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I. WHAT IS “MESSIAH”?

This may be a new word to you. Or, perhaps it is a word that you have heard on occasions, but you have never really understood what it means. The word “Messiah” is a Hebrew word that means “Anointed One.” The Greek word “Christ” has the exact same meaning. Both “Messiah” and “Christ” mean “Anointed One.” They are two words from different languages that mean the same thing.

Since Greek was the predominant language in the days of Jesus, He was known as Jesus, the Christ (Jesus, the Anointed One), and that term was shortened to “Jesus Christ.”

The name, “Jesus,” by the way, means “Savior.” Joseph was engaged to marry Mary when he learned that she was pregnant. His initial thought was that she had been with a man outside marriage, and he intended to break their engagement. Matthew recorded for us what happened:

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows. After His mother Mary was betrothed (engaged) to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name ‘Jesus,’ for He will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1: 18-21

“Jesus” was His name, “Christ” was His title. When you put the two together, you have “The Anointed Savior.” His name and title not only give Him an identity, they also describe His purpose and mission. He came to “*save His people from their sins.*”

The concept of a “special Messiah” for the Hebrew people is one that developed over a period of many years. Moses, who was born about 1520 BC, and led the Hebrew people out of slavery to the Egyptians in about 1440 BC, wrote the first five books of the Old Testament Bible. Even in these first writings several references are made to a “future Messiah.” The remainder of the Old Testament scriptures were written over the next 1,000 years. Each of the writers all claimed to receive messages from God which they were to speak, and write, to the nation of Israel, and through the nation of Israel, to the entire world. The character and personalities of these men were such that they were known by their contemporaries to be “men of God.” Because of the trust and confidence held in these men, and because of the content and impact of the messages which they spoke and wrote, these writings were kept by subsequent generations as writings inspired by God.

Throughout these subsequent books of the Bible, there are periodic references made to a “coming Messiah.” The last book of the Old Testament Bible — the book of Malachi — was written approximately 400 BC. That is, 400 years before the birth of Jesus.

During these 400 years, as the Hebrew people studied their Scriptures, there developed a clear understanding that God had revealed through His prophets that it was in His plan to send a Messiah to deliver His people. There are passages that refer to a “political deliverance” of the nation of Israel, and there are passages that speak to a “spiritual deliverance” of the nation of Israel — and through Israel a spiritual deliverance for the people of every nation.

From our perspective, more than 2,000 years after the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus into heaven, we understand that the essential mission of Jesus was the “spiritual deliverance” of all men by dying for the sins of the world on the cross. However, we also understand that Jesus will return to earth one day to deliver the nation of Israel from being destroyed by the nations of the world. And, by keeping up with the news on TV and in our newspapers, that day seems to be getting very close.

In the days of Jesus, because the Jews were under the oppressive rule of the Roman Empire, their focus and their hope was that the Messiah would come and give them “political deliverance” from Rome. That is one reason why the Hebrew people in general did not receive Jesus as their Messiah. He came, initially, as a spiritual Savior, not a political one.

It is the purpose of this book to show that Jesus is the Messiah foretold throughout the Old Testament scriptures. Jesus, and the circumstances of His life, uniquely “fit” with all that was said about “the coming Messiah.” The things said about the Messiah do not “fit” any other person who has ever lived.

II. WAS IT COINCIDENCE THAT JESUS FULFILLED PROPHECY?

There are some who ask, “Wasn’t it just coincidence that Jesus fulfilled prophecies of the Old Testament scriptures? Couldn’t you take many of the world’s prominent leaders and find parallels with statements from the Bible? The answer of course, is, “Yes, one could possibly find one or two prophecies that could parallel the lives of a few people.” But you will find no one but Jesus whose life fulfills all of the prophecies made by the Old Testament Scriptures.

No one makes this point more convincingly than does Peter Stoner, in his book, Science Speaks (published: Moody Press, Chicago, 1963). In this book Mr. Stoner applies the mathematics of probability to Biblical prophecy.

