

Prayer and Meditation

Verses 7-9		Subject	Description	Function
		Law	Perfect	Revives the soul
		Testimony/Statutes	Sure/trustworthy	Making wise the simple
		Precepts	Right	Rejoicing the heart
		Commandments	Pure/Radiant	Enlightening the eyes
		Fear	Clean/Pure	Enduring forever
		Rules/ordinances	True/Sure	Righteous all together
Summary of God’s Word				
Verses 11-10		Like Gold	Valuable	
		Like Honey	Desirable / bringing joy	
		Obedience to His Word		
		Warns	Rewards	

- Read Psalm 1:1-3 and notice what meditation on the scriptures day and night does to a person.
- Write synonyms or similar phrases under each section to help you meditate on the goodness of God's word.
- Now turn this section into your prayer time by using this as a grid for prayer. Have fun; be creative. So you can pray vertically or horizontally or even diagonally through the grid.
My example prayer through *description vertically*: Thank you Lord that your word is *perfect* (it has no errors) in a world of fake news it is so good to have a sure and solid source I can trust.. so thank you that your word is *trustworthy and sure*. I praise you that the scriptures are *right and pure* and *radiant and clean* and *true*!

The Following material focuses on how the bible is confirmed to the word of God by Prophecy.

The following are examples of just 3 of the many Old Testament Prophecies fulfilled in history.

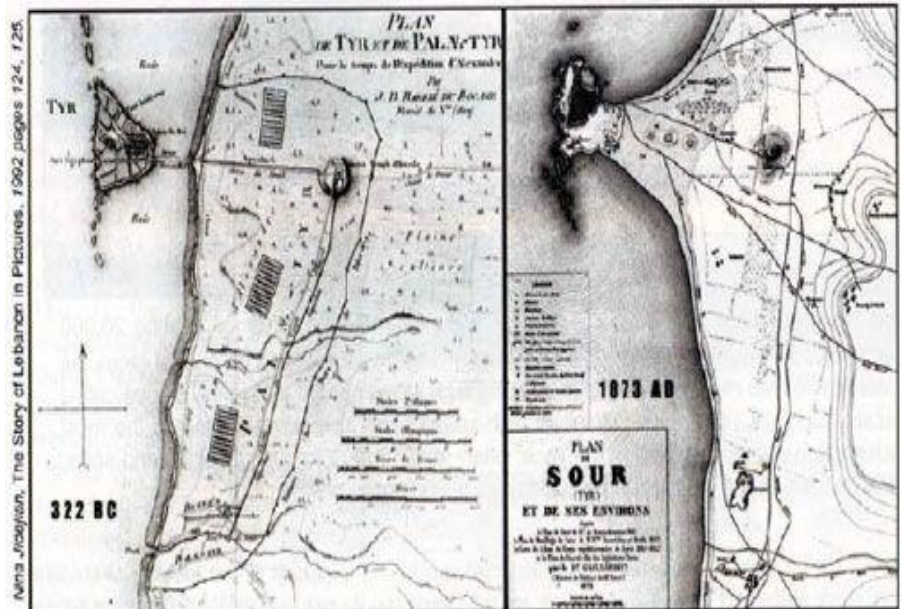
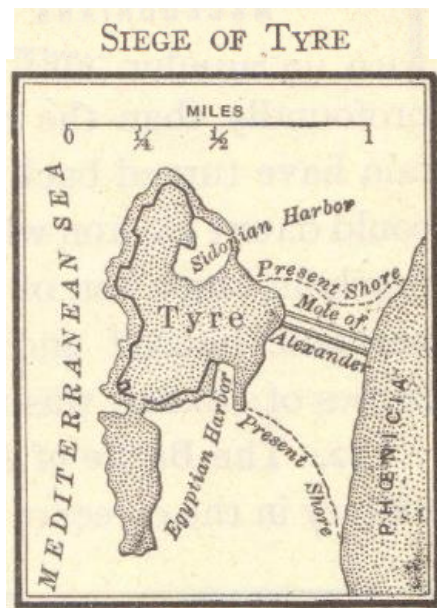
(a) Prophecy about the city of Tîre

