

Jesus' Ministry

Prophecies about Jesus' ministry will be covered here. After each Old Testament prophecy is the New Testament fulfillment of the prophecy.

This first prophecy, although nearly fulfilled by Jesus' crucifixion, is an end time prophecy that is yet to be fulfilled also.

Christ's ministry will destroy the devil's work

Prophecy written between 1450 and 1410 BC

Genesis 3:15

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."

Partially fulfilled 30 AD.

1 John 3:8

⁸ He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Revelation 20:10

¹⁰ The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Jesus' life and ministry will be sinless

Prophecy written around 1400 BC

Exodus 12:5

⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take *it* from the sheep or from the goats.

Fulfilled 6-7 BC to 30 AD

Hebrews 9:14

¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

1 Peter 2:22

²² "Who committed no sin,
Nor was deceit found in His mouth";
was deceit found in His mouth";

Jesus made a little lower than the angels and crowned with glory and honor

Prophecy written between 1440 BC and 586 BC

Psalms 8:5-6

⁵ For You have made him a little lower than the angels,
And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;
You have put all *things* under his feet,

Fulfilled 6-7 BC

Hebrews 2:5-9

⁵For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels.

⁶But one testified in a certain place, saying:

“What is man that You are mindful of him,
Or the son of man that You take care of him?”

⁷You have made him a little lower than the angels;

You have crowned him with glory and honor,

And set him over the works of Your hands.

⁸You have put all things in subjection under his feet.”

For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing
that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things

put under him. ⁹*But we see Jesus, who was made a little*

lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with

glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

Jesus becomes our sacrifice

Prophecy written between 1440 BC and 586 BC

Psalms 40:6-8

⁶Sacrifice and offering You did not desire;

My ears You have opened.

Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.

⁷Then I said, “Behold, I come;

In the scroll of the book *it is* written of me.

⁸I delight to do Your will, O my God,

And Your law *is* within my heart.”

Fulfilled 30 AD

Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵Therefore, when He came into the world, He said:

“Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,

But a body You have prepared for Me.

⁶In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin

You had no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come—

In the volume of the book it is written of Me—

To do Your will, O God.’ ”

⁸Previously saying, “Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings,
and offerings of sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them”

(which are offered according to the law), ⁹then He said,

“Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.” He takes away the

first that He may establish the second. ¹⁰By that will we have

been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Jesus preaches righteousness

Prophecy written between 1440 BC and 586 BC

Psalm 40:9

⁹ I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness
In the great assembly;
Indeed, I do not restrain my lips,
O LORD, You Yourself know.

Fulfilled 26 to 30 AD

Matthew 4:17

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Jesus teaches in parables

Prophecy written between 1440 BC and 586 BC

Psalm 78:1-2

Give ear, O my people, to my law;
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings of old,

Fulfilled 26 to 30 AD

Matthew 13:34-35

³⁴ All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, ³⁵ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:
"I will open My mouth in parables;
I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world."

Jesus' parables fall on deaf ears

Prophecy written between 701 to 681 BC

Isaiah 6:9-10

⁹ And He said, "Go, and tell this people:
'Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'
¹⁰ "Make the heart of this people dull,
And their ears heavy,
And shut their eyes;
Lest they see with their eyes,
And hear with their ears,
And understand with their heart,
And return and be healed."

Fulfilled 26 to 30 AD

Matthew 13:13-15

¹³ Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴ And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says:
'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand,
And seeing you will see and not perceive;
¹⁵ For the hearts of this people have grown dull.

*Their ears are hard of hearing,
And their eyes they have closed,
Lest they should see with *their* eyes and hear with *their* ears,
Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn,
So that I should heal them.'*

The Messiah becomes a stumbling stone and a rock of offense

Prophecy written between 701 to 681 BC

Isaiah 8:14

¹⁴ He will be as a sanctuary,
But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense
To both the houses of Israel,
As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Fulfilled 26 to 30 AD

1 Peter 2:7-8

⁷ 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,”
⁸ and “A stone of stumbling
And a rock of offense.”
They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

Jesus' ministry begins in Galilee

Prophecy written between 701 to 681 BC

Isaiah 9:1-2

⁹ 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.

² The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them a light has shined.

Fulfilled 26 to 30 AD

Matthew 4:12-17

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles:

¹⁶ The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,
And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death
Light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

The Gentiles will seek Jesus

Prophecy written between 701 to 681 BC

Isaiah 11:10

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.”

Fulfilled 26 to 30 AD

John 12:18-21

¹⁸ For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. ¹⁹ The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, “You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!”
²⁰ Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. ²¹ Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”

Jesus heals the deaf, the blind, the mute and cleanses lepers

Prophecy written between 701 to 681 BC

Isaiah 35:5-6

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
⁶ Then the lame shall leap like a deer,
And the tongue of the dumb sing.
For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness,
And streams in the desert.

Fulfilled 26 to 30 AD

Matthew 11:2-6

² And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples ³ and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?”
⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: ⁵ *The* blind see and *the* lame walk; *the* lepers are cleansed and *the* deaf hear; *the* dead are raised up and *the* poor have the gospel preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”

Jesus is proclaimed by the voice of one crying in the wilderness

Prophecy written between 701 to 681 BC

Isaiah 40:3-4

³ The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the LORD;
Make straight in the desert
A highway for our God.
⁴ Every valley shall be exalted
And every mountain and hill brought low;

The crooked places shall be made straight
And the rough places smooth;

Fulfilled 26 to 30 AD

John 1:23

²³ He said: "I *am*

'The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

"Make straight the way of the LORD," '

as the prophet Isaiah said."