Professor Stoner begins by taking eight of the prophecies that are most easily seen as to have been fulfilled by Jesus. Those eight are:

1. The Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem.
2. The Messiah was to be preceded by a messenger.
3. The Messiah was to enter Jerusalem on a donkey.
4. The Messiah was to be betrayed by a friend.
5. The Messiah was to be “sold” for thirty pieces of silver.
6. The thirty pieces of silver would be used “for the potter.”
7. The Messiah was to be silent before His accusers.
8. The Messiah was to be crucified with common criminals.

Of course there are many more prophecies concerning the Messiah — close to 300. And at least 60 can be specifically identified with Jesus. We will look more closely to these in the pages to follow.

Professor Stoner, by applying the mathematics of probability to these eight prophecies, calculated that the chances that any one man might have lived to the present time and fulfilled all eight prophecies would be one in 100,000,000,000,000,000. (Seventeen zeros after the one). To help us get a grasp of this staggering probability, Professor Stoner gives us this example:

If you took 100,000,000,000,000,000 silver dollars and laid them on the state of Texas, they would cover the entire state two feet deep! Now, mark one of these silver dollars and stir the entire pile thoroughly. Then blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as he wishes across the state of Texas, but he must pick up only one silver dollar, and that one must be the one with the mark on it.

What would be the chance that this blindfolded man would pick up the right silver dollar? The same chance that the prophets would have had of writing these eight prophecies and having them all come true in one man, from their day to the present time (assuming that the prophecies had not been written under divine inspiration).

The mathematics of probability, by itself, proves the divine inspiration of the Old Testament Scriptures. When Stoner did the math considering 48 prophecies being fulfilled by one man, he calculated the probability of all 48 being fulfilled by one man, by chance — would be one in one-with 157 zeroes behind it!

The fact that 60 prophetic statements made about a future Messiah can be specifically identified with events in the life of Jesus, is nothing short of miraculous!

III. SOME GENERAL PROPHECIES OF A “FUTURE MESSIAH”

There are over 300 prophecies concerning a coming Messiah for the nation of Israel. Many of these contain details that can be identified with Jesus. Others are more general, but very important in the development of the Hebrew understanding of a coming Messiah. Following are a few of these general prophecies:

Deuteronomy 18:17-19:

“And the Lord said to me (Moses), ‘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. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him...’”

Psalms 2: 1-12 The Messiah’s Triumph And Kingdom:

Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, “Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us.” He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure; “Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron. You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’” Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you Judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

Psalms 45: 1-7 The Glories Of The Messiah :

My heart is overflowing with a good theme: I recite my composition concerning the King; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. You are fairer than the sons of men, grace is poured upon Your lips; therefore God has blessed You forever. Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, with Your glory and Your majesty. And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; and your right hand shall teach you awesome things. Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King’s enemies; the peoples fall under You. Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your Kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.

Psalm 72: 1-11, 17 Glory And Universality Of The Messiah's Reign

Give the King Your judgments, O God, and Your righteousness to the king's Son. He will judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice. The mountains will bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor. They shall fear You as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations. He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, like showers that water the earth. In His days the righteous shall flourish, and abundance of peace, until the moon is no more. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, and His enemies will lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts. Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations will serve Him...His name shall endure forever, His name shall continue as long as the sun. And men shall be blessed in Him; all nations shall call Him blessed.

Psalm 110: 1-4 Announcement of the Messiah's Reign

The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make your enemies Your footstool." The Lord shall send the rod of your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; in the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, you have the dew of your youth. The Lord has sworn and will not relent, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

IV. JESUS TAUGHT THAT THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES WROTE ABOUT HIM

There is no doubt whatsoever that Jesus considered Himself to be the Messiah. He taught very clearly that the Old Testament Scriptures wrote about Him:

The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things. Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill." Matthew 5:17

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Luke 24:27

Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." Luke 24:44

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"
John 5:39, 40, 46,47

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. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4:20,21

V. THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS BELIEVED THAT HE WAS THE FULFILLMENT OF OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES.

