

Prophecy: Every detail planned  
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**Day 1.**

Seth did an amazing job outlining four of the main prophecies of Christ's coming. This week we are going to look at some of the others. "Experts claim that there are about 300 Old Testament prophecies that were fulfilled just in the first coming of Christ. Thirty-three specific prophecies were fulfilled just in the final 24 hours of Jesus' life on earth." In virtually every Bible book, one will find references to the messiah. Let's consider a few.

**The Old Testament prophesied the lineage of Christ.**

Christ would come from Abraham (Gen 12:3),

*...and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.*

Isaac (Gen 21:12),

*...Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.*

Jacob (Gen 28:14),

*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.*

Judah (Gen 49:10)

*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.*

and finally David (2 Sam. 7:12-16).

*<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup> I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. <sup>15</sup> But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. <sup>16</sup> Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me<sup>[b]</sup>; your throne will be established forever."*

Matthew and Luke show the fulfillment by recording the genealogy of Christ from both the adopted father, Joseph, and Christ's mother, Mary.

1. Thoughts?

## Day 2.

### The Old Testament prophesied the birthplace of Christ.

Micah predicted that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem over 700 years before Christ's birth. There were two Bethlehems in Israel, and Micah even predicted that it would be the Bethlehem located in Judah. Micah 5:2 says:

*"As for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, seemingly insignificant among the clans of Judah—from you a king will emerge who will rule over Israel on my behalf, one whose origins are in the distant past."*

1. How is this significant?

In Matthew 2:1-2, 5-6 History comes into fulfillment with the birth of Jesus:

*After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, in the time of King Herod, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem saying, "Where is the one who is born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ... "In Bethlehem of Judea," they said, "for it is written this way by the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are in no way least among the rulers of Judah, for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."*

2. How is the fulfillment of the prophecy also significant?

## Day 3

**The Old Testament gives thirty-three prophecies that were all fulfilled on the day of Christ's death.**

Let's consider a few:

- He would be betrayed by a friend (Ps 41:9).
- The price of the betrayal would be thirty pieces of silver (Zech 11:12).
- The money would be used to buy a potter's field (Zech 11:13).
- He would be forsaken and deserted by his disciples (Zech 13:7).
- He would be accused by false witnesses (Psalm 35:11).
- He would be silent before his witnesses (Isaiah 53:7).
- He would be wounded and bruised (Isaiah 53:5).
- He would be hated without cause (Psalm 69:4).
- He would be struck and spit on (Isaiah 50:6).
- He would be mocked, ridiculed, and rejected (Isaiah 53:3).
- He would collapse in weakness (Psalm 109:24-25).
- He would be taunted with specific words (Psalm 22:6-8).
- People would shake their heads at him (Psalm 109:25).
- He would be executed among sinners (Isaiah 53:12).
- His hands and feet would be pierced (Psalm 22:16).
- He would pray for his persecutors (Isaiah 53:12).
- His friends and family would stand afar off (Psalm 38:11).
- His garments would be divided and won by casting lots (Psalm 22:18).
- He would be given gall and vinegar (Psalm 69:21).
- His bones would be left unbroken (Psalm 34:20).
- He would die for our sins (Isaiah 53: 4–6).
- His side would be pierced (Zech 12:10).
- He would be buried in a rich man's tomb (Isaiah 53:9).

1. Which of these stand out the most to you?

## Day 4

### The Old Testament prophesied Christ's resurrection.

In Psalm 16:10, David prophesied Christ's resurrection when he said,

*"because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay."*

In considering David's writing, Peter said it was fulfilled in Christ: "

*David by foreseeing this spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did his body experience decay. This Jesus God raised up, and we are all witnesses of it" (Acts 2:31-32).*

1. What is important about the Bible referencing itself?

Isaiah seemingly prophesied it as well:

*Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.*

Isaiah 53:10 (NIV)

2. Thoughts?

## Day 5

Now, as we consider all these prophecies, certainly we must declare, “This is pretty convincing! If Jesus fulfilled all those prophecies, he must be the Son of God—he must be the seed that everybody was waiting for!”

What is the probability that a person would fulfill only eight of the Old Testament prophecies about Christ? Professor Peter W. Stoner states that the probability of just eight prophecies being fulfilled in one person is  $1 \times 10^{17}$ . That is 100,000,000,000,000,000.

It has been illustrated like this: If you took  $1 \times 10^{17}$  silver dollars and placed them over Texas (the second largest US state), you would not only cover all of Texas but would have a coin pile two feet deep. If you blindfolded yourself, took one of the coins and threw it back into the pile, and walked from the beginning of Texas, stopping only once to find that coin, that is the chance that one person would fulfill only eight of these prophecies.<sup>3</sup>

The prophetic evidence concerning Christ is simply amazing! Again, the Old Testament sets forth over 300 prophecies that were fulfilled in Christ’s first coming, thirty-three of which were fulfilled on the day of Christ’s death. Each of these prophecies were written over 400 years before Christ’s birth—some of them thousands of years before his birth. God went to extraordinary lengths to make sure that the prophesied messiah was unmistakable to those who were genuinely looking.

## Reflection

1. In the reading, what stood out most to you and why?
2. How many prophecies are there about Christ’s first coming in the Old Testament?
3. How many prophecies were fulfilled on the day of Christ’s death?
4. What other questions or applications do you have from the reading?