

WHY WE BELIEVE: The Bible 1 Peter 1:10–12; Luke 24:44-45

Evidence of Fulfilled Prophecy in Jesus Christ – Part 1

Introduction:

1. **Fulfilled Prophecy is a powerful proof that the Bible is the Word of God**
 - Even the prophets who prophesied did not fully understand—
—because the prophecies were from God—not from them.
 - And because they were from God—
—the prophecies were not what people would expect.
 - Even Angels desired to know what these prophecies meant. (1 Peter 1:10–12)
2. **There are Over 330 Specific Messianic Prophecies given centuries before Jesus was born—all fulfilled with 100% accuracy in Jesus Christ.**

Part 1: Prophecies of His Birth, Dual-Nature, Eternal Pre-existence, Ancestry, Character, & Ministry

Part 2: Prophecies of His Death, Burial, Resurrection, Ascension, and His Return.

I. MESSIANIC PROPHECIES FULFILLED IN JESUS

(1) PROPHECIES OF HIS BIRTH

1. **Born of the seed of Woman (Gen 3:15) —> Fulfilled (Gal 4:4)**
 - a) Out of this hopeless condition after the Fall
 - b) The first prophecy of Hope is given of the Messiah
 - c) And who would crush Satan and deliver God's people
2. **Born of a Virgin (Isaiah 7:14) —> (Matthew 1:18–23)**
 - a) One of the most improbable prophecies of the Messiah...
Fulfilled by the Holy Spirit in a young virgin named Mary
 - b) So improbable that an Angel was sent to explain this to Mary...
And Joseph had to be warned in a dream not to put her away.
3. **Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2) —> Fulfilled (Matthew 2:1–6)**
 - a) A decree from Caesar for a census caused Mary and Joseph to travel to Bethlehem
 - b) The most powerful man in the world—issued an Empire wide decree—without even realizing that he set in motion the fulfillment of a 700 yr old prophecy!
 - c) The Census of Quirinius (p.178 Unearthing the Bible)
4. **Kings would honor Him and give gifts (Ps. 72:10; Isa. 60:6) —> (Mt 2:9-11)**
 - a) Jesus was not born in a palace—but in a manger!
 - b) Yet Kings travelled over deserts to worship to Him!
5. **Herod killed Children (Mt 2:16–18)**
 - a) King Herod was so power-hungry and paranoid that he sent soldiers to kill all the male children 2 yrs and under—in Bethlehem and surrounding villages.
 - b) A tragedy that was not from God—but from Satan... who is locked in a spiritual war against God to stop God's eternal plan to save man.
 - c) The newborn King Jesus was being hunted even as a child

(2) PROPHECIES OF HIS DUAL-NATURE

1. **This Jesus was the both son of God and son of man (Matthew 1:21–23)**
 - a) “they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”
2. **Jesus had a dual nature in that He was both fully Divine and fully Human**
 - a) Jesus experienced all the hardship and pain of human existence.
 - b) He experienced hunger, thirst, weakness, hardship while in human form
3. **He was the Son of God AND the son of Man. (Romans 1:3–4)**

(3) PROPHECIES OF HIS ETERNAL PRE-EXISTENCE

1. **Micah 5:2 “Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.” (Eternity)**
2. **Isaiah 9:6 “His name will be called... Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”**
3. **John 14:9 Jesus said to Phillip, “He who has seen Me has seen the Father”**
4. **John 8:58 “Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”**
5. **The Creator of space and time—entered space and time —fully human and fully divine. (John 17:5)**
 - a) Who left time and space after His death, burial and resurrection (Rev. 1:8; 17-18)

(4) PROPHECIES OF HIS ANCESTRY

1. **God made a covenant promise to Abraham—that through Abraham all families of the earth would be blessed! (Genesis 12:1–3; 22:18)**
2. **Jesus is that promise—as the descendent of Abraham (Matthew 1:1).**
 - a) A descendent of Abraham, through the lineage of David, born in the city David was born in Bethlehem, of the tribe of Judah.
3. **God promised Abraham that all families of the world would be blessed—because Jesus would die for this sins of the whole world! (Galatians 3:16; 26–29)**

