

THE PROPHECY CARD

and Other Tools for Witnessing to My Jewish People

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Over the last 35 years (1983–2018) I've been witnessing to my Jewish people, both in the USA and Israel (where I lived for 16 years). I've developed some helpful tools to point Jews (and Gentiles) to Messiah Yeshua. I've written this article so that anyone who desires to use these tools may either use mine or create his own from downloading mine or making up his own:

1. *The Prophecy Card* is in English and Hebrew. I'll present the English with some explanation below. It's a typical white business card printed on the front and the back. For English speakers (or any one language target Jewish people) it needs only to be printed on the front.
2. *Acts 2-4* in Hebrew is another handout I've created from the Hebrew New Testament. You can write it up in English or whatever language your Bible is. With a duplex printer that prints front and back it's just a single sheet handout, which is great, but two sheets are fine if you don't have a printer a duplex. I use Acts 2-4 to show my Jewish people what it *means* to believe in Jesus/Yeshua.
 1. Most Jews (and Gentiles who don't believe in Jesus) know the name of Jesus, but they don't realize what it means to believe in Him. In Acts Two the Holy Spirit is given to Israel (the promise of the Father from Ezk. 36:24-27 and Joel 2:28-29). This speaks of both forgiveness of sin and new life in Messiah by His Spirit.
 2. Acts Three has Peter and John healing a lame man in the Name of Yeshua. (And you can change the name of Jesus to Yeshua for your Acts 2-4 paper if you like, just let the reader know that Yeshua is Hebrew for Jesus.)
 3. Acts Four has the Jewish religious leaders coming against the Jewish Apostles. This reveals that from the beginning, there were Jews who opposed the Messiah, and also, who loved the Messiah, and this was known beforehand by God. It is written Psalm 2:2; 118:22; Isaiah 52:13ff., etc.
3. If you familiarize yourself with the Jewish Newsletters you can download and handout any of them. They've all been mailed out all over the world to many Jewish people who need Yeshua. My favorite Jewish Newsletters are:
 1. [Passover and the Promise](#)
 2. [The Ultimate Question](#)
 3. [Ask Your Rabbi!](#)
 4. [The Branch](#)
 5. [Why Matza?](#)
 6. [The Angel of the Lord](#)
 7. [Life After Death?](#)
 8. [Shark Bait! The Serpent in Israel](#)
 9. [The Ultimate Test—For God!](#)
 10. [The Gentile Knew?](#)
 11. [Recognize This Man?](#)

12. [Driven To Run](#)
 13. [Lion Hands](#)
 14. [A Three Day Old Bagel](#)
 15. [Fresh Bagels Anyone?](#)
 16. [Disfigured Beyond Man](#)
 17. [What Would Tevyeh Think?](#)
 18. [The Day After](#)
 19. [Has Messiah Come?](#) I use this handout to show my people that Messiah had to come **before** the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD.
 20. [Who Would Believe?](#)
 21. [Four Simple Points](#)
 22. [Rabbis Cause Jews To Err](#)
4. Also, [A Scriptural Picture of the Messiah](#) is a two page compilation of prophecies from the Tanach (Old Testament) about the Messiah of Israel, and goes on to reveal New Testament Scriptures that fulfill those Old Testament passages. It's a great handout for Jewish people (and Gentiles, too).

On any or all of these, you can place your name and phone number and tell people when you give it to them, either in person or through email, that if they have any questions to give you a call. And if they ask you things you might not know, please feel free to ask me, or you can just have my name and email address on it so they can contact me directly.

I give Bibles out to those I sense are interested in Messiah Yeshua, both Jew and Gentile, but not to everyone will read them and Bibles are expensive.

I also have a short, one page testimony for a Jewish person called [The Way of a Jew](#), and handouts for Gentiles at The [SeedofAbraham.net](#) under Articles/4. Miscellaneous/06. Handouts.

Gentiles, Muslims, Buddhists and atheists, etc. can receive one, two or three or more of these one or two page handouts, depending on their need, and of course, they can be emailed to anyone:

1. For Christians
 - a. [A Snapshot of Church History and Mosaic Law](#)
 - b. [Have You Ever Wondered?](#)
 - c. [Seven Reasons Why The Church is Wrong](#)
 - d. [The Feasts of Israel and the Church](#)
 - e. [Why Sunday?](#)
2. For Jews
 - a. [The Way of a Jew](#)
 - b. [The Journey Begins](#)
 - c. (Any of the Jewish Newsletters on pages 1-2 above)
3. For Catholics
 - a. [What's Wrong with the Catholic Church?](#)
4. For Muslims
 - a. [For The Serious Muslim](#)

- b. [Islam and the Book of Peace](#)
- 5. For Atheists, Agnostics, Buddhists and any other religious person who doesn't believe in Yeshua
 - a. [Proof of God and Jesus](#)
 - b. [The Mathematical Proof for Jesus](#)

This will give you a good basis for handouts, understanding what you're handing out, and why, and if you have any questions, let me know.

