

The Prophesied Prince of Propitiation

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The Bible is God's Word, and it speaks of Christ from cover to cover. The Scriptures confirm that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah, and there are a great number of Messianic prophecies in the Old Testament. Here are a few examples:

- 4000 B.C. - The "seed of woman" would be "bruised" (Gen. 3:15 > Matt. 1:18-22)
- 1900 B.C. - He was to be the seed of Abraham (Genesis 22:18 > Matt. 1:1; Gal. 3:16)
- 1700 B.C. - He would be the last and greatest of Judah's kings (Gen. 49:10 > Matt. 1:3)
- 1000 B.C. - He was to be born of the royal lineage of David (2 Sam. 7:12 > Matt. 1:1)
- 1000 B.C. - He was to die, but His flesh would not see corruption (Psa. 16:10 > Acts 2:27)
- 1000 B.C. - His hands and feet were to be pierced (Psalm 22:16 > Matt. 27:35)
- 1000 B.C. - People were going to gamble for His garments (Psa. 22:18 > Matt. 27:35)
- 1000 B.C. - He was to have no bones broken (Psalm 34:20 > John 19:36)
- 1000 B.C. - He was to be betrayed by a friend (Psalm 41:9 > John 13:18-30)
- 1000 B.C. - He was to be given gall and vinegar to drink (Psa. 69:21 > Matt. 27:34)
- 1000 B.C. - Enemies would shake their heads at Him (Psa. 109:25 > Matt. 27:39)
- 740 B.C. - He was to be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14 > Matt. 1:22-23)
- 740 B.C. - He was to be gentle and compassionate (Isaiah 42:1-4 > Matt. 9:36)
- 740 B.C. - He was to be spat upon and beaten (Isaiah 50:6 > Matt. 26:67)
- 740 B.C. - He was silent as a lamb before His accusers (Isa. 53:7 > Matt. 26:62-63)
- 740 B.C. - Was to be numbered with transgressors, criminals (Isa. 53:12 > Mk. 15:27)
- 735 B.C. - The exact location of His birth was foretold (Micah 5:2 > Matt. 2:1)
- 600 B.C. - He would set up His kingdom during Roman reign (Daniel 2:44 > Luke 2:1)
- 520 B.C. - Was to be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver (Zech. 11:12-13 > Matt. 26:15)
- 520 B.C. - The firstborn, only Son would be pierced in Jerusalem (Zech. 12:10 > Jn. 19:37)
- 520 B.C. - God's own companion would be smitten, and the sheep would scatter (Zech. 13:7 > Matt. 26:31, 56)

That was only twenty-one prophecies, but scholars have estimated that there are hundreds of prophecies which were fulfilled by Christ! Several years ago the Professor Emeritus of Science at Westmont College, Peter Stoner, set out to calculate the odds of such prophecies being fulfilled by one man. Stoner concluded that "Any man who rejects Christ as the Son of God is rejecting a fact, proved perhaps more absolutely than any other fact in the world." Jesus Christ was truly the eternal Word who became flesh to die for us (John 1:14; Romans 5:8). Of course, such detailed, accurate prophecies also show that the Bible must have come from God!