

PROPHECIES OF MESSIAH

PROPHECY	YEAR PROPHESED	SCRIPTURE REFERENCE	NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT
Seed of woman	3975 BC	Genesis 3:15	Galatians 4:4
Seed of Abraham	1927 BC	Genesis 12:1-3	Matthew 1:1
Seed of Isaac	1879 BC	Genesis 17:19	Luke 3:34
Seed of Jacob	1423BC	Numbers 24:17	Matthew 1:2
Seed of Judah The royal bloodline of Judah would not end until Shiloh (Messiah) appeared.	1660 BC	Genesis 49:10	Luke 3:33
Descendant of Jesse “There shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious.”	732BC	Isaiah 8:8 Isaiah 11:1 & 11:10	Luke 3:32
Heir to David’s throne “I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.”	732BC 597BC	Isaiah 9:7 Jeremiah 23:5-6	Matthew 1:1-17 Luke 1:32-33
He would NOT be a descendant of King Jehoiachin.	597BC	Jeremiah 22:28-30	Luke 3:23-38
To be born in Bethlehem Ephrathah <i>(Joseph and Mary both lived at Nazareth.)</i>	704BC	Micah 5:2	Luke 2:4,5,7
To be born of a “virgin”	732BC	Isaiah 7:14	Luke 1:26-31
Slaughter of children at Bethlehem was prophesied.	597BC	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16-18

God would call His son from Egypt. <i>The family fled to Egypt to escape Herod.</i>	723BC	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:14-15
A forerunner would precede Him. <i>(John the Baptist)</i>	732BC 397BC	Isaiah 40:3 Malachi 3:1	Luke 7:25,27
He would be declared the Son of God. <i>(Voice from Heaven at baptism, and at last Temple visit)</i>	1014BC	Psalms 2:7	Matthew 3:17 John 12:28
He would have a Galilean ministry. <i>(Galilee was not part of Judea.)</i>	732BC	Isaiah 9:1-2	Matthew 4:13-16
The Temple at Jerusalem, with all records of descent, would be destroyed. Messiah would appear before that destruction.	397BC 539BC	Malachi 3:1 Daniel 9:26	Matthew 21:12-14
He would be a prophet like Moses.	1423BC	Deuteronomy 18:15	Acts 3:20, 22
He would magnify the LAW and make it honorable.	732BC	Isaiah 42:21	Luke 24:44
He would heal the broken hearted.	732BC	Isaiah 61:1,2	Luke 4:18,19
He would open the eyes of the blind, and open the ears of the deaf. The lame would walk, and the dumb would sing.	732BC	Isaiah 35:5-6 Isaiah 42:7	Matt. 12:22, Matt. 21:14, Mk. 8:22-25, Lk. 7:22,
He would be despised and rejected by His own people.	732BC	Isaiah 53:3	John 1:11 & Luke 23:18
He would possess nothing “outward” which would cause men to follow Him.	732BC	Isaiah 53:2	Matthew 8:2
He would enter Jerusalem “riding upon the foal of a donkey.” (Note: Donkey colts are harder to break than horses.) The plot to kill him would be finalized that same day.	397BC 1423BC	Zechariah 9:9 Exodus 12:3	Mark 11:7,9,11
A “familiar friend” would betray him. <i>(Judas)</i>	993BC	Psalms 41:9	Luke 22:47-48

Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver, which would be thrown down onto the Temple floor, and later used to buy a “potter’s field” (<i>place of burial for anonymous/criminals</i>).	397BC	Zechariah 11:12-13	Matthew 26:15 & Matthew 27:3
Accused by false witnesses.	1028BC	Psalms 109:2-3	Mark 14:57-58
Silent to false accusations.	732BC	Isaiah 53:7	Mark 15:4-5
He would be spat upon and beaten.	732BC	Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 26:27
He would be whipped.	732BC	Isaiah 53:5	John 19:1
He would be hated without reason.	1028BC	Psalms 109:2-3	John 15:24-25
He would become a “sacrifice” for sins. “The LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” “He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,” “You make his soul an offering for sin.”	732BC	Isaiah 53:6,7,10	Romans 5:6,8 John 1:29
He would die with criminals. “He was numbered with the transgressors,”	732BC	Isaiah 53:9,12	Mark 15:27-28
He would die outside the City gate of Jerusalem. He “suffered outside the gate.”	1423BC	Leviticus 16:27 Leviticus 4:12	Hebrews 3:11-12
He would be scorned and mocked.	993BC	Psalms 22:7-8	Luke 23:35
He would be pierced through His hands and feet.	397BC 993BC	Zechariah 12:10 Zechariah 13:6 Psalms 22:16	John 20:27
He would be lifted up , as Moses lifted up the “serpent in the wilderness.”	1423BC	John 3:14 Numbers 21:8	John 12:32 Matthew 27:26
He would be offered vinegar and gall to drink.	993BC	Psalms 69:21	Matthew 27:34
They would stare at his body, and gamble for his cloak.	993BC	Psalms 22:17-18	Matthew 27:35,36