The Prophecy Card

Here's *The Prophecy Card* (#1 above) in English and Hebrew. The *front* of the card has my name and cell phone number (just a random number for this article) on it along with two prophecies. I divided the card in half, with English on the left side and Hebrew on the right side, for both front and back. The front looked like this:

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A Picture of Messiah	תמונה של משיח
Micah 5:2 Where? Daniel 9:24-26 When?	מיכה 5:1 איפה דניאל 9:24-26 מתי

The back of the card was divided in half, also with English prophecies on the left and their Hebrew counterparts on the right:

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 = Messiah Rambam: Letter to Yemen Sanhedrin 98a/b, Targum Jonathan Zechariah 12:10. How? Psalm 118:22. Rejection? Psalm 2:2, 6-7. God's Son? Jeremiah 31:31-34. What? Isaiah 49:5-6. Also Gentiles?	ישעיהו 52:13—53:12 = משיח רמב"ם: יגרת תימן סנהדרין 98א/ב, טרגום יונתן זכריה 12:10 איך תהילים 118:22 דחיה תהילים 2:2,6-7 בן אלהים ירמיהו 31:30-34 מה ישעיהו 49:5-6 גם גוים
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On single language cards (for like the USA) you'll have more room for a slightly bigger font as you won't need the Hebrew font. You might even want to write out a Scripture or two; one for the front and one for the back. Here are the explanations of the prophecies on the front of *The Prophecy Card*:

1. Micah 5:2 (Heb. v. 1) deals with *where* Messiah (the Ruler of Israel) would be born: Bethlehem, the city of David. Messiah is the Son of King David, and so, being born in the city of His father is divine.

Most Jews don't read their Bibles, and so they don't have any idea about where the Messiah would born, but when Bethlehem is seen by them, most would know that Jesus was born there.

- a. Micah 5:2 also declares that Messiah lived *before* He was born. This speaks of His deity. The verse ends with Messiah being 'from of old, from everlasting,' or, 'from before time, (from) the days of eternity.' This is a very powerful statement about Messiah's deity because only God is from everlasting, from the days of eternity...and God the Son (and the Holy Spirit). An excellent article about this is [Messiah's Deity and Micah 5:2](#). It can be emailed and/or downloaded and printed out for handing out.
2. Daniel 9:24-26 speaks of when the Messiah would come, and for that you might want to read, [Has Messiah Come?](#) The essence of the article is that the Messiah had to come before the destruction of the Temple and the city of Jerusalem in 70 AD. This article brings out ancient Jewish sources that affirm that.

Here are the explanations of the prophecies on the back of *The Prophecy Card*:

1. Isaiah 52:13-53:12 is the first cite on the back of the Card. Isaiah speaks of the Suffering Servant of Yahveh being a sacrifice for sins (vv. 5-12). The two cites I have listed below it (indented on my card), are ancient Jewish authorities declaring Isaiah to be speaking of the Messiah as the Suffering Servant. Rashi,¹ one of the most respected rabbis who ever lived, challenged that interpretation and said it was the Jewish people as the Suffering Servant. Today, if a Jew asks his rabbi who Isaiah is speaking of, the rabbi will tell him Israel (the Jewish people), but ancient Jewish sources speak otherwise, and if a Jewish person knows this they can determine what's the Truth on their own. In other words, which interpretation is correct. These are indented on my card in English to show that they're not Scripture, but authoritative Jewish sources that challenge Rashi's accepted view. For an understanding of the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 52:13ff., please read Jewish Newsletters 28-32, and 34 at The [SeedofAbraham.net](#) and then move your cursor over JEWISH NEWLS in the upper Menu.
 - a. Rambam,² who lived a generation after Rashi, and is just as respected as Rashi, in his *Letter to Yemen*, speaks of the tender plant of Is. 53:2 (the word in Hebrew, *yonek*, speaks of a nursing child) as pertaining to the Messiah, and thereby establishes his thoughts on *whom* the passage is speaking of; Messiah, not Israel.
 - b. Sanhedrin 98 a/b is a book or tractate of the Talmud (as well as the name of the highest authoritative body in Israel in the days of Yeshua).³ Sanhedrin 98a/b speaks of Isaiah's Suffering Servant as The Leprous Messiah, the one who would take our sins upon himself. Why leprous? Because *struck* in v. 4, 'we thought him struck (נִגַּף *nagua*), smitten by God,' is close to the Hebrew word for being struck with leprosy, נִגַּף, for example, in 2nd Kings 15:5, where God strikes King Amaziah with leprosy. Just after Is. 53:4, in vv. 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, it speaks of the Servant taking

