

What Old Testament Prophecies Did Jesus Fulfill?

When Jesus rose from the dead he met two disciples on the Road to Emaus and opened their minds and explained from the Scriptures the prophecies concerning himself, found in the Law of Moses, the Psalms and the Prophets. What a wonderful sermon that would have been! Here are some of those prophecies that perhaps made up part of that discourse.

The Lineage and Birth of Jesus Foretold

Prophecy: Seed of a woman

Old Testament Reference: Genesis 3:14-15

New Testament Fulfillment: Galatians 4:4

"And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." (Genesis 3:13-15)

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, . . . " (Galatians 4:4)

Prophecy: From the Tribe of Judah (Juda)

Old Testament Reference: Genesis 49:10

New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 3:33

"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. " (Genesis 49:9-10)

"And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli, . . . Which was [the son] of Aminadab, which was [the son] of Aram, which was [the son] of Esrom, which was [the son] of Phares, which was [the son] of Juda, " (Luke 3:23, 33)

Prophecy: Descendant of Abraham, Issac and Jacob

Old Testament Reference: Genesis 12:3, 17:17-19; Numbers 24:17

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 1:1-2,16; Luke 3:34, 38

"Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. " (Genesis 12:1-3)

"Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? . . . And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will

establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. "
(Genesis 17:17-19)

"I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth. " (Numbers 24:17)

"The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren; ... And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. " (Matthew 1:1-2, 16)

"...Which was the son of Jacob, which was the son of Isaac, which was the son of Abraham, which was the son of Thara, which was the son of Nachor... Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God." (Luke 3:34, 38)

Prophecy: Heir to the Throne of David

Old Testament Reference: Isaiah 9:6-7

New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 1:32

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. . . . " (Isaiah 9:6-7)

"And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: . . . " (Luke 1:31-32)

Prophecy: Anointed and Eternal

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 45:6-7

New Testament Fulfillment: Hebrews 1:8-10

"Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. " (Psalm 45:6-7)

"But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, [even] thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: . . . " (Hebrews 1:8-10)

Prophecy: Jesus to be born in Bethlehem

Old Testament Reference: Micah 5:2

New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 2:4-7

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. " (Micah 5:2)

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. " (Luke 2:4-7)

Prophecy: The time of Jesus' birth

Old Testament Reference: Daniel 9:24-25

New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 2:1-5

"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: . . . " (Daniel 9:24-25)

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. " (Luke 2:1-5)

Prophecy: Christ to be born of a virgin

Old Testament Reference: Isaiah 7:13-14

New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 1:26-28, 30-31

"And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. " (Isaiah 7:13-14)

"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.... And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. . . . " (Luke 1:26-28, 30-31)

Prophecy: Lamentation for the killing of infants

Old Testament Reference: Jeremiah 31:15

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 2:16-18

"Thus saith the LORD; In voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not. "
(Jeremiah 31:15)

"Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wrath, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. " (Matthew 2:16-18)

Prophecy: To be called out of Egypt

Old Testament Reference: Hosea 11:1

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 2:13-15

"When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. " (Hosea 11:1)

"And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. " (Matthew 2:13-15)

Preparation for and Ministry of Jesus

Prophecy: The way of the Lord prepared

Old Testament Reference: Isaiah 40:3-4

New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 3:2-5

"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: " (Isaiah 40:3-4)

". . . the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;" (Luke 3:2-5)

Prophecy: A messenger to come before the Lord

Old Testament Reference: Malachi 3:1

New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 7:24-27

"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. " (Malachi 3:1)

"And when the messengers of John were departed, he (Jesus) began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. " (Luke 7:24-27)

Prophecy: A prophet would be raised up

Old Testament Reference: Deuteronomy 18:15

New Testament Fulfillment: Acts 3:19-20, 22

"For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do. The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; " (Deuteronomy 18:14-15)

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: . . . For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. " (Acts 3:19-20, 22)

Prophecy: Declared to be a Son of God

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 2:7

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 3:13-17

"I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. " (Psalm 2:7)

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:13-17)

Prophecy: Ministry centered in Galilee

Old Testament Reference: Isaiah 9:1-2

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 4:12-16

"Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. " (Isaiah 9:1-2)

"Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and

Nephthalim: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. " (Matthew 4:12-16)