Those who knew Him best and understood clearly what Jesus taught, make it very clear in their writings that they were convinced that He was the Messiah about Whom the Scriptures spoke:

But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ (Messiah) would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.
Acts 3:18

To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins. Acts 10:43

Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. Acts 13:29

Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and demonstrating that the Christ (Messiah) had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ (Messiah)."
Acts 17:2,3

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. I Corinthians 15:3,4

Which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures. Romans 1:2

You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." I Peter 2:5,6

VI. PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE BIRTH OF JESUS

One of the most fascinating series of prophecies are those which foretell the birth of the Messiah and how these prophecies are fulfilled in Jesus. These prophecies are made by different writers of the Old Testament Scriptures hundreds of years apart from each other.

PROPHECY	FULLFILLMENT
Born Of The Seed Of Woman.	

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.

Genesis 3:15

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law.

Galatians 4:4

PROPHECY	FULLFILLMENT
Born Of A Virgin	

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign; Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7: 14

*She was found with child **of the Holy Spirit**...Then Joseph...did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.*

Matthew 1:18, 24,25

PROPHECY	FULLFILLMENT
Son Of God	

I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, "You are My Son, today I have begotten You."

Psalms 2:7

And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:17

PROPHECY	FULLFILLMENT
Seed Of Abraham	

In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.

Genesis 22:18

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham.

Matthew 1:1

*Now the Lord had said to Abraham: ...
I will bless those who bless you, and I
will curse him who curses you; and in
you all the families of the earth shall
be blessed.*

Genesis 12: 1-3

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
Son Of Isaac

*But God said to Abraham...in Isaac
your seed shall be called.*
Genesis 21:12

Jesus, ...the son of Isaac.
Luke 3:23, 34

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
Son Of Jacob

*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 (another name for Jacob)...*
Numbers 24: 17

Jesus,...the son of Jacob.
Luke 3:23,34

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
Tribe Of Judah

*The scepter shall not depart from
Judah, nor a lawgiver from between
his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to
Him shall be the obedience of the
people.*
Genesis 49: 10

Jesus, ...the son of Judah.
Luke 3: 23, 33

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
Family Line Of Jesse

*There shall come forth a Rod from the
stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow
out of his roots.*
Isaiah 11:1

Jesus,...the son of Jesse.
Luke 3: 23,32

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
House of David

*“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness...
Jeremiah 23:5*

*Jesus,...the son of David...
Luke 3:23,31*

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
He Will Be Born At Bethlehem

*But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old.
Micah 5:2*

*Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea.
Matthew 2:1*

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
He Will Be Presented With Gifts

*The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts.
Psalm 72:10*

*Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the East came...and worshipped Him And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
Matthew 2: 1,11*

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
Herod Kills Children

*Thus says the Lord: “A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.
Jeremiah 31: 15*

*Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the magi, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem...from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.
Matthew 2: 16*

**VII. PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE NATURE AND THE
MINISTRY OF THE MESSIAH**

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT

**The Messiah Will Be God In The
Form Of A Man (The Son Of God).**

*Therefore the Lord Himself will give
you a sign; Behold, the virgin shall
conceive and bear a Son, and shall call
His name Immanuel*
Isaiah 7: 14

*Behold, the virgin shall be with child,
and bear a son, and they shall call His
name Immanuel, which is translated,
“God with us.”*
Matthew 1:23

*Yet I have set My King on My holy hill
of Zion. I will declare the decree: The
Lord has said to Me, “You are My Son,
today I have begotten You...” Serve
the Lord with fear...Kiss the
Son...Blessed are all those who put
their trust in Him.*
Psalm 2: 7, 11,12

I and My Father (God) are one.
John 10: 30

*“Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of
God.” Jesus said to him, “It is as you
said.”*
Matthew 26: 63,64

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT

He Had A Prior Existence

*But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though
you are little among the
thousands of Judah, yet out of you
shall come to Me the One to be Ruler
in Israel, Whose goings forth are from
of old, from everlasting.*
Micah 5:2

*“And now, O Father, glorify Me
together with Yourself, with the glory
which I had with You before the world
was.”*
John 17:5

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT

He Shall Be A Prophet

*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.*
Deuteronomy 18: 18

*So the multitudes said, “This is Jesus,
the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”*
Matthew 21: 11

PROPHECY **FULFILLMENT**
He Will Be A Priest Like
Melchizedek.

