

# Is Jesus Christ the promised Messiah the Saviour of the world?

## INTRODUCTION

Why bother with Jesus? The **prophecies** (predictions) concerning His birth, His life, the miracles He performed, His words, death, resurrection and ascension set Him apart from all others who ever lived. Let us now examine in detail these aspects.

## PURPOSE OF THE PROPHECIES:

Jesus said, In John 14:29, “I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe Me.” Because fulfilled prophecies embolden us to trust the person who gave them.

Again prophetic messages in the Bible were given so that, they will not surprise us or cause us to be skeptical when they take place.

**Comparing the prophecies recorded in the Old Testament and their fulfillment in the New Testament of the Holy Bible hundreds of years later play a vital role in determining who the promised Messiah is.**

## Bible Prophecies and Fortune telling:

Every **Bible prophecy** originates from God and is definite. Therefore, Its fulfillment is assured, because God knows the future, He is able to fulfill and He does not lie.

Where as, **Fortune telling** originates from men. Men do not have the knowledge far into the future, so they could be wrong, and they could lie, therefore its fulfillment will be accidental and disappointing.

With that as background let us examine just 3 prophecies and their fulfillment recorded in the Holy Bible concerning the Messiah.

## ⇒ PROPHECIES and their FULFILMENT

### □ PROPHECY 1

◆ **A Messenger to Precede to bear witness of the MESSIAH: (750 BC).**

“A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough

ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

- ◆ **Announcement: of a Miraculous conception of the Messenger (1 BC),**
- In Luke 1:11-23, “Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him:
- “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth. Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” Zacharias said to the angel,
- “Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.
- “The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time.
- “Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak.

- “When his time of service was completed, he returned home.”
- ◆ **Fulfillment: Birth of the Messenger: (1AD)**
- (Luke 1: 57-66) v.57“**When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son.' ... v.62, Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John!" v.64, Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak, praising God.**”
- Luke 3:4, (just as Isaiah prophesied 40:3-5). **John's Message was, “...A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him...”**

As John was baptizing a crowd in the Jordan River, Jesus appeared and John baptized Him too. As He was praying after baptism, the **Holy Spirit descended on Him (Jesus)** in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven: “**You are My beloved Son (Jesus), ... with you I am well pleased**” (Luke 3:21-22)”. John was a witness when God announced Jesus as His beloved Son. This prophecy was fulfilled as John was baptizing Jesus.

### □ PROPHECY 2

◆ **The birth place of the Messiah: (750BC)**

In Micah 5:2, Micah the prophet wrote hundreds of years before the Messiah's birth **where He would be born.**

- “**O Bethlehem Ephratha, you are but a small Judean village, yet you will be the birth-place of my King, who is alive from everlasting ages past!**” *This prophecy pinpoints the precise location of the Messiah's birthplace.*
  - ◆ **Announcement: Decree by Caesar Augustus: to take a census.**
- Luke 2:1-3 (2BC), “In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of

Syria, and everyone went to his own town to register.”

- ◆ **Fulfillment: Mary & Joseph Registered:** under the decree (1 AD).

Luke 2:4- 5, “So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Bethlehem of Judea, to the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.”

#### □ PROPHECY 3

- ◆ **Virgin Birth of the Messiah, a Miraculous Sign to Identify the Messiah: (750BC).**

In Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah the prophet wrote the following under the inspiration of God 750 years before the birth of the promised Messiah: “All right then, the Lord Himself will choose the ‘Sign’ — a child shall be born to a virgin! And she shall call Him Emanuel (meaning, ‘God is with us’)”

- ◆ **Announcement:** (prior to birth): **Conception of the Messiah (1BC).**

“These are the facts concerning the birth of Jesus.

- In Matthew 1:18-20, “His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But while she was still a virgin she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her fiancé, being a man of stern principle, decided to break the engagement but to do it quietly, as he didn’t want to publicly disgrace her. As he lay awake considering this, he fell into a dream, and saw an angel standing beside him”
- In Matthew 1:21-22, “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “don’t hesitate to take Mary as your wife! For the child within her has been conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a Son, and you shall name him JESUS (meaning Saviour), for He will save his people from their sins. This will fulfill God’s message through his prophets.”
- “When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel commanded, and brought Mary home to be his

wife, but she remained a virgin until her Son was born” (Matthew 1:23-25).

- ◆ **Fulfillment: Birth of the Messiah”**

In Luke 2:6-7 (1AD), “While they were there (in Bethlehem) the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her first born son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room in the inn” Matthew 1:25, “ ...And he (Joseph) gave him the name ‘JESUS’ ” meaning Saviour of the world.

- Luke 1:36- 45, **Prophecy 1** was fulfilled when the Messenger, **John**, was born six months before the Messiah.
- Luke 2:6-7, **Prophecies 2 and 3** were fulfilled simultaneously when **Virgin Mary gave birth to a Son in Bethlehem** of Judea and named him Jesus according to God’s instruction. **It is AMAZING and UNBELIEVABLE!** But nothing is impossible with God!

Fulfilled prophecies guarantee us that we can trust that Jesus is the promised Messiah the Saviour of the world.

⇒ **II. MIRACLES of Jesus also bear witness that He is the MESSIAH (Luke 7:22)**

*(Magic is performed through human trickery. Miracles could be performed only by God’s mighty power.) To mention a few,*

- ◆ **He changed water into wine (John 2:11)**
- ◆ **Demoniac in the temple healed (Luke 4:34)**
- ◆ **A widow’s dead son raised from dead (Luke 7:14-15)**
- ◆ **Lazarus was raised from dead (John 11:41-44)**
- ◆ **Storm stilled (Matt. 8:27)**
- ◆ **A blind man from birth received sight (John 9:33)**
- ◆ **Deaf and dumb healed (Mark 7:35)**

Reaction from people who saw these miracles: “Since the world began there has never been anyone who could open the eyes of someone born blind. If this

man were not from God, he couldn’t do it. Many people recognized Him as the Messiah.”

⇒ **III. RESURRECTION of Jesus from the DEAD proves that He has power over death and He is the Messiah.**

- ◆ In Matthew 28:5-6 “The angel spoke to the women. ‘Don’t be frightened!’ he said, ‘I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified, but He isn’t here! For He has come back to life again, just as He said He would’ ”
- ◆ In Romans 1:4, “By being raised from the dead He proved Himself to be the Son of God with the holy nature of God Himself”
- ◆ **His resurrection from the dead also proves that there is life after death.**

Dear friend, through the fulfilled prophecies, Jesus has proved beyond a shadow of doubt that He is the promised **Messiah the Saviour of the world.**

He also said, In John 14: 6, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father (God) but through Me.” Remember,

⇒ **Only an Eternal God could fulfill Eternal Promises.**

**With so much of evidence before us, I encourage you to take a step of faith now and trust Jesus as your Saviour and Lord now.**

Perhaps you may be saying, “I believe that Jesus is the promised Messiah, the Saviour of the world. I love to receive Him as my Lord and Saviour.” If that is your desire, here is how you could receive Him.

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