

CHRISTMAS MEANS PROPHECIES HAVE BEEN FULFILLED

Genesis 3:15

Introduction: The Christmas story should not have been a surprise to anyone as God's prophets had been telling of the coming Messiah for centuries. Hundreds of years had come and gone since the prophecies and still no Messiah so nobody was expecting the Messiah to come when He did. The same attitude exists today since Jesus said that He was going to return and hasn't so nobody is really looking for Him to return in their lifetime. The following are details about the prophecies of the Messiah.

1. The Messiah would be the "seed of woman." Promised (3,475 years before) in Genesis 3:15. Fulfilled in Galatians 4:4, Luke 2:7 (approximately 5 B.C.), Revelation 12:5
2. He would be the promised seed of Abraham. Promised (1,870 years before) in Genesis 18:18. Fulfilled in Acts 3:25, Matthew 1:1, Luke 3:34 (approximately 5 B.C.).
3. He would descend from the tribe of Judah. Promised (1,600 years before) in Genesis 49:10. Fulfilled in Luke 3:33, Matthew 1:2, 3 (approximately 5 B.C.).
4. He would be heir to the throne of David. Promised (715 years before) in Isaiah 9:7; 11:1-5, 2 Samuel 7:13. Fulfilled in Matthew 1:1-6 (approximately 5 B.C.).
5. He would be born in Bethlehem. Promised (724 years before) in Micah 5:2. Fulfilled in Matthew 2:1, Luke 2:4-7 (approximately 5 B.C.).
6. He would be born in a time of unusual trouble and government pressure. Promised (539 years before) in Daniel 9:25. Fulfilled in Luke 2:1 (approximately 5 B.C.).
7. He would be born of a virgin. Promised (715 years before) in Isaiah 7:14. Fulfilled in Matthew 1:18, Luke 1:26-35 (approximately 5 B.C.).
8. He would flee to Egypt. Promised (721 years before) in Hosea 11:1. Fulfilled in Matthew 2:14, 15 (approximately 4 B.C.).
9. He would minister in Galilee. Promised (715 years before) in Isaiah 9:1, 2. Fulfilled in Matthew 4:12-16 (approximately 25 A.D.).
10. He would be a prophet. Promised (1,423 years before) in Deuteronomy 18:18. Fulfilled in John 6:14 (approximately 27 A.D.).
11. He would be a priest like Melchizadek. Promised (1004 years before) in Psalm 110:4. Fulfilled in Hebrews 6:20 (approximately 65 A.D.).
12. He would be rejected by the Jews. Promised (712 years before) in Isaiah 53:3, Psalm 2:2. Fulfilled in John 1:11 (approximately 25 A.D.).

13. He would enter Jerusalem triumphantly. Promised (516 years before) in Zechariah 9:9. Fulfilled in John 12:13, 14 (approximately 29 A.D.).
14. He would be betrayed by a friend. Promised (1004 years before) in Psalm 41:9. Fulfilled in Mark 14:10 (approximately 29 A.D.).
15. He would be sold for 30 pieces of silver. Promised (516 years before) in Zechariah 11:12. Fulfilled in Matthew 26:15 (approximately 29 A.D.).
16. He would be silent when accused. Promised (712 years before) in Isaiah 53:7. Fulfilled in Matthew 26:62, 63 (approximately 29 A.D.).
17. He would be buried with the rich. Promised (712 years before) in Isaiah 53:9. Fulfilled in Matthew 27:57-60 (approximately 29 A.D.).
18. He would be raised from the dead. Promised (1004 years before) in Psalm 16:10, Matthew 16:21. Fulfilled in Matthew 28:7-9; Luke 24:36-48 (approximately 29 A.D.).
19. He would ascend to the Father. Promised (1004 years before) in Psalm 68:18. Fulfilled in Luke 24:50, 52; Acts 1:9 (approximately 29 A.D.).