

Lesson Eighty-seven

JESUS THE FULFILMENT OF PROPHECY

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:44-49; I Pet. 1:3-12.

Scriptures to Memorize: "For no prophecy ever came by will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Pet. 1:21). "Concerning which salvation the prophets sought and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: searching what time or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did point unto, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that should follow them" (I Pet. 1:10-11).

**69. Q. List the various Old Testament prophecies respecting the Promised Messiah which are fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth.**

**A. They may be listed as follows: (See also Lesson 85.):**

*It is foretold of the Messiah in the Old Testament writings:*

1. That he was to be the Seed of a woman, Gen 3:14-15.
2. That he was to descend from Shem, Gen. 9:18, 27.
3. That he was to be the Seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Gen. 12:1-3, 22:18, 26:4, 28:14; Num. 24:17.
4. That he was to come from the tribe of Judah, Gen. 49:10, I Chron. 5:2, Micah 5:2.

*It is recorded of Jesus in the New Testament writings:*

1. That He was the Seed of a woman exclusively, Gal. 4:4, Matt. 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-35.
2. That He descended from Shem, Luke 3:36.
3. That He was the Seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Matt. 1:1, Gal. 3:16, Gal. 3:26-29.
4. That He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah, Heb. 7:14; Rev. 5:5.

5. That he was to be of the royal lineage of David, Isa. 11: 1-2; Jer. 23: 5, Zech. 3: 8; Psa. 132: 11, 89: 3, Isa. 9: 6-7, etc.
6. That he was to be the Son of God (Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace)—divine as well as human. Psa. 45: 6, 2: 7, 110: 1; Isa. 9: 6-7, etc.
7. That he was to be born of a virgin, Isa. 7: 13-14, 49: 1; Micah 5: 2, 3.
8. That he was to be born in Bethlehem, the city of David. Micah 5: 2.
9. That a forerunner would prepare the world for His advent, Mal. 3: 1-2, 4: 5-6; Isa. 40: 3-5.
10. That he was to possess the Holy Spirit without measure, Isa. 11: 1-9.
11. That his ministry was to be authenticated by miracles of mercy, Isa. 42: 1-9.
12. That he would be betrayed by one of his own friends, Psa. 41: 9.
13. That the betrayer would return the thirty pieces of
5. That He was of the royal lineage of David, Matt. 1: 1, Acts 2: 29-32, Rom. 1: 1-4, Matt. 21: 9; Rev. 5: 5, 22: 16, etc.
6. That He is The Word, The Only Begotten from the Father, The Living One, The Son of the living God, etc. John 1: 1-3, 1: 14, 1: 18, 3: 16; Matt. 16: 16; John 20: 30-31; Rev. 1: 8, 1: 17-18, etc.
7. That He was born of the virgin Mary, Matt. 1: 18-25, Luke 1: 26-35.
8. That He was born in Bethlehem of Judea, the city of David. Matt. 2: 1-11, Luke 2: 1-7, John 7: 40-42.
9. That His ministry was heralded by John the Baptist, John 1: 22-23, Mark 1: 1-7, Matt. 3: 11-13, Luke 3: 1-6.
10. That He possessed the Holy Spirit without measure, John 3: 34.
11. That His ministry was authenticated by many works and wonders and signs, Acts 2: 22, 10: 38.
12. That He was betrayed by Judas, a disciple. Mark 14: 43-49; John 13: 18, 18: 1-5.
13. That Judas returned the thirty pieces of silver to

silver, the price of betrayal. Zech. 11:12-13.

14. That another would be chosen to fill the betrayer's place, Psa. 109:8.

15. That his followers would forsake him in his hour of peril and suffering, Zech. 13:7.

16. That he would be scourged, mocked and abused. Isa. 50:6.

17. That he would suffer in silence, as the sacrificial Lamb of God, Isa. 53:4-7.

18. That he would be crucified, and his hands and feet pierced, Psa. 22:16, Zech. 12:10.

19. That vinegar and gall would be given him to drink, Psa. 69:20-21.

20. That his executioners would divide his garments, Psa. 22:18.

21. That he would endure suffering even unto death, Psa. 22:1-21.

the chief priests and elders, Matt. 27:3-10.