*“therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and will
bring up many nations against you,
as the sea brings up its waves.
‘They shall destroy the walls of Tyre and break
down her towers,
and I will scrape her soil from her and make
her a bare rock.’”
“I will make you a bare rock. You shall be a
place for the spreading of nets. You shall never
be rebuilt, for I am the Lord; I have spoken,
declares the Lord God.” (Ezk 26:3-4; 14)*



The Ancient Phoenician port city of Tyre. The Island fortified city said to be impossible to destroy.

i.e. About 570 B.C., Ezekiel predicted that (1) many nations would attack Tyre, (2) Making her bare as a rock, (3) that fishermen would spread their nets over the site, and that (4) someday the city would not rebuild and cease to exist. History informs us that mainland Tyre was conquered by Babylon in 538 B.C., then in 332 B.C., Alexander the Great reconquered mainland Tyre and built a mole to besiege the island fortified city of Tyre (He scraped the mainland of its soil to build and land bridge, something never accomplished up to this date in history), then the city was again attacked by Antigonius in 314 B.C., and ultimately by Rome in 20 B.C. when she disappeared from history. The city of Tyre today is not the rebuilt Phoenician fortified city of Tyre, it is a new construction on top of the former ancient city. The Phoenician city is completely erased from archeological records as the prophecy predicts. Ezekiel’s Prediction came true, and today the once great Phoenician city is gone forever never to be seen again only to be read about in historical records!



Alexander the Great scraped the soil of the main land and pushed it into the sea to conquer that ancient city of Tyre.

(b) Prophecy about the city of Sidon

*and say, Thus says the Lord God:
 "Behold, I am against you, O Sidon,
 and I will manifest my glory in your midst.
 And they shall know that I am the Lord
 when I execute judgments in her
 and manifest my holiness in her;
 23 for I will send pestilence into her,
 and blood into her streets;
 and the slain shall fall in her midst,
 by the sword that is against her on every side.
 Then they will know that I am the Lord. (Ezk. 28:22-23)*



The city of Sidon, Lebanon today a city of a population of 80,000 people

i.e. Ezekiel forecasts (1) blood in the city's streets, (2) The sword on every side, (3) yet no mention of permanent destruction, like Tyre. And history tells us that Sidon, Lebanon has been attacked by Persia, Muslims, Crusaders, Turkey, France, and England; and the city was captured over and over again, its citizens butchered and houses raided often, but Sidon, Lebanon has always been rebuilt and exists today as a city of about 80,000 people.

The point: Ezekiel was so sure which city would remain and which would be scraped bare and pass from history.

(c) Prophecy about the Cyrus and the return of the Jews to Jerusalem

*"Cyrus is my anointed king.
 I take hold of his right hand.
 I give him the power
 to bring nations under his control.
 Cyrus, I am sending for you by name.
 I am doing it for the good of the family of Jacob.
 They are my servant.
 I am doing it for Israel.
 They are my chosen people.
 You do not know anything about me.
 But I am giving you a title of honor.
 I will stir up Cyrus and help him win his battles.
 I will make all his roads straight.
 He will rebuild Jerusalem.
 My people have been taken away from their country.
 But he will set them free.
 I will not pay him to do it.
 He will not receive a reward for it,"
 says the Lord who rules over all. (Isaiah 45:1;4;13)*



The depiction of Cyrus the Great.

605 BC – 536 BC the Jews were in Babylonian captivity. In 587 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem, destroyed the city, demolished the temple, and exiled the Jews into Babylon. In October 538 BCE, the Persian king Cyrus took Babylon and his first order was to let the Jews go home to rebuild their city and their temple. Isaiah writes between 740 BC and c. 686 BC. Approx. 147 years before there was a king born named Cyrus and 80 years before the Babylonian exile. Isaiah accurately predicts the king, his name, and his major foreign policy decision 150 years before he existed.

For bible prophecy see the following video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PgN33jH6jHk>

The Jewish bible is called the Tanakh.

This is really a Hebrew acrostic for the title of 3 sections of the bible.

