

## **Two Comings of the Messiah: The Further Meaning of Christmas**

### **I. Opening**

- A. What do you think about at this time of the year?
- B. Christmas celebrates the coming of the Lord Jesus, the promised Messiah.
- C. Prophecies (pp. 9-14)
- D. Was Jesus Disqualified by the Curse on Coniah?
  - 1. Jeremiah 22:28-30 "Is this man Coniah a despised, broken idol; A vessel in which *is* no pleasure? Why are they cast out, he and his descendants, and cast into a land which they do not know? 29 O earth, earth, earth, Hear the word of the LORD! 30 Thus says the LORD: 'Write this man down as childless, A man *who* shall not prosper in his days; For none of his descendants shall prosper, sitting on the throne of David, and ruling anymore in Judah.'"
  - a. This declaration does not mean that Jehoiachin (Coniah) would have no children, for in 1 Chron. 3:17 -18 some are named (cp. Mat 1:12).
  - b. By divine judgment this king was to be "recorded as if childless," i.e., no physical descendant would occupy a place in the list of Israel's kings.
  - c. Consequently, if our Lord Jesus, who is to occupy David's throne (Luke 1:32 - 33), had been begotten by Mary's husband, Joseph, who was of the line of Jehoiachin (Mat 1:12, 16), it would have contradicted this divine prediction.
  - d. Christ's dynastic right to the throne came through his foster father Joseph from Jehoiachin, but the physical descent of Jesus from David came through Mary, whose genealogy is traced to David through Nathan rather than through Solomon (cp. Luke 3:31 with Mat 1:17). [from *The Scofield Reference Bible*]<sup>1</sup>
  - e. "Since every man has two genealogies -one through his father and another through his mother - so Matthew presents Joseph's genealogy (the Lord's foster or legal father, not his actual father), whereas Luke presents Mary's genealogy. This view is supported by linguistic and historical evidence and is held by many students of the Bible. In addition, appeal may be made to Num 27:1 - 11 and 36:1 - 12 to give Scriptural precedent for the substitution of Joseph's name in Luke

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<sup>1</sup> Matthew 1:11, *The Scofield Reference Bible*: In Jer. 22:24 - 30 a curse is pronounced upon this former king of Judah. There it is predicted that none of his seed should prosper sitting upon David's throne. Had our Lord been the natural son of Joseph, who was descended from Jeconiah, He could never reign in power and righteousness because of the curse. But Christ came through Mary's line, not Joseph's. As the adopted son of Joseph, the curse upon Jeconiah's seed did not affect Him.

3:23. At the same time it avoids the judgment spoken of in Jer 22:28 - 30 (see Mat 1:11, note)" [from *The Scofield Reference Bible*]

- II. Some Prophecies about the Messiah are yet unfulfilled. This causes some Jews to disregard Jesus as the promised Messiah of Israel.

Isaiah 9:6-6 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 11:1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. 3 His delight *is* in the fear of the LORD, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; 4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist. 6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea. 10 "And in that day 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." 11 It shall come to pass in that day *That* the LORD shall set His hand again the second time To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea. 12 He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. 13 Also the envy of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim. 14 But they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines toward the west; Together they shall plunder the people of the East; They shall lay their hand on Edom and Moab; and the people of Ammon shall obey them. 15 The LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt; With His mighty wind He will shake His fist over the River, and strike it in the seven streams, and make *men* cross over dry-shod. 16 There will be a highway for the remnant of His people Who will be left from Assyria, as it was for Israel In the day that he came up from the land of Egypt.

Jeremiah 23:1-6 "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!" says the LORD. 2 Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel against the

shepherds who feed My people: "You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings," says the LORD. 3 "But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 "I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking," says the LORD. 5 "Behold, *the* days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. 6 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; Now this *is* His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

### III. The Messiah was to come twice.

#### A. His first coming:

1. for a rejection, suffering, and sacrifice to take care of sin.

53:1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 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. 3 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. 4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 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. 6 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. 7 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. 8 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. 9 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. 10 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. 11 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. 12 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.

2. to die.

