

## The Appearance of the Messiah

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There have been many religions, but what has been their mission? Their mission is to find one particular person. Many religions talk about attaining salvation and other such matters, but they are seeking to find the one person able to rise to the highest point in the world, the one person who has even gone beyond that point. They want to bring this person into existence. In this way, the center of all religions is one specific person; he is the Messiah. In other words, all religions have been looking for one person, and this one person, the central being, is the Messiah, the Savior. When the Messiah comes, he does not come to his position immediately. He has to fulfill a seven-year course. The Messiah is a man. This Messiah has to come and gain victory over Satan by going beyond the blood relationship of the satanic world.

Centering on this triumphant man, there should be victory on the level of the family, tribe, and people, and a foundation for national victory must be laid. One man alone will not suffice. In other words, he must be greater than the satanic world. Unless the Messiah rises above the families belonging to the satanic world, he cannot lead them.

The highest level in the satanic world is that of a nation. Satan has always been opposing God's will through nations. Since Satan has the nation, he has used it to strike heaven on the level of the individual, family, tribe, and people. Satan has constantly used a nation to block the path prepared by heaven.

Ultimately, if you are opposed and persecuted, it is because you are in an inferior position; if you are in a superior position, you can turn around and persecute and dominate. Because this world became Satan's through the Fall, there are plenty of individuals, families, tribes and nations on the satanic side. But God has none of these on His side. There is only one individual, but there is no family, tribe, people, or nation that has come up to God's standard. Hence, without a foundation on which the Messiah as an individual

can triumph on the family level, the tribal level, and the national level, there is no way for ordinary people to advance.

Through individuals and families, God prepared a realm into which a people who could advance with the Messiah when he came to earth. This was the people of Israel who lived with the concept of being the chosen people.

However, the people of Israel have not yet arrived in that realm. It was as if they were held back behind a line. The hope of the chosen people was to go over this line. If they failed to cross over, it would be a great disaster. They had to cross this line and yet, as hard as they tried, it was impossible to cross over on their own. That is why God promised the people of Israel that He would send them the Messiah, the Savior. This was the Messiah for whom God had prepared for thousands of years in order to transcend this line on the national level. He promised to send the Messiah.

The people of Israel should have become completely one with the Messiah when he came to them. They should have been willing to die for him. If they had, Satan could never have separated them in any way. The Messiah could have engrafted them to him on the individual, family, tribal, people and national levels and brought them into this realm all at once. This is why the world needs the idea of the chosen people. With that people chosen by God, the Messiah should build God's chosen nation. The existence of a chosen people proves God's existence. And judging from that basis, the prophecy about the coming of the Messiah further proves His existence.

For what purpose do we need the Messiah? That is the question. Through the Fall, we came to have false parents. The parents who were to have become one with God disappeared. The Messiah comes in the position of parents through whom we can be one with God. This is the first purpose of the Messiah. What is the second? It is to give us rebirth. Since satanic blood runs in our veins, the Messiah will drain out this satanic blood and engraft us to him. He will give us second birth and thus we shall no longer be Satan's sons and daughters. The Messiah's third purpose is to transform us into the people who can turn the devil into a servant and put him to work as a servant. In other words, the Messiah will come and make us qualified to subjugate Satan and punish him.

Because of the Fall, human beings first lost the chance to have parents. Second, they received satanic blood; third, they came under satanic dominion. Restoring what was originally intended requires going in the reverse order. In the Principle, we have the foundation of faith and the foundation of substance. We can hope for the Messiah only when we have laid these foundations of faith and substance. This is the Principle. We must establish the foundation of faith and the foundation of substance.