

55 OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES ABOUT JESUS

(First Scripture listed is the O.T. Prophecy - 2nd Scripture is the N.T. Fulfillment)

PROPHECIES ABOUT THE BIRTH OF JESUS

- 1. The nations will be blessed through Abraham's lineage (Genesis 12:3)(Act 3:25-26)**
- 2. God's covenant with Isaac's ancestors (Genesis 17:19)(Romans 9:7)**
- 3. The nations will be blessed through Jacob's offspring (Gen 28:14)(Luke 3:34)**
- 4. The scepter will come through Judah (Gen 49:10)(Luke 3:33)**
- 5. David's offspring will have an Eternal Kingdom (2 Sam 7:12-13)(Matthew 1:1)**
- 6. A virgin will give birth, and he will be called Immanuel (God with us) (Isa 7:14)(Luke 1:35)**
- 7. The Messiah will end up in Egypt (Hosea 11:1)(Matthew 2:14-15)**
- 8. The Christ will be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)(Matthew 2:4-6)**

PROPHECIES ABOUT JESUS' MINISTRY

- 9. Christ's Ministry will destroy the devil's work (Gen 3:15)(1 John 3:8)**
- 10. Jesus will have a sinless, blemish-free life and ministry (Exodus 12:5)(Hebrews 9:14)**
- 11. The Messiah will be humbled in order to serve mankind (Psalm 8:5-6)(Hebrews 2:5-9)**
- 12. Jesus would become the perfect sacrifice (Psalm 40:6-8)(Hebrews 10:510)**
- 13. Jesus would preach righteousness to Israel (Psalm 40:9)(Matthew 4:17)**
- 14. Jesus would teach in parables (Psalm 78:1-2)(Matthew 13:34-35)**
- 15. Christ's parables would fall on deaf ears (Isa 6:9-10)(Matthew 13:13-15)**
- 16. The Messiah would be a stone that causes people to stumble (Isa 8:14)(1 Peter 2:7-8)**
- 17. Christ's ministry would begin in Galilee (Isa 9:1-2)(Matthew 4:12-17)**
- 18. Jesus would draw the Gentiles to Himself (Isa 11:10)(John 12:18-21)**
- 19. Jesus would have a miraculous ministry (Isa 35:5-6)(Matthew 11:2-6)**
- 20. The Messiah would be preceded by a forerunner (Isa 40:3-4)(John 1:23)**
- 21. Jesus will be a gentle redeemer of the Gentiles (Isa 42:1-4)(Matthew 12:15-21)**

22. Jesus would be despised and rejected (Isa 53:3)(Luke 4:28-29)
23. Jesus will set the captives free (Isa 61:1)(Luke 4:16-21)
24. The Messiah will have a throne that is everlasting (Daniel 7:13-14)(Luke 1:31-33)
25. The Messiah will bring an end to sin (Daniel 9:24)(Galatians 1:3-5)
26. Jerusalem will rejoice as the Messiah arrives on a donkey (Zech 9:9)(Matthew 21:8-10)
27. He will be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zech 11:12-13)(Matthew 27:6-10)
28. Christ's forerunner would come in the spirit of Elijah (Malachi 4:5-6)(Matthew 11:10-15)

PROPHECIES ABOUT JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION

29. Christ will be our Passover Lamb (Exodus 12:21-27)(1 Corinthians 5:7)
30. Like the Passover Lamb, none of Christ's bones will be broken (Ex 12:46)(John 19:31-36)
31. The Messiah's blood will be spilled for atonement (Lev 17:11)(Matthew 26:28)
32. Jesus will be lifted up, and everyone who looks on Him will live (Num 21:9)(John 3:14-18)
33. Christ's resurrection prophesied (Job 19:23-27)(John 5:24-29)
34. The Messiah would be forsaken (Psalm 22:1)(Matthew 27:46)
35. The Messiah would be scorned (Psalm 22:8)(Matthew 27:42-43)
36. The Messiah's suffering would include thirst (Psalm 22:15)(John 19:28)
37. They would pierce Christ's hands and feet (Psalm 22:16)(John 19:36-37)
38. They would cast lots for Jesus' clothing (Psalm 22:18)(John 19:23-24)
39. The Messiah will cry, "Into your hands I commit my Spirit" (Psalm 31:5)(Luke 23:46)
40. Everyone will abandon the Messiah (Psalm 31:11)(Mark 14:50)
41. They will plot to kill God's anointed (Psalm 31:13)(Matthew 27:1)
42. The Messiah will be quiet before his accusers (Psalm 38:12-13)(Matthew 27:12-14)
43. God's anointed will not see decay (Psalm 16:9-11)(Acts 2:31)
44. The Messiah would be abandoned by those closest to him (Psalm 41:9)(John 13:18)

45. The Christ will ascend into the heavens to distribute gifts (Psalm 68:18)(Eph 4:7-16)
46. The Christ's thirst will be quenched with vinegar and gall (Psalm 69:21)(Matthew 27:34)
47. The Messiah's resurrection predicted (Psalm 118:17-18)(Luke 24:5-7)
48. The Messiah will conquer death (Isaiah 25:7-8)(1 Cor 15:54)
49. The Messiah will be mocked and abused (Isaiah 50:3-6)(Matthew 27:27-31)

PROPHECIES ABOUT JESUS' ROLE IN THE CHURCH

50. God will raise up a prophet like Moses (Deut 18:15-16)(John 8:45-47)
51. God will raise up a faithful Priest who does God's Will Z(1 Sam 2:35)(Hebrews 2:17)
52. The Messiah will judge the world justly (Psalm 9:7-10)(Acts 17:31)
53. The Messiah will have all authority over judgment (Isaiah 22:22)(Revelation 3:7)
54. The Messiah will pour out His Spirit (Isaiah 44:3)(John 16:7)
55. The Messiah will usher in a New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31)(Matthew 26:28)

THE PROBABILITIES OF ONE PERSON FULFILLING ONLY 8 PROPHECIES

Most scholars believe there are more than 300 prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament. These prophecies are specific enough that the mathematical probability of Jesus fulfilling even a handful of them, let alone all of them, is staggeringly improbable—if not impossible.

Peter Stoner, Chairman of the Departments of Mathematics and Astronomy at Pasadena College, was passionate about biblical prophecies. With 600 students from the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Stoner looked at eight specific prophecies about Jesus. They came up with extremely conservative probabilities for each one being fulfilled, and then considered the likelihood of Jesus fulfilling all eight of those prophecies.

The conclusion to his research was staggering. The prospect that anyone would satisfy those eight prophecies was just 1 in 10^{17} . He described it like this:

"Let us try to visualize this chance. If you mark one of ten tickets, and place all of the tickets in a hat, and thoroughly stir them, and then ask a blindfolded man to draw one, his chance of getting the right ticket is one in ten. Suppose that 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 using their own wisdom."