



MESSIANIC PROMISES

Genesis 3:15; 15:1-6; Exodus 12:1-13; 19:1-6; Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 2 Samuel 7; Jeremiah 25:1-14; Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 24:13-35; Acts 2:16-39; 3:12-26, 4:8-12; Luke 4:16-22; Isaiah 53; Psalm 16, 22

THE OLD COVENANT STORY (CREATION, ABRAHAM, SINAI, KINGS, EXILE & TEMPLE) POINTS AHEAD TO THE NEW COVENANT IN JESUS

CREATION: The First Gospel

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." Genesis 3:15

"The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet." (Romans 16 :20)

ABRAHAM: Salvation by Grace through Faith

"And he [Abraham] believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness." (Gen. 15:5-6)

"It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. (Romans 4:13)

So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? Even so Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham." (Galatians 3:5-7)

SINAI: Jesus the Passover Lamb and Fulfiller of the Law

a. The Passover Lamb

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

"And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." Luke 22:19-20

b. The Fulfiller of the Law

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." (Matthew 5:17)

KINGS: Jesus the King

"And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever." (2 Sam. 7:16)

The New Testament paints Jesus as this future Messianic king. When He enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, Jesus comes in on a donkey, intentionally fulfilling a Messianic prophecy from Zechariah " –Your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9)

"My Kingdom is not of this world." (John 18:36)

EXILE: There is No One Righteous

The exile was the culmination of all those centuries of disobedience and unfaithfulness, showing us just how desperate our sin problem is.

"There is no one righteous, not even one" (Psalm 14; 53; Romans 3:10).]

"The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins." (Romans 8:4)

TEMPLE: Jesus the Temple

When the people returned from exile, they rebuilt the Temple and the city walls, but the Temple was nowhere near the former glory of Solomon's Temple.

But God promised:

"The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts.'" (Hag 2:9)

But the Temple God was talking about was the Temple of Christ's body.

"Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it back up again" (John 2:19).

All the stories in the Old Testament point ahead to Jesus in some way. But there are specific prophecies about Him in the books of the prophets, who were promising the people a Messiah and a New Covenant to come.

NEW TESTAMENT PASSAGES THAT EXPLICITLY SAY THAT JESUS FULFILLED THE PROPHECIES

The Road to Emmaus: Luke 24:13-35

“And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in the Scriptures concerning Himself.” Luke 24:27

Peter’s Sermons: Acts 2-4

Peter' Sermon	OT References
Acts 2:25-28: David spoke of the resurrection of Jesus	Psalm 18
Acts 3:17-18: God fulfilled what He had foretold through the prophets – that Messiah would suffer and die for our sins	Isaiah 53
Acts 3:22-23: Moses said that the Lord would raise up a prophet like him	Deut 18:15-18
Acts 3:24: All the prophets who have spoken foretold these days	
Acts 3:25-26: God told Abraham that through his seed (Jesus), all the earth would be blessed – i.e. saved from their sins and given eternal life	Genesis 12:3
Acts 4:11: Jesus is the rejected stone which became the cornerstone	Psalm 118:22

Jesus' Proclamations about Himself

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” Luke 4:16-21

Peter’s Declaration

He [Jesus] said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:15-18)

Matthew: Selected Verses

The Gospel of Matthew was written for a Jewish audience.

1:22: Virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14)

2:15: Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)

2:17: God called His son out of Egypt (Exodus 4:22)

2:23: Would be called a Nazarene

4:14: Lived in Capernaum in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali (Isaiah 9:1)

8:17: Bore our diseases, i.e. healed the sick and cast out demons (Isaiah 53:4)

12:17: God's chosen servant whom He loves, who proclaimed justice, God's Spirit was in Him, but He did not quarrel or cry out until he brought justice through victory, i.e. He told people not to tell others about Him at first (Isaiah 42:1-4)

13:14: The people did not understand Him (Isaiah 6:9-10)

13:35: He spoke in parables (Psalm 78:2)

21:4: King is gentle, riding on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9)

26:54: Scriptures say that Jesus must suffer and not fight back (Isaiah 53:7)

26:56: The disciples all abandoned him (Zechariah 13:7)

27:9: Sold for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12-13; Jeremiah 32:8-12)

MESSIANIC PROPHECIES

Layers of Fulfillment

Prophecies in the Old Testament have several layers of fulfillment:

Near-Future Old Testament fulfillment;

Fulfillment in the New Covenant in Christ; and

Final fulfillment in the Consummated final kingdom of God.