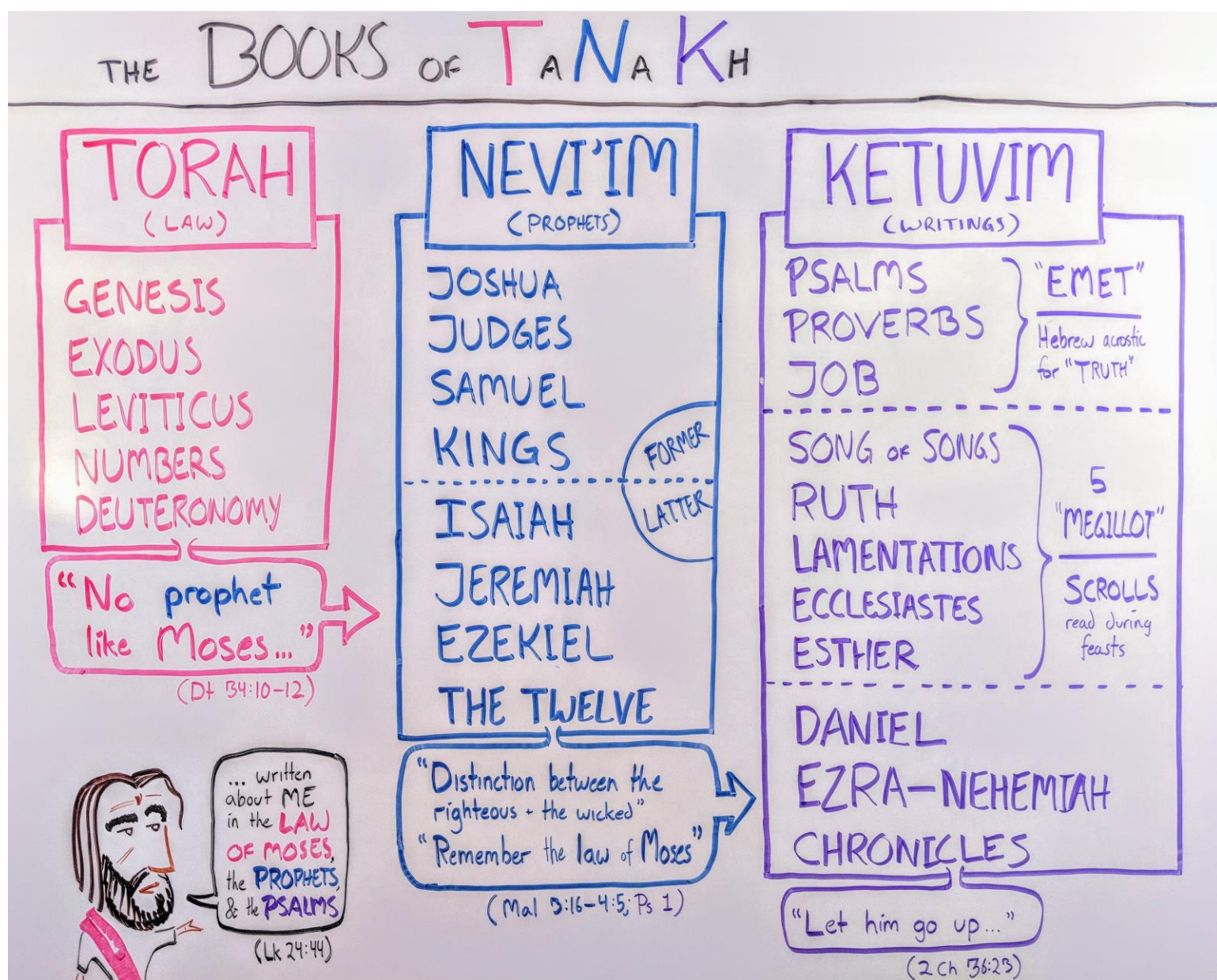
Section 1: **The Torah** or **the law** is the first five books of the Jewish Bible.

Section 2: **The Nevi'im** or **the Prophets**. This section includes 'prophetic history' and the 12 include all our prophetic books.

Section 3: **The Ketuvim** or **the Psalms** (sometimes called the *Writings*)

In the bottom left corner of this picture you have a quote from Jesus in Luke 24:44 which states:
*Jesus said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you. Everything written about me in the **Law** of Moses, **the Prophets** and **the Psalms** must come true."* (Luke 24:44)

The Bible is really one story of redemption about Jesus our Savior. Jesus fulfills all of the Tanakh!

