

# PROPHECIES ABOUT JESUS & THEIR FULFILLMENT

Before we begin, you'd want to know that the traditional date for the completion of what we call the Old Testament is 450 B.C. We know that the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, was completed c. 250 B.C., so the Hebrew text has to be at least that old, and parts of it are hundreds and hundreds of years older. This means that the minimum distance between these Messianic prophecies and their fulfillment was 250 years, with that distance being more commonly nearly 600 years, and in some cases 1,500 years or more. So put on your seat belt and let's launch into a survey of some of the more prominent predictions of the coming Savior.

	<b>Prophecy</b>	<b>"He" = "the Messiah"</b>	<b>Fulfillment</b>
1.	The Messiah will have a Human Mother	Genesis 3:15	Matthew 1:20; Galatians 4:4
2.	She will become pregnant while still a Virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18, 24-25; Luke 1:26-35
3.	He will be the Son of God	2 Samuel 7:12-16; 1 Chronicles 17:11-14; Psalm 2:7; Mark 3:11	Matthew 3:17, 16:16; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35, 22:70; John 1:34, 49; Acts 13:30-33
4.	Although He will be born in time, He existed before all time	Psalm 102:25; Proverbs 8:22-23; Isaiah 9:6-7, 41:4, 44:6, 48:12; Micah 5:2	John 1:1-2, 8:58, 17:5, 24; Colossians 1:17; Revelation 1:17, 2:8, 22:13
5.	He will Be Called Lord	Psalm 110:1; Jeremiah 23:6	Luke 2:11, 20:41-44
6.	He will Be Immanuel ( <i>God with Us</i> )	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:23; Luke 7:16
7.	He will be a Judge	Isaiah 33:22	John 5:30; 2 Timothy 4:1
8.	He will be a Prophet like Moses	Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19	Matthew 21:11; Luke 7:16; John 4:19, 6:14, 7:40
9.	He will be a Priest like Melchizedek	Psalm 110:4	Hebrews 3:1, 5:5-6, 6:20, 7:15-16, 10:21
10.	He will be a King	Psalm 2:6; Zechariah 9:9; Jeremiah 23:5	Matthew 21:5, 27:37; John 18:33-38
11.	He will be Descended from Abraham	Genesis 12:2-3, 18:18, 22:18 <sup>1</sup>	Matthew 1:1; Acts 3:25; Galatians 3:16
12.	He will be the Son of Isaac	Genesis 17:19, 21:12 <sup>2</sup>	Matthew 1:2; Luke 3:23, 34
13.	He will be the Son of Jacob	Numbers 24:17; Genesis 35:10-12 <sup>3</sup>	Matthew 1:2; Luke 1:33, 3:23, 34
14.	He will be from the Tribe of Judah	Genesis 49:10 <sup>4</sup> ; Micah 5:2	Matthew 1:2; Luke 3:23, 33; Hebrews 7:14

<sup>1</sup> This is the only time that God swears by Himself in His relationship with the patriarchs.

<sup>2</sup> Abraham had two sons, Isaac and Ishmael. Now God eliminates one half of the descendants of Abraham.

<sup>3</sup> Isaac had two sons, Jacob and Esau. Now God eliminates one-half of the descendants of Isaac.

<sup>4</sup> Jacob had twelve sons and each became a tribe of the Hebrew nation. Now God eliminates eleven-twelfths of the descendants of Jacob.