*The Lord has sworn and will not
relent, "You are a priest forever
according to the order of
Melchizedek."
Psalm 110: 4*

*Therefore, holy brethren, partakers
of the heavenly calling, consider
the Apostle and High Priest of our
confession, Christ Jesus.
Hebrews 3: 1*

*So also Christ did not glorify
Himself to become a High Priest,
but it was He who said to Him,
"You are My Son, today I have
begotten You." As He also says in
another place, "You are a priest
forever according to the order of
Melchizedek." Hebrews 5: 5,6*

PROPHECY **FULFILLMENT**
He Shall Be A King

*Yet I have set My King on My holy hill
Zion.
Psalm 2: 6*

*And they put up over His head the
accusation written against Him:
"THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF
THE JEWS."*

*Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are
You a king then?" Jesus answered.
"You say rightly that I am a
king..." John 18: 37*

PROPHECY **FULFILLMENT**
He Shall Be A Judge

*For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is
our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King;
He will save us.
Isaiah 33: 22*

*I can of Myself do nothing. As I
hear, I judge; and My judgment is
righteous, because I do not seek My
own will but the will of the
Father Who sent Me.
John 5:30*

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
He Shall Be Called “Lord”

The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand till I make your enemies Your footstool.”
Psalm 110:1

For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2: 11

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
He Will Have A Special Anointing Of The Holy Spirit

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.
Isaiah 11: 2

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.”
Matthew 3: 16,17

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
He Will Have A Zeal For God

Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on Me.
Psalm 69: 9

When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple...And He said, ... “Take these things away! Do not make My Father’s house a house of merchandise!”
John 2: 15,16

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
He Will Be Preceded By A Messenger

A voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Isaiah 40:3

John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
Matthew 3: 1

PROPHECY
His Ministry Was To Begin In Galilee

Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, as when at first He lightly esteemed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward more heavily oppressed her, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles.

Isaiah 9: 1

FULFILLMENT

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put into prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali. From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 4: 13,13,17

PROPHECY
He Would Teach In Parables

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old.

Psalms 78:2

FULFILLMENT

All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them.

Matthew 13:34

PROPHECY
He Would Enter The Temple

And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple.

Malachi 3: 1

FULFILLMENT

Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple.

Matthew 21: 12

PROPHECY
He Would Be A "Stone Of Stumbling" To The Jews.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Psalms 118: 22

FULFILLMENT

Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone."

I Peter 2:7

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
He Would Have A Ministry Of Miracles.

Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb will sing for joy.
Isaiah 35: 5,6

And Jesus was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.
Matthew 9:35

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
He Would Be A “Light” To The Gentiles.

The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

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.
Acts 13: 47,48

VIII. A PROPHECY OF DANIEL MADE ABOUT 535 B.C. PREDICTED THE DATE OF PALM SUNDAY TO THE VERY DAY!

Although complex until understood, this prophecy of Daniel, made 535 years before Jesus was born, predicted Jesus’ final entry into Jerusalem — known as “Palm Sunday” — to the very day.

Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks (of years) and sixty-two weeks (of years); the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times. And after the sixty-two weeks (of years) Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary...
Daniel 9: 25-26

This prophecy contains three major predictions:

1. Sixty-nine periods of 7 (years) will pass from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem until the coming of the “Anointed One” (Messiah). This date turns out to be the exact date that Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey; that day is known as “Palm Sunday”, **April 6, 32 A.D.**

Using the Hebrew definition of a year (360 days),
we find: $69 \times 7 \text{ years} = 173,880 \text{ days}$.