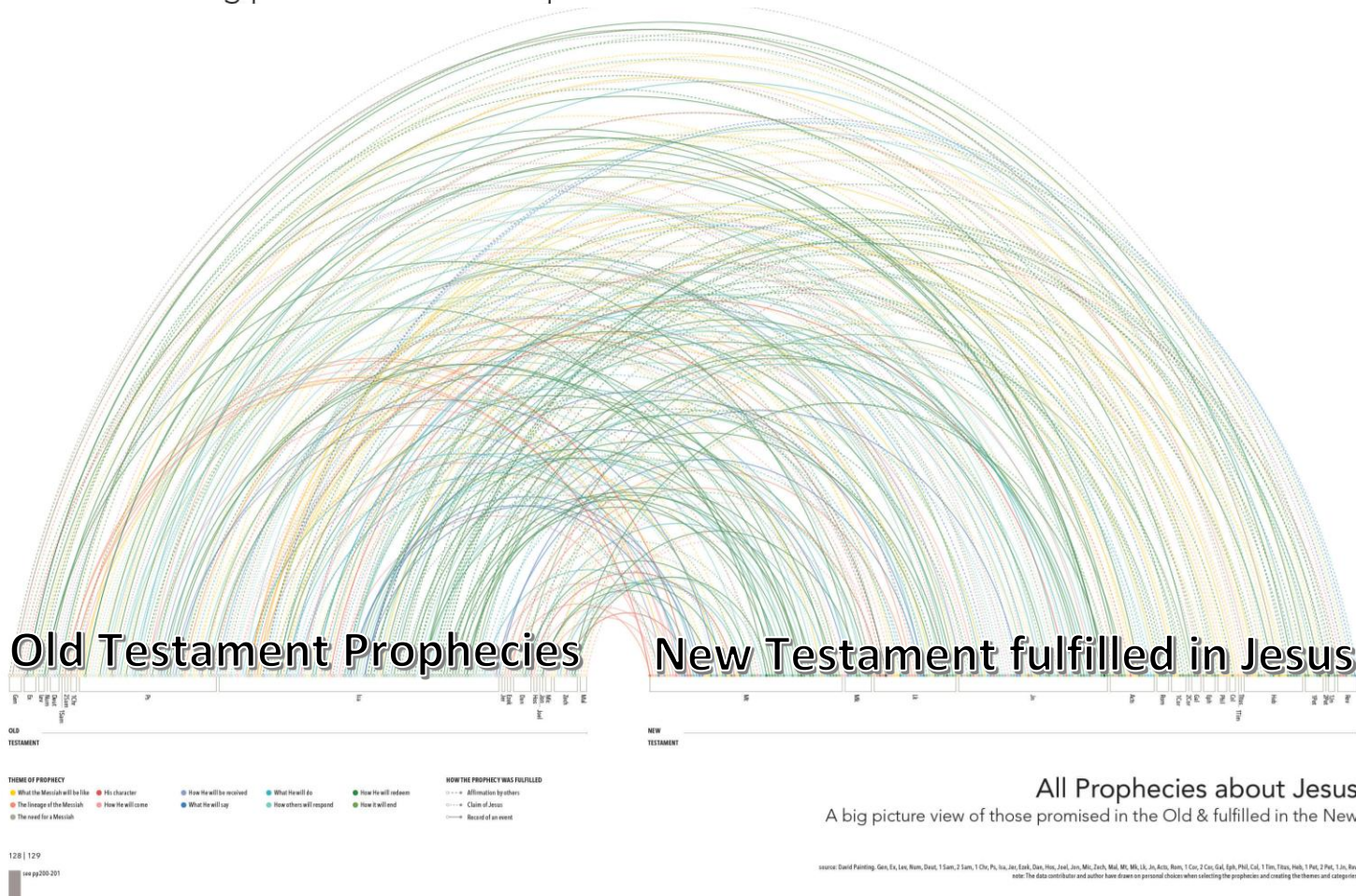


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All Prophecies about Jesus

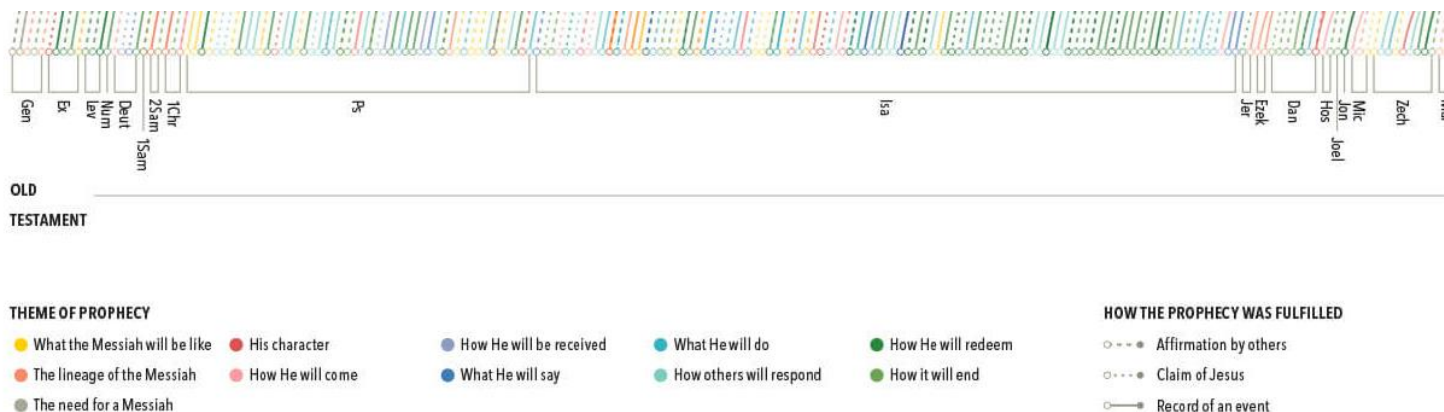
A big picture view of those promised in the Old & fulfilled in the New



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This is a close up of the left side of the upper graph so you can what each color represents



The Following are **only 55** specific Prophecies of the OT telling us about the life and ministry of Christ

1. The nations will be blessed through Abraham's lineage

Prophecy:

"I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you" (Genesis 12:3).

Fulfillment:

"And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, 'Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.' When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways" (Acts 3:25–26).

2. God's covenant with Isaac's ancestors

Prophecy:

"Then God said, 'Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him'" (Genesis 17:19).

Fulfillment:

"Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, 'It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned'" (Romans 9:7).

3. The nations will be blessed through Jacob's offspring

Prophecy:

"Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring" (Genesis 28:14).

Fulfillment:

Jacob is part of Jesus' genealogy.

"the son of Jacob,
the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham,
the son of Terah, the son of Nahor" (Luke 3:34)

4. The scepter will come through Judah

Prophecy:

"The scepter will not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until he to whom it belongs shall come
and the obedience of the nations shall be his" (Genesis 49:10).

Fulfillment:

Judah is part of Jesus's genealogy.

"the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram,
the son of Hezron, the son of Perez,
the son of Judah" (Luke 3:33)

5. David's offspring will have an eternal kingdom

Prophecy:

"When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever" (2 Samuel 7:12–13).

Fulfillment:

"This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham" (Matthew 1:1)

6. A virgin will give birth, and he will be called Immanuel (God with us)

Prophecy:

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

Fulfillment:

"The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

7. The Messiah will end up in Egypt

Prophecy:

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

Fulfillment:

"So he [Joseph] got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son'" (Matthew 2:14–15).

8. The Christ will be born in Bethlehem

Prophecy:

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times." (Micah 5:2).

Fulfillment:

"When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written:

""But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."" (Matthew 2:4–6).

9. Christ's ministry will destroy the devil's work

Prophecy:

"And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel" (Genesis 3:15).

Fulfillment:

"The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work" (1 John 3:8).

10. Jesus will have a sinless, blemish-free life and ministry

Prophecy:

"The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats" (Exodus 12:5).

Fulfillment:

"How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!" (Hebrews 9:14)

11. The Messiah will be humbled in order to serve mankind

Prophecy:

"You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.

You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet" (Psalm 8:5–6)

Fulfillment:

"It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. But there is a place where someone has testified:

'What is mankind that you are mindful of them,
a son of man that you care for him?

