

Biblical Prophecies



Fulfilled By Jesus

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Person Making the Prophecy	Prophecy Fulfilled By Jesus How Many Years Later *
Jacob	Over 2,000 years
God, through Moses	Over 1,400 years
David	Over 1,000 years
Solomon	Over 800 years
Isaiah	Over 700 years
Jeremiah	Over 600 years
Ezekiel	Over 500 years
Daniel	Over 500 years

Person Making the Prophecy	Prophecy Fulfilled By Jesus How Many Years Later *
Jonah	Over 700 years
Hosea	Over 700 years
Micah	Over 700 years
Zechariah	Over 500 years
Malichi	Over 400 years
Asaph	Over 1,000 years

* Roughly the time period between the time of the Prophet and the birth of Jesus Christ

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Defining A Prophecy and Its Fulfillment

By their very nature, prophecies are predictions from the past that come to fruition (are fulfilled) sometime in the future. In this document, we will examine Biblical prophecies issued in the Old Testament which are fulfilled, hundreds of years later, by Jesus Christ, as recorded in the New Testament. Each prophecy is numbered and described, including its author. We then describe the intent of the prophecy along with the Old Testament Scripture that presents the prophecy. Lastly, we provide a description of how we believe the prophecy was fulfilled and the New Testament Scripture that supports its fulfillment.

When examining prophecies and their fulfillment, we might conclude that in many cases, those who historically claimed a prophecy as having been fulfilled might simply have been repeating Old Testament Scripture in New Testament times. This is why, in determining whether a prophecy was successfully fulfilled, we use three criteria to determine whether a fulfillment actually met the test of its prophecy:

1. The fulfillment of a prophecy must be supported by either recognized behavior or acknowledged outcome. Just quoting a prophecy hundreds or thousands of years later is not, on its surface, a fulfillment of it.
2. A prophecy should be clear, specific and ideally, measurable; likewise its fulfillment.
3. The prophecy and/or its fulfillment must be context sensitive, meaning when we take a verse of Scripture to describe a prophecy or its fulfillment, the verse should be reflective of the verses surrounding it.

We must also understand that The Bible is the work of the Holy Spirit. Since the Holy Spirit knows all – including the future – Biblical prophecies often reflect two or more things at the same time. For example, Biblical Scripture may be referencing King David and Jesus at the same time. To fully appreciate the prophecy, one must be familiar with both the Old Testament and the New Testament and recognize how they are uniquely linked.

Prophecies Prior to the Birth of Jesus

1. JESUS TO BE THE FIRSTBORN OF GOD [ETHAN THE EZRAHITE]

Scripture: *“He will cry to Me, “You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.” I also shall make him My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth. My lovingkindness I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall be confirmed to him. So I will establish his descendants forever And his throne as the days of heaven.”* Psalm 89:26-29

Intent: In Psalm 89:26-29, Jesus is prophesied to be the firstborn of God, as the Son of God. Jesus is to be the highest of all kings and will be eternal, as will those who believe in Him [His descendants].

How Fulfilled: Jesus is the Son of God, as He was conceived through the Holy Spirit. He is from heaven and will ascend back to heaven. He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. God's sacrifice of His Son Jesus on the cross created a New Covenant with all peoples, that through faith in His Son, their sins would be forgotten by God and they would have eternal life.

Scripture: *“But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.’”* Matthew 1:20-21

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16

“What then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?” John 6:62 | *“And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.”* Luke 24:50-51

“And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.” Romans 8:28 – 30

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.” Colossians 1:15

2. JESUS, THE MESSIAH, WILL BE BORN OF THE SEED OF ABRAHAM [An Angel of the Lord through Moses]

Scripture: *"Then the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By Myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son [Isaac], your only son, indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations [peoples] of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.'" Genesis 22:15-18*

Intent: To prophesy the arrival of Jesus Christ.

How Fulfilled: Abraham's descendants included Judah – one of the 12 tribes of Israel and from which Jesus was a descendant. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a direct descendant of Abraham through Solomon, son of David. God did not withhold His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, but gave Him in sacrifice to save the world from sin.

Scripture: *"So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations." Matthew 1:17*

"Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, 'And to seeds,' as referring to many, but rather to one, 'And to your seed,' that is, Christ." Galatians 3:16

3. ALL NATIONS (PEOPLES) SHALL BE BLESSED THROUGH ABRAHAM [God through Moses]

Scripture: *"Sojourn in this land and I will be with you and bless you, for to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to your father Abraham. I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give your descendants all these lands; and by your descendants all the nations [peoples] of the earth shall be blessed; because Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws." Genesis 26:3-5* See also Genesis 12:01-3; 22:18; & 28:14

Intent: There are two prophecies here: (1) God promises the land of Israel to Isaac (son of Abraham) and (2) a descendent of Isaac, Jesus Christ, will bless all nations.

How Fulfilled: (1) Israel becomes the official Jewish nation in 1948. (2) Jesus, Son of God and a descendant from Isaac, blessed not only the Jewish people but all nations (peoples). Jesus died to pay the penalty for the sins of all of humanity.

Scripture: *"He said to Abraham, 'Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.' When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you." Acts 3:25-26*

"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'" Matthew 28:18-20

4. JESUS, THE MESSIAH, WILL BE OF THE SEED OF JACOB; A STAR OUT OF JACOB [God through Moses]

Scripture: *"And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants. Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed.'" Genesis 8:13-14*

"I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; A star shall come forth from Jacob [Israel], A scepter shall rise from Israel, And shall crush through the forehead of Moab, And tear down all the sons of Sheth." Numbers 24:17

Intent: Abraham fathered Isaac; Isaac fathered Jacob (who became the father of Israel), and Jacob fathered Judah, from whom, through His mother Mary, Jesus – the Messiah and Savior – was a descendant.

How Fulfilled: Jesus is the star that came forth from Jacob. Jesus was also known as the King of the Jews and the One who would establish the Kingdom of God on earth (hence the scepter reference). Jesus' mission, as the Savior, was to pay the penalty for humanity's sins, once and forever, thus crushing wickedness (the references to Moab, a pagan land, and the sons of Sheth¹).

Scripture: *"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." Luke 1:31-33*

¹ See www.dailyverse.knowing-jesus.com/numbers-24-17

5. **JESUS WILL BE A ROD OUT OF THE STEM OF JESSE [FATHER OF DAVID]** [Isaiah]

Scripture: *"Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord."* Isaiah 11:1-2

Intent: To foreshadow the arrival of Jesus Christ - God in the flesh, the Savior and Messiah, the Good Shepherd - who will bring millions to God, thus bearing much fruit.

How Fulfilled: Jesus Christ was born of Mary, a descendant of Solomon, son of David, the son of Jesse.

Scripture: *"Jesse was the father of David the king."* Matthew 1:6

"After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My heart, who will do all My will.' From the descendants of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus." Acts 13:22-23

"After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he [John the Baptist] saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him [Jesus], and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.'" Matthew 3:16-17

6. **JESUS, THE MESSIAH, WILL BE OF THE SEED OF DAVID** [ETHAN THE EZRAHITE]

Scripture: *"I have made a covenant with My chosen; I have sworn to David My servant, I will establish your seed forever And build up your throne to all generations."* Psalm 89:3-4

Intent: Another foreshadowing of the ancestry and arrival of Jesus Christ.

How Fulfilled: As previously noted, Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a direct descendent of David, son of Jesse, and direct descendant of Abraham. The book of Hebrews confirms that Jesus will be known as the High Priest for all of eternity and will sit and minister to His Kingdom from the right hand of the throne of God in heaven.

Scripture: *"Some of the people therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, 'This certainly is the Prophet.' Others were saying, 'This is the Christ (Messiah).' Still others were saying, 'Surely the Christ (Messiah) is not going to come from Galilee, is He? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ (Messiah) comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?'" John 7:40-42*

"For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests. And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become such not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of Him, 'You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.'" Hebrews 7:14-17

"Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest [Jesus], who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man." Hebrews 8:1-2

7. **JESUS WILL BE BORN A RIGHTEOUS KING OF THE LINE OF DAVID** [Isaiah]

Scripture: *"There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this."* Isaiah 9:7

"Behold, the days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land. In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, "The Lord our righteousness.'" Jeremiah 23:5-6

"When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.'" 2 Samuel 7:12-16

Intent: To let us know that Jesus will come from the line of David and will be born a King forever, to rule over the earth in a righteous and just manner.

Fulfilled: Jesus was born from the line of David and was born King of the Jews, and King of Kings who will ultimately rule over all of the earth from a new Jerusalem. Jesus was also known as the Prince of Peace and His resurrection confirms His eternal, forever nature. As a person of the Holy Trinity, Jesus is the source of Righteousness.

Scripture: *"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob [Israel] forever, and His kingdom will have no end." Luke 1:31 -33*

*"Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT ONE OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID HIS FLESH SUFFER DECAY. This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: **"THE LORD [GOD] SAID TO MY LORD [JESUS], 'SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.'"** Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified." Acts 2:29-36*

"Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ..." Romans 1: 1-6

"Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel..." II Timothy 2:8

*"But of the Son He says, **'YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM. YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS.'**" Hebrews 1:8-9*

8. DAVID'S LORD, JESUS CHRIST THE MESSIAH, WILL SIT AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND [David]

Scripture: *"The Lord [God] says to my Lord [Jesus]: **'Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet. The Lord will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, 'Rule in the midst of Your enemies.'**" Psalm 110:1*

Intent: To let us know that Jesus, though a descendant from David via His mother, was the Lord to David as well as the promised Messiah, who will ultimately sit at the right hand of God.

Fulfilled: In His teachings at the Temple, Jesus confirms that He is the Lord spoken of by David through the Holy Spirit. Jesus' disciples confirm their witnessing of Jesus ascending into heaven to sit at the right hand of God.

Scripture: *"And Jesus began to say, as He taught in the temple, **'How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? David himself said in the Holy Spirit, 'The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, Until I put Your enemies beneath Your feet.'"** David himself calls Him "Lord"; so in what sense is He his son?" And the large crowd enjoyed listening to Him." Mark 12:35-37*

"So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them [His Apostles], He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God." Mark 16:19

"And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins [through His crucifixion], He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they." Hebrews 1:3

9. JESUS WILL BE OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH [Jacob]

Scripture: *"Judah, your brothers shall praise you; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's sons shall bow down to you. Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He couches, he lies down as a lion, And as a lion, who dares rouse him up? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples." Genesis 49:8-10*

Intent: We are being told that Jesus will come from the Tribe of Judah to rule Israel and that Jesus is eternal.

