

# Bible Knowledge

## Prophecies



# Class Section 1: Fulfilled Prophecy about Jesus

In the first books of the Bible, known as the Old Testament, over 300 such predictions about the “Messiah” or “Savior” can be found. Here is a small sampling of these specific predictions:

## \* **Born of a virgin**

Nearly 750 years before Christ's birth, the Old Testament prophet Isaiah prophesied:

*Isaiah 7:14—Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will conceive and bear a Son, and will call His name Immanuel.*





Fulfillment: Mary was a virgin engaged to be married to Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, when the angel Gabriel appeared to her.

*Luke 1:26-35 (excerpts) - God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "...You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High."*

*Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin."*

*The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God."*

Immanuel means "God with us," and that's who Jesus is when we receive Him; God is with us!



## \* Born in Bethlehem

Micah, prophesying in the eighth century B.C., predicted:

*Micah 5:2—But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.*

Fulfillment: The Gospel says Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea.

*Matthew 2:1— Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king.*





## \* **Triumphal entry into Jerusalem**

Around 450 B.C., the prophet Zechariah commanded the people by the Spirit of the Lord to:

*Zechariah 9:9—Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; he is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

Fulfillment: Five days before his crucifixion, Jesus returned to Jerusalem.

*Matthew 21:2-10—“[The disciples] brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him (Jesus) on them. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'"*



## \* His betrayal

In 450 B.C., Zechariah also prophesied:

*Zechariah 11:12-13—Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord for the potter.*



## Fulfillment:

*Matthew 26:14-15—Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.*

*Matthew 27:3-7—Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders. ...the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood." And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.*

## \* His crucifixion

About 1000 B.C., King David prophesied:

*Psalm 22:16-18—For dogs have surrounded Me; the congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet.*

Fulfillment: That was written by King David, who died a natural death (recorded in 1 Kings Chapter 1), so he wasn't talking about himself. But being a prophet, he predicted the type of death that Christ would die! It says in the New Testament:

*John 19:23-24—Then the soldiers crucified Jesus [pierced His hands and feet]*





## \* His burial

*Isaiah 53:9—And they made His grave with the wicked— but with the rich at His death.*

Fulfillment: Jesus died as a criminal ("with the wicked") in the eyes of the world, as there were

*Matthew 27:38—Two robbers were crucified with Him.*

And after His death—

*Matthew 27:57-60—A rich man named Joseph went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ...When Joseph had taken the body, he ... laid it in his new tomb.*

—a grave with the rich!





## \* His resurrection

*Mark 8:31—Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things ... He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead.*

As the angel said to the mourners who came to Jesus' tomb,

*Luke 24:5-6 — Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!*



## Class Section 2: Other Fulfilled Prophecies

### \* Sarah conceives and bears Isaac in her old age

*Genesis 18:13-14 - Then the Lord said to Abraham, "...I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son."*

*Genesis 21:1-2 – [Sarah] gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would.*

### \* Abraham becomes the father of many nations

*Genesis 17:4 - Then God said to him, "This is my covenant with you: I will make you the father of a multitude of nations!"*

Abraham's son, Isaac, became the forefather of the Jews; and Abraham's son, Ishmael, became the forefather of the Arabs.





## \* Joseph reigns over his brothers:

*Genesis 37:5-8 - One night Joseph had a dream, "Listen to this dream," he said. "We were out in the field, tying up bundles of grain. Suddenly my bundle stood up, and your bundles all gathered around and bowed low before mine!" His brothers responded, "So you think you will be our king, do you? Do you actually think you will reign over us?"*

*Genesis 42:6 - Since Joseph was governor of all Egypt and in charge of selling grain to all the people, it was to him that his brothers came. When they arrived, they bowed before him with their faces to the ground.*



## \* The destruction of Jerusalem, and captivity of the Jews by the Babylonians

*Jeremiah 25:9,11 - I will gather together all the armies of the north under King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. I will bring them all against this land and its people. I will completely destroy you. ... This entire land will become a desolate wasteland. Israel and her neighboring lands will serve the king of Babylon for seventy years.*

*2 Kings 25:1, 9 - King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon led his entire army against Jerusalem. ... He burned down the Temple of the Lord, the royal palace, and all the houses of Jerusalem. He destroyed all the important buildings in the city.*





Fulfilled prophecy is one of the greatest proofs of the Bible! Who else but God could have revealed the future thousands of years before it would unfold? Who else but God could have foretold the future in perfect detail, long before it happened?

*Ezekiel 12:25 - I am the Lord! If I say it, it will happen.*