Matthew 20:28 "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

John 12:27 "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

2 Cor 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

B. His second coming for liberation, judgment, and righteousness.

1. Often these two aspects blend in one passage (e.g., Ps. 22).

22:1 My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? *Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning?* 2 O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; and in the night season, and am not silent. 3 But You *are* holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel. 4 Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them. 5 They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed. 6 But I *am* a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people. 7 All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*, 8 "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!" 9 But You *are* He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust *while* on My mother's breasts. 10 I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You *have been* My God. 11 Be not far from Me, for trouble *is* near; For *there is* none to help. 12 Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong *bulls* of Bashan have encircled Me. 13 They gape at Me *with* their mouths, *Like* a raging and roaring lion. 14 I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. 16 For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; 17 I can count all My bones. They look *and* stare at Me. 18 They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots. 19 But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me! 20 Deliver Me from the sword, My precious *life* from the power of the dog. 21 Save Me from the lion's mouth and from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me. 22 I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You. 23 You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and fear Him, all you offspring of Israel! 24 For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard. 25 My praise *shall be* of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him. 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever! **27 All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations Shall worship before You. 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the**

**nations. 29 All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship; All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep himself alive. 30 A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the *next* generation, 31 They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, That He has done *this*.**

2. The prophets themselves were perplexed by this seeming contradiction (1 Pet 1:10 - 11).

10 Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you, 11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

3. The first coming of the Messiah points to the second coming of the messiah.
- a. Jesus' first coming hints at His Second coming in how He quotes Isaiah 61:1-2 and stops in mid verse.

(1) Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. 15 And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. 16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 18 "The Spirit of the LORD *is* upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to *the* captives and recovery of sight to *the* blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." 20 Then He closed the book, and gave *it* back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

(2) cf. Isaiah 61:1ff

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified." 4 And

they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.

#### IV. The return of Christ will be personal and corporeal, in two stages:

##### A. to the air: before the Tribulation, usually called the Rapture

1 Thess. 4:14 - 17 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be **caught up** [Greek: ἀρπαγησόμεθα, 1<sup>st</sup> person pl, 2<sup>nd</sup> future passive of ἀρπαγή, seize, take away by force, snatch away. Latin: rapiemur, 1<sup>st</sup> person pl., future passive indicative of rapio, carry off; snatch] together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

##### B. to the earth: after the Tribulation

###### 1. Acts 1:11

who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

###### 2. Matthew 24: 29-30; 36-42 29

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37 "But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 "For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 "and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 "Then two *men* will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 "Two *women* will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. 42 "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

#### V. His coming has a threefold relation: to the Church, to Israel, and to the nations:

##### A. To the Church, the descent of the Lord into the air, to raise believers who have died and to change the living Christians, is a constant expectation and hope

## 1. 1 Cor 15:51 - 52 51

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed; 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

## 2. Phil 3:20; 1 Th 1:10; 4:13 -17; 1 Tim 6:14; Titus 2:13; Rev 22:20

- B. To Israel, the return of the Lord to the earth is to accomplish the yet unfulfilled prophecies of Israel's national regathering, conversion, and establishment in peace and power under the Davidic Covenant

## 1. 2 Sam 7:16, cp. Acts 15:14 - 17 with Zech. 14:1 - 9)

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- a. This is not the rapture

(1) In the days of Noah, the flood "took" the wicked and left the righteous.

(2) At the rapture, there the righteous will be taken and the wicked will be left.

- b. Rather, it is the purging of Israel.

(1) Amos 9:8-9

8 "Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD *are* on the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from the face of the earth; Yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob," says the LORD. 9 "For surely I will command, and will sift the house of Israel among all nations, as *grain* is sifted in a sieve; Yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground.

(2) Romans 11:25-27

25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this *is* My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

**3. The Jews were not "foolish" in looking for an earthly Messiah. This is exactly what the Prophets predicted would come. Only they did not know that the Messiah would come twice.**

- C. To the Gentile nations, the return of Christ is to bring the destruction of the present political world system (Dan 2:34 - 35; Rev 19:11, note), and the judgment of Mat 25:31 - 46, followed by world-wide Gentile conversion and participation in the blessings of the kingdom (Isa 2:2 - 4; 11:10; 60:3; Zech. 8:3,20 - 23; 14:16 - 21).

VI. Conclusion

- A. Since Jesus so accurately fulfilled the prophecies of His first coming, this gives us hope in looking for the fulfilling of the prophecies of His second coming.
- B. The Christmas season, in addition to the familiar themes of Christ's coming to save us from our sins, also points us to the immanent return of our Savior to deliver us from this present evil world.