Fulfilled: Jacob (Israel) had twelve sons who fathered the twelve tribes of Israel, one of whom was Judah. Jesus' direct flesh ancestry goes back to Judah. Jesus' resurrection proves His eternal nature.

Scripture: *"The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers..." Matthew 1:1-2*

"I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it. Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it; and one of the elders said to me, 'Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.'" Revelation 5:1-5

10. THE KEY OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID IS UPON HIS, CHRIST'S, SHOULDER [God through Isaiah]

Scripture: *"Then it will come about in that day, That I will summon My servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, And I will clothe him with your tunic And tie your sash securely about him. I will entrust him with your authority, And he will become a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Then I will set the key of the house of David on his shoulder, When he opens no one will shut, When he shuts no one will open."* Isaiah 22:20-22

Intent: Though Eliakim, an historical Biblical figure, is referenced in the following verse, we believe Isaiah may also be describing Jesus, to whom God gave total authority over the house of David. Note: *Eliakim* translates as "resurrection of God" [www.biblestudytools.com]

Fulfilled: Jesus was recognized not only as the King of the Jews, but also as having complete authority of heaven and earth as granted to Him by God.

Scripture: *"It was the third hour when they crucified Him. The inscription of the charge against Him read, 'THE KING OF THE JEWS.'" Mark 15:25-26*

"And Jesus came up and spoke to them [His disciples], saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.'" Matthew 28:18

"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death. For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when He says, 'All things are put in subjection,' it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him. When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all." 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Jesus is dictating to His Apostle John what he should write in a letter to the Church in Philadelphia [Greece]: *"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name. Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie--I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you. Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown. He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. '" Revelation 3:7-13*

11. JESUS WILL BE A PROPHET LIKE MOSES, SPEAKING GOD'S WORDS [Moses]

Scripture: *"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him. This is according to all that you asked of the Lord your God in Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, let me not see this great fire anymore, or I will die.'" The Lord said to me, "They have spoken well. I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him."'" Deuteronomy 18:15-18*

Intent: Moses is telling the Jewish people that God will send a prophet much like himself (Moses) who is one of their own countrymen, to teach them all that God commands, instructing them that they should listen to this prophet as He speaks the words of God.

Fulfilled: The Apostle John records that some of the crowds Jesus ministered to were calling Jesus "the Prophet" to whom God and Moses referred. The author of the book of Hebrews confirms this.

Scripture: *"Some of the people therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, 'This certainly is the Prophet.' Others were saying, 'This is the Christ (Messiah).' Still others were saying, 'Surely the Christ (Messiah) is not going to come from Galilee, is He? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ (Messiah) comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?'" John 7:40-42*

"Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession; He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house. For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. Now Moses was faithful in all His house [Israel] as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house [followers of Jesus] --whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end." Hebrews 3:1-6

12. JESUS' MINISTRY WILL BE IN ZEBULUN, NAPHTALI, AND GALILEE [Isaiah]

Scripture: *"But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them."* Isaiah 9:1-2

Intent: We are being told by the prophet Isaiah that Jesus' ministry will be throughout the lands of Zebulun, Naphtali and Galilee. Note: Zebulun and Naphtali were historical lands to the east of the Sea of Galilee.

Fulfilled: Jesus made the city of Capernaum the headquarters for His ministry. Capernaum was also the home of the Apostle Peter.

Scripture *"Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet."* Matthew 4:12-16

13. JESUS WILL BE THE PROMISED REDEEMER WHO WILL COME OUT OF ZION [Most likely David plus Isaiah]

Scripture: *"O Israel, hope in the Lord; For with the Lord there is lovingkindness, And with Him is abundant redemption. And He will redeem Israel From all his iniquities."* Psalm 130:7-8

"A Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,' declares the Lord." Isaiah 59:20

Intent: We are being told in Psalm 130:7-8 and again in Isaiah 59:16-20 that the Savior of humanity (Jesus Christ) will come out of Zion. In Biblical terms, Zion is a reference to both the land of Israel (the Promised Land) and the city of Jerusalem.

Fulfilled: Jesus Christ: *Jesus*, translated into Hebrew, is *Yeshua* or Y'shua, meaning 'to deliver or to rescue', and *Christ*, translated from the Greek word *christos*/Hebrew word *messiah*, means 'anointed one'.

Jesus left Galilee and came to Jerusalem (Zion) where He was crucified with His sinless blood sacrifice paying the penalty for all of humanity's sins (iniquities or transgressions). Note: Jacob was also referred to in the Old Testament as Israel.

Scripture: *"But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons."* Galatians 4:4-5

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds." Titus 2:11-14

"For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery--so that you will not be wise in your own estimation--that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, 'THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB. This is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.'" Romans 11:25-27

14. JESUS WILL BE ANOINTED AND A KING KNOWN FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS [The sons of Korah]

Scripture: *"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of joy above Your fellows."* Psalm 45:6-7

Intent: Psalm 45:6-7 is describing Jesus, whom God has anointed, and it tells us that Jesus' kingdom will be ruled by righteousness and will last forever. Remember - a "scepter" is the symbol of a ruling monarch

Fulfilled: Jesus, Son of God, the Messiah, anointed by God and conceived through the Holy Spirit, is humanity's source, for all God's righteousness.

Scripture: *"God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they."* Hebrews 1:1-4 (see also Titus 2:11-14 above)

"But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, 'LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD.'" 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

"You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." Acts 10:38

15. JESUS WILL BE THE STONE IN ZION, A SURE AND RIGHTEOUS FOUNDATION [God through Isaiah]

Scripture: *"Therefore thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed. I will make justice the measuring line And righteousness the level; Then hail will sweep away the refuge of lies And the waters will overflow the secret place.'" Isaiah 28:16-17*

Intent: The prophet Isaiah is telling us that God will create a foundation of faith (His Son Jesus Christ) in Zion (Israel/Jerusalem) so that whoever believes in that foundation (Jesus) shall not be disturbed (perish) and that He, Jesus, (the foundation of faith) shall be known by all for His justice and righteousness.

Fulfilled: Jesus Christ, though rejected by His own people (the Jews), brought a New Covenant to all of humanity - a Covenant sealed with His sinless blood sacrifice. All who believe in Jesus as having died to pay the penalty for their sins, will have their sins forgiven and forgotten by God and shall be given eternal life. This New Covenant was created, laid as a foundation in Zion/Jerusalem, when Jesus was crucified on the cross. Because Jesus was sinless, so was He righteous, and because He was just, God made Him the final judge of mankind. Those who believe in Jesus will be judged as to the rewards they will receive in heaven. Those who do not believe in Jesus will be judged as to where they will spend eternity, that is, apart from Jesus and God, in the Lake of Fire.

Scripture: *"What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith; but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law. Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as though it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone, just as it is written, 'Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed.'" Romans 9:30-33 [It takes belief in Jesus, not good works, to avoid being disappointed]*

"And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For this is contained in Scripture: 'Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone, And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed.'" 1 Peter 2:4-6

"He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus said to him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock [your faith in Me as the Christ and the Son of the living God] I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.'" Matthew 16:16-18

*"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" Matthew 25:31-34 | *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being."* John 1:1-5*

16. JESUS WILL BE A PRIEST AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK [David]

Scripture: *"The Lord says to my Lord: 'Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.' The Lord will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, 'Rule in the midst of Your enemies.' Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Your youth are to You as the dew. The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, 'You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.'" Psalm 110:1-4*

Intent: King David, in Psalm 110:1-4, is telling us that His Lord will be a "priest according to the order of Melchizedek" and will be "a priest forever".

Fulfilled: Melchizedek was a High Priest and ruled over Salem— another name for Jerusalem in the time of King David. The name Melchizedek means "My King is Sedek" or "My King is Righteousness", who ruled over Salem. Jesus, too, could be considered the King of Righteousness who ruled over Jerusalem. "Priest" is also understood to be one who mediates between God and man, which, of course, Jesus Christ certainly does, having given His life to pay our penalty to God for our having sinned. And, through His resurrection, Jesus proved His eternal (forever) nature.

Scripture: *"So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You'; just as He says also in another passage, 'You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek'. In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek." Hebrews 5:5–10(see also Hebrews 6:20 and 7:15–17)*

17. JESUS WILL BE CALLED IMMANUEL, MEANING GOD IS WITH US [Isaiah]

Scripture: *"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14*

Intent: Isaiah is prophesying that the Christ will be born of a virgin and will be called Immanuel.

Fulfilled: Christ was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. The angel told both Joseph (in Matthew 1:21-23) and Mary (in Luke 1:28-35) that the baby shall be named "Jesus", which would appear to contradict Isaiah's prophecy. However, the name *Immanuel*, in Hebrew, means "God is with us". So, being the Son of God and God in the flesh, this name applies to Jesus as well. The angel Gabriel confirms this when he tells Mary, "The Lord is with you."

Scripture: *"But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,' which translated means, 'God with us.'" Matthew 1:21-23*

"And coming in, he [the angel Gabriel] said to her, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob [Israel] forever, and His kingdom will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel answered and said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.'" Luke 1:28-35

"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

"Philip said to Him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, "Show us the Father?" Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.'" John 14:8-11

"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form..." Colossians 2:8-9

18. CHRIST, THE MESSIAH, SHALL BRUISE THE SERPENT'S HEAD AND SHALL DEFEAT SATAN AND BREAK SATAN'S POWER [God]

Scripture: (God, speaking to the serpent, Satan) *"And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He [the Messiah] shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."* Genesis 3:15

Intent: Through Moses, God is telling us in the Book of Genesis that Satan (the serpent) will cause a painful hurt to Jesus (bruising Him on His heel) but the Messiah, Jesus Christ, will bruise Satan on his head (deal a mortal blow).

Fulfilled: Satan caused a great deal of pain for Jesus, His crucifixion by the hands of men being the worst. But God used Satan's evil to create victory over death in the resurrection of His Son. During the End of Days – sometime in our future – Jesus defeats Satan and banishes him forever to the Lake of Fire

Scripture: *"Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives." Hebrews 2:14-15*

"Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil." 1 John 3:7-8

"When the thousand years are completed [Christ's 1000-year Millennial Kingdom on earth], Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations [peoples] which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog [enemies of Israel and aligned with Satan], to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever." Revelation 20:7-10

See also 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Jesus' Birth

19. JESUS WILL BE BORN IN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM OF JUDEA (JUDAH) [Micah]

Scripture: *"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity." Micah 5:2*

Intent: The prophet Micah is telling us that Jesus will be born in Bethlehem, a small city in Judah.