14. That Matthias was selected to take the place of Judas, Acts 1:15-26.

15. That His disciples failed Him in His hour of greatest suffering and need, Matt. 26:31-56.

16. That He was scourged, mocked and abused, John 19:1, Mark 14:65, Matt. 27:27-31.

17. That he bore His sufferings and trials in silence and serenity, John 1:29, Mark 15:1-5, Matt. 26:57-67, etc.

18. That He was crucified, and the nails driven through his hands and feet. Luke 23:33, Acts 2:23, Matt. 27:33-35.

19. That vinegar and gall were given Him to drink, Matt. 27:34, Luke 23:36, John 19:29-30.

20. That the Roman soldiers who executed the death penalty cast lots for His garments, John 19:23-24.

21. That He endured the Cross, even unto death. Matt. 27:46, Luke 23:44-47, Acts 26:22-23.

22. That he would die, Isa. 53:8.
23. That he would make his grave with both the wicked and the rich ("with a rich man"), Isa. 53:9.
24. That not a bone of his body would be broken, Psa. 34:20.
25. That he would be raised up from the dead, Psa. 16:10; Jonah 1:17, 2:10; Psa. 17:15; Matt. 12:39-40.
26. That he would ascend to the Father in heaven, Psa. 8:5-6, 110:1.
27. That he would be crowned King, Psa. 2:6, Psa. 24:7-10.
28. That he would send the Holy Spirit to carry on and consummate His work, Joel 2:28-32, Ezek. 37:14.
22. That He died on the Cross, Matt. 27:50, Mark 15:37, Luke 23:46, John 19:30.
23. That He was crucified between two criminals, and buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, a rich friend. Matt. 27:38, 27:57-60; Mark 15:42-46; Luke 23:39-43.
24. That none of His bones were broken, contrary to the usual custom. John 19:32-37.
25. That He was raised from the dead on the third day, John 2:19-22; Luke 24:1-7; Acts 2:24-32, 13:34-37; Rom. 1:1-4, I Cor. 15:1-4, etc.
26. That on the fortieth day after His resurrection He ascended to the Father, Luke 24:51, Mark 16:19, Acts 1:9-11, Eph. 4:8-10, Heb. 9:23-28.
27. That He was crowned King of kings and Lord of lords, Acts 2:32-36, Phil. 2:9-11, I Cor. 15:20-28, Eph. 1:19-23, I Tim. 6:14-16.
28. That on His return to the Father, He sent the Holy Spirit according to promise, to carry on and consummate His work. John 14:16-17, 14:26, 15:26-27, 16:7-14; Acts 1:1-8, 2:1-4, 4:31,

29. That he would be a great prophet like unto Moses, Deut. 18:18-19. 10:44-48, 11:15-16, 15:8, etc. 29. That He is preeminently The Prophet, the great Anti-type of Moses, the Eternal Interpreter of God's will and word. Acts 3:22-26, 7:37; John 4:19, 14:6-9, etc.

30. That he would be a priest "for ever after the order of Melchizedek," Psa. 110:4. 30. That He is our High Priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek, Heb. 6:20, 7:1-3, 7:11-25, etc.

1. *Note also the Old Testament descriptions of the Kingdom and Reign of the Messiah:* (1) The King enthroned, Psa. 2:1-12; cf. Heb. 1:2-3. (2) The King's Bridal, Psa. 45; cf. Eph. 5:22-33, 2 Cor. 11:2-3. (3) The King's delight in the obedience of His subjects, Psa. 40:6-10; cf. Heb. 10:5-7. (4) The King in peace, Psa. 72; cf. Isa. 62:11, Zech. 9:9-10, Matt. 21:1-9, John 12:12-16. (5) The King victorious, Psa. 110; cf. Heb. 1:13, 7:1-25; Acts 2:24-36; Phil. 2:9-11; I Cor. 15:20-28. (6) The Everlasting Kingdom, Isa. 9:1-7, 60:2-3; cf. 2 Tim. 4:18, 2 Pet. 1:11. (7) The Spirit of God upon the King, Isa. 11:1-9; cf. Matt. 3:16; John 1:32, 3:34; Acts 10:38, etc. (8) The Victorious Kingdom, Dan. 2:36-45. (9) The Universal Kingdom, Dan. 7:15-27; Rev. 11:15, 12:10.

