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Adam

The firstborn (Moses 3:7)

Created in the Father’s image (Gen. 1:27)

Chose to leave the presence of God to fulfill the plan of salvation.

Chose to partake of bitterness in the garden

Took upon himself death so that all may live

The person through whom the gospel was delivered to all mankind (Moses 5:12)

Set up to be at the head of mankind (D&C 107:55)

Reigns as our father forever (Abr. 1:3; D&C 107:53-56)

Melchizedek

A great high priest (D&C 107:2)

None were greater (Alma 13:19)

Offered the Lord’s Supper (JST Gen 14:17-20; Gen 14:18-20)

Established righteousness among his followers (JST Gen 14:33-34)

Known as the “prince of peace” (JST Gen 14:33)

Known as the “prince of heaven” (JST Gen 14:36)

Known as the “king of peace” (JST Gen 14:36)

The holy priesthood was named after him (D&C 107:2-4)

Seth

The chosen son (D&C 107:42)

A perfect man (D&C 107:43)

His likeness was the express likeness of his father (D&C 107:45; Moses 6:10)

Was like unto his father in all things (D&C 107:43)

Abraham

Known as the father of the faithful (D&C 138:41)
All nations of the earth blessed through him (Abr 2:9)
Mediator between God & man (Gen 18:20-33)
Believers are known as his children or seed (Gal 3:29)
Offered by his father for sacrifice (Abr facsimile 1)
Comforted by an angel in his greatest hour of need (Abr 1:15)
Shares in the blessing of his covenant with all who accept the gospel (Gen 11:31; 17:18; Abr 2:15)

Noah

Preached tirelessly to people who largely rejected him (Moses 8:19-21, 23)
He was grieved by the sins of the people (Moses 8:25)
He was just, & perfect in his generation (Moses 8:27; Genesis 6:9)
He was mocked by the people (Moses 8:21)
He did all that the Lord commanded him (Gen 6:22; 7:5)
People sought to kill him (Moses 8:18)
He constructed the means of saving all mankind (Gen 6:18)
Those who followed him were saved from death (Gen 6:18)
Only those who were in his family were saved (Gen 7:1,7)

Isaac

Long wait for his birth (Gen 17:17)
His name & birth were foretold by an angel (Gen 17:16, 19)
His mother conceived miraculously & brought forth a son (Gen 21:2, 6-7)
He was called the “only begotten son” (Heb 11:17)
Traveled to Jerusalem with a donkey (Gen 22:3)
Those with him were asked to wait while he went yonder to worship/pray (Gen 22:5)
Was to be sacrificed on a hill in the area of Moriah (Gen 22:2)
Carried the wood to be instrumental in his death (Gen 22:6)
Was one with his father (Gen 22:6, 8)
Was in similitude of his father (Abr 1:5-16; Gen 26:1-4, 24)

Voluntarily submitted to the will of his father (Gen 22:8-9)
Those who accept the gospel became his seed—his sons & daughters (Abr 2:10; Gen 26:1-4, 24)

Jacob

His brother lost his birthright
His brother hated him & sought to destroy him (Gen 27:41)
Overcame his brother (Gen 27:37-40)
Was promised that his followers would be stronger than those of his brother (Gen 25:23)
The chosen one
A plain man (Gen 25:27)

Joseph

The beloved son (Gen 37:3)
Declared that he would be the ruler over the children of Israel (Gen 37:6-11)
The children of Israel saw him as taking authority over them & rejected & hated him (Gen 37:8, 11)
Sought out his brethren on behalf of his father (Gen 37:12-17)
The children of Israel conspired to kill him (Gen 37:18-20)
Judah (in Greek, *Judas*) betrayed him to the Gentiles (Gen 37:25-28)
Sold for a price of a slave of his age, in pieces of silver (Gen 37:25-28; Lev 27:5)
The attempt to destroy him set in motion events that saved the children of Israel from death
Was taken captive & placed under the dominion of an officer of the strongest army of the world
Resisted temptation perfectly (Gen 39:7-12)
Was falsely accused (Gen 39:16-19)
Was given the name of Zaphath-paaneah, which means Savior (Gen 41:45)
Began his ministry of preparing salvation for Israel when thirty years old (Gen 41:46)
Provided bread & water to Israel & saved them from death (Gen 42:25)
Offers that bread without price (Gen 42:25; 44:1) **continued**