Fulfilled: Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem.

Scripture: *"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him'. When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They said to him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet: "AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL."'"* **Matthew 2:1-6**

20. A CHILD TO BE BORN WHO WILL BE THE PRINCE OF PEACE [Isaiah]

Scripture: *"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this." Isaiah 7:13-14*

Intent: Isaiah is again prophesying not only the birth of Jesus but also His nature and His awesome responsibilities.

Fulfilled: Jesus was born in Bethlehem, as was His ancestor, King David. Jesus was known as the Prince of Peace as well as for His righteousness and His just nature; as we will later see, His will be the Kingdom of God on Earth and later in heaven.

Scripture: *"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.'" Luke 2:11-14*

"Opening his mouth, Peter said: 'I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him. The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all).'" Acts 10:34-36

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1

21. KINGS SHALL BRING HIM GIFTS, FALL DOWN BEFORE HIM [Solomon]

Scripture: *"Let the kings of Tarshish and of the islands bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts. And let all kings bow down before him, All nations serve him." Psalm 72:10-11*

Intent: In Psalm 72:10-11, Solomon is telling us that upon the birth of the Righteous King, other Kings will bring gifts to Him and bow down to Him and all nations [people] will serve Him.

Fulfilled: After Jesus' birth, the magi (an unknown number of Kings from the East), came to King Herod in Jerusalem looking for Jesus to bestow gifts upon Him and worship Him.

Scripture: *"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi [Wise Men or Kings] from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.'" Matthew 2:1-2*

"After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

22. JESUS WILL BE CALLED OUT OF EGYPT [Hosea]

Scripture: *"When Israel was a youth I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son." Hosea 11:1*

Intent: Through the prophet Hosea, the Holy Spirit is again doubling up, combining both the past (reality) and the future (prophecy). Here Hosea is telling us that when Israel (Jacob) was young, God loved Him, and through Moses called Israel's people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. Hosea is also prophesying the departure of the child Jesus from Egypt back to Israel.

Fulfilled: King Herod, afraid of the Holy One who was born in Bethlehem, called for the execution of all male children under the age of 2. Being warned by an angel, Joseph and Mary took Jesus and escaped to Egypt where they stayed for three years until Herod had died.

Scripture: *"Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him.' So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON.'" Matthew 2:13-14*

23. THERE WILL BE A MASSACRE OF NEWBORN CHILDREN [Jeremiah]

Scripture: *"Thus says the Lord, 'A voice is heard in Ramah, Lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; She refuses to be comforted for her children, Because they are no more.'" Jeremiah 31:15*

Intent: The prophet Jeremiah is telling us that Rachel, one of Jacob's wives and mother to two sons who birthed two of the twelve tribes of Israel, weeps for her children for they are no more.

Fulfilled: Roughly 700 years later, King Herod, looking to kill the baby Jesus, ordered the execution of all male children in and around Bethlehem who were age two and under.

Scripture: *"Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi. Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: 'A VOICE WAS HEARD IN RAMAH, WEEPING AND GREAT MOURNING, RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN; AND SHE REFUSED TO BE COMFORTED, BECAUSE THEY WERE NO MORE.'" Matthew 2:13-15*

24. JESUS WILL HAVE ETERNAL EXISTENCE [Micah]

Scripture: *"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity." Micah 5:2*

Intent: In addition to telling us Jesus will be born in Bethlehem, the prophet Micah also tells us Jesus is eternal.

Fulfilled: Jesus gives the Great Commission to His disciples and tells them that He will be with them always, even to the end of the age. The Apostle John also tells us that Jesus was there, with God, from the beginning.

Scripture: *"But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful. And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'" Matthew 28:16-20*

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it." John 1:1-5

25. JESUS HAS COME TO DO THE WILL OF GOD [David]

Scripture: *"Then I said, 'Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart.'" Psalm 40:7-8* Note: King David was born around 1000 BC. In this Psalm, he refers to "the scroll of the book" implying that written scrolls were in place sometime before 1000 BC.

Intent: King David is telling us that he (and by extension Jesus) delights to do God's will, and that God's law will be written on his (and Jesus') heart, as well as our own when we come to believe in Jesus.

Fulfilled: The Gospel writer Luke tells us that Jesus, even when facing His crucifixion, heeded God's will. The author of Hebrews confirms that God will put His laws into the minds of His people and will write them on their hearts.

Scripture: *"And He came out and proceeded as was His custom to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him. When He arrived at the place, He said to them, 'Pray that you may not enter into temptation.' And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, saying, 'Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.'" Luke 22:39-42*

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel After those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their minds, And I will write them on their hearts. And I will be their God, And they shall be My people." Hebrews 8:10

26. JESUS IS ANOINTED BY GOD [Isaiah]

Scripture: *"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, Because the Lord has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners." Isaiah 61:1*

Intent: Isaiah is prophesying that the Lord God will anoint someone to bring good news to the afflicted, liberty to the captives and freedom to prisoners.

Fulfilled: That someone was Jesus Christ, the Messiah. "*Christ*" in Greek is translated as "*cristos*", meaning "the anointed one", and is used as the Greek translation for the Hebrew word "*messiah*". "Jesus" means "to deliver or to rescue". Jesus delivered humanity from the bondage of our sins. His Gospel explains that He died to pay the penalty for our sins and rose on the third day. "Gospel" in Greek means "good news".

Scripture: *"The woman said to Him, 'I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am He.'" John 4:25-26*

"And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed, To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.' And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'" Luke 4:16-21

"You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." Acts 10:38 (see also Luke 4:16–21)

"Peter said to them, 'Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.' And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, 'Be saved from this perverse generation!'" Acts 2:38-40

27. GOD SHALL DWELL AMONG HIS PEOPLE [Zechariah]

Scripture: *"Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion; for behold I am coming and I will dwell in your midst,' declares the Lord. 'Many nations will join themselves to the Lord in that day and will become My people. Then I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you. The Lord will possess Judah as His portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem.'" Zechariah 2:10–12*

Intent: The prophet Zechariah is telling us that the Lord God (the Lord of hosts) will send His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to Zion (Israel/Jerusalem) and He will dwell among them.

Fulfilled: Jesus Christ comes to Israel/Jerusalem twice: once as Savior (as acknowledged in the Gospels of the New Testament) and once as the warrior King (as acknowledged in the Book of Revelation). Both times, Jesus dwells among the people. The second time Jesus comes He will defeat all nations who rise against Israel and establish His Millennial Kingdom on earth for 1,000 years.

Scripture: *"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14*

"Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, 'The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, "Look, here it is!" or, "There it is!" For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst.'" Luke 17:20-21

"Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know-- this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. Acts 2:22-24

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.'" Revelation 21:3-4

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28. SOMEONE WILL BE SENT AS A MESSENGER IN THE SPIRIT OF ELIJAH TO PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD [Isaiah & Malachi]

Scripture: *"A voice is calling, 'Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. Let every valley be lifted up, And every mountain and hill be made low; And let the rough ground become a plain, And the rugged terrain a broad valley; Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, And all flesh will see it together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'" Isaiah 40:3-5*

"Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming,' says the Lord of hosts." Malachi 3:1

"Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse." Malachi 4:5-6

Intent: Isaiah and Malachi are prophesying that there will be a messenger sent by God (the Lord of Hosts) to prepare the way for the arrival of the Messiah.

Fulfilled: The messenger prophesied by Isaiah and Malachi was John the Baptist.

Scripture: *"John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was locusts and wild honey. And he was preaching, and saying, 'After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals. I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'" Mark 1:4-8 (see also John 1:22-23)*

"This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, 'I am not the Christ.' They asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' And he said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the Prophet?' And he answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, "MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD," as Isaiah the prophet said.'

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, and said to him, 'Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?' John answered them saying, 'I baptize in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know. It is He who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.'

These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He on behalf of whom I said, "After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me." I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water.' John testified saying, 'I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, "HE UPON WHOM YOU SEE THE SPIRIT DESCENDING AND REMAINING UPON HIM, THIS IS THE ONE WHO BAPTIZES IN THE HOLY SPIRIT." I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God.'" John 1:19-34

"For he (John the Baptist) will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Luke 1:15-17

Please refer to the first chapter in Luke which discusses the birth of John the Baptist and how the Holy Spirit came to be upon him.

"As these men were going away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John [the Baptist], 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Those who wear soft clothing are in kings' palaces! But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.'" Matthew 11:7-10

"For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to accept it, John himself is Elijah who was to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear." Matthew 11:13-15

29. JESUS WILL BE REJECTED BY HIS BROTHERS [David]

Scripture: *"I have become estranged from my brothers And an alien to my mother's sons." Psalm 69:8*

Intent: In Psalm 69:8, David is foretelling how Jesus will be treated by His brothers.

Fulfilled: Jesus' brothers, perhaps jealous of the attention Jesus was receiving, accused Him of seeking to be known publicly. That is not what Jesus was about at all, as He was doing God's work and not His own. His brothers also were urging Jesus to go into Judea. They most likely knew there would be people there who sought to kill their brother. As stated in John, Jesus' brothers did not believe Him to be the Messiah.

Scripture: *"After these things Jesus was walking in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill Him. Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was near. Therefore His brothers said to Him, 'Leave here and go into Judea, so that Your disciples also may see Your works which You are doing. For no one does anything in secret when he himself seeks to be known publicly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world. For not even His brothers were believing in Him.'" John 7:1-5*

30. RULERS WILL TAKE COUNCIL AGAINST JESUS [Unknown, probably David]

Scripture: *"Why are the nations in an uproar And the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand And the rulers take counsel together Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, 'Let us tear their fetters apart And cast away their cords from us!'" Psalm 2:1-3*

Intent: This Psalm writer is prophesying what will happen to God's anointed One and is also asking a rhetorical question as to why kings and other leaders take a stand against God when it is God who always wins.

Fulfilled: The religious leaders (the Pharisees and the Sadducees) plotted against Jesus and sought to arrest and kill Him. While these leaders succeeded in crucifying Jesus, they did not ultimately succeed, as God resurrected Jesus in a victory over death.

