



**PROPHECIES
OF
CENTURIES
FULFILLED
IN A
DAY**

“But all this was done, that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled” (Matthew 26:56).

The following twenty-five Old Testament prophecies, concerning the betrayal, trial, death, and burial of our Lord Jesus Christ, were uttered by many different voices at different times during the five centuries from 1000 to 500 B.C., yet they were all literally fulfilled within twenty-four hours on the day of His crucifixion.

I. SOLD FOR THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER

PROPHECY

“And I said unto them, If ye think good, give Me My price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for My price thirty pieces of silver” (Zechariah 11:12).

FULFILLMENT

“Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said unto them, What will ye give me and I will deliver Him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver” (Matthew 26:14,15).

II. BETRAYED BY A FRIEND

PROPHECY

“For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it...but it was thou, a man Mine equal. My guide, and Mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company” (Psalm 55:12-14, see also Psalm 41:9, Zechariah 13:6).

FULFILLMENT

“And forthwith he (Judas) came to Jesus, and said, Hail, Master: and kissed Him, and Jesus said unto him, FRIEND, wherefore art thou come? Then came they and laid hands on Jesus, and took Him” (Matthew 26:49,50).

III. THE MONEY CAST TO THE POTTER

PROPHECY

“And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was priced at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord” (Zechariah 11:13).

FULFILLMENT

“And he (Judas) cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces...and they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field” (Matt. 27:5-7, see also verses 9 and 10).

Notice that in both prophecy and fulfillment we find stated that (1) It was silver, (2) There were 30 pieces (Matthew 27:3), (3) They were thrown down, (4) They were cast down in the house of the Lord, and (5) The money was used to purchase the potter's field.

IV. THE DISCIPLES FORSOOK HIM

PROPHECY

“Smiteth the shepherd and the sheep shall be scattered” (Zechariah 13:7).

FULFILLMENT

“All the disciples forsook Him and fled” (Matthew 26:56, see also Mark 14:27).

V. ACCUSED BY FALSE WITNESSES

PROPHECY

“False witnesses did rise up: they laid to My charge things that I knew not” (Psalm 35:11).

FULFILLMENT

“Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put Him to death....At the last came two false witnesses” (Matthew 26:59,60).

VI. SMITTEN AND SPIT UPON

PROPHECY

“I gave My back to the smiters, and My cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not My face from shame and spitting” (Isaiah 50:6).

FULFILLMENT

“Then did they spit in His face, and buffeted Him; and others smote Him with the palms of their hands” (Matthew 26:67).

Note here the details that correspond in both prophecy and fulfillment. (1) He was to be smitten, (2) He was to be smitten on the face (as well as the other parts of the body—see Luke 22:64), (3) He was to be spit upon, and (4) He was to be spit upon in the face.

VII. DUMB BEFORE HIS ACCUSERS

PROPHECY

“He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth” (Isaiah 53:7).

FULFILLMENT

“And when He was accused of the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. Then said Pilate unto Him, Hearest Thou not how many things they witness against Thee? And He answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly” (Matthew 27:12,14).

VIII. WOUNDED AND BRUISED

PROPHECY

“He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5).

FULFILLMENT

“When he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified. And when they had platted a crown of thorns they put it upon His head” (Matthew 27:26,29).

IX. FELL UNDER THE CROSS

PROPHECY

“My knees are weak through fasting; and My flesh faileth of fatness” (Psalm 109:24).

FULFILLMENT

“And He bearing His cross went forth” (John 19:17). “They laid hold upon one Simon...and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus” (Luke 23:26).

Evidently the Lord was so weak that His knees gave way under the weight of the heavy cross, and they had to put it on another.

X. HANDS AND FEET PIERCED

PROPHECY

“For dogs have compassed Me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet” (Psalm 22:16).

FULFILLMENT

“And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him” (Luke 23:33).

Christ was crucified in the customary Roman manner, the hands and feet being pierced by huge spikes which fastened the body to the wooden cross. See John 20:25-27 “...except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails....Then saith He (Jesus) to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger and behold My hands,” etc.

XI. CRUCIFIED WITH THIEVES

PROPHECY

“He was numbered with the transgressors” (Isaiah 53:12).

FULFILLMENT

“And with Him they crucified two thieves: the one on His right hand, and the other on His left. And the Scripture was fulfilled which saith. And He was numbered with the transgressors” (Mark 15:27,28).

XII. PRAYED FOR HIS PERSECUTORS

PROPHECY

“He...made intercession for the transgressors” (Isa. 53:12).

FULFILLMENT

“Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).