Prophecy: Jesus Christ would speak in parables

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 78:1-2

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 13:34-35

"Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: " (Psalm 78:1-2)

"All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world. " (Matthew 13:34-35)

Prophecy: Jesus to bind up and heal the brokenhearted

Old Testament Reference: Isaiah 61:1-3

New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 4:17-21

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. " (Isaiah 61:1-3)

"And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." (Luke 4:17-21)

Prophecy: A Priest after the order of Melchizedek

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 110:1,4

New Testament Fulfillment: Hebrews 5:5-6

"The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. . . . The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou [art] a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. " (Psalm 110:1,4)

"So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." (Hebrews 5:5-6)

Prophecy: Despised, rejected and not believed, especially by the Jews

Old Testament Reference: Isaiah 53:1-4

New Testament Fulfillment: John 1:11, 12:37-40; Luke 23:16-18

"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. " (Isaiah 53:1-4)

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not. " (John 1:11)

"But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them." (John 12:37-40)

"I will therefore chastise him, and release him. (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.) And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas: (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.) Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them. But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. " (Luke 23:16-18)

Prophecy: Hated without reason

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 35:19

New Testament Fulfillment: John 15:24

"Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause. " (Psalm 35:19)

"He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. " (John 15:23-25)

Prophecy: Triumphal entry in Jerusalem

Old Testament Reference: Zechariah 9:9

New Testament Fulfillment: Mark 11:7-11

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. " (Zechariah 9:9)

"And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him. And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. " (Mark 11:7-11)

Prophecy: Praised by the mouth of babes

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 8:1-2

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 21:15-16

"O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. " (Psalm 8:1-2)

"And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased, And said unto him, Hearst thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise? " (Matthew 21:15-16)

Prophecy: The Messiah would be cut off, but not for himself

Old Testament Reference: Daniel 9:25-27

New Testament Fulfillment: John 11:49-52

"And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. " (Daniel 9:25-27)

"And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. " (John 11:49-52)

The Last Twenty-Four (24) Hours in Jesus' Life

From Betrayal to his Trial

Prophecy: Betrayal of Jesus Christ by a close friend (Judas)

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 41:9

New Testament Fulfillment: Mark 14:10, Luke 22:47-48

"Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me. " (Psalm 41:9)

"And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them." (Mark 14:10)

"And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? " (Luke 22:47-48)

Prophecy: Price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus

Old Testament Reference: Zechariah 11:12

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 26:14-15

"And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the LORD. And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver." (Zechariah 11:11-12)

"Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. " (Matthew 26:14-15)

Prophecy: What would be done with the betrayal money

Old Testament Reference: Zechariah 11:13

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:3, 5-7

"And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD. " (Zechariah 11:12-13)

"Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, . . . And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. " (Matthew 27:3, 5-7)

Prophecy: Forsaken by His disciples

Old Testament Reference: Zechariah 13:7

New Testament Fulfillment: Mark 14:50; Matthew 26:31

"Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones. " (Zechariah 13:7)

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and with staves to take me? I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled. And they all forsook him, and fled." (Mark 14:48-50)

"Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. " (Matthew 26:31)

Prophecy: False witnesses against Christ

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 27:12, 35:11

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 26:59-61; Mark 14:55-57

"Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty." (Psalm 27:12)

"False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not. " (Psalm 35:11)

"Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. " (Matthew 26:59-61)

"And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none. For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together. And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, . . . " (Mark 14:55-57)

Prophecy: Jesus would not open his mouth against false accusations

Old Testament Reference: Isaiah 53:7

New Testament Fulfillment: Mark 15:4-5, Matthew 27:13-14

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. " (Isaiah 53:7)

"And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing. And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee. But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled. Now at that feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired. " (Mark 15:3-6)

"Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marveled greatly. " (Matthew 27:13-14)

The Last Twenty-Four (24) Hours in Jesus' Life

From after his Trial to his Death

Prophecy: Satan shall bruise Jesus' "heel"

Old Testament Reference: Genesis 3:15

New Testament Fulfillment: John 19:18; John 12:31-33

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. " (Genesis 3:15)

"Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. " (John 19:16-18)

"Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die." (John 12:31-33)

Prophecy: His scourging predicted

Old Testament Reference: Isaiah 50:6

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:26; Mark 15:15

"I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. " (Isaiah 50:6)

"Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified." (Matthew 27:26)

"Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him. And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified. " (Mark 15:14-15)

Prophecy: His body would be brutalized

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 22:16-17; Isaiah 52:14

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:26, 29-30; John 19:1-3

"For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. " (Psalm 22:16-17)

"As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: " (Isaiah 52:14)

"Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. . . And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put [it] upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. " (Matthew 27:26, 29-30)

"Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands." (John 19:1-3)

Prophecy: Jesus would be bruised and crucified for the sins of the world

Old Testament Reference: Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-11

New Testament Fulfillment: Romans 5:6-8

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. . . . Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put [him] to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see [his] seed, he shall prolong [his] days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, [and] shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. " (Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-11)

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. " (Romans 5:6-8)

Prophecy: Shame, reproach and dishonor; adversaries before Him.

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 69:17-19

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:27-30

"And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily. Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies. Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonor: mine adversaries are all before thee." (Psalm 69:17-19)

"Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put [it] upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. " (Matthew 27:27-30)

Prophecy: Feet and hands would be pierced

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 22:15-16; Zechariah 12:9-10

New Testament Fulfillment: John 19:33-35, 20:25-27

"My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. " (Psalm 22:15-16)

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. " (Zechariah 12:9-10)

"But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe." (John 19:33-35)

"The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing." (John 20:25-27)

Prophecy: He was numbered among the transgressors

Old Testament Reference: Isaiah 53:12

New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 23:33

"Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." (Isaiah 53:12)

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. " (Luke 23:33)

Prophecy: Some observers would shake their heads at him

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 22:7-8, 109:25

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:39-40

"All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. " (Psalm 22:7-8)

"I became also a reproach unto them: when they looked upon me they shaked their heads. " (Psalm 109:25)

"And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. " (Matthew 27:39-40)

Prophecy: Reviled and mocked by the crowd

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 22:7-8

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:39-43; Luke 23:34-35

"All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. " (Psalm 22:7-8)

"And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. " (Matthew 27:39-43)

"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God. " (Luke 23:34-35)

Prophecy: Intercession for sinners and those killing him

Old Testament Reference: Isaiah 53:12

New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 23:33-34

"Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." (Isaiah 53:12)

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots." (Luke 23:33-34)

Prophecy: Parting of His garments and the casting of lots for them

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 22:18

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:35; John 19:23-24

"They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. " (Psalm 22:18)

"And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. " (Matthew 27:35)

"Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did." (John 19:23-24)

Prophecy: Stared at Jesus on the cross

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 22:16-17

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:36, 55

"For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. " (Psalm 22:17)

"And sitting down they watched him there; And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. . . . And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: " (Matthew 27:36, 55)

Prophecy: Family and friends would observe

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 38:10-11

New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 23:48-49; Matthew 27:55-56

"My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me. My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off. " (Psalm 38:10-11)

"And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned. And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things. " (Luke 23:48-49)

"And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedees children. " (Matthew 27:55-56)

Prophecy: Forsaken by God

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 22:1-2

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:45-46

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent." (Psalm 22:1-2)

"Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? " (Matthew 27:45-46)

Prophecy: His side would be pierced

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 22:16; Zechariah 12:10

New Testament Fulfillment: John 19:34

"For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet." (Psalm 22:16)

"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. " (Zechariah 12:10)

"But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. " (John 19:34-35)

Prophecy: Gave Him vinegar to drink

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 69:21

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:34; Mark 15:23; John 19:28-30

"They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. " (Psalm 69:21)

" They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. " (Matthew 27:34)

"And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not. " (Mark 15:23)

"After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost." (John 19:28-30)

Prophecy: Christ would commit His spirit to the Father

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 31:5

New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 23:46; John 19:30

"Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth. " (Psalm 31:5)

"And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. " (Luke 23:46)

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost." (John 19:30)

Prophecy: Not one of His bones would be broken

Old Testament Reference: Exodus 12:43, 46; Psalm 34:19-20

New Testament Fulfillment: John 19:33-36

"And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This [is] the ordinance of the passover: . . . In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof. " (Exodus 12:43, 46)

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. " (Psalm 34:19-20)

"But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. " (John 19:33-36)

Prophecy: Jesus Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us

Old Testament Reference: Exodus 12:3, 5-6; Isaiah 53:7

New Testament Fulfillment: John 1:29; 1Corinthians 5:7; 1Peter 1:18-19

"Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: . . . Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening." (Exodus 12:3, 5-6)