## Prophecies

Luke 24:25-27 Then He [Jesus] said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" Then beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

	Prophecy	Fulfillment
1. Born of the seed of woman	Gen 3:15	Galatians 4:4
2. Born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:24, 25
3. Son of God	Psalms 2:7	Matthew 3:17
4. Seed of Abraham	Genesis 22:18	Matthew 1:1
5. Son of Isaac	Genesis 21:12	Luke 3:23, 34
6. Son of Jacob	Numbers 24:17	Luke 3:23
7. Tribe of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Luke 3:23
8. Family of Jesse	Isaiah 11:1	Luke 3:23
9. House of David	Jeremiah 23:5	Luke 3:23, 31
10. Born at Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1
11. His pre-existence	Micah 5:2	Colossians 1:17
12. Shall be Immanuel	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:23
13. Shall be a prophet	Deuteronomy 18:18	Matthew 21:11
14. Priest	Psalms 110:4	Hebrews 3:1; 5:5, 6
15. Teacher of Parables	Psalms 78:2	Matthew 13:34
16. He was to enter Jerusalem on a donkey	Zechariah 9:9	Luke 19:35, 36, 37
17. Stone of stumbling to the Jews	Psalms 118:22	1 Peter 2:7
18. Light to the Gentiles	Isaiah 60:3	Acts 13:47, 48
19. Resurrection	Psalms 16:10	Acts 2:31
20. Betrayed by a friend	Psalms 41:9	Matthew 10:4
21. Sold for 30 pieces of silver	Zechariah 11:12	Matthew 26:15
22. Money thrown in God's house	Zechariah 11:13b	Matthew 27:5
23. Forsaken by his disciples	Zechariah 13:7	Mark 14:50
24. Silent before his accusers	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 27:12-19
25. Wounded and bruised	Isaiah 53:5	Matthew 27:26
26. Smitten and spat upon	Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 26:67
27. Crucified with thieves	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38
28. Made intercession for His persecutors	Isaiah 53:12	Luke 23:34
29. Rejected by His own people	Isaiah 53:3	John 7:5, 48
30. Hated without a cause	Psalms 69:4	John 15:25
31. Garments parted and lots cast	Psalms 22:18	John 19:23, 24
32. His forsaken cry	Psalms 22:1	Matthew 27:46
33. Bones not broken	Psalms 34:20	John 19:33
34. His side pierced	Zechariah 12:10	John 19:34
35. Darkness over the land	Amos 8:9	Matthew 27:45
36. Buried in rich man's tomb	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60

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1. Born of the seed of woman	Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."	Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
2. Born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.	Matthew 1:24, 25 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.
3. Son of God	Psalms 2:7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You <i>are</i> My Son, Today I have begotten You.	Matthew 3:17 And suddenly a voice <i>came</i> from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
4. Seed of Abraham	Genesis 22:18 "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."	Matthew 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:
5. Son of Isaac	Genesis 21:12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called.	Luke 3:23, 34 Now Jesus Himself began <i>His ministry at</i> about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) <i>the son</i> of Joseph, <i>the son</i> of Heli, ... <i>the son</i> of Jacob, <i>the son</i> of Isaac, <i>the son</i> of Abraham, <i>the son</i> of Terah, <i>the son</i> of Nahor,
6. Son of Jacob	Numbers 24:17 "I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel, and batter the brow of Moab, and destroy all the sons of tumult.	Luke 3:23, 34 Now Jesus Himself began <i>His ministry at</i> about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) <i>the son</i> of Joseph, <i>the son</i> of Heli, ... <i>the son</i> of Jacob, <i>the son</i> of Isaac, <i>the son</i> of Abraham, <i>the son</i> of Terah, <i>the son</i> of Nahor,
7. Tribe of Judah	Genesis 49:10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; and to Him <i>shall be</i> the obedience of the people.	Luke 3:23, 33 Now Jesus Himself began <i>His ministry at</i> about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) <i>the son</i> of Joseph, <i>the son</i> of Heli, ... <i>the son</i> of Judah,
8. Family of Jesse	Isaiah 11:1-2 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.	Luke 3:23, 32 Now Jesus Himself began <i>His ministry at</i> about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) <i>the son</i> of Joseph, <i>the son</i> of Heli, ... <i>the son</i> of Jesse
9. House of David	Jeremiah 23:5 "Behold, <i>the days are coming,</i> " says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.	Luke 3:23, 31 Now Jesus Himself began <i>His ministry at</i> about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) <i>the son</i> of Joseph, <i>the son</i> of Heli, <i>the son</i> of Melea, <i>the son</i> of Menan, <i>the son</i> of Mattathah, <i>the son</i> of Nathan, <i>the son</i> of David,
10. Born at Bethlehem	Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, <i>though</i> you are little among the thousands of Judah, <i>yet</i> out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth <i>are</i> from of old, From everlasting."	Matthew 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,

