



Messianic Prophecies Fulfilled at Jesus/Yeshua's Birth

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"The events associated with the birth of (*Yeshua*) Jesus fulfilled numerous Old Testament prophecies given centuries before the events they described." (2) Matthew is one of the gospel writers and was an eye witness to Yeshua/Jesus' ministry. "Matthew 1:22 introduces a common statement in his work. He wrote, '**All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet.**' ... Let's take a look at some of these ancient proclamations..." (2) <https://answersingenesis.org/jesus/birth/fulfilled-prophecies-at-the-birth-of-christ/> (You can read the story of Jesus birth in Matthew 1, Luke 1-2:1-36, and Matthew 2.)

1. The nations will be blessed through Abraham's lineage.

a. Prophecies to the patriarchs: **1) to Abraham** - "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" (Genesis 12:3); **2) to Isaac** - "I will establish my covenant with him (*Isaac*) as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him" (Genesis 17:19); **3) to Jacob** - "All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring" (Genesis 28:14); **4) to Judah** - "The scepter (*kingship*) shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh (*the Messiah*) comes; And to Him *shall be* the obedience of the people." (Genesis 49:10). (See sections 8 and 9). (1) <https://jesusfilm.org> > Blog 55 Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus - Evidence for Your Faith)

b. Prophecy to David - "When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for My Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever" (2 Samuel 7:12-13). (See sections 8 and 9).

2. Prophecy about the Woman's Offspring - "And I will put enmity between you (*Satan*) and the woman, and between your seed (*offspring*) and hers; he (*the Messiah*) will crush your head, and you will strike his heel" (Genesis 3:15). "For this purpose the Son of God (*Mary's seed*) was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8).

d. Fulfillment - Jesus/Yeshua's genealogy through Mary includes: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, and David (Luke 3:23-38). Her husband, Joseph's, does also (Matthew 1:1-17).

3. A virgin will give birth and her son will be called Immanuel (God with us). (2)

a. Prophecy - "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

b. Fulfillment - "... the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed (*engaged*) to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary ... Then 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 bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest ... Then Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I do not know a man?' The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God'" (Luke 1:26-38).

"Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus" (Matthew 1:22-25). Yeshua/Jesus means "Yahweh Saves." God is with us willing to save us through Jesus!

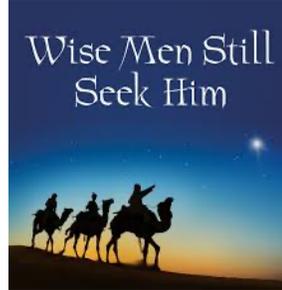
4. The announcement of the arrival of The Messiah/HaMashiach (המשיח)

a. Prophecy - The angel Gabriel told Daniel, "Know therefore and understand, *That* from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince..." (Daniel 9:24-25). The angel Gabriel was told about the timing of the Messiah's birth.

b. Fulfillment - "Then the angel said to them (*the shepherds*), "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ (*Messiah*) the Lord. And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger" (Luke 2:10-12).

5. The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem.

a. Prophecy - "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times" (Micah 5:2).



b. Fulfillment - "When he (*King Herod*) had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 'In Bethlehem in Judea,'... Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the young Child'" (Matthew 2:4-8).

6. The Star of Bethlehem

a. Prophecy - "I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel" (Numbers 24:17).

b. Fulfillment - "Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him'.... When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy." (Matthew 2:1-2, 9-10). (For more information on the star, go to our website, nationtakers.com. Scroll down to the bottom of the homepage, click on "Resources," and then click on the article, "The Arrival of God's Messiah - Astronomy, History, and Prophecy Support the Christmas Story.")

7. God's Son, the Messiah, would come out of Egypt.

a. Prophecy - "And out of Egypt I called My Son" (Hosea 11:1).

b. Fulfillment - "When he (*Joseph*) arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son" (Matthew 2:14-15).

8. Jesus, Yeshua HaMashiach, the Son of Man, will return to reign forever.

a. Prophecy - Daniel refers to the Messiah as "Son of Man." "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, *One* like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! ... Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, ... His dominion is an everlasting dominion" (Daniel 7:13-14).

b. Fulfillment at Jesus' Return - "And the high priest answered and said to Him, 'I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ (*the Messiah*), the Son of God!' Jesus said to him, '*It is as you said*. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven'" (Matthew 26:63-64). When His disciples asked Him what would be the sign of His return, Jesus again referred to Himself as the Son of Man coming in the clouds (Matthew 24:3, 30).

9. What did Yeshua/Jesus say about the prophecies?

"These are my words that I spoke to you (*his Jewish disciples*) while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled" (Luke 24:44-45; Psalm 2:6-8). "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me" (John 5:46; Deuteronomy 18:15-18). "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me" (John 5:39; Psalm 22:1,7-8,14-18).

10. God's blessings for Jews Today - Speaking through Paul, God said, "You (*the Jews*) are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' **To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities**" (Acts 3:25-26). Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). (Messiah = **Suffering Servant** - Isaiah 52:13-53:12)

11. God's love is still extended to the Jews as well as to the Gentiles. "... God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the Man Christ Jesus*, who gave Himself a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:3-5). "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). (You can read these articles on our website: "Jesus' Resurrection - Fulfillment of Biblical Prophecies" and "Why Messiah Had to Rise from The Dead on The Third Day - The Two Sabbaths of Jesus' Resurrection Week." Scroll to the bottom of our home page and click on "Resources.") **Prayer:** "Lord God, please reveal Your truth to me."

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