XIII. PEOPLE SHOOK THEIR HEADS

PROPHECY

“I became also a reproach unto them: when they looked upon Me they shook their head” (Psalm 109:25).

FULFILLMENT

“And they that passed by reviled Him, wagging their heads” (Matthew 27:39).

XIV. PEOPLE RIDICULED HIM

PROPHECY

“saying, He trusted on the Lord that He would deliver Him: let Him deliver Him, seeing He delighted in Him” (Psalm 22:7,8).

FULFILLMENT

“Likewise also the chief priests mocking Him, with the scribes and elders, said....He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him” (Matthew 27:41,43).

XV. PEOPLE ASTONISHED

PROPHECY

“They look and stare upon Me” (Psalm 22:17).

FULFILLMENT

“And the people stood beholding” (Luke 23:35).

XVI. GARMENTS PARTED AND LOTS CAST

PROPHECY

“They part My garments among them, and cast lots upon My vesture” (Psalm 22:18).

FULFILLMENT

“Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also His coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be. That the Scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted My raiment among them, and for My vesture they did cast lots” (John 19:23,24).

How exact the inspired prophecy! The garments were to be parted among them, but the vesture was to be awarded to one by lots. These were statements that would appear almost contradictory unless explained by the record of the scene at the cross.

XVII. HIS FORSAKEN CRY

PROPHECY

“My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?” (Psalm 22:1).

FULFILLMENT

“Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying...My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27:46).

XVIII. GALL AND VINEGAR GIVEN HIM

PROPHECY

“They gave Me also gall for My meat; and in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink” (Psalm 69:21).

FULFILLMENT

“After this, Jesus...saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar; and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to His mouth” (John 19:28,29).

XIX. COMMITTED HIMSELF TO GOD

PROPHECY

“Into Thine hands I commit My spirit” (Psalm 31:5).

FULFILLMENT

“And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit” (Luke 23:46).

XX. FRIENDS STOOD AFAR OFF

PROPHECY

“My lovers and My friends stand aloof from My sore; and My kinsmen stand afar off” (Psalm 38:11).

FULFILLMENT

“And all His acquaintance, and the women that followed Him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things” (Luke 23:49).

XXI. BONES NOT BROKEN

PROPHECY

“He keepeth all His bones:
not one of them is broken”
(Psalm 34:20).

FULFILLMENT

“When they came to Jesus,
and saw that He was dead
already, they brake not His
legs. These things were done
that the Scripture should be
fulfilled. A bone of Him shall
not be broken” (John 19:33,36).

It is profitable to notice two other prophecies concerning His bones, which undoubtedly had an exact fulfillment, although such is not stated in Scripture in so many words. We draw our conclusions from honest inference. (1) Psalm 22:14. “All my bones are out of joint.” Hanging on the cross by the hands and feet would easily disjoin the bones, especially when we remember that the body was fixed to the frame while lying on the ground. (2) Psalm 22:17. “I may tell all My bones.” He was left hanging on the cross naked (John 19:23) and all His bones could thus easily be seen. The extension of the body and the wasting pangs of crucifixion would make the bones more prominent than usual.

XXII. HEART BROKEN

PROPHECY

“My heart is like wax: it is
melted in the midst of My
bowels” (Psalm 22:14).

FULFILLMENT

“But one of the soldiers with
a spear pierced His side and
forthwith came there out
blood and water” (John 19:34).

The blood and water running out of the pierced side presented an evidence that the heart had literally burst.

XXIII. HIS SIDE PIERCED

PROPHECY

“They shall look upon Me
whom they have pierced”
(Zechariah 12:10).

FULFILLMENT

“And one of the soldiers
with a spear pierced His side”
(John 19:34, see also verses 35-
37).

XXIV. DARKNESS OVER THE LAND

PROPHECY

“And it shall come to pass in
that day, saith the Lord God,
that I will cause the sun to go
down at noon, and I will
darken the earth in the clear
day” (Amos 8:9).

FULFILLMENT

“Now from the sixth hour
there was darkness over the
land unto the ninth hour”
(Matthew 27:45).

The Jews reckoned twelve hours from sunrise to sunset. This would make the sixth hour about noon, and the ninth hour near three o'clock.

XXV. BURIED IN A RICH MAN'S TOMB

PROPHECY

"He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death" (Isaiah 53:9).

FULFILLMENT

"When the even was come, there came a RICH MAN of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate and begged the body of Jesus....And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb" (Matt. 27:57-60).

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Such an array of prophecies, extending over so long a period of time, being so completely fulfilled in one person, all within the limits of one day, appeals to every honest mind as one of the undeniable proofs that the Scripture can be none other than the inspired Word of God, and that Jesus of Nazareth of a truth was Christ, the Son of God.

