

Getting The Most Out Of The Bible: Session 2. Fulfilled in Christ.

Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled in Jesus Christ

This handout lists key prophecies about the Messiah from the Old Testament and their fulfilment in the New Testament through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

MESSIANIC PROPHECIES & FULFILLMENTS

Old Testament Prophecy	OT Reference	Fulfilled In	Description
Messiah born of a woman	Genesis 3:15	Galatians 4:4, Matthew 1:20	The seed of the woman will crush the serpent's head.
Born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:22–23, Luke 1:26–31	Virgin birth of Jesus by the Holy Spirit.
Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1–6, Luke 2:4–7	Jesus born in Bethlehem, city of David.
Descendant of Abraham	Genesis 12:3, 22:18	Matthew 1:1, Galatians 3:16	Jesus is the promised seed of Abraham.
From the tribe of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Luke 3:33, Hebrews 7:14	Jesus comes from Judah's lineage.
Heir to David's throne	2 Samuel 7:12–13, Isaiah 9:6–7	Luke 1:32–33, Romans 1:3	Jesus is the eternal King from David's line.
Called Emmanuel ("God with us")	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:23	Jesus is God in human flesh.
Children killed after His birth	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16–18	Herod's massacre fulfilled prophecy.
Flight to Egypt	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:14–15	Jesus' family fled to Egypt.
Ministry in Galilee	Isaiah 9:1–2	Matthew 4:12–17	Jesus ministered in Galilee.
Preceded by a messenger	Isaiah 40:3, Malachi 3:1	Matthew 3:1–3, Mark 1:2–4	John the Baptist prepared the way.
Triumphal entry on a donkey	Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 21:4–9, John 12:14–16	Jesus entered Jerusalem as prophesied.
Betrayed by a friend	Psalms 41:9	Matthew 26:47–50, John 13:18	Judas betrayed Jesus.
Sold for 30 pieces of silver	Zechariah 11:12	Matthew 26:14–16	Exact price of betrayal.
Money used for potter's field	Zechariah 11:13	Matthew 27:3–10	Fulfilled exactly with Judas' money.

Silent before accusers	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 27:12–14	Jesus did not defend Himself.
Smitten and spat upon	Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 26:67, 27:30	Jesus was mocked and beaten.
Crucified with sinners	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38, Mark 15:27	Jesus was crucified between two criminals.
Hands and feet pierced	Psalms 22:16, Zechariah 12:10	Luke 24:39–40, John 20:25–27	Foreshadowing of crucifixion.
Mocked and insulted	Psalms 22:7–8	Matthew 27:39–44	Mockery at the cross.
Cast lots for His garments	Psalms 22:18	John 19:23–24	Soldiers gambled for Jesus' clothes.
No bones broken	Psalms 34:20, Exodus 12:46	John 19:33–36	Jesus died before His legs were broken.
Pierced side	Zechariah 12:10	John 19:34–37	Spear thrust into Jesus' side.
Buried in a rich man's tomb	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57–60	Buried by Joseph of Arimathea.
Resurrection from the dead	Psalms 16:10, Isaiah 53:10–11	Matthew 28:5–7, Acts 2:31	Jesus rose from the dead.
Ascended to Heaven	Psalms 68:18	Luke 24:50–53, Acts 1:9	Jesus ascended before His followers.
Seated at God's right hand	Psalms 110:1	Mark 16:19, Hebrews 1:3	Jesus reigns with the Father.

TYPES AND SYMBOLS OF CHRIST IN THE OT

Symbol or Type	OT Reference	Fulfilment in Christ
Passover Lamb	Exodus 12:5–7	John 1:29, 1 Cor. 5:7
Bronze serpent	Numbers 21:9	John 3:14–15
Rock that was struck	Exodus 17:6	1 Corinthians 10:4
High Priest	Leviticus 16	Hebrews 4:14–16
Melchizedek (priest & king)	Genesis 14:18, Psalm 110:4	Hebrews 7:17
Suffering Servant	Isaiah 53	Gospels, esp. Passion narratives
Son of Man	Daniel 7:13–14	Matthew 26:64, Rev. 1:13
The Branch	Jeremiah 23:5–6, Zech. 6:12	Luke 1:32–33, John 15:1
Light to the Nations	Isaiah 49:6	Luke 2:32, Acts 13:47

These prophecies demonstrate the divine authorship and unity of Scripture, revealing Jesus Christ as the promised Messiah who fulfils God's plan of redemption.

SOAP STUDY CHALLENGE

Now it's your turn! Choose any Old Testament prophecy listed in this handout, along with its New Testament fulfilment, and apply the SOAP method to deepen your study:

- S (Scripture): Write out or highlight the verse(s) that stand out to you.
- O (Observation): What do you observe in the text? Who is speaking? What's the context?
- A (Application): What does this mean for you personally? How does it strengthen your faith in Jesus?
- P (Prayer): Pray in response to what God has shown you through the Scripture.

Feel free to study individually or in pairs, and be ready to share a few insights with the group.

BIG QUESTIONS

- What are the chances that one man could fulfil dozens of ancient prophecies written hundreds of years before he was born?
- If God went to such lengths to point to Jesus through prophecy, what does that say about His character and His plan for humanity?
- Why did God choose to reveal the Messiah through prophecy instead of just unveiling Him all at once?
- How does fulfilled prophecy impact our confidence in the reliability and authority of the Bible today?
- What difference does it make to our faith that Jesus is the fulfillment—not just of prophecy, but of God's promises?
- Could it be that understanding prophecy helps us see Jesus not just as a historical figure, but as the centre of God's eternal plan?
- How might understanding Old Testament prophecy transform the way we read Scripture, worship, and live as disciples of Christ?
- If the Bible's prophecies about Jesus came true, what does that mean for the rest of God's promises for our lives and for the world?
- How do we avoid reading prophecy like a puzzle, and instead read it in a way that leads to personal transformation?
- What would it look like if we lived every day with the awareness that Jesus really is the One foretold from the beginning?