

Fulfilled: Through Fulfillment of Prophecy

Introduction

1. **Do we truly believe in God's Word?**

2. **The Bible says in 2 Timothy 3:16-17:**

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

3. **Why is it that we sometimes have trouble letting God's inspired Word guide our life?**

A. I believe the answer to that is **FAITH!**

4. **I think of Noah as God used him to show that man can only be saved through obedience to His Word.**

Genesis 6:5-9, 14-15, 22 (Make Comments)

5. **I also think of Abraham when he was called by God long ago. There was no written Word or any guide for Abraham to have foreknown. God called, Abraham responded.**

Genesis 12:1-5 (Make Comments)

- 6. I use these two examples to make this point:**
- A. The righteous, God fearing men of long ago responded faithfully to God's Word to them. They trusted in their God!**
- 1) Today, mankind has so much more at his fingertips. **God's Holy inspired Word!****
 - 2) It is through the Word, the Bible, that we can **KNOW** exactly how to build our life into the structure that God would have it.**
 - 3) We can **be fulfilled** through fulfillment of prophecy. Prophecies of Christ, Fulfilled in Christ**

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- 1. There are over 300 Old Testament prophecies concerning Christ that were fulfilled in Christ.**
- 2. Why are these prophecies important for us today?**

A. By first understanding that God's Word is inspired, we then can gain a **deeper conviction of the Word by looking at the prophecies fulfilled in Christ.**
- 3. Let's look at just a handful of some of these fulfilled prophecies this morning:**

A. Christ would be the heir to the throne of David.**Prophecy: 750 B.C.**

Isaiah 9:7 Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice **from that time forward, even forever**. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

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Luke 1:32-33 "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. And **He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.**"

B. Christ would be born of a virgin.**Prophecy:**

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

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Luke 1:26-27, 30-31 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "And behold, **you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus.**

C. Christ would be called out of Egypt.

Prophecy: 755 B.C.

Hosea 11:1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.

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Matthew 2:14-15 When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

D. The way was to be prepared for Christ.

Prophecy:

Isaiah 40:3-5 The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

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Luke 3:3-6 And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough ways smooth; And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

E. Christ would be a prophet like Moses.**Prophecy:**

Deuteronomy 18:15 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,

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Acts 3:20-22 "and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.'"

F. Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem one week before His crucifixion.**Prophecy: 520 B.C.**

Zechariah 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."

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Mark 11:7-9 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'

G. Christ would not be believed.

Prophecy:

Isaiah 53:1-4 **Who has believed our report?** And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. 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. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

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John 12:37-41 But although He had done so many signs before them, **they did not believe in Him**, that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eyes, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them."

H. Christ would become the ultimate sacrifice for us.

Prophecy:

Isaiah 53:5-6 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. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; **and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

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Romans 5:6-8 For when we were still without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly**. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us.**

We're Fulfilled Because Christ Fulfilled Prophecy

1. **These prophecies concerning Christ are recorded so that we can fully believe in our Lord. These along with the many miracles that Christ performed should strengthen our faith, trust, and hope in Jesus.**

- A. **JOHN wrote:**

John 20:30-31 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

2. **How can we have life in His name?**

- A. **Paul wrote:**

Galatians 3:26-29

- B. **It is only through Baptism that we can be saved.**

1 Peter 3:20-21

3. **It is only in Christ that we can be fulfilled!**

Hebrews 5:9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

Conclusion

1. **Jesus came to this earth to give us the “abundant life.”**

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

2. **We can be strengthened in our faith knowing that the stories of old and the fulfilled prophecies concerning Christ are evidence that the Bible truly is the inspired Word of God!**

3. **We must believe it!**

4. **We have more proof at our fingertips today than the Israelites or the first century Christians ever had. Therefore, we must believe it!**

A. **The mystery has been revealed!**

5. **The apostle Paul wrote: Ephesians 3:2-6**

6. **The mystery has been revealed! We MUST BELIEVE IT!**

A. **Whether we believe it or not, these things are fact. Is our hearts ready to stand before God in judgment, ready to give an account as to why we have or have not believed in His Son?**

2 Corinthians 5:10 For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad....