Christ's predecessor will come in the spirit of Elijah

Prophecy written between 568-433 BC.

Malachi 4:5-6

⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet
Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

⁶ And he will turn

The hearts of the fathers to the children,
And the hearts of the children to their fathers,
Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

Fulfilled around 7 BC

Matthew 11:10-15

¹⁰ For this is *he* of whom it is written:

'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,
Who will prepare Your way before You.'

¹¹ "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. ¹⁴ And if you are willing to receive *it*, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

Jesus redeems the Gentiles

Prophecy written between 701 to 681 BC

Isaiah 42:1-4

"Behold! My Servant whom I uphold,
My Elect One *in whom* My soul delights!
I have put My Spirit upon Him;
He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.

² He will not cry out, nor raise *His voice*,
Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.

³ A bruised reed He will not break,
And smoking flax He will not quench;
He will bring forth justice for truth.

⁴ He will not fail nor be discouraged,
Till He has established justice in the earth;
And the coastlands shall wait for His law."

Fulfilled 26 to 30 AD

Matthew 12:15-21

¹⁵ But when Jesus knew *it*, He withdrew from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all. Yet He warned them not to make Him known, ¹⁷ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

¹⁸ "Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen,
My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased!
I will put My Spirit upon Him,
And He will declare justice to the Gentiles.

¹⁹ He will not quarrel nor cry out,
Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets.

²⁰ A bruised reed He will not break,
And smoking flax He will not quench,
Till He sends forth justice to victory;

²¹ And in His name Gentiles will trust."

Jesus is despised and rejected

Prophecy written between 701 to 681 BC

Isaiah 53:3

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.

Fulfilled 26 to 30 AD

Luke 4:28-29

²⁸ So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, ²⁹ and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff.

Jesus preaches the gospel to the poor, heals the broken hearted and sets the captives free

Prophecy written between 701 to 681 BC

Isaiah 61:1

61 "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;

Fulfilled 26 to 30 AD

Luke 4:16-21

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.”

The Messiah will have an everlasting kingdom

Prophecy written between 540 to 530 BC

Daniel 7:13-14

¹³ “I was watching in the night visions,
And behold, *One* like the Son of Man,
Coming with the clouds of heaven!
He came to the Ancient of Days,
And they brought Him near before Him.
¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,
That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.
His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion,
Which shall not pass away,
And His kingdom *the one*
Which shall not be destroyed.

Fulfilled 26 to 30 AD

Luke 1:31-33

³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His
name JESUS. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God
will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob
forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

The Messiah brings an end to sin

Prophecy written between 540 to 530 BC

Daniel 9:24

²⁴ “Seventy weeks are determined
For your people and for your holy city,
To finish the transgression,
to make an end of sins,
To make reconciliation for iniquity,
To bring in everlasting righteousness,
To seal up vision and prophecy,
And to anoint the Most Holy.

Fulfilled 30 AD

Galatians 1:3-5

³ Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave Himself
for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God
and Father, ⁵ to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

Jerusalem rejoices as the Messiah arrives on a donkey

Prophecy written between 520 to 488 BC

Zechariah 9:9

⁹“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King is coming to you;
He *is* just and having salvation,
Lowly and riding on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.

Fulfilled 30 AD

Matthew 21:8-10

⁸ And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. ⁹ Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David!
‘Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the LORD!’
Hosanna in the highest!”
¹⁰ And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?”

The Messiah conquered death

Prophecy written between 701 to 681 BC

Isaiah 25:7-8

⁷ And He will destroy on this mountain
The surface of the covering cast over all people,
And the veil that is spread over all nations.
⁸ He will swallow up death forever,
And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces;
The rebuke of His people
He will take away from all the earth;
For the LORD has spoken.

Fulfilled 30 AD

1 Corinthians 15:54

⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

The Messiah makes a new covenant

Prophecy written between 647-580 BC.

Jeremiah 31:31

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—

Fulfilled 30 AD.

Matthew 26:28

²⁸ For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Luke 22:20

²⁰ Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

1 Corinthians 11:25

²⁵ In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.”

2 Corinthians 3:6

⁶ who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Hebrews 8:6-13

⁶ But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

⁷ For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. ⁸ Because finding fault with them, He says: “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— ⁹ not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD. ¹⁰ For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ¹¹ None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. ¹² For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

¹³ In that He says, “A new *covenant*,” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Hebrews 9:15

¹⁵ And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Hebrews 12:24

²⁴ to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than *that of* Abel.

Christ ascends to heaven and distributes gifts

Prophecy written between 1440 BC and 586 BC.

Psalm 68:18

¹⁸ You have ascended on high,
You have led captivity captive;
You have received gifts among men,
Even *from* the rebellious,
That the LORD God might dwell *there*.

Fulfilled 30 AD.

Ephesians 4:7-16

⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore He says:

"When He ascended on high,
He led captivity captive,
And gave gifts to men."

⁹ (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.