

## Messianic Psalms<sup>6</sup>

Many of the psalms specifically anticipate the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, who came centuries later as the promised Messiah. The messianic prophecies in the psalms take a variety of forms and refer to Christ in a variety of ways. (1) Typical Messianic. The subject of the psalm is in some respects a type of Christ (see, e.g., Pss. 34:20; 69:4, 9). (2) Typical Prophetic. The psalmist uses language to describe his present experience, which points beyond his own life and becomes historically true only in Christ (e.g., Ps. 22). (3) Indirectly Messianic. At the time of composition the psalm refers to a king or the house of David in general but awaits final fulfillment in Christ (e.g., Pss. 2; 45; 72). (4) Purely Prophetic. Refers solely to Christ without reference to any other son of David (e.g., Ps. 110). (5) Enthronement. Anticipates the coming of Yahweh and the consummation of His kingdom, which will be fulfilled in the person of Christ (e.g., Pss. 96-99).

<i>Psalm</i>	<i>Portrayal</i>	<i>Fulfilled</i>
2:7	The Son of God	Matthew 3:17
8:2	Praised by children	Matthew 21:15-16
8:6	Ruler of all	Hebrews 2:8
16:10	Rises from death	Matthew 28:7
22:1	Forsaken by God	Matthew 27:46
22:7-8	Derided by enemies	Luke 23:35
22:16	Hands and feet pierced	John 20:27
22:18	Lots cast for clothes	Matthew 27:35-36
34:20	Bones unbroken	John 19:32, 33, 36
35:11	Accused by false witnesses	Mark 14:57
35:19	Hated without cause	John 15:25
40:7-8	Delights in God's will	Hebrews 10:7
41:9	Betrayed by a friend	Luke 22:47
45:6	The eternal King	Hebrews 1:8
68:18	Ascends to heaven	Acts 1:9-11
69:9	Zealous for God's house	John 2:17
69:21	Given vinegar and gall	Matthew 27:34
109:4	Prays for enemies	Luke 23:34
110:1	Rules over His enemies	Matthew 22:44
110:4	A priest forever	Hebrews 5:6
118:22	The chief stone of God's building	Matthew 21:42
118:26	Comes in the name of the Lord	Matthew 21:9

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<sup>6</sup> Nelson's Complete Book of Bible Maps and Charts, 184.