Scripture: *"But the Pharisees went out and conspired against Him, as to how they might destroy Him." Matthew 12:14*

"Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the high priest, named Caiaphas; and they plotted together to seize Jesus by stealth and kill Him." Matthew 26:3-4

31. JESUS WILL BE REJECTED AS THE CHIEF CORNER STONE [Probably David]

Scripture: *"The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner stone. This is the Lord's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes." Psalm 118:22-23*

"Then He shall become a sanctuary; But to both the houses of Israel, a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over, And a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Many will stumble over them, Then they will fall and be broken; They will even be snared and caught." Isaiah 8:14-15

Intent: This Psalm, probably written by King David, prophesies the rejection by the Jewish people of Jesus Christ and His teachings – the stone and chief corner stone referenced in the Psalm. The prophet Isaiah tells us that many will stumble over the stone and the rock.

Fulfilled: Jesus Christ was not only rejected by the Jewish people as their Messiah, but He was crucified by them as well. In Matthew 21:42-44, Jesus tells the Jewish religious leaders (the Pharisees and Sadducees) that His Kingdom will be taken from them and the Jewish people and will be given to another people (the Christians, including the Gentiles), and that anyone who rises up against them will be broken to pieces.

Scripture: *"Jesus said to them, 'Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER STONE; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'? Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it. And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.'" Matthew 21:42 – 44*

"What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith; but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law. Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as though it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone, just as it is written, 'BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.'" Romans 9:30-33 (see also 1 Peter 2:6-8)

"Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead--by this name this man stands here before you in good health. He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, but which became the chief corner stone. And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:10-12

See also the Book of Revelation to find out what ultimately happens to those who choose not to believe in Christ.

32. JESUS WILL ENTER THE TEMPLE [Isaiah & Jeremiah]

Scripture: *“Even those I will bring to My holy mountain And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.”* Isaiah 56:7

“Behold, you are trusting in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery and swear falsely, and offer sacrifices to Baal and walk after other gods that you have not known, then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, “We are delivered!”--that you may do all these abominations? Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your sight? Behold, I, even I, have seen it,’ declares the Lord.” Jeremiah 7:8-11

Intent: Isaiah tells us that the Holy Temple in Jerusalem will be called a house of prayer. Jeremiah confirms this but also tells us that the Temple will be used for abominations and become a den of robbers – all of which will be seen by the Lord.

Fulfilled: Three of the four Gospel writers tell of Jesus entering the Temple and finding it being used primarily not as a house of worship, but as a place of business. Jesus forces the people out and upsets the tables and chairs of those selling in the Temple, reminding them of the Old Testament prophecy.

Scripture: *“Then they [Jesus and His disciples] came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves; and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple. And He began to teach and say to them, ‘Is it not written, “MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS?” But you have made it a robbers’ den.”* Mark 11:15-17

“And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. And He said to them, ‘It is written, “MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER”; but you are making it a robbers’ den.’ And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.” Matthew 21:12-14

“Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling, saying to them, ‘It is written, “AND MY HOUSE SHALL BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER,” but you have made it a robbers’ den.’ And He was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him, and they could not find anything that they might do, for all the people were hanging on to every word He said.” Luke 19:45-48

33. JESUS WILL CALL THOSE WHO ARE NOT HIS PEOPLE [Isaiah & Hosea]

Scripture: *“Behold, I have made him a witness to the peoples, A leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you will call a nation [people] you do not know, And a nation [people] which knows you not will run to you, Because of the Lord your God, even the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you.”* Isaiah 55:4-5

“Yet the number of the sons of Israel Will be like the sand of the sea, Which cannot be measured or numbered; And in the place Where it is said to them [the Gentiles], ‘You are not My people,’ It will be said to them [the Gentiles], ‘You are the sons of the living God.’” Hosea 1:10

Intent: Isaiah is telling us that Jesus will open the door to a new nation (people) that knows Him not (the Gentiles) and will be rejected by His own people who do know Him (the Jews). Hosea tells us that the new people will be known as the sons of the living God.

Fulfilled: As previously noted, Jesus was not only rejected by His own people (the Jews) but was also crucified by them. However, Jesus also sought to spread His message to the Gentiles who did not reject Him and to all other nations (peoples). This fulfillment of prophecy is perhaps best captured in Jesus’ Great Commission to His disciples as recorded by Matthew in 28:19-20.

Scripture: *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”* Matthew 28:19-20

“And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory, even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles. As He says also in Hosea, ‘I will call those who were not My people, “My people,” And her who was not beloved, “beloved.”’ And it shall be that in the place where it was said to them, ‘you are not My people,’ There they shall be called sons of the living God.” Romans 9:23-26

34. UPON HIS COMING, THE DEAF HEAR AND THE BLIND SEE [Isaiah]

Scripture: *“On that day the deaf will hear words of a book, And out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see. The afflicted also will increase their gladness in the Lord, And the needy of mankind will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.”* Isaiah 29:18-19

Intent: Isaiah is prophesying the miracles of Jesus which include healing the sick, opening the eyes of the blind and curing the deaf.

Fulfilled: Jesus' miracles are well chronicled throughout the New Testament Gospels.

Scripture: *"The disciples of John [the Baptist] reported to him about all these things. Summoning two of his disciples, John sent them to the Lord, saying, 'Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?' When the men came to Him, they said, 'John the Baptist has sent us to You, to ask, "Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?" At that very time He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He gave sight to many who were blind. And He answered and said to them, 'Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have the gospel preached to them.'"*

Luke 7:18-22

"And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them." Matthew 21:14

"They brought to Him one who was deaf and spoke with difficulty, and they implored Him to lay His hand on him. Jesus took him aside from the crowd, by himself, and put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting, He touched his tongue with the saliva; and looking up to heaven with a deep sigh, He said to him, 'Ephphatha!' that is, 'Be opened!' And his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was removed, and he began speaking plainly." Mark 7:32-35

35. JESUS WILL FULFILL PROMISES TO JEWS AND BE A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS [JEWS AND GENTILES] [Isaiah]

Scripture: *"I am the Lord, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations [peoples], To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon And those who dwell in darkness from the prison."* Isaiah 42:6-7

"He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'" Isaiah 49:6

Intent: Isaiah is telling us many things in these two verses: (1) God calls Jesus in righteousness, (2) God appoints Jesus as a covenant to the people, (3) God declares Jesus to be the light to the nations (all the people) and not just the tribes of Jacob, (4) Jesus opens eyes that are blind to God, (4) Jesus saves the people from the bondage of their darkness (sins), and (5) the message of salvation will reach the ends of the earth.

Fulfilled: Jesus fulfilled all of these criteria: He is the source of all righteousness; He gave us His New Covenant by sacrificing His sinless blood on the cross in payment for our sins; He sent His disciples out to all nations to spread the good news of His Gospel; He is the light that separates us from Satan's darkness and our own sins; and when He comes a second time, His kingdom will reign over all of earth.

Scripture: *"And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, 'Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation, Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, A Light of revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.'" Luke 2:25-32*

"In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it." John 1:4-5

"Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, 'I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.'" John 8:12

"And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins [salvation].'" Matthew 26:27-28

"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'" Matthew 28:18-20

"So, having obtained help from God, I [the Apostle Paul] stand to this day testifying both to small and great, stating nothing but what the Prophets and Moses said was going to take place; that the Christ was to suffer, and that by reason of His resurrection from the dead He would be the first to proclaim light both to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles." Acts 26:22-23

36. JESUS WILL BRING A NEW EVERLASTING COVENANT [Jeremiah]

Scripture: *“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, “Know the Lord,” for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the Lord, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”* Jeremiah 31:31–34 See also Jeremiah 32:37–40)

Intent: The prophet Jeremiah is telling us that when Jesus comes, as God in the flesh, He will generate a New Covenant with all people – a Covenant that promises to forgive our sins and to forget them forever.

Fulfilled: With His sinless blood sacrifice on the cross, Jesus paid the penalty for humanity’s sins once and forever.

Scripture: *“While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body.’ And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.’”* Matthew 26:27–28
“Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, ‘It is finished!’ And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.” John 19:30 Note: The Greek translation for “It is finished” is “tetelestai”, which is also a Greek accounting term meaning “paid in full”.

“Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet. For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying, ‘THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM,’ He then says, ‘AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE.’ Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.” Hebrews 10:11–18

37. JESUS WILL BE HATED WITHOUT REASON [David]

Scripture: *“Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; Those who would destroy me are powerful, being wrongfully my enemies; What I did not steal, I then have to restore.”* Psalm 69:4

Intent: In this Psalm, David is not only describing his own woes but also foreshadowing what will happen to Jesus.

Fulfilled: Jesus was hated so much, He was crucified. Chief among the reasons for His crucifixion were, (1) His blasphemy for claiming to be God, and (2) the belief by the Jewish rulers that He had come to overturn the Old Testament law established by God through Moses. Both accusations were without cause. Jesus was God so He was not blaspheming, and He stated plainly that he came to fulfill the law. But they hated Him anyway because they did not believe in Him.

Scripture: *“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.”* Matthew 5:17

“If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well. But they have done this to fulfill the word that is written in their Law, “They hated Me without a cause.”” John 15:22–25

John’s verse requires a bit of interpretation because on the surface, it appears contradictory. What Jesus is telling us is that people hated Him for pointing out their sins, but had He not done so, they would still be in denial of their sins. And when Jesus started performing His miracles, demonstrating He was God, that really upset the applecart. Now they had no reason to doubt His teachings. But they did anyway because they did not want to be shown their sinful ways.

38. JESUS WILL HAVE GREAT ZEAL FOR GOD’S HOUSE [David]

Scripture: *“For zeal for Your house has consumed me, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.”* Psalm 69:9

Intent: David is telling us how Jesus’ love for His Father’s house (the Temple in Jerusalem) will cause Him to become angry at those who are misusing His Father’s house for purposes other than prayer and worship, and the responsibility for righting such a wrong will fall on Him.

Fulfilled: Jesus fulfilled the prophecy and His responsibility when He visited the Temple and discovered it being used for business, not prayer, and kicked out all of those who were reproaching the Father.

Scripture: *"The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables; and to those who were selling the doves He said, 'Take these things away; stop making My Father's house a place of business.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME.'"* John 2:13-17

39. JESUS WILL CARE FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY [Solomon]

Scripture: *"For he will deliver the needy when he cries for help, The afflicted also, and him who has no helper. He will have compassion on the poor and needy, And the lives of the needy he will save. He will rescue their life from oppression and violence, And their blood will be precious in his sight."* Psalm 72:12-14

Intent: Solomon's Psalm describes the work Jesus will perform during His three and a half-year ministry.

Fulfilled: Jesus describes His work when answering the questions posed by two of John the Baptist's disciples.

