

68 Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus

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How many prophecies are there in the Old Testament that were fulfilled by Jesus? Scholars differ in their answers, generally ranging from about 200 to 400.

J. Barton Payne in his *Encyclopedia of Bible Prophecy*, gives a list of 191 prophecies that he deems as having a "personal reference to Christ."

Another scholar, Alfred Edersheim, concluded that there at least **456** passages in the Old Testament that Jewish Rabbis historically have interpreted as being about the Messiah.

Scholars have different ways of classifying Messianic prophecies - prophecies that Christians believe were fulfilled by Jesus - but the chart below is consistent with many that have been circulated throughout the years. It is arranged more or less in chronological order of fulfillment.

Bible passage

Prophecy Fulfillment

1

Gen. 3:15a

He would be human, born of a woman

Gal. 4:4-5, Matt. 1:18

2

Gen. 3:15b

He will reconcile people to God

Heb. 2:14, 1 John 3:8

3

Gen. 3:15c

He would crush evil at his own expense

Matt. 27:35, Luke 24:39-40

4

Gen. 22:18

He would be a descendant of Abraham

Matt. 11:27 & Luke 3:36

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Gen. 26:1-5

He would be a descendant of Abraham's son Isaac

Rom. 9:7, Heb. 11:18, Matt. 1:2

6

Gen. 28:13,14

He would be a descendant of Isaac's son Jacob

Luke 3:34

7

Gen. 49:10

He would be a descendant of Jacob's son Judah

Matt. 1:2-3

8

Isa. 11:1-10

He would be a descendant of Jesse, a descendant of Judah

Matt. 1:2-3

9

Isa. 11:1

He would be a descendant of Jesse's son King David

Matt. 1:1

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Gen. 49:10

He would appear after a succession of rulers from the Tribe of Judah

History: Josephus writes that King Herod's son was dethroned in 6 A.D. and replaced by a Roman Procurator.

11

Dan. 9:25

He would appear after the rebuilding of Jerusalem

History: Jerusalem had been rebuilt by the time of Jesus, after recovering from the Babylonian destruction.

12

Dan. 9:26

He would appear before the (Roman) destruction of Jerusalem

History: The Rom. destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

13

Mic. 5:2

He would be born in Bethlehem

Matt. 2:1-5

14

Isa. 7:13,14

Isaiah foreshadowed the virgin birth of Jesus

Luke 1:35

15

Isa. 7:14

He would be called Immanuel (God with us)

Matt. 1:23

16

Isa. 40:3-4

He would be preceded by a forerunner

Matt. 3:1-4

17

Mal. 3:1

A messenger would prepare the way for the Lord

Matt. 7:10

18

Isa. 61:1,2a

The ministry of Jesus is foreshadowed by Isaiah

Matt. 3:16-17, Luke 4:18, John 8:31-32, Luke 4:19

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Isa. 9:1,2

He would appear in Galilee, be a light to Gentiles

Matt. 4:12-17, Luke 2:28-32

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Isa. 35:4-6

He would perform miracles

Mark 10:51-52, Mark 7:32-35, Matt. 11:4-5, Matt. 12:10-13, Matt. 9:32-33

21

Ps. 78:1-2

He would teach in parables

Matt. 13:3, 13-15

22

Deut. 18:15-18

God promised another prophet like Moses

John 6:14, John 5:45-47, John 8:28-29, Acts 3:23, Heb. 6:4-6

23

Isa. 42:2-3

He would be humble, meek

Matt. 11:28-30

24

Ps. 2:1-12

He would be called God's son

Acts 4:25-28

25

Isa. 9:6,7

Isaiah spoke of a son who would be called God

John 10:30, John 20:27-29

26

Zech. 9:9

He would enter Jerusalem while riding on a donkey

Matt. 21:6-9

27

Ps. 41

Psalms 41 foreshadowed the betrayal of Jesus

John 13:18

28

Isa. 53:1-4

He would be rejected

Matt. 27:21-23

29

Dan. 9:24-26

Daniel predicted when he would be rejected

Matt. 16:21; 21:38-39

30

Ps. 22:6

Messiah would be despised

Luke 23:21-23

31

Isa. 53:7

He would be oppressed

Matt. 27:27-31

32

Isa. 53:7

He would be silent before his accusers

Matt. 27:12-14

33

Ps. 22:7

Messiah would be mocked by people shaking their heads

Matt. 27:39

34

Isa. 50:6,7

He would be beaten and spat upon

Matt. 26:67

35

Isa. 50:6,7

He would be spat upon

Matt. 27:30

36

Ps. 35:19

He would be hated without reason

John 15:25

37

Ps. 69:4

He would be hated without cause

John 15:25

38

Ps. 69:8

He would become a stranger to his own brothers

Luke 8:20-21

39

Isa. 53:12

He would be 'numbered with the transgressors'

Luke 23:32

40

Ps. 22:16

His hands and feet would be pierced

John 19:37, 20:27

41

Ps. 22:15

His suffering would include thirst

John 19:28

42

Isa. 53:12

He would intercede for sinners

Luke 23:34

43

Ps. 22:1

He would be forsaken

Matt. 27:46

44

Ps. 22:1

He would cry out to God

Matt. 27:46

45

Ps. 22:8

His faith in God would be mocked

Matt. 27:43

46

Ps. 22:17-18

He would be stripped of his clothing

Luke 23:34-35

47

Ps. 22:18

They would cast lots for his clothing

Matt. 27:35, John 19:23

48

Isa. 53:4-6

He would suffer for the sins of others

2 Cor. 5:21

49

Isa. 53:8,9

He would die

Matt. 27:45-56

50

Ps. 22:14

His death described

John 19:34

51

Zech. 12:10

Zechariah foreshadowed the piercing of Jesus

John 19:34-37

52

Dan. 9:24

He would bring an end to sin

Gal. 1:3-5

53

Isa. 53:9

He would be buried in a wealthy man's tomb

Matt. 27:57-61

54

Ps. 16:9-11

God's anointed one would not see decay

Acts 2:31

55

Zech. 10:4

He would be the cornerstone

Eph. 2:20

56

Ps. 118:22-24

The rejected stone would become the cornerstone

Matt. 21:42,43

57

Ps. 16:8-11

King David prophesied about resurrection

John 20:9

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Job 19:25-27

Job foreshadows details of resurrection

John 5:24-29

59

2 Sam. 7:12-13

King David's offspring would have an eternal kingdom

Luke 1:32, Rev. 22:16

60

2 Sam. 7:16

King David's throne would be established forever

Luke 3:31; Rev. 22:16

61

Ps. 89

Another prophetic promise about the permanence of David's throne

Luke 1:32,33

62

Dan. 7:13–14

Son of Man would have everlasting throne

Luke 1:31-33

63

Isa. 11:10

He would be a banner to Gentiles

John 12:18-21

64

Isa. 42:1-4

He would affect people throughout the world

Matt. 28:19,20

65

Isa. 42:6

He would be a light to people around the world

Luke 2:32

66

Mic. 5:4

He would have a worldwide impact

History: Christianity has spread to people all over the world.

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Gen. 49:10b

He would receive the obedience of the people

History: Christianity has spread to people all over the world.

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Isa. 49:6

He would bring salvation to the ends of the earth

History: Christianity has spread to people all over the world.