The actual decree to rebuild Jerusalem was given by Artaxerxes to Nehemiah on March 14, 445 B.C. (the first day of Nisan that year):

*And it came to pass in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, that I took the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had never been sad in his presence before. Therefore the king said to me, “Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This is nothing but sorrow of heart.” So I became dreadfully afraid, and said to the king, “May the king live forever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers’ tombs, lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire?” Then the king said to me, “What do you request?” So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ tombs, that I may rebuild it.” Then the king said to me (the queen also sitting beside him), “How long will your journey be? And when will you return?” So it pleased the king to send me...
Nehemiah 2: 1-6.*

History records that the ministry of Jesus began in the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar (Luke 3:1), whose reign began in A.D. 14. A chronological analysis of Jesus’ ministry shows three years leading up to the final week, in A.D. 32.

The Royal Observatory in Greenwich, England, confirms the Sunday before Passover that year to be **April 6, A.D. 32.**

Therefore, history confirms the accuracy of Daniel's prophecy to the very day!

This special day was also prophesied by the prophet Zechariah:

PROPHECY:

Say to the daughter of Zion, behold your King is coming to you, gentle, and mounted upon a donkey, even upon a colt, the foal of a beast of burden. Zechariah 9: 9

FULFILLMENT:

And when they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied there and a colt with her; untie them, and bring them to Me. And if anyone says something to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them;'" and immediately he will send them."

Now this took place that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold your King is coming to you, gentle, and mounted upon a donkey, even upon a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" And the disciples went and did just as Jesus had directed them, and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid on them their garments, on which He sat. And most of the multitude spread their garments in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees, and spreading them in the road. And the multitudes going before Him, and those who followed after were crying out, saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest!" And when He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the multitudes were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee." Matthew 21: 1-11

2. After that time the Anointed One will be "cut off." That is a Hebrew word, "yikaret," which means a sudden, violent end. That is an apt description for a crucifixion.

Jesus was crucified three and one-half days after his "Triumphal Entry" on a donkey.

3. After that time the city of Jerusalem and the temple would be destroyed.

Jesus, Himself, predicted the soon coming destruction of Jerusalem and the temple:

And when Jesus approached, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had know in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. For the days shall come upon you when your enemies will throw up a bank before you, and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."

Luke 19: 41-44

And while some were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, He said, "As for these things which you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down."

Luke 21: 5, 6

The Roman Empire destroyed the city of Jerusalem, along with its temple, in the year 70 A.D., 37 years after Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead.

IX. PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS.

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT

He Would Be Sold For Thirty Pieces Of Silver.

Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.
Zechariah 11:12

"What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.
Matthew 26: 15

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT

He Would Be Betrayed By A Friend.

Even my familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.
Psalm 41: 9

...behold Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him."
Matthew 26: 47, 48

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT

Money To Be Thrown Into The Temple.

So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord for the potter.
Zechariah 11: 13

Then he (Judas) threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed.
Matthew 27:5

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT

The Money To Be Given For Potter's Field.

So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord for the potter.
Zechariah 11: 13

And they (the chief priests) consulted together and bought with them (the thirty pieces of silver) the potter's field, to bury strangers in.
Matthew 27: 7

PROPHECY **FULFILLMENT**
He Will Be Forsaken By His Disciples.

*Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will
be scattered.*
Zechariah 13: 7

Then they all forsook Him and fled.
Mark 14: 50

PROPHECY **FULFILLMENT**
He Will Be Silent Before His Accusers.

*He was oppressed and He was
afflicted, Yet He opened not His
mouth.*
Isaiah 53:7

*And while He was being accused by
the chief priests and elders, He
answered nothing.*
Matthew 27: 12

PROPHECY **FULFILLMENT**
He Would Be Wounded And Bruised.