Scripture: *"The disciples of John [the Baptist] reported to him about all these things. Summoning two of his disciples, John sent them to the Lord, saying, 'Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?' When the men came to Him, they said, 'John the Baptist has sent us to You, to ask, "Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?"' At that very time He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He gave sight to many who were blind. And He answered and said to them, 'Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have the gospel preached to them.'"* Luke 7:18-22

40. JESUS WILL SPEAK IN PARABLES WITH HIDDEN MEANING [Asaph]

Scripture: *"Listen, O my people, to my instruction; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us."* Psalm 78:1-3

Intent: This Psalm by Asaph describes how Jesus will often speak to the crowds gathered around Him by using parables instead of plain language.

Fulfilled: The Gospels contain 32 parables spoken by Jesus to various groups – His disciples, the religious leaders, and the crowds.

Scripture: *"And the disciples came and said to Him, 'Why do You speak to them in parables?' Jesus answered them, 'To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.'" Matthew 13:10-11*
"He spoke another parable to them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened.' All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables, and He did not speak to them without a parable. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 'I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH IN PARABLES; I WILL UTTER THINGS HIDDEN SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.' Matthew 13:33-35
"And He said, 'To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.'" Luke 8:10

41. PEOPLE'S HEARTS ARE HARDENED AND CALLOUSED TOWARD JESUS [Isaiah]

Scripture: *"He said, 'Go, and tell this people: "Keep on listening, but do not perceive; Keep on looking, but do not understand. Render the hearts of this people insensitive, Their ears dull, And their eyes dim, Otherwise they might see with their eyes, Hear with their ears, Understand with their hearts, And return and be healed.'" Isaiah 6:9-10*

Intent: Having repented and discarded his own sinful ways, Isaiah volunteers to God to rebuke the people of Israel for their sins, disbelief, and disobedience, just as Jesus finds He must do.

Fulfilled: Isaiah's prophecy is repeated by each of the Gospel writers, signifying its importance. Jesus is telling His disciples how critical it is for people to open their hearts to His message of salvation so they can be healed of their sins.

Scripture: *"Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, "YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND; YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE; FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES, OTHERWISE THEY WOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I WOULD HEAL THEM." But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.'" Matthew 13:13-17*

42. THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD RESTS UPON JESUS [Isaiah]

Scripture: *“Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And He will delight in the fear of the Lord, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear; But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist.”* Isaiah 11:1-5

“Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.” Isaiah 42:1

Intent: Isaiah is foretelling not only the righteous nature of Jesus Christ but also the immeasurable strength of His might when, upon His Second Coming, He strikes down all the enemies of Israel with a rod from His mouth.

Fulfilled: The first part of Isaiah’s prophecy describing the nature of Jesus Christ has been fulfilled and recorded. The second part of Isaiah’s prophecy dealing with the Second Coming of Christ when He defeats the wicked once and for all has not yet been fulfilled.

Scripture: *“After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he [John the Baptist] saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him [Jesus], and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.’”* Matthew 3:16-17

“From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, ‘KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.’” Revelation 19:15-16

43. JESUS WILL BE A GOOD SHEPHERD WHO TENDS HIS SHEEP [Isaiah]

Scripture: *“Behold, the Lord God will come with might, With His arm ruling for Him. Behold, His reward is with Him And His recompense before Him. Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, In His arm He will gather the lambs And carry them in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.”* Isaiah 40:10–11

Intent: While a portion of Isaiah’s prophecy here might bespeak of the Second Coming of Christ, we believe its primary purpose is to describe the loving nature of Christ the Savior and Good Shepherd, not Christ the Warrior King.

Fulfilled: As Christ tells us in John 10:10, a good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. We are Christ’s sheep and He gave His life up for us on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins.

Scripture: *“I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep’.”* John 10:11

“Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.” Hebrews 13:20-21

“For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.”
1 Peter 2:21-25

44. JESUS WILL BE A SERVANT OF GOD [Isaiah]

Scripture: *“Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or raise His voice, Nor make His voice heard in the street.”*
Isaiah 42:1-2

Intent: Isaiah is telling us that God’s Servant, Jesus Christ, will not only be the One in whom God delights but will also be endowed with God’s Spirit and will bring justice to all nations – and in doing so, Jesus will not seek His own glory.

Fulfilled: On numerous occasions, Jesus, after performing miracles of healing early in His ministry, told the healed and the crowds who witnessed the miracles not to tell anyone, for He was not seeking glory for Himself but for the Father who sent Him. We also know on two occasions God publicly expressed His joy in His son. We also know that Jesus spread His message of salvation to both the Jewish and Gentile populations.

Scripture: *"After being baptized [by John the Baptist], Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.'" Matthew 3:16-17*

"Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven. So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you." Matthew 6:1-4 (From Jesus' Sermon on the Mount)

"But Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. Many followed Him, and He healed them all, and warned them not to tell who He was. This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: 'BEHOLD, MY SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN; MY BELOVED IN WHOM MY SOUL IS WELL-PLEASSED; I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM, AND HE SHALL PROCLAIM JUSTICE TO THE GENTILES. HE WILL NOT QUARREL, NOR CRY OUT; NOR WILL ANYONE HEAR HIS VOICE IN THE STREETS.'" Matthew 12:15-19

The Apostle Peter reporting to the other Apostles: *"Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as He gave to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?' When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, 'Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life.'" Acts 11:17-18*

45. NATIONS SHALL WALK IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD [Isaiah]

Scripture: *"But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them. You shall multiply the nation, You shall increase their gladness; They will be glad in Your presence As with the gladness of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For You shall break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders, The rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian."* Isaiah 9:1-4

"Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness will cover the earth And deep darkness the peoples; But the Lord will rise upon you And His glory will appear upon you. Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising." Isaiah 60:1-3

Intent: Isaiah is prophesying that a Light will come into the world to shine on those who want to be free of the darkness and burden of sin, and that it will come by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

Fulfilled: Jesus, who established His ministry in Capernaum, next to the Sea of Galilee, is our Light; He taught us how to live a righteous life (one without sin); His crucifixion delivers us from the bondage and yoke of our sins; and His resurrection assures eternal life for those who believe in Him.

Jesus also brought His teachings and His promise of salvation to all nations (peoples) – Jews and Gentiles alike.

Scripture: *"And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, 'Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, according to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, and the glory of Your people Israel.'" Luke 2:27-32*

"In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it." John 1:4-5

"Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, 'I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.'" John 8:12

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God." John 3:16-21

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." 1 Peter 2: 9-10

"So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts." 2 Peter 1:19

"And Jesus cried out and said, 'He who believes in Me, does not believe in Me but in Him who sent Me. He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me. I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.'" John 12:44-46

46. A NEW PRIESTHOOD WILL BE ESTABLISHED [Zechariah]

Scripture: *"Now listen, Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who are sitting in front of you--indeed they are men who are a symbol, for behold, I am going to bring in My servant the Branch. For behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua; on one stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave an inscription on it," declares the Lord of hosts, "and I will remove the iniquity [sins] of that land in one day. In that day," declares the Lord of hosts, "every one of you will invite his neighbor to sit under his vine and under his fig tree."* Zechariah:3:8-10

Intent: Zechariah is telling us that God will bring to earth His servant "the Branch", whom He also refers to as "the stone", and on this stone there will be seven eyes describing the perfect and complete vision of Christ, through whom all of humanity will have their iniquities (sins) removed.

Fulfilled: Jesus tells His disciples that He is the vine and we, His followers, are His branches, and if we abide in Him, we will bear much fruit. Note: Just as we are the branches of Jesus, He is the branch of God. We have already described how Jesus is the stone on which the foundation of Christianity is laid and upon which those who do not abide in Him will stumble (see #15 and #31).

As to the seven eyes, we believe they depict the perfect and complete vision of Christ (the number seven in biblical meanings describes that which is perfect and complete). It is also possible the seven eyes may reference the seven churches in Asia, to whom the Apostle John was instructed by an angel of Jesus to send the visions incorporated in the Book of Revelation. It may also reference the Book with Seven Seals that only Jesus was deemed capable of opening and looking into.

Scripture: *"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."* John 15:1-5

"John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood--and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father--to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Revelation 1:4-6

"I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it. Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it; and one of the elders said to me, 'Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.'" Revelation 5:1-5

47. THE MESSIAH IS THE SON OF GOD [Unknown]

Scripture: *"But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain. I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations (peoples) as Your inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.'" Psalm 2:6-8*

Intent: Psalm 2 tells us of the Reign of the Lord's Anointed (Jesus Christ, the Messiah). It tells us that the Messiah is the begotten Son of God and will inherit all nations and will rule over all the earth.

Fulfilled: From His baptism by John the Baptist, by His own admission in His conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob, through His dialog with His Disciples who witnessed His miracles, and resurrection, and through other incidents recorded in the New Testament, it is clear that Jesus is the Messiah and the only begotten Son of God.

Scripture: *"After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.'" Matthew 3:16-17*

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

"The woman said to Him, 'I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am He.'" John 4:25-26

"He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Christ (the Messiah), the Son of the living God.' And Jesus said to him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.'" Matthew 16:15-17

“And He [Jesus] is the radiance of His [God’s] glory and the exact representation of His [God’s] nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they. For to which of the angels did He ever say, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You?’ And again, ‘I will be a Father to Him And He shall be a Son to Me?’” Hebrews 1:3-5

48. JESUS WILL BECOME THE WAY OF REPENTANCE FOR ALL NATIONS [Isaiah]

Scripture: *“The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the Lord Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths.’ For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”* Isaiah 2:1-3

“And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering [for sin] which is over all peoples, Even the veil which is stretched over all nations. He will swallow up death for all time, And the Lord God will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For the Lord has spoken. And it will be said in that day, ‘Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.” Isaiah 25:7-9

“For thus the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, has said, ‘In repentance and rest you will be saved, In quietness and trust is your strength.’ But you were not willing.” Isaiah 30:15

Intent: Isaiah is telling us many things in these Scripture verses. First note that Isaiah distinguishes Judah from Jerusalem with the “law” coming from Zion and the word of the Lord (Jesus) coming from Jerusalem. We believe he is signaling that the “law” is what God gave Moses when Moses brought the Jewish people to the Promised Land (Zion), the word of God is what Jesus brought to the world from Jerusalem, and our salvation is dependent on our repentance.

Isaiah is also prophesying the end of days when Jerusalem is brought back from heaven.

Fulfilled: We learn from the Apostle John and the author of Hebrews that Jesus is the word of God, and from the Gospel writers Mark and Luke that according to Jesus, repentance is a precursor to our salvation. We learn from the Book of Revelation (a description of what takes place in the last days) that Jerusalem will return to “a great and high mountain”.