In offering that bread, he offers the opportunity to repent (Gen 42:25; 44:1)
Forgave those who had caused him to suffer & offered them the opportunity to repent (Gen 45:1-5; 14-15)
Was recognized & accepted by his people only the second time they met (Gen 45)
All bowed to him (Gen 43:26-28)

Moses

His birth & mission as a deliver of Israel was prophesied (JST Gen 50:24, 29)
The king at the time of his birth commanded that the children of his age be put to death (Ex 1:15-16, 22)
His parents saved him from death by sending him into Egypt (Ex 2:1-5)
Spent forty days fasting & communing with God before bringing the gospel to Israel (Ex 24:18; 34:28)
Was rejected when he first came to Israel (Ex 2:13-14)
He resisted & rebuked Satan (Moses 1:20-21)
Performed many miracles
Had power over the elements (Moses 1:25; Ex 14:21-29)
Preferred not to do what he was to do, but submitted to the will of God (Ex 3:11; 4:13-18)
Fed his followers with bread from heaven (Ex 16; Deut 8:3)
Brought a “new law” (Ex 20-24; 31-34)
Delivered Israel from bondage (Moses 1:6, 26)
Mediator of the covenant between God & man (JST Gal 3:19-20)

Ancient Temple

The courtyard, signifying presence in the world
The alter, signifying sacrifice to do the will of the Father
The lever of water, signifying baptism
The candlesticks, signifying the light supplied to the world
The water & bread, signifying the offering of body & blood
The incense before the veil, signifying the pleading cries before the Father on our behalf
The veil, signifying the barriers of sin & death that we are to overcome

Entry through the veil, which signifies the way created back to the Father
The mercy seat & throne in the Most Holy Place, signifying merciful judgment & rule

Brazen Serpent

Was prepared as the means of deliverance from certain death (Numbers 21:8)
Was raised up on a pole (Numbers 21:9)
All those who look to him live (Numbers 21:8; Alma 33:19)

Gideon

Was raised up in poor, nondescript family (Judges 6:15)
God sent him to deliver the Israelites from bondage (Judg 6:14)
With a small band of men, he defeated the enemy (Judges 7:7; 16:22)
He brought peace to those who followed him (Judges 8:28)

Jephthah

He was hated & expelled by his people (Judges 11:2)
The people turned to him when they were in distress (Judges 11:5-10)
When the people turned to him, he became their deliverer (Judges 11:11)
He subdued the enemy on behalf of the people who had made him head & captain over them (Judges 11:12-33)

Samson

Israel had become corrupted by heathen neighbors
An angel appeared to his mother, telling her that she would conceive & bring forth a son (Judges 13:3)
Prophesied that he would deliver Israel out of bondage (Judges 13:5)
Mother conceived miraculously & brought forth a son (Judges 13:24)
Had great strength to do miracles
Was sent to awaken Israel to their sins
Did not bring temporal freedom to Israel, but set in motion spiritual events that would lead to eventual temporal & spiritual freedom
By his death, brought down the house of evil

Samuel

His mother conceived miraculously & brought forth a son (1 Samuel 1:17-20)
The firstborn (1 Samuel 2:5, 20-21)
Upon his birth his mother sang a song of praise & thanksgiving (1 Samuel 2:1-10)
He was sanctified to God for life (1 Samuel 1:28)
Communed with God from an early age
Remained at the temple at an early age (1 Samuel 1:24; 2:11)
At an early age, he grew in favor with God & man (1 Sam 2:26)
The priests at the time had grown corrupt (1 Samuel 2:12; 17; 3:13)
Was the mouthpiece of God to his people (1 Samuel 3:21-4:1)
God revealed himself to him, & through him to Israel (1 Samuel 3:21-4:11)
All of his words were fulfilled (1 Samuel 3:19)
Was ignored because he was not a political or military leader (1 Samuel 4:1-11)
When people ignored him, the power of the Lord was lost from them (1 Samuel 4:11)
Exhorted Israel to repentance (1 Samuel 7:3)
Interceded with God for Israel (1 Samuel 7:5, 8)
Delivered the people after they turned to him as their leader (1 Samuel 7:4, 8-10, 13)