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. " (Isaiah 53:7)

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. " (John 1:29)

"Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: " (1Corinthians 5:7)

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: " (1Peter 1:18-19)

Jesus' Burial, Resurrection and Ascension

Prophecy: Jesus would be buried in the tomb of a rich man

Old Testament Reference: Isaiah 53:8-9

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:57-60

"He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his

grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. " (Isaiah 53:8-9)

"When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. " (Matthew 27:57-60)

Prophecy: Jesus would be resurrected

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 16:10-11; Psalm 49:15

New Testament Fulfillment: Mark 16:5-6

"For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." (Psalm 16:10-11)

"Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah." (Psalm 49:14-15)

"And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. " (Mark 16:5-6)

Prophecy: His ascension to God's right hand

Old Testament Reference: Psalm 68:18

New Testament Fulfillment: 1Corinthians 15:3-6; Mark 16:19-20; Ephesians 4:8-10

"Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them. " (Psalm 68:18)

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep." (1Corinthians 15:3-6)

"So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. " (Mark 16:19-20)

"Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) " (Ephesians 4:8-10)

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Messianic Prophecies

The Bible's predictions about Jesus, written centuries before He was born

What is a Prophecy—and Why Should I Care?

The *noun* [prophecy](#) describes a “prediction of the future, made under divine inspiration” or a “revelation of God.” The act of *making* a [prophecy](#) is the *verb*, [prophecy](#). Of the prophecies written in the Bible about events that were to have taken place by now, every one was fulfilled with 100% accuracy. This is a statement that can *not* be truthfully made about any other “sacred writing.” This is important because [the Bible says God will give us a savior who provides a way for us to go to heaven](#). If the prophecies are 100% accurate, we know it is going to happen.

What is a “Messianic” Prophecy?

The Old Testament books in the Bible (all of them written between 1450 BC and 430 BC) contained hundreds of prophecies about an “anointed one” (“Messiah” in Hebrew) who would arrive in their future. The Messiah would “deliver” or “save” all the Jewish people, bringing them to paradise or heaven. These prophecies also stated that the Messiah would save all the other people in the world “through the Jews.” For this reason, people who are *not* Jewish need to learn about the Messiah, too.

We constructed the table below, listing many important Messianic Prophecies. We did *not* attempt to make a complete list—that could be someone’s life work. Still, there are enough prophecies listed to remove all doubt that the Messiah did indeed appear 2000 years ago in the person of Jesus Christ. These prophecies are arranged in the order in which they appear in the Old Testament, and [they are not in order of importance nor in chronological order](#). Since the same fulfilled prophecy may be described several times in different books, we did not list *every place* a fulfillment occurred. We do list enough examples to prove that the prophecy was fulfilled.

A Special Note on Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53

Even a casual reader of the Bible will notice something “different” about Psalm 22 and Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12. They tell stories that perfectly parallel events in the life of Christ that took place much later. Psalm 22 is especially amazing since it predicted 11 separate things about Jesus’ crucifixion *about a thousand years before they happened*. We know that David (the author of Psalm 22) lived about 1043-973 BC and Isaiah lived about 740-680 BC. Both passages, written far ahead of the time of Christ, are strong proof that help [you](#) believe that the Bible was literally inspired by God.

A Comment on Understanding Prophecy

Some of these prophecies are very clear and easy to understand. However, if you are new to reading the Bible, other prophecies will not be easy to understand. Therefore, we have taken the liberty of [highlighting](#) those prophecies that are easier to understand by a person who is not familiar with “prophetic language.” This does *not* imply that these passages are more important than the others.

As we describe in our page [Reading and Understanding the Bible](#), the Bible is a library of Books. So, even if you do not understand every idea or term when you start reading the “library,” do not be discouraged. You just need to learn the language—perhaps in the same way you learned a “special language” or “way of communicating” in your job or at school.