15.	He will be Descended from Jesse	Isaiah 11:1, 10	Matthew 1:6; Luke 3:23, 32
16.	He will be from the House of David	2 Samuel 7:12 – 16; Psalm 132:11; Jeremiah 23:5 <sup>5</sup>	Matthew 1:1, 9:27; Mark 9:10, 10:47-48; Luke 3:23, 31, 18:38-39; Acts 13:22-23; Revelation 22:16
17.	He will be Heir to David's Throne	Isaiah 9:7	Matthew 1:1
18.	He will be Born at Bethlehem	Micah 5:2 <sup>6</sup>	Matthew 2:1-6, 4-8; Luke 2:4-7; John 7:42
19.	He will be Presented with Gifts	Psalm 72:10; Isaiah 60:6	Matthew 2:1, 11
20.	He will Flee into Egypt	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:14
21.	A King will try to kill Him	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16
22.	He will be preceded by God's Messenger	Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1	Matthew 3:1-2, 3:3, 11:10; Luke 1:17; John 1:23
23.	He will begin His Ministry in Galilee	Isaiah 9:1	Matthew 4:12-13, 17
24.	He will have Extraordinary Spiritual Power	Psalm 45:7; Isaiah 11:2, 42:1, 61:1-2;	Matthew 3:16-17, 12:17-21; Mark 1:10-11; Luke 2:52, 4:15 -21, 43; John 1:32
25.	He will be passionate about God's Kingdom	Psalm 69:9	John 2:15-17
26.	He will do many Miracles	Isaiah 35:5-6a, 32:3-4	Matthew 9:32, 33, 35, 11:4-6; Mark 7:33-35; John 5:5-9, 9:6-11, 11:43, 44, 47
27.	He will teach using Parables	Psalm 78:2	Matthew 13:34
28.	He will Enter the Temple	Malachi 3:1	Matthew 21:12
29.	He will Enter Jerusalem in Triumph on a Donkey	Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 21:1-11; Luke 19:35, 36-37a; John 12:12-16
30.	He will be a stumbling block to the Jews	Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14, 28:16 <sup>7</sup>	Romans 9:32-33; 1 Peter 2:7
31.	He will be a "Light" to the Gentiles	Isaiah 49:6, 60:3	Acts 13:47-48a, 26:23, 28:28
32.	He will be Betrayed by a Friend	Psalm 41:9, 55:12-14	Matthew 10:4, 26:14-16, 49-50; Mark 14:10; Luke 22:19-23; John 13:21
33.	He will be Rejected by His own People	Psalm 69:8, 118:22; Isaiah 53:1-3	Matthew 21:42-43, 26:3-4; John 1:11, 7:5, 48, 12:37-43; Acts 4:1-12
34.	He will be Hated without a Cause	Psalm 69:4; Isaiah 49:7	John 15:23-25
35.	He will be Betrayed for 30 Pieces of Silver	Zechariah 11:12	Matthew 26:15, 27:3

<sup>5</sup> Jesse had *at least* eight sons (1 Samuel 16:10-11). Now God eliminates all of Jesse's sons except one, David.

<sup>6</sup> God now eliminates all the cities in the world, except one, for the birth of His Son.

<sup>7</sup> Remember, all of this was foretold at least 250 years ahead of time. Some of it goes all the way back to Genesis!

36.	The Betrayal Money will be Thrown in God's House	Zechariah 11:13b	Matthew 27:5a
37.	The Betrayal Money will Buy the Potter's Field	Zechariah 11:13b	Matthew 27:6-7
38.	His Disciples will abandon Him	Zechariah 13:7	Matthew 26:31; Mark 14:27, 50
39.	He will be Tried & Condemned	Isaiah 53:8	Matthew 27:1-2; Luke 23:1-25
40.	He will be accused by lying Witnesses	Psalms 27:12, 35:11	Matthew 26:59-61
41.	He will say nothing in court in His own defense	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 26:62-63, 27:12-19; Mark 15:3-4; Luke 25:8-10
42.	He will be Wounded and Bruised	Isaiah 53:5; Zechariah 13:6	Matthew 27:26
43.	He will be Beaten and Spit on	Isaiah 50:6; Micah 5:1	Matthew 26:67, 27:30; Mark 14:65; Luke 22:63
44.	He will be Mocked & Insulted	Psalms 22:6-8	Matthew 27:31, 39-44; Luke 23:11, 35
45.	He will Die as a Sacrifice for Sin	Isaiah 53:5-12	John 1:29, 11:49-52; Acts 10:43, 13:38-39; Hebrews 1:3, 2:14-15, 9:27-28, 10:12, 18
46.	He will Die by Crucifixion	Psalms 22:14-17	Matthew 27:31; Mark 15:20, 25
47.	He will collapse as He carries His Cross	Psalms 109:24-25	Matthew 27:31-32; Luke 23:26; John 19:17
48.	His Hands and Feet will be Pierced	Psalms 22:16; Zechariah 12:10	Luke 23:33; John 20:25, 27
49.	He will be Crucified with Thieves	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38; Mark 15:27-28
50.	He will Pray for those who kill Him	Isaiah 53:12, Psalm 109:4	Luke 23:32-34
51.	His Friends will watch His Death at a Distance	Psalms 38:11	Matthew 27:55-56; Mark 15:40; Luke 23:49
52.	People will shake their heads at what happens to Him	Psalms 22:7, 109:25	Matthew 27:39
53.	People will stare at Him as He Dies	Psalms 22:17	Luke 23:35
54.	Soldiers will gamble for His Clothes	Psalms 22:18	Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:24; John 19:23-24
55.	He will be thirsty as He dies	Psalms 22:15; 69:21	John 19:28
56.	Sour Wine (Gall) and Vinegar will be Offered to Him to Drink	Psalms 69:21	Matthew 27:34; John 19:28-30
57.	He will Cry Out in abandonment as He dies	Psalms 22:1	Matthew 27:46
58.	He will commit Himself to God as He dies	Psalms 31:5	Luke 23:46
59.	His Bones will not be Broken	Exodus 12:46; Psalms 34:20	John 19:31-36

