the mighty man will be taken away,
 And the prey of the tyrant will be rescued;
 For I will contend with the one who contends with you,
 And I will save your sons.
 26 “I will feed your oppressors with their own flesh,
 And they will become drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine;
 And all flesh will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior
 And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”

D. This is a little of the references to Messiah, the king of Israel.

1. The continued teaching of the OT is that the King spoken of here, although spoken of as a Man, is none other than God Himself, incarnate.

And all flesh will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior
 And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.” Isaiah 49:26

3 “For I am the LORD your God,
 The Holy One of Israel, your Savior - Isaiah 43:3

2. See Isaiah 19:20-21!!
3. Isaiah 60:16

16 “You will also suck the milk of nations
 And suck the breast of kings;
 Then you will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior
 And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

E. Therefore, the Messiah is God, in the OT.

1. Now, consider -
 - a) “*Son of God*” = deity
 - (1) Matthew 21:33-40
 - (a) The Son will come.
 - (b) The people will seize the Son, thinking they will get the inheritance that belongs to the Son.
 - (2) This Son is the cornerstone of all - vv. 41-44

b) "Christ" = "Son of God" = "Son of Man"

Matthew 26:63–64

63 But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God."

64 Jesus *said to him, "You have said it *yourself*; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Luke 4:40–41

40 While the sun was setting, all those who had any *who were* sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and laying His hands on each one of them, He was healing them.

41 Demons also were coming out of many, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But rebuking them, He would not allow them to speak, because they knew Him to be the Christ.

(1) Son of God

(a) The phrase comes from the OT and is equated with "Messiah/Christ" as all the descriptions of the Messiah indicate deity.

(i) *Genesis 3:15; 49:10*

(ii) *Numbers 25*

(iii) *Psalms 2*

(iv) *Psalms 110*

(v) *Psalms 22*

(vi) *Isaiah 9, 11*

(2) Thus, when Jesus came, as the OT Son/Messiah, He also came as God incarnate.

(a) He is the Adonai of the OT.

(b) He is the Savior of Israel of the OT (see Luke 1:68-71).

(c) He is the One who crushes the nations (Psalm 2:7ff.)

(d) He is the Son of God

c) *Thus, He is deity.*

d) *Thus, He is eternal God.*

Isaiah 9:6–7

6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;
And the government will rest on His shoulders;
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace,
On the throne of David and over his kingdom,
To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness
From then on and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

II. NT teaching of the same:

- F. Now, having said all of that, what does the NT say?
- G. See Matthew 16:13-16 = the revelation of the Father (V. 17).
1. Jesus as Messiah:
 - a) *Luke 4:14-21*
 - b) *Luke 7:18-23*
 - c) *Acts 2:31-36*
 - d) *Acts 10:34-43*
 - e) *Every time the term "Christ," or "Lord," is used, whether by name or stand-alone reference, this refers to the OT Messiah as revealed in Jesus.*

 2. Jesus as God:
 - a) *Matthew 4:3*
 - b) *Mark 1:1*
 - c) *Luke 9:28-36*
 - d) *John 1:1, 14, 17*
 - e) *Son of God:*
 - (1) *Galatians 2:20*
 - (2) *Philippians 2:5-8*
 - (3) *Colossians 1:12-20*

2 Corinthians 4:4

4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

- (4) *Titus 2:11-14*
- (5) *2 Peter 1:1*

Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

- (6) *Hebrews 1:1-14*
 - (a) Vv. 1-4 = the Son of God is God, deity, and His radiance ("I and the Father are One").
 - (b) Vv. 5-14 = God, through the OT Scriptures, attributes deity to the Son.
 - (c) *Psalms 2, 45, 97, 102, 104, 10*
 - (d) *2 Samuel 7:14; Isaiah 51:6.*

- H. The point is, the Jesus Christ of the Bible is none other than the Christ, Messiah, Son of God, of the OT and is incarnate forever and recorded of in the NT.
1. When Jesus said, "I and the Father are One," He meant it.
 2. He and the Father (and the Holy Spirit) are God.

III. Conclusion

- I. Implications:

Corinthians 1:18–19

18 But as God is faithful, our word to you is not yes and no.

19 For the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silvanus and Timothy—was not yes and no, but is yes in Him.

1. We preach Messiah, Christ.
2. This is the same message that the apostles preached.