You made them a little lower than the angels;
you crowned them with glory and honor
and put everything under their feet.'

"In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone" (Hebrews 2:5–9).

12. Jesus would become the perfect sacrifice

Prophecy:

"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—
but my ears you have opened—
burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

Then I said, "Here I am, I have come—
it is written about me in the scroll.

I desire to do your will, my God;
your law is within my heart" (Psalm 40:6–8).

Fulfillment:

"Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

'Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.'

"Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—
I have come to do your will, my God.'"

"First he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them'—though they were offered in accordance with the law. Then he said, 'Here I am, I have come to do your will.' He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Hebrews 10:5–10).

13. Jesus would preach righteousness to Israel

Prophecy:

"I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly;
I do not seal my lips, Lord,
as you know" (Psalm 40:9).

Fulfillment:

"From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near'" (Matthew 4:17).

14. Jesus would teach in parables

Prophecy:

"My people, hear my teaching;

listen to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth with a parable;

I will utter hidden things, things from of old" (Psalm 78:1–2)

Fulfillment:

"Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

'I will open my mouth in parables,

I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world'" (Matthew 13:34–35).

15. Christ's parables would fall on deaf ears

Prophecy:

"He said, 'Go and tell this people:

"Be ever hearing, but never understanding;

be ever seeing, but never perceiving.'

Make the heart of this people calloused;

make their ears dull and close their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,

hear with their ears, understand with their hearts,

and turn and be healed'" (Isaiah 6:9–10).

Fulfillment:

"This is why I speak to them in parables:

'Though seeing, they do not see;

though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

""You will be ever hearing but never understanding;

you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

For this people's heart has become calloused;

they hardly hear with their ears,

and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,

hear with their ears,

understand with their hearts

and turn, and I would heal them"" (Matthew 13:13–15).

16. The Messiah would be a stone that causes people to stumble

Prophecy:

"He will be a holy place;

for both Israel and Judah he will be

a stone that causes people to stumble

and a rock that makes them fall.

And for the people of Jerusalem he will be

a trap and a snare" (Isaiah 8:14).

Fulfillment:

"Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

'The stone the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone,'

and,

'A stone that causes people to stumble

and a rock that makes them fall.'

"They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for" (1 Peter 2:7–8).

17. Christ's ministry would begin in Galilee

Prophecy:

"Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

The people walking in darkness

have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of deep darkness

a light has dawned" (Isaiah 9:1–2).

Fulfillment:

"When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

'Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.'

"From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near'" (Matthew 4:12–17).

18. Jesus would draw the Gentiles to himself

Prophecy:

"In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious" (Isaiah 11:10).

Fulfillment:

"Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. So the Pharisees said to one another, 'See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!'

"Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. 'Sir,' they said, 'we would like to see Jesus'" (John 12:18–21).

19. Jesus would have a miraculous ministry

Prophecy:

"Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert" (Isaiah 35:5–6).

Fulfillment:

"When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'

"Jesus replied, 'Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me'" (Matthew 11:2–6).

20. The Messiah would be preceded by a forerunner

Prophecy:

"A voice of one calling:

'In the wilderness prepare

the way for the Lord;

make straight in the desert

a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain" (Isaiah 40:3–4).

Fulfillment:

"John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Make straight the way for the Lord"' (John 1:23).

21. Jesus will be a gentle redeemer of the Gentiles

Prophecy:

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.

He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.

A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.

In his teaching the islands will put their hope" (Isaiah 42:1–4).

Fulfillment:

"Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were ill. He warned them not to tell others about him. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

'Here is my servant whom I have chosen,
the one I love, in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

He will not quarrel or cry out;
no one will hear his voice in the streets.

A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out,
till he has brought justice through to victory.

In his name the nations will put their hope.'" (Matthew 12:15–21).

22. Jesus would be despised and rejected

Prophecy:

"He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem" (Isaiah 53:3).

Fulfillment:

"All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff" (Luke 4:28–29).

23. Jesus will set the captives free

Prophecy:

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners" (Isaiah 61:1)

Fulfillment:

"He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.'

"Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing'" (Luke 4:16–21).

24. The Messiah will have a throne that is everlasting

Prophecy:

"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed" (Daniel 7:13–14).

Fulfillment:

"You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end" (Luke 1:31–33).

