

# Names of the Messiah

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1. בֶּן-פְּרֵץ *ben Peretz* Son of the Breach; Gen. 38:29.<sup>1</sup>
  - a. פּוֹרֵץ *Poretz* Breach Breaker; the One who breaks through; Micah 2:13.<sup>2</sup>
2. שִׁילוֹ *Shilo*—until the one comes to whom the *scepter* belongs; Gen. 49:10.
3. שֹׂרֵקָה *Soreka*—noble vine; Gen. 49:11; John 15:1.
4. מָשִׁיחַ *Mashiach*—Messiah, anointed; Ps. 2:2; Dan. 9:26.
5. מַלְאֲךְ הַבְּרִית *Malach HaBrit*—The Messenger of the Covenant; Mal. 3:1.
6. מַלְאֲךְ יְהוָה *Malach Yahveh*—The Angel of the LORD or more properly, the Messenger of Yahveh.<sup>3</sup>
7. צֶמַח *Tzemach*—The Branch; Is. 4:2; Jer. 23:6; Zech. 3:8; 6:12 and other words associated with a branch:
  - a. חֹתֵר *Hoter*—Shoot; Is. 11:1.
  - b. נֶצֶר *Netser*—Branch; Is. 11:1.
  - c. שֹׁרֵשׁ *Shoresh*—Root; Is. 11:10; Is. 53:2.
  - d. יִנּוֹן *Yinnon*—Flourish forever; sprout; Ps. 72:17.
  - e. רֹאשׁ יְנִיקוֹתָיו *Rosh Yenikotav*—top/head sprig, from the topmost shoot; Ezk. 17:4.
    - (1) The same root appears in Isaiah 53:2 where it speaks of the Messiah as a יֹנֵק *yonek*, a tender root or plant, used metaphorically for a young suckling child.
  - f. צְמַרֶת *Tzameret*—the highest branch; Ezk. 17:22.
8. פֶּלֶא *Pehleh*—Wonderful! Isaiah 9:6 (Heb. 9:5)...
  - a. יוֹעֵץ *Yo'aetz*—Counselor
  - b. אֵל גִּבּוֹר *El Gabor*—Mighty God
  - c. אָבִי־עַד *Avi'ad*—Everlasting Father
  - d. שַׂר-שָׁלוֹם *Sar Shalom*—Prince of Peace.
9. כִּמוֹ מֹשֶׁה *Kimo Mosheh* the One like Moses, the Second Moses—Dt. 18:15-18.
10. יְהוָה צְדִיקָנוּ *Yahveh Tzidkaynu*—Yahveh our Righteousness; Jer. 23:6; 33:16.
11. פְּנִיָּאֵל *Peniel*; פְּנִיָּאֵל *Penuel* the Face or Presence of God; Gen. 32:31.
12. מַלְאֲךְ פְּנִי *Malach Panav*—The Messenger or Prince of the Face—Presence; Is. 63:9.
13. מוֹרָא *Morah*—the One to be feared; Ps. 76:11 (Heb. 76:12).
14. רִשׁוֹן *Rishon*—The First; Is. 41:27.

<sup>1</sup> Most of these English meanings and transliterated Hebrew names were gathered by Risto Santala, *The Messiah in the Old Testament in the Light of Rabbinical Writings* (Jerusalem: Keren Ahvah Meshihit, 1992), pp. 196-197.

<sup>2</sup> For what this means see *Kingdom Violence* at <http://www.seedofabraham.net/kingdomv.html>.

<sup>3</sup> This phrase is mentioned 56 times in the Tanach and always speaks of Yeshua. For more on this see, *We Jews don't Believe that a Man can be God!* at <http://www.seedofabraham.net/nltr7.html>.

15. ראש פנה *Rosh Pina*—The CornerStone; Ps. 118:22.
16. אבן בחן *Ehven Bohan*—The Tried Stone; Is. 28:16.
  - a. יקרת פנת יקרת *Pinat Yik'raht*—The Precious Stone; Is. 28:16.
17. בן דוד *ben David*—The Son of David; Hos. 3:5.
18. נהירא *Nihe'ra*—Light; Dan. 2:22.
19. מנחם *Menachem*—Comforter; Is. 52:9; Lam. 1:16.
20. חנינה *Hanina*—Grace; Jer. 16:13.
21. אפרים *Ephraim*; Jer. 31:9,
  - a. or Ephraim the Son of Joseph or The Messiah the Son of Joseph; .
22. בר אבנא *bar Eh'nash*—Son of Man; Dan. 7:13.
23. עמנו אל *Immanuel*—God with us; Is. 7:14. Many people don't understand this name or designation for Messiah and say that He was called Yeshua (Jesus), but not *Immanuel*. I refer them to Isaiah 9:6 where the same prophet says that Messiah's name would also be, Wonderful! Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. We don't see anyone calling Him that, either. And how many called Him any of the names listed above?
  - a. The Tanach speaks of the Messiah in many terms or 'names' such as 'the Branch' and the ancient Rabbis found or gave more than 20 different names to the Messiah (e.g. the Breach Breaker from Messiah's descent from Perez, Gen. 38:29, whose name means to make a breach). This breach breaking Messiah will make a breach for His Flock Israel into Heaven itself (Micah 2:13; see page 1, note 2 for more on this).
  - b. In terms of *Immanuel*, and conceptually for the rest of Messiah's names, the Lord Yeshua was 'called' *Immanuel* or *God with us* when we see the Jewish crowd speaking of Him who had just raised the widow of Nain's son from the dead (Luke 7:11-16). The crowd marveled and said, 'God has *visited* His people!' The concept of 'being with us' and 'visiting' is identical in this instance and reveals that truly, *God was with us* in Yeshua and that Yeshua was called or known as Immanuel.