

Proving The Deity of Messiah from the Old Testament, as quoted by Jesus:

In Matthew 22:41-46, Jesus definitively proves that the Old Testament ascribed Deity to the Messiah. He does this by choosing a verse that miraculously is the ONLY Old Testament verse that shows the Deity of Messiah that modern Rabbis have not changed!!! All other such verses have been re-translated by modern Rabbis to remove the references of Deity to the Messiah. The only verse left untouched is also the verse that Jesus used to prove the Deity of Messiah from the Old Testament!

Matthew 22:

⁴¹While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

⁴²"What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied.

⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says,

⁴⁴"The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet."

⁴⁵If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?"

⁴⁶No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Jesus is quoting Psalm 110:1; one of the clearest Messianic prophecies in the Old Testament.

Jesus' argument is thus:

1) If the Messiah is only the Son of David, then why does David call Messiah "Lord"? This invokes the argument of position and authority. If the Messiah were a 'mere man' and a son [or descendant] of David, then why would David call him "Lord"? We wouldn't expect a Jewish man to call one of his descendants "Lord", since the patriarch is superior to the son! There must be something greater about the Messiah than just his humanity.

2) Notice that David was currently calling the Messiah "my Lord". If the Messiah did not already exist, then he could not be anyone's "Lord"! This shows that Messiah existed *before* his coming to earth. This means that when Messiah did come, we would expect him to claim that he existed before his birth [as Jesus did in John 8:58!].

3) If David is calling a man "Lord", whom he does not see, then he can be referring to none other than God! The title of "Lord" would only be given to one in greater authority on earth, or to God himself. No other person was ever called "Lord" that was not either: a) God or b) A current human earthly authority figure.

Since Psalm 110:1 is not referring to a current earthly figure, it can only refer to God as "Lord"

Other Old Testament verses that show the Deity of Messiah, but have been changed in modern rabbinic translations to nullify the reference to Deity:

Psalm 2:12; "Kiss the Son, let he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him."

Rabbinic Tenach: "Do homage in purity..."

The Hebrew for "kiss the Son" is *nashqu bar*. Even if this is translated, as some would have it, "Do homage in purity," the homage is to the Lord of verse II and to the Son of verse 7

Psalm 45:6-7; "Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

Rabbinic translation..."Your throne, of God, will last forever and ever..."

Isaiah 7:14; "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Rabbinic translation: "...the maiden/young woman will be with child..."

Isaiah 9:6; "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders, And He will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Rabbinic translation: "And He will be called...[all Hebrew words transliterated-leaving out "mighty God]"