¹ Geoffrey Wigoder, Editor in Chief, *The New Standard Jewish Encyclopedia*, 7th Edition (New York-Oxford: Facts on File, 1990), p. 787. Rashi (Rabbi Solomon Itzhaki ben Itzak; 1040-1105), a 'French rabbinical scholar,' is revered by many Orthodox Jews 'because of his lucid commentary on the Bible and Babylonian Talmud. His commentary on the Bible, particularly the Pentateuch, became universally popular, while notes on the Babylonian Talmud were responsible for making that work an open book.'

² Ibid., p. 677. Rambam (Rabbi Moses ben Maimon), also known as Maimonides, 1135-1204. Born in Cordova, Spain. Due to Christian persecution, he settled in Egypt and became the head of the Jewish community as well as physician to the viceroy of Egypt. His thirteen articles of faith are still recited in the synagogue today. His commentaries are also studied, but his Mishneh Torah, a summary of the Talmud, is his greatest work: 'This code covers all halakhic subjects (rules of Jewish lifestyle), however minute, discussed in the Talmud; it introduces each subject by a clear explanation, and where several opinions are adduced in the Gemara, gives only the one Maimonides accepted...The systematic arrangement is unsurpassed.'

³ It was the Sanhedrin in the Gospels that accused and condemned Yeshua to death. The NKJV speaks of it as a council (Mt. 26:59; Mk. 14:55; 15:1; Lk. 22:66; see also Mt. 5:22; Mk 15:43; Lk. 23:50, where Yeshua uses it, and where it speaks of Joseph of Arimathea.

our sins upon Himself.

- c. Targum Jonathan (Yonatan in Hebrew) is an ancient Aramaic version of the Prophets. It was recognized as authoritative for synagogues 2,000 years ago. Isaiah 52:13, which begins the entire passage of the Suffering Servant of Yahveh, the verse in Hebrew has, ‘Behold My Servant shall deal wisely...,’ but the Aramaic version has, ‘Behold My Servant *the Messiah* shall deal wisely...,’ thereby establishing another authoritative ancient Jewish source that clearly declares the Suffering Servant of Isaiah to be the Messiah, not Israel.
2. Zechariah 12:10 reinforces that Messiah would die by crucifixion (being pierced through), and just a few verses after that, in Zech. 13:1, it speaks of ‘in that day’ a Fountain will be opened for cleansing from sin and impurity for the House of David and the citizens of Jerusalem. This emphasizes the sacrificial atoning work of Messiah as Isaiah’s Suffering Servant because the word in Is. 53:5 literally means, ‘pierced through.’ In some English Bibles it has, ‘For He was wounded for our transgressions,’ but it’s better translated as, ‘For He was pierced through for our rebellions.’ This connects the Pierced One of Zech. 12:10 to Isaiah’s Suffering Servant. Another place that speaks of Messiah’s crucifixion is Psalm 22. You can find more how the Masoretes, with a stroke of their feather pen, altered the verse that literally speaks of Messiah’s hands and feet being pierced (v. 22), to a nonsensical phrase that will leave most Jews wondering about it. It’s Jewish Newsletter 25: [Lion Hands](#).
3. Psalm 118:22 states that the religious leaders (‘the Builders of Israel’) would reject Messiah (the Stone), but God would make Him the CornerStone (of the new Temple: Zech. 6:12-13). Isn’t this exactly what happened with Yeshua? In Yeshua’s day the common Jewish people loved to hear Him and follow Him, as they made up the majority of the people in the ‘multitudes’ whom the Gospels record. There were Gentiles, too, but the majority of the people were Jewish whom Yeshua taught and healed. Yet, most of the Jewish religious leaders in the Sanhedrin would condemn Him. Yeshua said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Mt. 15:24).
4. Psalm 2:2, 6-7 is important because it establishes the Messiah as God’s Son, as well as the Son of David.
 - a. Verse 2 speaks of the rulers and kings taking counsel against God and His Messiah (Anointed One), and also confirms Messiah’s rejection in Psalm 118:22. Peter uses this very passage from Psalm Two when he speaks of what the ruling Sanhedrin did to the Apostle John and him in the Name of Yeshua (Acts 4:23-31).
 - b. Verse 6 has God speaking, saying that He will set His King (the Messiah, the Son of David) on Zion, God’s holy Mountain.
 - c. Verse 7 has Messiah speaking of His deity: “I will declare the decree! (Father) Yahveh has said to Me, ‘You are My Son! Today I have begotten You!’”
 - (1) The word *begotten* is the same word used of all the sons born in the Bible, from Adam’s sons on. It speaks of the one being begotten as having the exact same nature as the one who begot him (i.e. his father). For example Seth was exactly *like* Adam in that he was a human being, exactly like Adam was. Gen 5:3 states, ‘When Adam had lived one hundred thirty years, he *begot* a son in his likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.’ Yeshua, begotten of the Father, has the exact nature of His Father, in that Yeshua is just as much divine as His Father is. Therefore, Yeshua is God’s Son in a most unique way. We are all sons of God, but from creation, from Adam and Eve, and have their fallen human nature. Yeshua is the Son of God, not created, but begotten in the image and likeness (divine nature) of His Father. This confirms Micah 5:2 in Messiah living from the days of eternity, having been begotten, coming forth on Day One of Creation.⁴
5. Jeremiah 31:31-34 (vv. 30-34 in Hebrew) is the only place in the Old Testament that literally speaks