*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.*
Isaiah 53: 5

*Then he released Barabbas to them;
and when he had scourged Jesus, he
delivered Him to be crucified.*
Matthew 27:26

PROPHECY **FULFILLMENT**
He Would Be Smitten And Spit Upon.

*I gave My back to those who struck
Me, and My cheeks to those who
plucked out the beard; I did not hide
My face from shame and spitting.*
Isaiah 50: 6

*Then they spat in His face and beat
Him; and others struck Him with the
palms of their hands.*
Matthew 26: 67

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
He Would Be Mocked.

All who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, "He trusted in the Lord; let Him rescue Him; let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"
Psalm 22: 7,8

When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"
Matthew 27: 29

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
His Hands And His Feet Would Be Pierced.

They pierced My hands and My feet.
Psalm 22:16

And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him.
Luke 23: 33

The other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he (Thomas) said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."
John 20: 25

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
He Would Be Crucified With Criminals.

Because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors.
Isaiah 53: 12

Then the two robbers were crucified with Him one on the right and another on the left.
Matthew 27: 38

PROPHECY
**He Would Make Intercession For
His Persecutors.**

*And He bore the sin of many, and
made intercession for the
transgressors.*
Isaiah 53: 12

FULFILLMENT

On the cross Jesus prayed, “*Father,
forgive them, for they do not know
what they do.*”
Luke 23: 34

PROPHECY
**His Friends And Family Would
Stand Afar Off.**

*My loved ones and my friends stand
aloof from my plague, and my
relatives stand afar off.*
Psalm 38:11

FULFILLMENT

*But all His acquaintances, and the
women who followed Him from
Galilee, stood at a distance, watching
these things.*
Luke 23:49

PROPHECY
**The People Would Shake Their
Heads At Him.**

*I also have become a reproach to
them; when they look at me, they
shake their heads.*
Psalm 109: 25

FULFILLMENT

*And those who passed by blasphemed
Him, wagging their heads.*
Matthew 27: 39

PROPHECY
**They Would Cast Lots For His
Clothing.**

*They divide My garments among them,
and for My clothing they cast lots.*
Psalm 22:18

FULFILLMENT

*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, “...Let us not
tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it
shall be.”*
John 19: 23,24

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
Gall And Vinegar Would Be Offered To Him.

They also gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
Psalm 69:21

They gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink.
Matthew 27:34

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
He Would Cry Out That God Had Forsaken Him.

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
Psalm 22:1

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?"
Matthew 27:46

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
He Would Commit Himself To God.

Into Your hand I commit my spirit.
Psalm 31:5

And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit."
Luke 23:46

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
None Of His Bones Would Be Broken.

He guards all his bones; not one of them is broken.
Psalm 34:20

But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.
John 19:33

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT
His Side Would Be Pierced.

They will look on Me whom they pierced.
Zechariah 12: 10

But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear.
John 19:34

PROPHECY

There Would Be Darkness At Noon.

“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.”
Amos 8:9

FULFILLMENT

Now from the sixth hour (noon) until the ninth hour (3 p.m.) there was darkness over all the land.
Matthew 27: 45

PROPHECY

He Would Rise From The Dead

For You will not leave My soul in Sheol; nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
Psalm 16:10

FULFILLMENT

And the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead...”
Matthew 28: 5-7

His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.
Acts 2:31

PROPHECY

He Would Ascend Into Heaven.

You have ascended on high.
Psalm 68: 18

FULFILLMENT

He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.
Acts 1:9

PROPHECY

He Would Be Seated At The Right Hand Of God.

The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”
Psalm 110: 1

FULFILLMENT

When He had by Himself purged our sins, (He) sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.
Hebrews 1:3

In this small book we have listed over 50 prophecies that can be pinpointed to events in the life of Jesus. No other person who has ever lived could come close to having 50 events of their life correspond to Old Testament Scripture.

Some have suggested that Jesus was a pretender who did things for the purpose of making it look as if he were fulfilling prophecy. But any thoughtful person would quickly realize that there would be too many circumstances that would be completely out of his control to accomplish such a feat.

