

Promises, Promises

Did you know that Jesus fulfilled over 350 Old Testament prophecies when He came to earth. No wonder the Apostle Peter said, “*All* the prophets testify about him . . .” (Acts 10:43) God is faithful to do all that He has promised – in His time. Here are a just a few of the many promises Jesus fulfilled.

PROMISE KEPT *Promise series*

	OT Prophecy	NT Fulfillment
<i>The Son of God</i>	Psalm 2:7	Luke 1:32, 35
<i>The seed of woman</i>	Genesis 3:15	Galatians 4:4
<i>The seed of Abraham</i>	Genesis 17:7; 22:18	Galatians 3:16
<i>The tribe of Judah</i>	Genesis 49:10	Luke 3:33; Rev 5:5
<i>The seed of David</i>	Psalm 132:11; Isaiah 9:6	Acts 13:23; Rom 1:3
<i>Born in Bethlehem</i>	Micah 5:2	Matt 2:1; Luke 2:4-6
<i>Born of a virgin</i>	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:22-23
<i>Called Immanuel</i>	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:2-23
<i>Children killed</i>	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16-18
<i>Called out of Egypt</i>	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:15
<i>Anointed by Spirit</i>	Isaiah 11:2; 42:1; 61:1	Matt 3:16; John 3:34
<i>Prophet like Moses</i>	Deuteronomy 18:15-18	Acts 3:20-22; Jn 6:14
<i>Order of Melchizedek</i>	Psalm 110:4	Hebrews 5:5-6
<i>Public ministry</i>	Isaiah 61:1-2	Luke 4:16-21, 43
<i>Ministry in Galilee</i>	Isaiah 9:1-2	Matthew 4:12-16, 23
<i>Good shepherd</i>	Ezekiel 34:1-31	John 10:1-18
<i>Entering Jerusalem</i>	Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 21:1-5
<i>Lamb without blemish</i>	Exodus 12:5	Heb 9:14; 1 Pet 1:19
<i>Betrayed by a friend</i>	Psalm 55:12-14	John 13:18
<i>Christ our Passover</i>	Exodus 12:21-27	1 Corinthians 5:7
<i>Forsaken for others</i>	Psalm 22:1	Matt 27:46; 1 Cor 5:21
<i>Crucified</i>	Psalm 22:16	John 19:34, 37
<i>Would rise again</i>	Psalm 16:9-11	Acts 2:25-28

Delayed gratification—it’s a character trait we want to build into our children’s lives. “You can’t always get what you want *when* you want it,” we tell them. “Sometimes you have to wait.” In the day to day of discerning our kids’ needs and wants—and responding to them—let’s point our children to God’s promises and teach them about His timing. In the bigger issues of life, they’ll need to trust in His promises and in His timing in fulfilling them.

Trust His Timing

It's one thing to say, "God, I'm willing to trust in Your character." But it's another thing to say, "God, I'm also willing to trust in Your timing."

1. Sin and its consequences came into the world through Adam and Eve, affecting everyone who lived after them. Why do you think God waited so long to send the One who would rescue us from our sins? Consider these verses.

- Romans 5:12—

- Matthew 1:21—

- Galatians 4:4-5—

- Hebrews 1:1-2—

2. Many Christians say that our God is the God of the 11th hour. What does that mean? Do you agree? Share an example of God's just-in-time help in your life.

3. Read Luke 2:21-24. *Circumcision, purification after childbirth, redemption of the firstborn*—read the verses below and note what these things are and why Mary and Joseph did them. What more do you learn about this young couple?

- Genesis 17:9-14; Leviticus 12:3—

- Leviticus 12:1-8—

- Exodus 13:1-2; Numbers 18:15-16—

4. Read Luke 2:25-38. How long had Simeon and Anna waited to see the Messiah? How do they respond to the fulfillment of God's promise to them.

Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation . . . Luke 2:29-30

5. Note all the ways Simeon refers to Jesus in these verses. What do you think he means?

6. What are you waiting for God to do in your life or your family? What promise of His are you holding on to? How does this study encourage you to trust His timing?

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23