⁴ For the biblical understanding of how Yeshua is God the Son, begotten and not created, see [Yeshua—God the Son](#).

of a *New Covenant*, and that God wants to put Mosaic Law (literally Torah) upon our minds and hearts, and also, forgive our sins and come to know God:

- a. Verse 31 says that God would give us a New Covenant. Most Jews don't know this is in 'their' Bible and are shocked to see it.
- b. Most Christians don't realize that v. 33 speaks of God putting His Torah (Law of Moses) in our minds and upon our hearts. As this is the only place where the New Covenant is mentioned in the Old Testament, it's amazing for them to see that one of the purposes of the New Covenant was so God could imprint Torah upon believers in Yeshua. This cite is expressly used by the writer of Hebrews twice, speaking of God putting His Mosaic laws on our heart (Heb. 8:10; 10:16). This is yet another point that nullifies Church theology against Mosaic Law.⁵
- c. Verse 34 reveals that the New Covenant will bring forgiveness of sins and that Israel will come to know God (by His Spirit: see Ezk. 36:24-27). I would have placed the cite for Ezekiel on the Card under this cite of Jeremiah's, but there wasn't enough room for it and the next cite that I have on the Card.

(1) Forgiveness of sins points to Isaiah's Suffering Servant, who died for our sins.

6. Isaiah 49:5-6 declares that not only would Jews come to Messiah, but Gentiles too. This accounts for the many Gentiles who love Jesus, being in God's Plan more than 700 years before Yeshua was born in Bethlehem.

Today, in the USA, I have a simpler card, only in English. It has my name, email address, phone number and website URL at the four corners of the card. In the middle is part of Isaiah 53:5, which says, 'He was pierced through for our open rebellion' (my translation).

I also have a number of one sheet handouts that I give out to people, depending on their need—for salvation; for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit; and for an understanding of the Hebraic Perspective.⁶

⁵ Some articles and books that present Mosaic Law as God's will for Christians to keep, are:

1. [*From Sabbath to Sunday*](#)
2. [*God's Way vs Church Way*](#)
3. [*Grace, Holiness and the Pharisaic Church*](#)
4. [*Hebrews and the Change of the Law*](#)
5. [*Law 102*](#)
6. [*Law and Grace*](#)
7. [*No Longer Under the Law?*](#)
8. [*Romans 14 and the Dietary Laws*](#)
9. [*Sam the Rock Thrower*](#)
10. [*Seven Ways Yeshua Fulfilled the Law*](#)
11. [*Take the Quiz! Five Quick Questions about the New Testament*](#)
12. [*The Feasts of Israel as Time Markers After the Resurrection*](#)
13. [*The Hebraic Perspective*](#)
14. [*The Lifting of the Veil—Acts 15:20-21*](#)
15. [*The Sabbath and Yeshua*](#)
16. [*The Two Babylons—The Full Hislop*](#)

⁶ Revised on 27 December 2017.