Old Testament Scriptures That Describe The Coming Messiah

The Messianic Prophecy (paraphrased)	Where the prophecy appears in the Old Testament (written between 1450 BC and 430BC)	Jesus' fulfillment of the prophecy in the New Testament (written between 45 and 95 AD)
The Messiah will be the offspring (descendant) of the woman (Eve)	Genesis 3:15	Galatians 4:4
The Messiah will be a descendant of Abraham, through whom everyone on earth will be blessed	Genesis 12:3; 18:18	Acts 3:25,26
The Messiah will be a descendant of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Matthew 1:2 and Luke 3:33
The Messiah will be a prophet like Moses	Deuteronomy 18:15-19	Acts 3:22,23
The Messiah will be the Son of God	Psalm 2:7	Matthew 3:17; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22
The Messiah will be raised from the dead (resurrected)	Psalm 16:10,11	Matthew 28:5-9; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:4-7; John 20:11-16; Acts 1:3 and 2:32
The Messiah crucifixion experience	Psalm 22 (contains 11 prophecies—not all listed here)	Matthew 27:34-50 and John 19:17-30
The Messiah will be sneered at and mocked	Psalm 22:7	Luke 23:11,35-39
The Messiah will be pierced through hands and feet	Psalm 22:16	Luke 23:33 and 24:36-39; John 19:18 and 20:19-20,24-27
The Messiah's bones will not be broken (a person's legs were usually broken after being crucified to speed up their death)	Psalm 22:17 and 34:20	John 19:31-33,36
Men Will Gamble for the Messiah's clothing	Psalm 22:18	Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:34; John 19:23,24
The Messiah will be accused by false witnesses	Psalm 35:11	Matthew 26:59,60 and Mark 14:56,57
The Messiah will be hated without a cause	Psalm 35:19 and 69:4	John 15:23-25
The Messiah will be	Psalm 41:9	John 13:18,21

betrayed by a friend		
The Messiah will ascend to heaven (at the right hand of God)	Psalms 68:18	Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9; 2:33-35; 3:20-21; 5:31,32; 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20,21; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; 1 Pet 3:22 . . . sorry, we got carried away! 😊
The Messiah will be given vinegar and gall to drink	Psalms 69:21	Matthew 27:34; Mark 15:23; John 19:29,30
Great kings will pay homage and tribute to the Messiah	Psalms 72:10,11	Matthew 2:1-11
The Messiah is a “stone the builders rejected” who will become the “head cornerstone”	Psalms 118:22,23 and Isaiah 28:16	Matthew 21:42,43; Acts 4:11; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:6-8
The Messiah will be a descendant of David	Psalms 132:11 and Jeremiah 23:5,6; 33:15,16	Luke 1:32,33
The Messiah will be a born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 1:26-35
The Messiah’s first spiritual work will be in Galilee	Isaiah 9:1-7	Matthew 4:12-16
The Messiah will make the blind see, the deaf hear, etc.	Isaiah 35:5-6	Many places. Also see Matthew 11:3-6 and John 11:47
The Messiah will be beaten, mocked, and spat upon	Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 26:67 and 27:26-31
The “Gospel according to Isaiah”	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
People will hear and not believe the “arm of the LORD” (Messiah)	Isaiah 53:1	John 12:37,38
The Messiah will be rejected	Isaiah 53:3	Matthew 27:20-25; Mark 15:8-14; Luke 23:18-23; John 19:14,15
The Messiah will be killed	Isaiah 53:5-9	Matthew 27:50; Mark 15:37-39; Luke 23:46; John 19:30
The Messiah will be silent in front of his accusers	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 26:62,63 and 27:12-14
The Messiah will be	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:59,60; Mark 15:46; Luke

buried with the rich		23:52,53; John 19:38-42
The Messiah will be crucified with criminals	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38; Mark 15:27; Luke 23:32,33
The Messiah is part of the new and everlasting covenant	Isaiah 55:3-4 and Jeremiah 31:31-34	Matthew 26:28; Mark 14:24; Luke 22:20; Hebrews 8:6-13
The Messiah will be our intercessor (intervene for us and plead on our behalf)	Isaiah 59:16	Hebrews 9:15
The Messiah has two missions	Isaiah 61:1-3 (first mission ends at “. . . year of the LORD’s favor”)	First mission: Luke 4:16-21; Second mission: to be fulfilled at the end of the world
The Messiah will come at a specific time	Daniel 9:25-26	Galatians 4:4 and Ephesians 1:10
The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1 and Luke 2:4-7
The Messiah will enter Jerusalem riding a donkey	Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 21:1-11
The Messiah will be sold for 30 pieces of silver	Zechariah 11:12,13	Matthew 26:15 with Matthew 27:3-10
The Messiah will forsaken by His disciples	Zechariah 13:7	Matthew 26:31,56
The Messiah will enter the Temple with authority	Malachi 3:1	Matthew 21:12 and Luke 19:45

Couldn't Someone Just Write These Down and Pretend They Were Written Earlier?