60.	But His Heart will be Broken	Psalms 22:14	John 19:34
61.	His Side will be Pierced	Zechariah 12:10	John 19:34
62.	Unnatural Darkness will cover the land as He dies	Amos 8:9	Matthew 27:45
63.	He will be Buried in a Rich Man's Tomb	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60
64.	Judas will be Replaced Among the 12	Psalms 109:7-8	Acts 1:18-20
65.	He will Rise from the Dead	Psalms 16:10, 30:3, 41:10, 118:17; Hosea 6:2	Matthew 28:6-10; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:46; Acts 2:22-32, 13:33
66.	He will Ascend back to Heaven	Psalms 8:3, 68:18a	Acts 1:9, 18-20
67.	Where He will be Seated at God's Right Hand	Psalms 110:1	Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50-51; Acts 2:34-35; Hebrews 1:3
68.	Until He Comes Again!	Matthew 24:26-27, 25:31	Luke 21:28; Romans 13:11 Stay Tuned . . . .

“We find that the chance that any man might have lived down to the present time and fulfilled [even] eight prophecies is 1 in  $10^{17}$ .” That would be 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000. In order to help us comprehend this staggering probability, Stoner illustrates it by supposing “we take  $10^{17}$  silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all of the state two feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly, all over the state. Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and say that this is the right one. What chance would he have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing these eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one man, from their day to the present time, providing they wrote them in their own wisdom.”

Stoner considers 48 prophecies and says, “we find the chance that any one man fulfilled all 48 prophecies to be 1 in  $10^{157}$ . This is really a large number and it represents an extremely small chance. Let us try to visualize it. The silver dollar, which we have been using, is entirely too large. We must select a smaller object. The electron is about as small an object as we know of. It is so small that it will take 2.5 times  $10^{15}$  of them laid side by side to make a line, single file, one inch long. If we were going to count the electrons in this line one inch long, and counted 250 each minute, and if we counted day and night, it would take us 19,000,000 years to count just the one-inch line of electrons. If we had a cubic inch of these electrons and we tried to count them it would take us, counting steadily 250 each minute, 19,000,000 times 19,000,000 times 19,000,000 years or 6.9 times  $10^{21}$  years.

“With this introduction, let us go back to our chance of 1 in  $10^{157}$ . Let us suppose that we are taking this number of electrons, marking one, and thoroughly stirring it into the whole mass, then blindfolding a man and letting him try to find the right one. What a chance has he of finding the right one? What kind of pile will this number of electrons make? They make an inconceivably large volume.”<sup>8</sup>

*Such is the chance of any one man fulfilling 48 prophecies, much less 67!*

*How will you respond to this Promised One? Will you make Jesus LORD of your life?*

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<sup>8</sup> Peter W. Stoner, *Science Speaks* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1969), p. 109.