David

Born in Bethlehem (1 Samuel 16:1)
The “anointed one” (1 Samuel 16:13)
His outward appearance was not necessarily what one would expect it to be (1 Samuel 16:6-7)
Loved by many of the Israelite people
Despised as a threat by the Israelite leaders (1 Samuel 20:30-31)
Israelite leaders desired to kill him (1 Samuel 18:11, 21-29; 19:10-11; 20-31; 23:8)
A man after God’s own heart (1 Samuel 13:14)
Spent his time feeding his father’s sheep (1 Samuel 17:15)
Endured tremendous trials, suffering, & persecution
Never raised his hand against the Israelites who were trying to kill him (1

Samuel 24:2-15; 26:2-20)

Would not allow those with him to exact revenge against those who would have him killed (1 Samuel 24:2-15; 26:2-20)

Loved saint & sinner alike (1 Samuel 1:20-27)

Became the king of Israel

United Israel

Was promised the throne forever (1 Samuel 7:13, 16)

Abigail

Atoned for a wrong of another (1 Samuel 25:14-24)

Provided all that was needed to him who was harmed (1 Samuel 25:14-24)

Took the sinner’s iniquity on own head, even though did no wrong (1 Samuel 25:24-25)

Pled for the avenger to give up vengeance (1 Samuel 25:28-31)

Was the means of delivering peace (1 Samuel 25:32-35)

The Psalmist

He who ate of his bread, in whom he trusted, lifted his heel against him (Psalms 41:9)

Looked for some to take pity, but there was none (Psalms 69:20)

He opened not his mouth (Psalms 38:13)

They pierced his hands & feet (Psalms 22:16)

Throat was dry (Psalms 69:3)

They gave him gall to eat, & vinegar to drink (Psalms 69:21)

Others mocked him, saying that the Lord in whom he trusted should deliver him (Psalms 22:7-8)

They parted his garments among them (Psalms 22:18)

He said, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” (Psalms 22:1)

He said, “Into thine hand I commit my spirit” (Psalms 31:5)

Job

He was perfect & upright (Job 1:8)

None like him in all the earth (Job 1:8)

Satan desired to destroy him (Job 1:9-19; 2:4-7)

Suffered immeasurably for no wrong or fault of his own (Job 1:12-2:8)

Was mocked & scorned by his “friends) (Job 16:20; 17:2)

Remained absolutely steadfast (Job 13:15)

He endured all the suffering with out murmuring (Job 1:21-22; 2-10)

Offered sacrifice for & prayed for those who had rejected him (Job 42:8)

Sinners can be accepted before God through him & do not suffer for their own sins (ob 42:7-10)

He gained everything after he endured the suffering (Job 42:10-13)

Jonah

Allowed himself to be cast into certain death in order to save others (Jonah 1:12)

Descended to the depths (Jonah 2:3-6)

Suffered immensely for sin (Jonah 2:1-6)

Felt forsaken by the Lord (Jonah 2:4)

In moment of utter aloneness, nevertheless looked to the Lord (Jonah 2:4, 7)

Was swallowed up for three days (Jonah 1:17)

Came forth alive after three days (Jonah 2:10)

Isaiah

He was near unto God (Isaiah 6:1-4)

God asked, “Whom shall I send, & who will go for us?” (Isaiah 6:8)

In response, he said: “Here am I, send me.” (Isaiah 6:8)

He then came & preached repentance to Israel

His message was largely rejected, & the nation was soon scattered

Maher-shalal-hash-baz

His birth & name were foretold (Isaiah 7:14; 8:1-3)

Was prophesied that he would be born of a “virgin” (this may have been in reference to a virgin that was soon to be Isaiah’s wife) (Isaiah 7:14)

His mother conceived & brought forth a son (Isaiah 8:3)