Scripture: *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.”* John 1:1-2 *“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”* John 1:14

“For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever.”

Hebrews 7:26-28

“Now after John [the Baptist] had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.’” Mark 1:14-15

“Now He said to them, ‘These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.’” Luke 24:44-49

“And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.” Revelation 21:10

49. JESUS WILL BEAR OUR GRIEFS AND PAIN, WILL CARRY OUR SUFFERINGS AND SORROWS, AND BRING PEACE AND HEALING [Isaiah]

Scripture: *“Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities (sins); The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.”* Isaiah 53:4-6

Intent: Isaiah is telling us that through His healings, Jesus took on our sicknesses and pains, and that while He bore our iniquities, was crucified for our transgressions, and offered Himself as a sacrifice for our salvation, we nevertheless often go astray and turn to our own way instead of following His.

Fulfilled: Jesus' healing miracles and the promise of salvation through His crucifixion have already been well documented.

Scripture: *"When Jesus came into Peter's home, He saw his mother-in-law lying sick in bed with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she got up and waited on Him. When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill. This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES."* Matthew 8:14 – 8:17

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

"For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:6-8

50. THEY DO NOT HEAR HIS WORDS [Isaiah]

Scripture: *"Then the Lord said, 'Because this people draw near with their words And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote.'"* Isaiah 29:13

Intent: Isaiah is describing the unbelief and lack of reverence for God that gripped the Jewish people long before the arrival of Christ, and what they again will exhibit through their rejection of Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, in favor of following the legality of the Law and not its intent, as they refuse to hear Christ's message.

Fulfilled: The Jewish people, and their religious leaders (the Pharisees and Sadducees), not only rejected Jesus, they also crucified Him. In the Scripture verses below, the religious leaders try to trap Jesus in unrighteous behavior as His disciples eat their bread with unwashed hands. But Jesus knows that the hypocritical Pharisees are seeking to kill Him, thus violating God's commandment "Thou shall not commit murder". Jesus goes on to remind the religious leaders that even Abraham's men came in from the fields and ate without first washing their hands and they did so, not in violation of the intent of any of God's laws, but rather practices adopted by the religious leaders (the precepts of man, not God, i.e., traditions learned by rote, ignoring their true intent).

Scripture: *"The Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, 'Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with impure hands?' And He said to them, 'Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN. Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men.' He was also saying to them, 'You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition.'"* Mark 7:5-9

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51. JESUS, THE KING, COMES TO JERUSALEM RIDING ON A DONKEY [Zechariah]

Scripture: *"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey."* Zechariah 9:9

Intent: Zechariah is not only describing the character and purpose of Jesus Christ, he is also prophesying that Jesus will arrive into Jerusalem on a donkey and colt [the foal of a donkey].

Fulfilled: In the last week of His three and a half-year ministry, knowing He is about to be crucified, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey and its colt. This episode is described in three of the four Gospels.

Scripture: *"When they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied there and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them.' This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, 'BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, GENTLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY, EVEN ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN.'" The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them, and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats. Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road."* Matthew 21:1-8 (see also Luke 19:28-38; John 12:14-15]

52. JESUS WILL SUFFER [David]

Scripture: *“Save me, O God, For the waters have threatened my life. I have sunk in deep mire, and there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and a flood overflows me. I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched; My eyes fail while I wait for my God.” Psalm 69:1-3*

Intent: In this Psalm, we believe David is not only lifting his own woes to God for relief but is also foreshadowing what Christ must have felt, as a man of flesh, just prior to His crucifixion.

Fulfilled: How Jesus felt on the night of His crucifixion (remember, in the Hebrew calendar, night precedes day) is expressed when He and His disciples go into the Garden of Gethsemane to pray (first two passages) and is confirmed in Luke 24:44-48 and Acts 3:18 (last two passages).

Scripture: *“Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His disciples, ‘Sit here while I go over there and pray.’ And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed. Then He said to them, ‘My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me.” Matthew 26:36-38*

“Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.” Luke 22:43-44

“Now He said to them, ‘These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.’” Luke 24:44-48

“But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.” Acts 3:18

53. JESUS WILL PRAY FOR HIS ENEMIES AND MAKE INTERCESSION FOR THE TRANSGRESSORS [Isaiah]

Scripture: *“O God of my praise, Do not be silent! For they have opened the wicked and deceitful mouth against me; They have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, And fought against me without cause. In return for my love they act as my accusers; But I am in prayer. Thus they have repaid me evil for good And hatred for my love.” Psalm 109:1-5*

Intent: David is describing how Jesus would feel about His rejection by the Jewish people, and yet would still love and pray for them.

Fulfilled: In His Sermon on the Mount Jesus tells us we should also love our enemies, and then demonstrates this when He prays for those who nailed Him on the cross.

Scripture: *“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.” Matthew 5:43-45*

“When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. But Jesus was saying, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.” Luke 23:33-34

54. JESUS WILL BE THE PASSOVER LAMB SACRIFICE, A MALE WITHOUT BLEMISH, WITH NO BONE BROKEN [Moses & Isaiah]

Scripture: *“Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, ‘Go and take for yourselves lambs according to your families, and slay the Passover lamb. You shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning.’” Exodus 12:21-22*

“It is to be eaten in a single house; you are not to bring forth any of the flesh outside of the house, nor are you to break any bone of it.” Exodus 12:46

“He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth. Isaiah 53:7

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones, Not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, And none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.” Psalm 34:19-22

Intent: In the Exodus verses, Moses explains how the Jewish people should handle the sacrificial lamb for Passover. Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah, God’s servant, would be led to the slaughter like a lamb to pay for the sins of all people. David, in Psalm 34:19-22, reminds us that the Savior will be slain by the wicked but none of his bones will be broken, as with the sacrificial lamb.

Fulfilled: Jesus was sacrificed (crucified) on Passover, as were the sacrificial lambs in the Jewish custom. Although it was traditional for the Roman guards to break the legs of the crucified to hasten and ensure their death, they did not break the legs of Jesus, as they found that He was already dead.

Scripture: *"The next day he [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming to him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!'" John 1:29*

"Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation [for the Feast of Unleavened Bread], so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him; but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs."

John 19:31–33

"Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed." 1 Corinthians 5:7

"If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God." 1 Peter 1:17-21

55. JESUS WILL BE BETRAYED BY A FRIEND AND SOLD FOR THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER [Zechariah & David]

Scripture: *"I took my staff Favor and cut it in pieces, to break my covenant which I had made with all the peoples. So it was broken on that day, and thus the afflicted of the flock who were watching me realized that it was the word of the Lord. I said to them, 'If it is good in your sight, give me my wages; but if not, never mind!' So they weighed out thirty shekels of silver as my wages." Zechariah 11:10–12*

"Even my close friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me." Psalm 41:9 [David]

"For it is not an enemy who reproaches me, Then I could bear it; Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me, Then I could hide myself from him. But it is you, a man my equal, My companion and my familiar friend; We who had sweet fellowship together Walked in the house of God in the throng." Psalm 55:12-1 [David]

Intent: Zechariah is prophesying that those who hate Jesus and His Gospel will value His worth at 30 shekels of silver. Psalm 41:9 tells us the one who will betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver will be one who has broken bread with Jesus. Psalm 55:12-1 tells us His betrayer will be a companion and familiar friend with whom Jesus shared a sweet fellowship.

Fulfilled: Judas, one of Jesus' hand-picked 12 disciples, who also shared the Last Supper with Jesus, betrayed Him to the Pharisees for 30 pieces of silver.

Scripture: *"Then one of the twelve [disciples], named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?" And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him. From then on he began looking for a good opportunity to betray Jesus." Matthew 26:14–16*

"As they were eating, He said, 'Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me.' Being deeply grieved, they each one began to say to Him, 'Surely not I, Lord?' And He answered, 'He who dipped his hand with Me in the bowl is the one who will betray Me.'" Matthew 26:21-23

"I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, He who eats My bread has lifted up his heel against Me." John 13:18 Note: This also fulfills prophesy #18 explaining that Satan will lift up his heel against the Messiah.

56. THE THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER BUY THE POTTER'S FIELD [Zechariah]

Scripture: *"I said to them, 'If it is good in your sight, give me my wages; but if not, never mind!' So they weighed out thirty shekels of silver as my wages. Then the Lord said to me, 'Throw it to the potter, that magnificent price at which I was valued by them.' So I took the thirty shekels of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the Lord." Zechariah 11:12-13*

Intent: Zechariah is telling us that the 30 pieces of silver, paid in exchange for the value of Christ, will end up with the potter.

Fulfilled: When Judas had remorse over his betrayal of Jesus, he tried to give the 30 pieces of silver back to the priests. The priests rejected him for they saw it as blood money, so Judas threw the 30 pieces of silver into the Temple and left. The priests used the money to buy the Potter's Field as a burial place for strangers. Potter's Fields exist to this day.

Scripture: *"Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He [Jesus] had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' But they said, 'What is that to us? See to that yourself!' And he threw the pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself. The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, It is not lawful to put them into the temple treasury, since it is the price of blood. And they conferred together and with the money bought the Potter's Field as a burial place for strangers. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: 'AND THEY TOOK THE THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER, THE PRICE OF THE ONE WHOSE PRICE HAD BEEN SET BY THE SONS OF ISRAEL; AND THEY GAVE THEM FOR THE POTTER'S FIELD, AS THE LORD DIRECTED ME.'" Matthew 27:3-10*

57. JESUS WILL BE ACCUSED BY FALSE WITNESSES [David]

Scripture: *"Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries, For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence." Psalm 27:12*

Intent: Psalm 27:12 tells us that Jesus will be convicted by the testimony of false witnesses against Him.

Fulfilled: The Gospel writer Mark confirms this is exactly what happened at Jesus' trial.

Scripture: *"Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, and they were not finding any. For many were giving false testimony against Him, but their testimony was not consistent. Some stood up and began to give false testimony against Him, saying, 'We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands'. Not even in this respect was their testimony consistent.'" Mark 14:55-59*

58. JESUS WILL BE DESPISED AND REJECTED BY HIS OWN PEOPLE [Isaiah]

Scripture: *"Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him. He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him." Isaiah 53:1-3*

Intent: Isaiah describes how Jesus will be seen by His own people, the Jews.

Fulfilled: The Gospel writers John and Luke both confirm in their Gospel testimony of Jesus that Isaiah's prophecy is exactly how Jesus was received by His people.