Many people who do not believe in the Bible say this. However, manuscripts have been found that confirm that these various prophecies were written down 400-1,000 years before they actually occurred. The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls put to rest most of such idle talk.

Were These *Intended* to Be Messianic Prophecies?

Some of the prophecies occur as part of the text of a story. So, a natural question would be, “How do you know these are Messianic prophecies? Couldn’t someone have read these texts after Jesus came along and *claimed* they are Messianic prophecies?”

The reason we know these texts were *intended* to be Messianic prophecies is because they were recognized (and discussed) by the Jews before Jesus’ birth.

For example:

One of the common debates was whether or not “the Messiah” was *actually* two people (or twins) since it seemed impossible to them that one person could accomplish both of the Messiah’s “goals” (Isaiah 61:1-3).

- We now know that Jesus accomplished one goal (preaching the “good news” and becoming the sacrifice that saves us) when He came to Earth, told everyone God’s new plan of salvation, and was crucified.
- He will fulfill the other goal (being our Savior and Lord, ruling at God’s right hand, and taking vengeance on the people who do not follow God) when He comes back to Earth (often called Jesus’ “second coming”).

This required being raised from the dead—a possibility the Jews never considered. When Jesus was raised from the dead, many Jews *then* recognized how the Messiah could be “one man.”

From that time, more than a billion Jews and non-Jews alike have chosen to get right with God and become Christians. Many of them made their decision based on the evidence of these fulfilled Messianic prophecies.

Couldn’t Someone Besides Jesus Fulfill These Prophecies?

The number representing the odds *against* them all being fulfilled by *anyone* would fill this entire website. This makes the fact that Jesus fulfilled them all a miracle in itself. Still, some questions that may come to mind are:

- Couldn’t anyone else have fulfilled these prophecies if they really tried?
- Even though Jesus fulfilled these prophecies, how do we know He is *the* Messiah. Other religions say they have a Prophet that followed in Jesus’ footsteps and is the real Messiah.
- I understand the Jews are still waiting for the Messiah. Isn’t it possible that Jesus happened to fulfill these prophecies and that the “real” Messiah will still come some day?

You will notice that many of the prophecies are not under human control. In other words, if someone tried to fulfill all of them, how would they arrange to be (1) born in Bethlehem (2) with a virgin for a mother? Already they would have a problem—and these are only two prophecies. Even a casual glance through this list reveals that a person could not fulfill them by their own efforts.

There are many people that have claimed to be the Messiah (or a similar title that they gave themselves like “God’s Prophet”). Some of them founded false religions and cults, and have many followers. Anyone who has read the Bible expected to see them appear. Two thousand years ago, Jesus Himself said there would be many *false* Messiahs and prophets that follow him (Matthew 7:15; Matthew 24:11; Matthew 24:23-25; Mark 13:21-23). Examine these other “prophets” yourself. Was their appearance clearly predicted in the Bible? Did they fulfill all the messianic prophecies? The answer is obvious—none of them even came close.

It is true that the Jews, God’s chosen people, are still waiting for their Messiah. However, *not recognizing their own Messiah is part of God’s plan (Romans 11:25-27) that allows everyone else to be saved (Joel 2:32;*

[Romans 10:13](#)). The Bible clearly states that “those who are first will be last” (Matthew 19:30 and 20:16, Mark 10:31, and Luke 13:30). The Jews were the first of God’s people, but they are kept unaware of their own Messiah until everyone on the earth hears about Jesus Christ. This is good news, since everyone gets a chance to accept the Messiah as their Savior and go to heaven. Once that happens, the remaining followers of Judaism will realize that Jesus was the Messiah. At that time, Jesus will return to the earth, bringing those who accept Him as their Savior to heaven. Those who do not accept Him will face God in judgment and be cast into the lake of fire (hell).

There is no question that these many prophecies prove that Jesus is the one and only Messiah. [Since you now have proof that Jesus is *the* promised Messiah who provides a way for us to go to heaven, click on this sentence to find out how to “get right with God” through Jesus.](#)

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