We have already shown how the mathematics of probability rule out the possibility that Jesus fulfilled these prophecies “by chance.”

And there is so much more! There are more prophecies than those listed in this book. And then there are the “types” in the Old Testament that have their “counterpart” in Jesus. For example, the event of Passover when God was delivering the Hebrews from slavery to Egypt (Exodus, chapter 12). God told the people of Israel to sacrifice a lamb, and to put its blood on the door post of each house. When the Death angel came to take the life of the first-born of each household, it would “pass over” the homes that had the blood of the lamb on the door post. Jesus came proclaiming to be the “Lamb of God” to shed His blood that we might be saved from eternal spiritual death. Jesus was crucified on the very day that the Passover lamb was sacrificed hundreds of years earlier! And there are many such “types” throughout the Old Testament that have their meaning realized in Jesus. It would take a book many times larger than this one to explain them all.

And then there is the fact that Jesus claimed to be God (see the book Jesus Claimed To Be God by this author). This was the central theme of His teachings. There are only three possibilities. In the words of C. S. Lewis, a former atheist who became a believer and champion of the Christian faith: “Jesus was either a Liar, a Lunatic, or the Lord of heaven and earth.” If He were a Liar, how did He gain the reputation for being the greatest moral and spiritual teacher in history? If He were a Lunatic, how could His teachings be considered “the wisdom of God” for the brightest minds of every generation for two thousand years?

All of the evidence points to the fact that Jesus Christ is the Son of God Who came to earth for the purpose of dying for our sins; to make it possible for us to have peace with God, and to spend eternity with Him. Jesus made it very clear that there is a spiritual enemy, Satan, who wants to keep us from committing our lives to God. (Satan is just as real as evil in the world.) That is why, for most people, there is a “struggle” to make that commitment. God will not force you to become a Christian. He gives you the choice.

If it is your choice to become a real Christian and to give your “heart” and your life to the lordship of Jesus Christ, the following pages are provided to help you understand what Jesus wants you to do.

HOW DOES A PERSON BECOME A REAL CHRISTIAN?

In Matthew 28:19,20 Jesus told His followers: *“Go therefore and make **disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you ...**”*

A real Christian is someone who has made the decision to become a **disciple** of Jesus. A disciple is one who is in the life-long process of **learning and obeying** what Jesus has commanded. This is what is meant by the word “lord.” Jesus becomes the Lord (Owner and Master) of your life. The Lordship of Jesus is one of love and fellowship. Jesus is alive and wants us to know Him and to enjoy His fellowship.

EACH PERSON MUST RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR AND LORD BY PERSONAL INVITATION.

EACH PERSON... No one can become a Christian for you. You are not a Christian because you are born in a “Christian” country or a Christian family. It must be your decision. God Himself will not force you.

Choose for yourselves today whom you will serve... Joshua 24:15

MUST RECEIVE... To receive Jesus is to believe that:

1. He is the Son of God.

Jesus said... “I am the Son of God.” John 10:36

2. He died for your sins.

Jesus said to them, “Behold we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man (Jesus) will be delivered up to the chief priests and to the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.”
Matthew 20: 18,19

3. He raised from the dead.

If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
Romans 10:9,10

and submit to his lordship (ownership).

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe on His name.
John 1:12

For Christ died and rose to life in order to be the Lord of the living and the dead. Romans 14:9

JESUS CHRIST...

These are Greek translations for Hebrew words:

Jesus = Savior

Christ = Anointed One (Messiah)

Jesus is the Savior of the World, the Anointed One of God. Jesus Himself said that He is the Son of God and that He is the only way any person can come into right relationship with God the Father.

Jesus said, "I am the Son of God"... John 10:36

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." John 14:6

And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.
Acts 4:12

AS SAVIOR AND LORD...

Jesus took your shame, your guilt, your punishment—on Himself — in order that you could be forgiven and receive His righteousness.