Scripture: *"But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation." Luke 17:25*

"He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him." John 1:11

"But they cried out all together, saying, 'Away with this man, and release for us Barabbas!' (He was one who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection made in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, but they kept on calling out, saying, 'Crucify, crucify Him!' And he said to them the third time, 'Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in Him no guilt demanding death; therefore I will punish Him and release Him.' But they were insistent, with loud voices asking that He be crucified. And their voices began to prevail." Luke 23:18-23

59. JESUS WILL BE STRUCK ON THE HEAD, BEATEN AND SPAT UPON [Isaiah & Micah]

Scripture: *"I gave My back to those who strike Me, And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting." Isaiah 50:6*

"Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted. Just as many were astonished at you, My people, So His appearance was marred more than any man And His form more than the sons of men." Isaiah 52:13-14

"Now muster yourselves in troops, daughter of troops; They have laid siege against us; With a rod they will smite the judge of Israel on the cheek." Micah 5:1

Intent: In the first two passages, Isaiah describes how Jesus will be treated by the Roman guards once He is convicted. The prophet Micah confirms that Jesus, the judge of Israel, will be struck on the cheek.

Fulfilled: Matthew and Mark both confirm in their Gospel testimonies that Jesus was treated exactly as prophesied by Isaiah and Micah.

Scripture: *"Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him, and said, 'Prophecy to us, You Christ; who is the one who hit You?'" Matthew 26:67-68*

"And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on Him, and took the reed and began to beat Him on the head. After they had mocked Him, they took the scarlet robe off Him and put His own garments back on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him." Matthew 27:29-31 (see also Mark 15:19)

60. SOLDIERS WILL CAST LOTS FOR JESUS' COAT [David]

Scripture: *"I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots." Psalm 22:17-18*

Intent: Psalm 22:17-18 tells us not only that Jesus will suffer no broken bones as a result of His crucifixion, but also that the guards will divide His garments and cast lots for them.

Fulfilled: All four Gospel writers (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) confirm this is exactly what happened once Jesus was crucified.

Scripture: *"Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be'; this was to fulfill the Scripture: 'THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS.' Therefore the soldiers did these things." John 19:23-25 (see also Matthew 27:35, Mark 15:24 and Luke 23:34)*

61. JESUS WILL BE GIVEN GALL AND VINEGAR (SOUR WINE) [David]

Scripture: *"Reproach has broken my heart and I am so sick. And I looked for sympathy, but there was none, And for comforters, but I found none. They also gave me gall for my food And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink." Psalm 69:20-21*

Intent: Psalm 69:20-21 tells of how the crowds at Jesus' crucifixion will offer him gall and wine.

Fulfilled: Three of the four Gospel writers confirm this is exactly what happened.

Scripture: *"And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull, they gave Him wine to drink mixed with gall; and after tasting it, He was unwilling to drink." Matthew 27:33-34 (see also Mark 15:23 and Luke 23:36)*

62. JESUS WILL HAVE HANDS AND FEET PIERCED [David & Zechariah]

Scripture: *"For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet." Psalm 22:16*

"I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn." Zechariah 12:10

Intent: In Psalm 22:16, David is prophesying that the Christ will have His hands and feet pierced by evildoers who surround Him. The prophet Zechariah appears to be prophesying the end of days and the Second Coming of Christ, but in so doing, shares that the Christ will have been previously pierced.

Fulfilled: When He was crucified, Jesus' hands were pierced with nails and His side was pierced with a spear.

Scripture: *"So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him; but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out." John 19:34*

"But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples were saying to him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.' After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then He said to Thomas, 'Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.' Thomas answered and said to Him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.'" John 20:24-29

63. JESUS WILL BE NUMBERED (CRUCIFIED) WITH TRANSGRESSORS [Isaiah]

Scripture: *"Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors." Isaiah 53:12*

Intent: Isaiah is prophesying that the Christ will be crucified with sinners but will intercede on their behalf.
Fulfilled: Christ was indeed crucified with two criminals (both robbers) as is confirmed by three of the four Gospel writers. It is also recorded by Luke that before He died, Christ did, in fact, intercede on behalf of one of the robbers.

Scripture: *"At that time two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left."* Matthew 27:38

"They crucified two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left. (And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, 'AND HE WAS NUMBERED WITH TRANSGRESSORS.')" Mark 15:27– 28

"For I tell you that this which is written must be fulfilled in Me, 'AND HE WAS NUMBERED [crucified] WITH TRANSGRESSORS'; for that which refers to Me has its fulfillment." Luke 22:37

"One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, 'Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!' But the other answered, and rebuking him said, 'Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he was saying, 'Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!' And He said to him, 'Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.'" Luke 23:39-43

64. JESUS WILL BE THIRSTY DURING HIS EXECUTION [David]

Scripture: *"My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And my tongue cleaves to my jaws; And You lay me in the dust of death."* Psalm 22:15

Intent: In Psalm 22:15, David is telling us that he, and also foretelling of Jesus, will be thirsty as he faces imminent death.

Fulfilled: Three out of the four Gospel writers confirm Jesus appears to have received something wet for His parched mouth just prior to dying. The Apostle John, who was close by with Mary, Jesus' mother, and Mary, His mother's sister, and Mary Magdalene, also records that Jesus said "I am thirsty".

Scripture: *"Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?' And some of those who were standing there, when they heard it, began saying, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' Immediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge, he filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink."* Matthew 27:47-48

"When some of the bystanders heard it, they began saying, 'Behold, He is calling for Elijah.' Someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink, saying, 'Let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down.'" Mark 15:35-36

"After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, 'I am thirsty.' A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop and brought it up to His mouth." John 19:28-29

65. JESUS' FRIENDS STAND AFAR OFF [David]

Scripture: *"Lord, all my desire is before You; And my sighing is not hidden from You. My heart throbs, my strength fails me; And the light of my eyes, even that has gone from me. My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague; And my kinsmen stand afar off."* Psalm 38:9-11

Intent: In Psalm 38:9-11, David tells us that Jesus' loved ones and companions will avoid Him because of His wounds and His acquaintances will stand even farther off.

Fulfilled: All four Gospel writers confirm this is actually what happened.

Scripture: *"Many women were there looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee while ministering to Him. Among them was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee."* Matthew 27:55-56

"There were also some women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less and Joses, and Salome. When He was in Galilee, they used to follow Him and minister to Him; and there were many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem." Mark 15:40-41

"And all the crowds who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, began to return, beating their breasts. And all His acquaintances and the women who accompanied Him from Galilee were standing at a distance, seeing these things." Luke 23:48-49

"But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, 'Woman, behold, your son!' Then He said to the disciple [John], 'Behold, your mother!' From that hour the disciple took her into his own household." John 19:25-27

66. JESUS WILL BE MOCKED AND INSULTED BY MANY [David]

Scripture: *"All who see me sneer at me; They separate with the lip, they wag the head, saying, 'Commit yourself to the Lord; let Him deliver him; Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him.'" Psalm 22:7-8*

Intent: David is foretelling how people will treat Jesus as He is being crucified.

Fulfilled: Three of the Gospel writers confirm that Jesus was indeed mocked with head wagging and insults.

Scripture: *"And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads and saying, 'You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him and saying, 'He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him. He trusts in God; let God rescue Him now, if He delights in Him; for He said, "I am the Son of God."'" Matthew 39-43*
(see also Mark 15:29-32 and Luke 23:35-39)

67. JESUS WILL BE ACCUSED AND AFFLICTED, BUT HE WILL NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH [Isaiah]

Scripture: *"He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth." Isaiah 53:7*

Intent: Isaiah is telling us that Jesus will not open His mouth in defense of Himself during His trial or while being crucified.

Fulfilled: All four of the Gospel writers confirm Jesus was silent in His defense of Himself.

Scripture: *"And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He did not answer. Then Pilate said to Him, 'Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?' And He did not answer him with regard to even a single charge, so the governor was quite amazed." Matthew 27:12-14*

"Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him. And he questioned Him at some length; but He answered him nothing." Luke 23:8-9 (see also Matthew 26:62-63, Mark 14:61 and 15:5 and John 19:9)

68. JESUS WILL FEEL FORSAKEN BY GOD [David]

Scripture: *"My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning." Psalm 22:1*

Intent: In this Psalm verse, David is speaking for himself in his times of trouble, as well as foretelling how Jesus will feel as He is being crucified.

Fulfilled: The Gospel writers Matthew and Mark both confirm that Jesus did, in fact, utter the same question asked by David.

Scripture: *"About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?'" Matthew 27:46* (see also Mark 15:34)

69. JESUS WILL COMMIT HIS SPIRIT INTO GOD'S HAND [David]

Scripture: *"In You, O Lord, I have taken refuge; Let me never be ashamed; In Your righteousness deliver me. Incline Your ear to me, rescue me quickly; Be to me a rock of strength, A stronghold to save me. For You are my rock and my fortress; For Your name's sake You will lead me and guide me. You will pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, For You are my strength. Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have ransomed me, O Lord, God of truth." Psalm 31:1-5*

Intent: David is describing who God is for him and in so doing, mirrors who God will be for Jesus (and who Jesus will be for those of us who chose Him as our Lord and Savior).

Fulfilled: Both David and Jesus committed their spirits to God. Jesus' death paid the ransom for humanity's sins and He was resurrected (pulled out of the net) by God as He pulls believers from Satan's net of sin.

Scripture: *"It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two. And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.' Having said this, He breathed His last." Luke 23:44-46*

"Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished!' And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit." John 19:30

70. JESUS WILL BE BURIED WITH THE RICH [Isaiah]

Scripture: *“His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.”* Isaiah 53:9

Intent: Isaiah tells us that Jesus’ grave will not be with wicked men, which was the usual outcome for those who were crucified. Jesus will not suffer such a fate but will instead be with a rich man, because He had done no violence.

Fulfilled: Pontius Pilate – the judge over Jesus’ trial – found no guilt in Jesus. And although the bodies of those who were crucified were traditionally piled up and left for animals to devour, Pilate allowed for Jesus’ body to be taken by a wealthy member of the religious council (and a secret disciple of Jesus), Joseph of Arimathea, to be buried in a tomb Joseph had recently built for himself.

Scripture: *“Pilate summoned the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, ‘You brought this man to me as one who incites the people to rebellion, and behold, having examined Him before you, I have found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him.’”* Luke 23:13-14

“When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away.” Matthew 27:57–60

71. JESUS WILL SPEND THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE TOMB [Jonah]

Scripture: *“And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights.”* Jonah 1:17

Intent: Jonah’s experience exemplified how God punishes sin and rewards repentance.