25. The Messiah will bring an end to sin

Prophecy:

"Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place" (Daniel 9:24).

Fulfillment:

"Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed" (Daniel 9:25–26).

"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (Galatians 1:3–5).

26. Jerusalem will rejoice as the Messiah comes to her upon a donkey

Prophecy:

"Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9).

Fulfillment:

"A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!'

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

"When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?'"
(Matthew 21:8–10)

27. He will be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver

Prophecy:

"I told them, 'If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it.' So they paid me thirty pieces of silver.

"And the Lord said to me, 'Throw it to the potter'—the handsome price at which they valued me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter at the house of the Lord" (Zechariah 11:12–13).

Fulfillment:

"The chief priests picked up the coins and said, 'It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.' So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to

this day. Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: 'They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, and they used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me'" (Matthew 27:6–10).

28. Christ's forerunner would come in the spirit of Elijah

Prophecy:

"See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction" (Malachi 4:5–6).

Fulfillment:

"This is the one about whom it is written:

'I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come. Whoever has ears, let them hear" (Matthew 11:10–15).

Prophecies about Jesus's death and resurrection

The death and resurrection of Christ are the most significant events in human history. It's no surprise that there would be plenty of Old Testament prophecies pointing to this remarkable event.

29. Christ will be our Passover Lamb

Prophecy:

"Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, 'Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe.

'None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

'Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. And when your children ask you, "What does this ceremony mean to you?" then tell them, "'t is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.'" Then the people bowed down and worshiped" (Exodus 12:21–27).

Fulfillment:

"Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Corinthians 5:7).

30. Like the Passover Lamb, none of the Christ's bones will be broken

Prophecy:

"It must be eaten inside the house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones" (Exodus 12:46).

Fulfillment:

"Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The

soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: 'Not one of his bones will be broken'" (John 19:31–36)

31. The Messiah's blood will be spilled for atonement

Prophecy:

"For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life" (Leviticus 17:11).

Fulfillment:

"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

32. Jesus will be lifted up, and everyone who looks on Him will live

Prophecy:

"So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived" (Numbers 21:9).

Fulfillment:

"'Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.'

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not

condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son" (John 3:14–18).

33. Christ's resurrection prophesied

Prophecy:

"Oh, that my words were recorded,
that they were written on a scroll,
that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead,
or engraved in rock forever!
I know that my redeemer lives,
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.
And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God;
I myself will see him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!" (Job 19:23–27)

Fulfillment:

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned" (John 5:24–29).

34. The Messiah would be forsaken

Prophecy:

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?" (Psalm 22:1)

Fulfillment:

"About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' (which means 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?')" (Matthew 27:46).

35. The Messiah would be scorned

Prophecy:

"'He trusts in the Lord,' they say,

'let the Lord rescue him.

Let him deliver him,

since he delights in him'" (Psalm 22:8).

Fulfillment:

"'He saved others,' they said, 'but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, "I am the Son of God"'" (Matthew 27:42–43).

36. The Messiah's suffering would include thirst

Prophecy:

"My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death" (Psalm 22:15).

Fulfillment:

"Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, 'I am thirsty'" (John 19:28).

37. They would pierce Christ's hands and feet

Prophecy:

"Dogs surround me,
a pack of villains encircles me;
they pierce my hands and my feet" (Psalm 22:16).

Fulfillment:

"These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: 'Not one of his bones will be broken,' and, as another scripture says, 'They will look on the one they have pierced'" (John 19:36–37).

38. They would cast lots for Jesus's clothing

Prophecy:

"They divide my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment" (Psalm 22:18).

Fulfillment:

"When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

'Let's not tear it,' they said to one another. 'Let's decide by lot who will get it.'

"This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,

'They divided my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.'

"So this is what the soldiers did" (John 19:23–24).

39. The Messiah will cry, "Into your hands I commit my Spirit"

Prophecy:

"Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, Lord, my faithful God" (Psalm 31:5).

Fulfillment:

"Jesus called out with a loud voice, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' When he had said this, he breathed his last" (Luke 23:46).

40. Everyone will abandon the Messiah

Prophecy:

"Because of all my enemies,
I am the utter contempt of my neighbors
and an object of dread to my closest friends—
those who see me on the street flee from me" (Psalm 31:11).