God made Him, who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. II Corinthians. 5:21

The Lordship of Jesus is a lordship of love. Jesus said:

"By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15: 8-12

Jesus gives us His commandments because He loves us and knows what is best for us.

Jesus desires your fellowship.

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. I Corinthians 1:9

...that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. I John 1: 3,4

Jesus demands your obedience.

Jesus said, "And why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" Luke 6:46

BY PERSONAL INVITATION...

Believing that Jesus is the Son of God, that He died for your sins, and that God raised Him from the dead, ask Him:

1. To forgive you of your sins. **We must repent in order to receive God's forgiveness and cleansing.**

REPENTANCE IS:

1. Changing one's mind and purpose for the better; turning around and going the right direction.
2. Agreeing with God about sin. If He says it's wrong, it's wrong.
3. A decision to turn from sin to obey God.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1: 9

Repent, therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...

Acts 3: 19

2. To come into your life as Lord.

If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.

Romans 10:9

Jesus PROMISES to come into your life if you will ask Him and submit to Him.

Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him..."

Revelation 3: 20

For whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 10: 13

YOU CAN RECEIVE JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR AND LORD BY PRAYING A PRAYER OF FAITH AND SURRENDER.

For example:

“Heavenly Father,
I do believe that you sent your Son, Jesus, to die for my sins.
I do believe that you raised Him from the dead.
I confess that I have sinned against You, and that I am willing to turn
from my sins. I will trust You to give me power over them.
Jesus, I now ask You to come into my life as my Savior and Lord.
From this day forward, to the best of my ability, I will live my life to
be pleasing to You. It is my desire to know You and to enjoy Your
fellowship.

Thank you for coming into my life and forgiving me of all of my sins,
and for giving me eternal life. Amen.”

THERE ARE TWO BASIC KINDS OF PRAYER:

1. A prayer for help.
2. A prayer of faith and surrender.

Have you ever prayed a prayer of faith and surrender? No Yes

There are two major reasons why many people refuse to pray this
prayer:

1. They are concerned what others may think.
2. They are not willing to make the changes in their life-style
they know Jesus would want them to make.

*Jesus said, “For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world,
and forfeit his soul? For what shall a man give in exchange for his
soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous
and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him
when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.
Mark 8:35-38*

**If you are willing to turn from your sins, Jesus will give you
power over them after He comes into your life.**

You can pray a prayer of faith and surrender at any time and at any
place.

Why not stop and pray right now?

IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING AT THIS TIME TO BECOME A REAL CHRISTIAN, THERE ARE TWO FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

1. EVERY PERSON WHO IS NOT A CHRISTIAN BELONGS TO SATAN AND THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS.

We know that we (who believe in Jesus) belong to God, even though the whole world is under the rule of the Evil one. I John 5: 19

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me...You are of your father the devil. John 8: 42,44

2. IF YOU DIE WITHOUT HAVING RECEIVED JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR AND LORD, YOU WILL SPEND ETERNITY WITH SATAN IN HELL.

It is appointed for men to die once, and after this comes judgment. Hebrews 9: 27

And the devil who deceived them will be thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever...And if anyone's name is not found written in the book of life, he will be thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20: 10, 15

IF YOU SINCERELY ASKED JESUS TO COME INTO YOUR LIFE AS SAVIOR AND LORD, HERE IS WHAT HAPPENED:

1. JESUS, IN THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CAME TO LIVE IN YOU. John 14:16,17; I Corinthians 6: 19,20; Romans 8: 9
2. YOUR SINS WERE COMPLETELY FORGIVEN. Colossians 2:13; I John 2:12; Romans 4: 7, 8.
3. YOU BECAME A NEW AND DIFFERENT PERSON. II Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6: 4.
4. YOU WERE TRANSFERRED FROM THE KINGDOM OF SATAN TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD. Acts 26: 18; Ephesians 5: 8; Colossians 1: 12, 13.
5. YOU WERE GIVEN ETERNAL LIFE. I John 5: 11-13; John 10: 27,28; John 5: 21.