Fulfilled: In His crucifixion, Jesus shouldered the sins of humanity, and being up to His neck in sin, He was punished by God, spending three days and three nights in Hades. But having also been completely righteous in God’s eyes, He was raised by God on the third day.

Scripture: *“Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, ‘Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.’ But He answered and said to them, ‘An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; for just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.’”* Matthew 12:38 – 40

72. JESUS WILL BE LIFTED UP, JUST AS THE SERPENT WAS LIFTED UP BY MOSES

Scripture: *“The Lord sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. So the people came to Moses and said, ‘We have sinned, because we have spoken against the Lord and you; intercede with the Lord, that He may remove the serpents from us.’ And Moses interceded for the people. Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he will live.’ And Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived.”* Numbers 21:6–9

Intent: In the Book of Numbers, God tells Moses to create a bronze serpent on a standard so that those who look at it will be saved from the deadly bite of the serpents that were sent by God to punish those who had sinned. This was a foreshadowing of Jesus who was lifted up on the cross. Those who look to Him and believe will also be saved.

Fulfilled: In His famous meeting with Nicodemus, Jesus tells Nicodemus that God has sent Him from heaven and that whoever believes in Him will not perish. But before this can happen, Jesus, like Moses’ serpent in the wilderness, must also be lifted up, so that those who believe in Him will be saved and live (have eternal life).

Scripture: *“Nicodemus said to Him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony. If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up [on the cross]; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.’”* John 3:9–15

"Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you.'" Matthew 28:1-7

"But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, 'Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'" Luke 24:1-7

73. THE MESSIAH WILL BE RAISED FROM THE DEAD AND CONQUER DEATH THROUGH HIS RESURRECTION [David]

Scripture: *"I have set the Lord continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will dwell securely. For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol ["Hades" in Greek]; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay. You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever." Psalm 16:8-11*

Intent: David, in this double reference, is telling us God will not let David's soul stay in Hades forever after he dies, and that God will not allow His Holy One (Jesus Christ) to undergo decay, i.e., He will be resurrected from the dead.

Fulfilled: Christ was resurrected on the third day, victorious over death.

Scripture: *"He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." Luke 24:6-7*

"Brethren, sons of Abraham's family, and those among you who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent. For those who live in Jerusalem, and their rulers, recognizing neither Him nor the utterances of the prophets which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning Him. And though they found no ground for putting Him to death, they asked Pilate that He be executed. When they had carried out all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the cross and laid Him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead; and for many days He appeared to those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, the very ones who are now His witnesses to the people. And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, that God has fulfilled this promise to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, "YOU ARE MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU." As for the fact that He raised Him up from the dead, no longer to return to decay, He has spoken in this way: "I WILL GIVE YOU THE HOLY AND SURE BLESSINGS OF DAVID." Therefore He also says in another Psalm, "YOU WILL NOT ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY." For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers and underwent decay; but He whom God raised did not undergo decay. Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses." Acts 13: 26-39

"Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. And so, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants on his throne, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay. This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear." Acts 2:29-33

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me [the Apostle Paul] also." 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

"But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, 'DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY. O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

74. JESUS WILL ASCEND TO HEAVEN [David]

Scripture: *"You have ascended on high, You have led captive Your captives; You have received gifts among men, Even among the rebellious also, that the Lord God may dwell there." Psalm 68:18*

Intent: David is describing the Christ who will (1) ascend to heaven, (2) free from the captivity of sin all who believe in Him, (3) pass on the gift of the Holy Spirit to all who believe in Him (as He did to His disciples, including the once rebellious Saul/the Apostle Paul, and (4) grant to those who have believed in Christ as their Savior and been given the Holy Spirit, eternal dwelling with the Lord God.

Fulfilled: These four actions of Jesus Christ are either documented in the New Testament verses below or have been previously supported.

Scripture: *"And He led them [His Apostles] out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising God." Luke 24:50-53*

"And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.'" Acts 1:9-11

Note: It is believed by many religious scholars that the Scripture reference "You have led captive Your captives" may also indicate that when Christ descended into Hades after His crucifixion and then later ascended into heaven, that He took those who were faithful from their former resting place in Sheol (Hades) up into heaven with Him.

75. THERE WILL BE ANOTHER DISCIPLE TO SUCCEED JUDAS [David]

Scripture: *"Appoint a wicked man over him, And let an accuser stand at his right hand. When he is judged, let him come forth guilty, And let his prayer become sin. Let his days be few; Let another take his office. Let his children be fatherless And his wife a widow. Let his children wander about and beg; And let them seek sustenance far from their ruined homes. Let the creditor seize all that he has, And let strangers plunder the product of his labor. Let there be none to extend lovingkindness to him, Nor any to be gracious to his fatherless children. Let his posterity be cut off; In a following generation let their name be blotted out." Psalm 109:6-13*

Intent: We believe that in Psalm 109:6-16, David is foretelling of Judas and his betrayal of Jesus and what will happen to him after the betrayal.

Fulfilled: The Apostle Peter confirms this in Acts 1:15-20. The other man who took Judas' place as a disciple and later as an Apostle was Matthias.

Scripture: *"At this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there together), and said, 'Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry.' (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out. And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'LET HIS HOMESTEAD BE MADE DESOLATE, AND LET NO ONE DWELL IN IT'; AND, 'LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE HIS OFFICE.'" Acts 1:15-20*

76. SINLESS, JESUS WILL BE AN OFFERING FOR SIN, WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, AND DIE AS A SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS [Isaiah]

Scripture: *"But He (Jesus) was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities (sins); The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered That He was cut off out of the land of the living For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due? His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth. But the Lord was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand. As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors." Isaiah 53:5-12*

Intent: We have touched on individual aspects of Jesus' crucifixion but above is a complete picture of Isaiah's prophecy regarding Christ and His crucifixion.

- Fulfilled:**
- Jesus' hands and feet were pierced with nails as they hung Him on the cross.
 - Jesus's side was pierced by a Roman's spear to confirm He had died.
 - We are all sinners and have turned away from God at one time or another, yet Jesus died to pay the penalty for all of humanity's sins.
 - Jesus was scourged (beaten and whipped) by Roman guards before He was nailed to the cross.
 - When questioned by His accusers, Jesus did not open His mouth to defend Himself.
 - Having been crucified, Jesus' body would normally have been piled with the rest of those who had been crucified, but a wealthy man, Joseph or Arimathea interceded and asked Pontius Pilate for Jesus' body which Joseph buried in the tomb he had just recently built for himself.
 - Pontius Pilate ruled that Jesus was innocent.
 - As was God's will, Jesus rendered Himself as the sacrificial Lamb, bearing the guilt for humanity's iniquities so that those who believe in Him shall be justified (saved)
 - Jesus was crucified with two thieves (transgressors).
 - Prior to dying, Jesus prayed for forgiveness for those who had crucified Him.

Below are additional Biblical passages written by those who actually witnessed the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy.

Scripture: *"Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, 'What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs (miracles). If we let Him go on like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.' But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, 'You know nothing at all, nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish.' Now he did not say this on his own initiative, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but in order that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they planned together to kill Him."* John 11:47-53

"We are witnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They also put Him to death by hanging [crucifying] Him on a cross. God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible, not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, that is, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins." Acts 10:39-43

"Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses." Acts 13:38-39 (For through the Law of Moses – the Old Covenant – the annual blood sacrifice of bulls and goats to atone for sins only covered sins, they did not erase them.)

"For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls." 1 Peter 2:21–25 (see also John 2:2; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Romans 3:21–26 and 4:5-8; and Ephesians 1:7)

77. JESUS THE MESSIAH WILL ARRIVE AND THEN BE "CUT OFF" YEARS FOLLOWING A CERTAIN DECREE [Daniel & Ezekiel]

Scripture: *"So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined."* Daniel 9:25–26

"And he [the antichrist] will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate." Daniel 9:27

"I will make the land a desolation and a waste, and the pride of her power will cease; and the mountains of Israel will be desolate so that no one will pass through. Then they will know that I am the Lord, when I make the land a desolation and a waste because of all their abominations which they have committed." Ezekiel 33:28-29

- Intent:** Daniel tells us of the future when Messiah the Prince (Jesus) will arrive and afterwards be crucified (cut off), and both Daniel and Ezekiel are describing the Second Coming of Christ when all will be destroyed. Note: In Biblical prophecies, one week is often considered the equivalent of seven years (sabbatical year cycles). Historical records show that the decree mentioned in Daniel was most likely the one issued by Artaxerxes in the spring of 457 BC. Combining the seven-week period and the sixty two-week period, we get 69 weeks (or 483 years). 483 years following Artaxerxes' spring of 457 BC decree brings us to spring of 26 AD (457 BC – 481 years = 26 AD). This coincides closely with the time following Passover in the spring of 26 AD that Jesus announced to the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well that He is the Messiah. Jesus was crucified roughly three years later.
- Fulfilled:** We have already covered Jesus' announcement that He is the Messiah (#47) and His crucifixion (#51-78). Here are some of His explanations of how Daniel and Ezekiel's prophecies will be fulfilled when He returns a second time.
- Scripture:** *"Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. And He said to them, 'Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.' As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?' And Jesus answered and said to them, 'See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs. Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come. Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.'" Matthew 24:1-16*
- "For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.'" Matthew 24:21-22*

78. JESUS AND GOD ARE NEVER-CHANGING, EVERLASTING [Unknown, probably David]

- Scripture:** *"I say, 'O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days, Your years are throughout all generations. Of old You founded the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. Even they will perish, but You endure; And all of them will wear out like a garment; Like clothing You will change them and they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not come to an end.'" Psalm 102:24-27*
- Intent:** This passage tells us that while all else may perish, God endures forever. Although it is not the main purpose of the passage, it also tells us that even the earth and the heavens that God created will perish, prophesying what will ultimately happen in the end of days.
- Fulfilled:** Jesus' resurrection confirms His everlasting nature, which is affirmed in many passages found in the Book of Hebrews (author unknown). A passage from the Book of Revelation, prophesies a new heaven and a new earth.
- Scripture:** *"God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they." Hebrews 1:1-4*
- "But of the Son He says, 'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, And the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness above Your companions.' And, 'You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the works of Your hands; They will perish, but You remain; And they all will become old like a garment, And like a mantle You will roll them up; Like a garment they will also be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not come to an end.'" Hebrews 1:8-12*
- "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8*
- "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband." Revelation 21:1-2*