No bone of His would be broken. <i>(Bones of the others crucified with Him - were broken.)</i>	1461BC 1029BC	Exodus 12:46 Psalms 34:20	John 19:32-36
They would pierce His side.	494BC	Zechariah 12:10	John 19:34
He would be buried with the rich.	732BC	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60
He would be the Passover Lamb. He must die at 3PM (between the evenings) on the 14th day of Nisan (Passover)	1461BC	Exodus 12:6 1 Corinthians 5:7	Matthew 27:45-46 (Darkness covered cross from noon to 3:PM)
He would be resurrected.	1014BC 947BC	Psalms 16:10 Psalms 49:15	Mark 16:6-7
He would be resurrected on the 3 rd day from His death, at the Feast of First Fruits.	1461BC	Leviticus 23:10-11 Matthew 12:40, 16:21, 17:23	Matthew 20:19
His body would not “see corruption.”	1014BC	Psalms 16:10	Acts 2:31
He would ascend to Heaven.	1016BC	Psalms 68:18	Mark 16:19; 1 Cor. 15:4 Ephesians 4:8
He would become a priest “after the order of Melchizedek.”	1014BC 1095BC	Psalms 110:4 1 Samuel 2:30-36	Hebrews 5:5-6

When we “see” how accurately the prophecies were fulfilled - some written almost 2000 years before He was born, our confidence grows concerning those prophecies which tell of His future glorious return, and of His eternal kingdom.

The Old Testament contains 60 major prophecies of the Messiah, and 270 ramifications of those prophecies. The mathematical probability of **ONE MAN** fulfilling even **eight of the major prophecies** has been calculated at 1 in 1,000,000,000,000,000 (10 to the 17th power). That number of silver dollars, spread over the face of Texas, would make a layer two feet deep.

(See: *Evidence that Demands a Verdict* by Josh McDowell.)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NOTE: Rich men were NOT crucified. They would bribe officials to escape such a death. For Messiah to be buried with the rich, after death by crucifixion, is incongruous.

NOTE: Only those who had sinned against God were “cursed,” and then allowed to die an ignominious death. Only one cursed of God was “hanged on a tree” (*Deut. 21:23*). The Jews could NOT accept that this could be true of Messiah. They still cannot accept it. It is a “stumbling block” (*1 Cor. 1:23*).

NOTE: The prophet Jeremiah pronounced the LORD’s curse against **Jehoiachin**. No descendant of his would ever prosper “reigning on David’s throne” (*Jeremiah 22:28-30*). Therefore Messiah would have to be a biological descendent of David, but NOT of Jehoiachin. The ancestry of Mary fulfills this requirement. Jehoiachin fathered several sons, but no one of them ever reigned (*1 Chron. 3:17-18*).

Joseph and Mary were both descended from David. Mary was descended from Nathan (another son of David & Bathsheba). She was not descended from Jehoiachin. Joseph (Jesus legal Father) was descended from King Solomon (son of David & Bathsheba), and was also descended from Jehoiachin. So Joseph was of the “royal line” with the legal right to the throne.

Christ claimed a legal right to “the throne of David” through his legal father - Joseph. Messiah must be born to a woman descended from David (but not descended from Jehoiachin) who would marry (before His birth) a man legally descended from David through Solomon. Most probably, only one couple in all the world fulfilled those narrow requirements. Knowing the future - the LORD gave the prophecies which accurately described His future earthly parents.

DATES: Approximate dates are from *The Reese Chronological Bible*, Bethany House Publishers.

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Isaiah Chapter 53

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground.
He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.
He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.
And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.
Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.
But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way;
And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth;
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,
And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.
He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation?
For He was cut off from the land of the living;
For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.
And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death,
Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.
Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief.
When You make His soul an offering for sin,
He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days,
And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.
He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied.
By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many,
For He shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great,
And He shall divide the spoil with the strong,
Because He poured out His soul unto death,
And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many,
And made intercession for the transgressors. (NKJ)

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