2. *Note also the Old Testament passages in which the Messiah is portrayed as God's chosen Servant:* (1) The Servant's Call, Isa. 42:1-7; cf. Matt. 12:15-21. (2) The Servant's mission is to all the world, Isa. 49:1-9; cf. Acts 13:46-48, Matt. 4:15-16, Matt. 28:18-20. (3) The servant's work as Comforter, and his sufferings, Isa. 50:4-9, 53:1-12; cf. Acts 8:32-33. (4) The Servant's humiliation and subsequent exaltation, Isa. 52:13-15, 53:1-12; cf. Phil. 2:5-11, Heb. 2:9-18. (5) The Prince of Peace, Isa. 9:6-7, 62:11; Zech. 9:9-10; cf. Matt. 21:1-11, Eph. 2:11-22, etc.

3. *Note finally the Old Testament predictions respecting the Messiah's Covenant:* (1) It was to be a covenant

which provides remission of sins, Jer. 31:31-34; cf. Heb. 8:1-13, Acts 2:37-38, 3:17-26, etc. (2) It was to be a covenant of unity, with one Way of approach to the Father, Jer. 32:38-40; cf. John 14:6-10, 17:20-21, etc. (3) It was to be a covenant of righteousness through faith, Hab. 2:4; cf. Gal. 3:11-13, Rom. 1:16-17, Rom. 10:1-21. (4) It was to be a covenant in which the Holy Spirit is given to all God's people, Joel 2:28-29, Ezek. 36:22-31, Jer. 31:31-34; cf. John 7:37-39, 2 Cor. 3:1-11, Gal. 3:23-29, Rom. 5:5. (5) It was to be a covenant including obedient Gentiles as well as Jews, Isa. 11:10, 49:6; cf. Matt. 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Acts 10:34-35, Acts 13:45-48, Acts 15:1-21. (6) The people of the new covenant were to be called by a new name, Isa. 56:5, 62:2; cf. Acts 11:26.

**70. Q.** In view of this array of evidence from the Old Testament writings respecting the Promised Messiah, His person, His work, His offices, His kingdom, His covenant, etc. all of which is already fulfilled or now being fulfilled in Jesus Christ, what must be our conclusion with regard to Jesus Himself?

**A.** We conclude, and confess, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

The fulfilment of these great hopes and promises is to be seen in the whole of the Gospel history, throughout the period covered by the New Testament writings, throughout the present Dispensation, and on through all time. *No other Person ever came before the world with such a mass of evidence to establish his identity and attest his claims.*

#### REVIEW EXAMINATION OVER LESSON EIGHTY-SEVEN

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Lesson Eighty-eight

THE PROPHECIES OF JESUS  
AND THEIR FULFILMENT

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Scripture Reading: Deut. 18: 15-22, Acts 3: 11-26.

Scriptures to Memorize: "Moses indeed said, A prophet shall the Lord God raise up unto you from among your brethren, like unto me; to him shall ye hearken in all things whatsoever he shall speak unto you" (Acts 3:22). "And the multitudes said, This is the prophet, Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee" (Matt. 21: 11).

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**71. Q. What is foretold in the Old Testament writings respecting the prophetic office and work of the Messiah?**

**A. It is foretold in the Old Testament writings that the Messiah would be a great Prophet like unto Moses.**

Deut. 18: 17-19, "And Jehovah said unto me [writes Moses], They have well said that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him." The Apostle Peter, in Acts 3: 22-23, quotes these words of Moses in Deut. 18: 17-19 almost *verbatim*, for the purpose of showing that they are fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus is, then, the great Prophet like unto Moses whom God foretold that He would raise up in the last days. Cf. the words of Jesus, in John 12: 48, 49—"He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not