"These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing, ye might have life through His name" (John 20:31).



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES RELATING TO JESUS THE CHRIST

1. HIS FIRST ADVENT

The fact. Gen.3:15; Deut.18:15; Psa.89:20; Isa.9:6;28:16;32:1; 35:4;42:6;49:1;55:4; Ezek.34:24; Dan.2:44; Mic.4:1; Zech.3:8.

The time. Gen.49:10; Num.24:17; Dan.9:24; Mal.3:1.

His Divinity. Psalm 2:7,11;45:6,7,11;72:8;89:26,27;102:24-27; 110:1; Isa.9:6;25:9;40:10; Jer.23:6; Mic.5:2; Mal.3:1.

Human Generation. Gen.12:3;18:18;21:12;22:18;26:4;28:14; 49:10; 2 Sam.7:14; Psa.18:4-6,50;22:22,23;89:4,29,36;132:11; Isa. 11:1; Jer.23:5;33:15.

2. HIS FORERUNNER

Isa.40:3; Mal.3:1;4:5.

3. HIS NATIVITY AND EARLY YEARS

The fact. Gen.3:15; Isa.7:14; Jer.31:22.

The place. Num. 24:17,19; Mic.5:2.

Adoration by Magi. Psa.72:10,15; Isa.60:3,6.

Descent into Egypt. Hos.11:1.

Massacre of Innocents. Jer. 31:15.

4. HIS MISSION AND OFFICE

Mission. Gen.12:3;49:10; Num.24:19; Deut.18:18,19; Psa. 21:1; Isa.59:20; Jer.33:16.

Priest like Melchizedek. Psa.110:4.

Prophet like Moses. Deut.18:15.

Conversion of Gentiles. Isa.41:10; Deut.32:43; Psalm 18:49;19:4; 117:1; Isa.42:1;45:23;49:6; Hos.1:10;2:23; Joel 2:32.

Galilee. Ministry in. Isa.9:1,2.

Miracles. Isa.35:5,6;42:7;53:4,5.

Spiritual graces. Psa. 45:7; Isa.11:2;42:1;53:9;61:1,2.

Preaching. Psa.2:7;78:2; Isa.2:3;61:1; Mic.4:2.

Purification of Temple. Psa.69:9.

5. HIS PASSION

Rejection by Jews and Gentiles. Psa.2:1,2;22:12;41:5;56:5;69:8; 118:22,23; Isa.6:9,10;8:14;29:13;53:1;65:2.

Persecution. Psa.22:6;35:7,12;56:5;71:10;109:2; Isa.49:7;53:3.

Triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Psa.8:2;118:25,26; Zech.9:9.

Betrayal by own friend. Psa.41:9;55:13; Zech.13:6.

Betrayal for thirty pieces. Zech.11:12.

Betrayer's death. Psa.55:15,23;109:17.

Purchase of potter's field. Zech.11:13.

Desertion by disciples. Zech.13:7.

False accusation. Psa.2:1,2;27:12;35:11;109:2.

Silence under accusation. Psa.38:13; Isa.53:7.

Mocking. Psa.22:7,8,16;109:25.

Insult, buffeting, spitting, scourging. Psa.35:15,21; Isa.50:6.

Patience under suffering. Isa.53:7-9.

Crucifixion. Psa.22:14,17.

Gall and vinegar, offer of. Psa.69:21.

Prayer for enemies. Psa.109:4.

Cries upon the cross. Psa.22:1;31:5.

Death in prime of life. Psa.89:45;102:24.

Death with malefactors. Isa.53:9,12.

Death attested by convulsions of nature. Amos 5:20; Zech.14:4,6.

Casting lots for vesture. Psa.22:18.

Bones not to be broken. Psa.34:20.

Piercing. Psa.22:16; Zech.12:10;13:6.

Voluntary death. Psa.40:6-8.

Vicarious suffering. Isa.53:4-6,12; Dan.9:26.

Burial with the rich. Isa.53:9.

6. HIS RESURRECTION

Psa.16:8-10;30:3;41:10;118:17; Hos.6:2.

7. HIS ASCENSION

Psa. 16:11;24:7;68:18;110:1;118:19.

8. HIS SECOND ADVENT

Psa.50:3-6; Isa.9:6,7;66:18; Dan.7:13,14; Zech.12:10;14:4-8.

Dominion universal and everlasting. 1 Chron.17:11-14; Psa. 2:6-8;8:6;45:6,7;72:8;110:1-3; Isa.9:6,7; Dan.7:13,14.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus how He said, "It is more blessed (happy) to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35.

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