

Importance of the Prophetic Revelations about The Messiah

Explore Your Faith Teaching Series - Explo-5[©]

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OUTLINE

Introduction:

The previous study presented the ‘big picture’, the *overview* of God’s ‘master plan’.

In this study, we ‘zoom in’ on the *first* of two aspects of God’s revelation in relation to this plan - the prophetic revelations about the Messiah.

God does not expect us to have ‘blind faith’ but had given us all we need to know.

The importance of this study should not be undervalued. It challenges us to consider the impact of prophetic fulfillment on what we believe about Jesus.

It is vital to providing ‘substance’ for our faith in him, and the assurance that the promises *yet to be fulfilled* are absolutely guaranteed.

The first aspect (which we will examine in this session), is that of *prophetic revelation about the one who would come as Messiah* (God’s instrument of salvation)

The second aspect is that of *the self-revelation of the Messiah* (next session).

[Important]: In this session, consider the impact of prophetic fulfillment on what we are called upon to believe about Jesus our Redeemer

Prophecies concerning Jesus (‘the Christ’, ‘the Messiah’) and their fulfillment:

1. Of a *Kingly* Messiah

Psalms Ps.2:6-8; 68:18; 118:22
Isaiah: Isa.9:6, 7; 32:1-3; 42:1-4
Jeremiah: Jer.23:5
Daniel: Da.2:44; 7:13, 14
Micah: Mic5:2
Zechariah: Zec.6:12, 13; 9:9, 10
Malachi: Mal.3:1

2. Of a *Suffering* Messiah

Psalms Ps.22:18; 69:21
Isaiah Isa.50:6; 52:14; 53:1-10
Zechariah Zec.11:12; 12:10; 13:7

Specific prophecies about Jesus the Christ and their fulfillment (some examples):

<i>Nature of the Prophec</i>	<i>Its Origin</i>	<i>Its Fulfillment</i>
<i>His birth from woman</i>	Gen. 3:15	Gal. 4:4 (Lk. 2:7; Rev. 12:5)
<i>His descendancy from Abraham</i>	Gen. 12:3	Ac. 3:25 (Mt. 1:1; Lk. 3:34)
<i>His clan (Judah)</i>	Gen. 49:10	Lk. 3:33 (Mt. 1:2, 3)
<i>His royal lineage (of David)</i>	Isa. 9:7	Mt. 1:1 (Mt.1: 6)
<i>His place of birth</i>	Mic. 5:2	Mt. 2:1 (Lk. 2:4-7)
<i>His birth of a virgin</i>	Isa. 7:14	Mt. 1:18 (Lk. 1:26-35)
<i>His escape from massacre</i>	Jer. 31:15	Mt. 2:16, 18
<i>His ministry in Galilee</i>	Isa. 9:1, 2	Mt. 4:12-16
<i>His prophetic office</i>	Dt. 18:15	Jn. 6:14
<i>His priestly office</i>	Ps. 110:4	He. 6:20

<i>His rejection by Jews</i>	Isa. 53:3	Jn. 1:11 (Jn. 5:43; Lk. 4:29 ET al)
<i>His triumphal entry</i>	Zec. 9:9	Jn. 12:13, 14 (Mt.21: 1-11)
<i>His betrayal</i>	Ps. 41:9	Mk. 14:10 (Mt 26: 14-16)
<i>His 'sale' for thirty pieces</i>	Zec. 11:12, 13	Mt. 26:15
<i>His accusation by false witnesses</i>	Ps. 27:12 (Ps. 35:11ff)	Mt. 26: 60, 61
<i>His silence when accused</i>	Isa. 53:7	Mt. 26:62, 63 (Mt. 27: 12-14)
<i>His enduring smiting and spitting</i>	Isa. 50:6	Mk. 14:65 and others
<i>His being hated without cause</i>	Ps. 69:4	Jn. 15:23-25

Specific prophecies about Jesus the Christ and their fulfillment (continued)

Nature of the prophecy	Its Origin	Its Fulfillment
<i>His vicarious suffering</i>	Isa. 53:4, 5	Mt. 8:16, 17
<i>His crucifixion with sinners</i>	Isa.53: 12	Mt.27: 38 (Mk. 15: 27, 28 et al)
<i>His feet and hands to be pierced</i>	Ps. 22:16	Jn. 20:27 (see other scriptures too)
<i>His enduring mocking</i>	Ps. 22:6-8	Mt. 27: 39, 40 (Mk. 15:29-32)
<i>His being given gall & vinegar</i>	Ps. 69:21	Jn. 19:29 (Mt. 27: 34, 48)
<i>His hearing blasphemy</i>	Ps. 22:8	Mt. 27:43
<i>His side to be pierced</i>	Zec. 12:10	Jn. 19:34
<i>His garments disposed of</i>	Ps. 22:18	Mk.15:24
<i>His bones to remain unbroken</i>	Ps. 34:20 (Ex. 12:46)	Jn. 19:33-36
<i>His burial with the rich</i>	Isa. 53:9	Mt. 27:57-60
<i>His resurrection</i>	Ps. 16:10 (Mt. 16:21)	Mt. 28:9 (Lk. 24:36-48)
<i>His ascension</i>	Ps. 68:18	Lk. 24:50, 51 (Ac. 1:9)

Conclusion

Consider:

What are your thoughts now about the sovereignty of God?

What do you think about His promises of things yet to come?

In the light of these prophecies, can we see that our faith is not 'blind' but has substance?

Is god's word true? Dependable?

Does any other faith/religion have such an infallible structure as Christianity?