He was named according to the prophecy (Isaiah 8:3)

His birth was a sign that the land of Israel was soon to be forsaken (Isaiah 7:16-25; 8:4)

His birth was a sign that the Israelites would soon be carried off from their land (Isaiah 8:4-8)

Eliakim

The Lord’s servant in the day of Israel’s captivity (Isa. 22:17-20)

The government was placed in his hand (Isaiah 22:21)

He was father to the inhabitants of the holy city (Isaiah 22:21)

The key of the house of David rested upon his shoulder (Isaiah 22:22)

He determined entrance into his father’s house (Isaiah 22:22)

Fastened as a nail in a sure place (Isaiah 22:23)

He occupied a glorious throne in his father’s house (Isaiah 22:23)

All the glory of his father’s house rested on him, including the offspring and issue (Isaiah 22:24)

Jeremiah

Was known, sanctified, & ordained from before his birth (Jeremiah 1:5)

Observed that the temple had become “a den of robbers” (Jeremiah 7:11)

Prophesied regarding the destruction of the temple (Jeremiah 7:12, 14)

Was taken captive

The religious leaders asserted in the political leaders & to the people that he was “worthy to die” (Jeremiah 26:11)

Was like “a lamb...that is brought to the slaughter (Jer 11:19)

The king washed his hands of the decision regarding him, committing him to the hands of the people (Jeremiah 38:5)

Daniel

A child of no blemish (Daniel 1:4)

Had wisdom more than all the wise at a young age (Daniel 1:20)

Was preferred above all because an excellent spirit was in him (Daniel 6:3)

No error or fault was found in him (Daniel 6:4)

Those jealous of his power sought occasion under the law against him, but could find none (Daniel 6:4)

So these leaders sought occasion to entrap him (Daniel 6:5-9)

Continued in righteousness notwithstanding the threat (Daniel 6:10-11)

Was condemned to death (Daniel 6:12-13)

The ruler sought to have him released (Daniel 6:14)

But the people would not allow it (Daniel 6:15)

The den of death was sealed with a stone (Daniel 6:17)

Rising early in the morning, the believer(s) came to the place to see him (Daniel 6:19)

Those who believed in him assumed he was dead (Daniel 6:20)

Being delivered from death, his message to those to who seek him is “live for ever” (Daniel 6:21)

Was delivered from death because “before [God] innocency was found in [Him]” (Daniel 6:22)

Came forth in perfect condition (Daniel 6:23)

Those who fight against him shall die (Daniel 6:24)

As a result of his miraculous deliverance, the gospel of the Lord’s deliverance was published throughout all of the earth (Daniel 6:25-27)

House of Israel

God’s chosen, his “firstborn” (Exodus 4:22)

Raised from humble, plain beginnings

Found refuge in Egypt

Was baptized (1 Corinthians 10:1-2)

Possessor of the law through whom salvation comes to the world

Smitten & held in scorn & derision

Was taken captive

Experienced suffering & death

Will be raised up & restored

Obtains victory over enemies

“Wisdom”

Set up from before the world was (Proverbs 8:23-26)

Was with God when the heavens & earth were prepared (Proverbs 8:27-31)

The power by which the earth & the heavens were established (Proverbs 3:19)

Speaks only the truth & righteousness (Proverbs 8:7-8)

A being characterized by “counsel” (Proverbs 8:14)

Calls & cries to us all (Proverbs 8:1)

Offers us bread & drinks (Proverbs 9:5)

Will pour out the spirit upon us if we obey (Proverbs 1:23)

Those who seek shall find (Proverbs 8:17)

Bestows grace & glory (Proverbs 4:9)

Calls us children (Proverbs 8:32)

Holds the power of life (Proverbs 3:16)

Those who find, find life (Proverbs 8:35)

Those who keep ways are blessed (Proverbs 8:32)

Holds the power to multiply & increase our lives (Proverbs 9:11)

The source of happiness (Proverbs 3:13)

Is slow to hearken to those who have persisted on disobedience (Proverbs 1:28-31)

Those who don’t hearken will be destroyed (Proverbs 1:14-27)