Everything in the Old Testament is a physical "type" or shadow of the spiritual reality which was to come in Jesus. And everything in the New Testament and what we are experiencing now in the Church Age is a spiritual shadow of the full reality to come in the Consummation.

Abrahamic Covenant: Layers of Fulfillment

In Abraham's covenant, God made four promises to Abraham: People/Nation, Land, Blessing, Presence. Every one of the promises to Abraham have three levels of fulfillment.

The Promise of Messiah: Layers of Fulfillment

Near-Future Fulfillment: Old Testament "types" of Jesus: Foreshadowings

New Covenant Fulfillment: Jesus, God's perfect image, rebuilds the Temple of His body in the resurrection and bring God's people back to Him.

Final Fulfillment: Jesus will appear in the fullness of His glory – the complete perfected image of God – and raise all believers from the dead, give us perfected bodies, and usher in the final kingdom of God.

Total Number of Prophecies

Scholars agree that Jesus fulfilled at least 300 prophecies in the New Testament.

The probability of one person randomly fulfilling just 8 of these prophecies is 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000.¹ So for Jesus to fulfill over 300 of them could not possibly be random. He had to be the Messiah!

Examples: Some of the Prophecies that Jesus Fulfilled

- Born in Bethlehem: Micah 5:2
- Born of a virgin: Isaiah 7:14
- Son of David: Ezekiel 34:24; 2 Samuel 7
- Foreign kings will bring gifts: Psalm 72:10; Isaiah 60:3-6
- Came out of Egypt: Hosea 11:1
- Massacre of innocent children: Jeremiah 31:15
- Preceded by a messenger: Isaiah 40; Malachi 3:1
- A prophet like Moses: Deuteronomy 18:18
- Priest like Melchizedek: Psalm 110:4
- Ministry in Galilee: Isaiah 9:1-2
- Miracles and healings: Isaiah 35:5-6; 42:7; 53:4
- Zeal for his Father's house: Psalm 69:9
- Betrayed by a friend: Psalm 41:9; 55:12-14
- The Lord's Spirit on Him: Isaiah 11:2; 42:1
- Sold for 30 pieces of silver: Zechariah 11:12
- Hated without cause: Isaiah 49:7
- Rejected by people: Isaiah 53:3
- Rode into Jerusalem on a donkey: Zechariah 9:9
- Silent before his accusers: Isaiah 53:7
- Executed by crucifixion, piercing his hand and feet: Psalm 22:16
- Given vinegar to quench his thirst: Psalm 69:21
- Executed without a bone broken: Exodus 12:46
- Buried with the rich: Isaiah 53:29
- Die with criminals: Isaiah 53:12
- Raised from the dead: Isaiah 53:9-10
- His life is an offering for sin: Isaiah 53:10
- Mocked by his crucifiers: Psalm 22:7
- They cast lots for his clothing: Psalm 22:18
- His disciples abandoned Him: Zechariah 13:7

¹ Peter W. Stoner, *Science Speaks* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1963).

- Accused by false witnesses: Psalm 35:11
- Struck and spit on: Isaiah 50:6
- Wounded, bruised, crushed, pierced: Isaiah 53:5
- Prayed for his persecutors: Isaiah 53:12
- People wagged their heads at him: Psalm 109:25
- People stared at him on the cross: Psalm 22:17
- Jesus cried out words from Psalm 22:1 and 31:5
- Darkness over the land: Amos 8:9; 5:20