11. His pre-existence	Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, <i>though</i> you are little among the thousands of Judah, <i>Yet</i> out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth <i>are</i> from of old, From everlasting."	Colossians 1:17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.
12. Shall be Immanuel	Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.	Matthew 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."
13. Shall be a prophet	Deuteronomy 18:18 18 'I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.	Matthew 21:11 So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."
14. Priest	Psalms 110:4 The LORD has sworn and will not relent, "You <i>are</i> a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."	Hebrews 3:1; 5:5, 6 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, <i>but it</i> was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You." As <i>He</i> also <i>says</i> in another <i>place</i> : "You <i>are</i> a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek";
15. Teacher of Parables	Psalms 78:2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old,	Matthew 13:34 All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them,
16. He was to enter Jerusalem on a donkey	Zechariah 9:9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He <i>is</i> just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.	Luke 19:35, 36, 37 Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. And as He went, <i>many</i> spread their clothes on the road. Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen,
17. Stone of stumbling to the Jews	Psalms 118:22 The stone <i>which</i> the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.	1 Peter 2:7 Therefore, to you who believe, <i>He is</i> precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"
18. Light to the Gentiles	Isaiah 60:3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.	Acts 13:47, 48 "For so the Lord has commanded us: 'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.'" Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.
19. Resurrection	Psalms 16:10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.	Acts 2:31 "... he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.

20. Betrayed by a friend	Psalms 41:9 Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, Has lifted up <i>his</i> heel against me.	Matthew 10:4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.
21. Sold for 30 pieces of silver	Zechariah 11:12 Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give <i>me</i> my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty <i>pieces</i> of silver.	Matthew 26:15 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.
22. Money thrown in God's house	Zechariah 11:13b So I took the thirty <i>pieces</i> of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter.	Matthew 27:5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.
23. Forsaken by his disciples	Zechariah 13:7 "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion," says the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.	Mark 14:50 Then they all forsook Him and fled.
24. Silent before his accusers	Isaiah 53:7 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.	Matthew 27:12-19 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him."
25. Wounded and bruised	Isaiah 53:5 But He <i>was</i> wounded for our transgressions, <i>He was</i> bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace <i>was</i> upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.	Matthew 27:26 Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered <i>Him</i> to be crucified.
26. Smitten and spat upon	Isaiah 50:6 I gave My back to those who struck <i>Me</i> , and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.	Matthew 26:67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck <i>Him</i> with the palms of their hands,
27. Crucified with thieves	Isaiah 53:12 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.	Matthew 27:38 Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left.

28. Made intercession for His persecutors	Isaiah 53:12 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.	Luke 23:34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.
29. Rejected by His own people	Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, <i>our</i> faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.	John 7:5, 48 For even His brothers did not believe in Him. "Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him?"
30. Hated without a cause	Psalms 69:4 Those who hate me without a cause Are more than the hairs of my head; They are mighty who would destroy me, <i>Being</i> my enemies wrongfully; Though I have stolen nothing, I <i>still</i> must restore it.	John 15:25 "But <i>this happened</i> that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'
31. Garments parted and lots cast	Psalms 22:18 They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.	John 19:23, 24 23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.
32. His forsaken cry	Psalms 22:1 My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? <i>Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning?</i>	Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"
33. Bones not broken	Psalms 34:20 He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken.	John 19:33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.
34. His side pierced	Zechariah 12:10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for <i>his</i> only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.	John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.
35. Darkness over the land	Amos 8:9 "And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord GOD, "That I will make the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight;	Matthew 27:45 Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.
36. Buried in rich man's tomb	Isaiah 53:9 And they made His grave with the wicked; But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, nor <i>was any</i> deceit in His mouth.	Matthew 27:57-60 Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.

## Some Prophecies Yet to Be Fulfilled

Jeremiah 33:14-16

'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: 15 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David A Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this *is the name* by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.'

Isaiah 9:6-7

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. 15 And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. 16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 18 "The Spirit of the LORD *is upon Me*, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to *the* captives And recovery of sight to *the* blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." 20 Then He closed the book, and gave *it* back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

John 12:27

"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

Mark 10:45

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Revelation 19:11-15

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.