(5) PROPHECIES OF HIS CHARACTER

1. **What would the Messiah be like?**
 - a) Would He be a Warrior—who would Slay His Enemies?
 - b) Would He be a Young Rich Ruler—Out of Touch with the Struggles of Real Life?
 - c) Would He be a Shepherd—who cared for His sheep?
2. **His Compassion (Isaiah 40:11)**
—> (Matthew 9:36; 14:14) We see His compassion (Luke 7:11–16)
3. **He was poor, despised and Rejected (Isaiah 53:2-3)**
—> (Mk 6:3; Lk 9:58; John 1:10–11)
4. **He was meek and humble—not loud or overbearing (Isa. 42:1-3)**
 - a) Jesus was not yelling in the streets... “God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him would be saved” (John 3:17)

- b) Some people's faith is so weak it is not even a flame, it is smoldering, about to go out, and some people would just blow it out—Jesus would Not.
- c) Some people's faith is like a bent reed that is ready to break off—Jesus would Not.

—> (Matthew 11:28–30; Philippians 2:5–8)

(6) PROPHECIES OF HIS MINISTRY

1. Jesus began His ministry with a reading of Isaiah (Luke 4:16-21)

Then Jesus said: "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." (v.21)

- **Jesus Preached the gospel to the poor**
- **He Healed the Broken-hearted**
- **He Set the Captives Free**
- **He Gave Sight to the Blind**
- **He made the lame to walk**
- **He Cast Out Demons.**
- **He Raised the Dead.**

2. Even the Demons Knew Who Jesus Was! (Luke 4:31–37 —> 4:40–44)

(7) THERE ARE 350 MESSIANIC PROPHECIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

1. PROPHECIES OF HIS BIRTH, DUAL-NATURE, ETERNAL PRE-EXISTENCE, HIS ANCESTRY, HIS CHARACTER, HIS MINISTRY...

—ALSO HIS DEATH, BURIAL, RESURRECTION & ASCENSION...

2. Thousands of OT Manuscripts Sealed in clay jars and hidden in the caves of Qumran—Physical Forensic Evidence that the Entire Old Testament was written centuries before the birth of Christ

3. What is the Mathematic Probability that all 350 Messianic Prophecies written centuries before, would be fulfilled in one man in history? Is it God or is it Chance?

4. A Professor of Mathematics calculated the statistical probability—

—Of one man in all history fulfilling only 8 of these prophecies:

- a) "We find that the chance that any man might have lived down to the present time and fulfilled all eight prophecies is 1 in 10^{17} " (10 to the 17th power).
That would be 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 (17 zeros after the one).
- b) To help us comprehend this staggering probability—
If you take this many silver dollars & lay them on ground of Texas
They will cover the entire state 2 feet deep.
- c) 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 - the right one.
- d) This is the same chance the prophets would have had of writing **8 prophecies** and having them all come true in 1 man in all history.

5. They ran the numbers on the statistical probability of 48 prophecies

fulfilled in only one man in history: 10^{157} power (10x157 zeros)

(Instead of finding 1 silver dollar, it would be like finding one single electron!)

- a) To help us comprehend this astronomical number:
- b) If You were to count at a rate of 250 units per minute...
- c) it would take you 19 million x 19 million x 19 million years to count to 10^{157} power
- d) Equivalent of foretelling every winning lottery number for every lottery for the next 25 years in a row!

6. But Jesus didn't Just Fulfill 8 prophecies or even 48, but over 300!

With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible!

- a) There is a point beyond human comprehension...
- b) A point that goes beyond the physical realm into the spiritual realm...
- c) A point that is no longer in the human domain — but in God's domain.

7. After Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead, even His disciples couldn't comprehend it all! (Luke 24:25–27 > Luke 24:44–48)

CONCLUSION:¹

1. The Creator of Time and Space Entered Time and Space

To Live a sinless life and die for our sins (Revelation 1:8; 17-18)

2. Jesus asks us to participate in His death burial and resurrection so

when we are baptized into His death, we are raised to new life!

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¹ For more information see: Josh McDowell, 'Evidence that Demands a Verdict', p.147-177. Pub. 1972
As well as: Herbert Lockyer, 'All the Messianic Prophecies in the Bible' 1973 Zondervan Corp.