Fulfillment:

"Then everyone deserted him and fled" (Mark 14:50).

41. They will plot to kill God's anointed

Prophecy:

"For I hear many whispering,

'Terror on every side!'

They conspire against me

and plot to take my life" (Psalm 31:13).

Fulfillment:

"Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed" (Matthew 27:1).

42. The Messiah will be quiet before his accusers

Prophecy:

"Those who want to kill me set their traps,

those who would harm me talk of my ruin;

all day long they scheme and lie.

I am like the deaf, who cannot hear,

like the mute, who cannot speak" (Psalm 38:12–13)

Fulfillment:

"When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate asked him, 'Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?' But Jesus

made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor" (Matthew 27:12–14).

43. God's anointed will not see decay

Prophecy:

"Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand" (Psalm 16:9–11).

Fulfillment:

"Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay" (Acts 2:31).

44. The Messiah would be abandoned by those closest to him

Prophecy:

"Even my close friend,
someone I trusted,
one who shared my bread,
has turned against me" (Psalm 41:9).

Fulfillment:

"I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill this passage of Scripture: 'He who shared my bread has turned against me'" (John 13:18).

45. The Christ will ascend into the heavens to distribute gifts

Prophecy:

"When you ascended on high,
you took many captives;
you received gifts from people,
even from the rebellious—
that you, Lord God, might dwell there" (Psalm 68:18).

Fulfillment:

"But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

'When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.'

"(What does 'he ascended' mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

"Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work" (Ephesians 4:7–16).

46. The Christ's thirst will be quenched with vinegar and gall

Prophecy:

"They put gall in my food
and gave me vinegar for my thirst" (Psalm 69:21).

Fulfillment:

"There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it" (Matthew 27:34).

47. The Messiah's resurrection predicted

Prophecy:

"I will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

The Lord has chastened me severely,
but he has not given me over to death" (Psalm 118:17–18).

Fulfillment:

"In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: "The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again"' (Luke 24:5–7).

48. The Messiah will conquer death

Prophecy:

"On this mountain he will destroy

the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.
The Lord has spoken" (Isaiah 25:7–8).

Fulfillment:

"When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory'" (1 Corinthians 15:54).

49. The Messiah will be mocked and abused

Prophecy:

"I clothe the heavens with darkness
and make sackcloth its covering.'
The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue,
to know the word that sustains the weary.
He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.
The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears;
I have not been rebellious,
I have not turned away.
I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;

I did not hide my face

from mocking and spitting" (Isaiah 50:3–6).

Fulfillment:

"Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. 'Hail, king of the Jews!' they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him" (Matthew 27:27–31).

Prophecies about Jesus's role in the church

What kind of presence would Jesus have in his church? These prophecies consider how Jesus would rule and judge the world.

50. God will raise up a prophet like Moses

Prophecy:

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, 'Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die'" (Deuteronomy 18:15–16).

Fulfillment:

"But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?" (John 5:45–47)

51. God will raise up a faithful priest who does God's will

Prophecy:

"I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his priestly house, and they will minister before my anointed one always" (1 Samuel 2:35).

Fulfillment:

"For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people" (Hebrews 2:17).

52. The Messiah will judge the world justly

Prophecy:

"The Lord reigns forever;

he has established his throne for judgment.

He rules the world in righteousness

and judges the peoples with equity.

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,

a stronghold in times of trouble.

Those who know your name trust in you,

for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you" (Psalm 9:7–10).

Fulfillment:

"For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead" (Acts 17:31).

53. The Messiah will have all authority over judgment

Prophecy:

"I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open" (Isaiah 22:22).

Fulfillment:

"To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open" (Revelation 3:7).

54. The Messiah will pour out his Spirit

Prophecy:

"For I will pour water on the thirsty land,

and streams on the dry ground;

I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring,

and my blessing on your descendants" (Isaiah 44:3)

Fulfillment:

"But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you" (John 16:7).

55. The Messiah will usher in a new covenant

Prophecy:

"'The days are coming,' declares the Lord,

'when I will make a new covenant

with the people of Israel

and with the people of Judah'" (Jeremiah 31:31).

Fulfillment:

"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28).