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CLASS # 12

“Prophecy: History in Advance



OBJECTIVE: While the Bible as a book of prophecy has prophecies concerning people, places, and events, the main topic of the prophecies is Jesus! There are about 300 prophecies surrounding the birth, life and ministry of Jesus, and about the same number of prophecies concerning His second coming. This week we will look at 30 (about 10%) of the prophecies concerning the first coming of Jesus.

30 Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus

(1) THE PROMISE IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS THAT JESUS WOULD COME THROUGH THE FAMILY TREE OF ABRAHAM (about 2,000 B.C.)

Prophecy in Genesis 12:3:

“I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you” (Genesis 12:3).

Fulfillment:

“And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, ‘Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.’ When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways” (Acts 3:25–26).

(2) JESUS WOULD COME FROM THE SON OF ABRAHAM NAMED ISSAC

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“Then God said, ‘Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him’” (Genesis 17:19).

Fulfillment:

“Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham’s children. On the contrary, ‘It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned’” (Romans 9:7).

(3) **KING DAVID** (about 1,000 B.C.) – A DECENDENT OF ABRAHAM – WOULD HAVE AN ETERNAL KINGDOM

Prophecy:

“When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever” (2 Samuel 7:12–13).

Fulfillment:

“This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham” (Matthew 1:1)

(4) JESUS WOULD BE **BORN OF A VIRGIN** (Isaiah about 700 B.C.)

Prophecy:

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14).

Fulfillment:

“The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:35).

(5) JESUS WOULD GO TO **EGYPT**

Prophecy:



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“When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son” (Hosea 11:1).

Fulfillment:

“So he [Joseph] got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: ‘Out of Egypt I called my son’” (Matthew 2:14–15).

(6) JESUS WOULD BE BORN IN BETHLEHEM (The City of Bread)

Prophecy:

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times.” (Micah 5:2).

Fulfillment:

“When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ‘In Bethlehem in Judea,’ they replied, ‘for this is what the prophet has written:

“‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.’” (Matthew 2:4–6).

(7) JESUS WOULD BE THE SINLESS, SPOTLESS LAMB OF GOD THAT TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD

Prophecy:

“The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats” (Exodus 12:5).

Fulfillment:



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“How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!” (Hebrews 9:14)

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(8) JESUS WOULD BE THE ONLY PERFECT SACRIFICE

Prophecy:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—
but my ears you have opened—
burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.
Then I said, “Here I am, I have come—
it is written about me in the scroll.
I desire to do your will, my God;
your law is within my heart” (Psalm 40:6–8).

Fulfillment:

“Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

‘Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.’
“Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—
I have come to do your will, my God.’”

“First he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them’—though they were offered in accordance with the law. Then he said, ‘Here I am, I have come to do your will.’ He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all” (Hebrews 10:5–10).

14. Jesus would teach in parables

Prophecy:

“My people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.



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I will open my mouth with a parable;

I will utter hidden things, things from of old” (Psalm 78:1–2)

Fulfillment:

“Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

‘I will open my mouth in parables,

I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world” (Matthew 13:34–35).

(9) JESUS WOULD USES LOTS OF PARABLES IN HIS TEACHING

Prophecy:

“He said, ‘Go and tell this people:

“Be ever hearing, but never understanding;
be ever seeing, but never perceiving.’

Make the heart of this people calloused;
make their ears dull
and close their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed” (Isaiah 6:9–10).

Fulfillment:

“This is why I speak to them in parables:

‘Though seeing, they do not see;
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

“‘You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.
For this people’s heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.



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Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them””” (Matthew 13:13–15).

(10) MANY WOULD ‘STUMBLE’ OVER THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

Prophecy:

“He will be a holy place;
for both Israel and Judah he will be
a stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.
And for the people of Jerusalem he will be
a trap and a snare” (Isaiah 8:14).

Fulfillment:

1 Peter 2:7-8

⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,

⁸ and, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message--which is also what they were destined for.

(11) MUCH OF JESUS MINISTRY AROUND THE REGION OF THE GALILEE

Prophecy:

“Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned” (Isaiah 9:1–2).

Fulfillment:



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“When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

‘Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.’

“From that time on Jesus began to preach, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near’” (Matthew 4:12–17).

(12) JESUS HAD A MINISTRY ALSO DIRECTED TO THE GENTILES (Gentiles are all the other nations that are not Jewish, the descendants of Abraham)

Prophecy:

“In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious” (Isaiah 11:10).

Fulfillment:

“Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. So the Pharisees said to one another, ‘See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!’

“Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. ‘Sir,’ they said, ‘we would like to see Jesus’” (John 12:18–21).

(13) JESUS MINISTRY WOULD BE A MIRACLE MINISTRY

Prophecy:

“Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.



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Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert” (Isaiah 35:5–6).

Fulfillment:

“When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?’

“Jesus replied, ‘Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me’” (Matthew 11:2–6).

(14) JOHN THE BAPTIST WHO CAME BEFORE JESUS WAS PROPHESED

Prophecy:

“A voice of one calling:
‘In the wilderness prepare
the way for the Lord;
make straight in the desert
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’” (Isaiah 40:3–4).

Fulfillment:

“John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, ‘I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, “Make straight the way for the Lord”’” (John 1:23).

(14) THE REJECTION OF JESUS WAS PROPHESED

Prophecy:

“He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem” (Isaiah 53:3).



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Fulfillment:

“All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff” (Luke 4:28–29).

(15) THE PROPHECIES SAID JESUS WOULD SET CAPTIVES FREE

Prophecy:

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners” (Isaiah 61:1)

Fulfillment:

“He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’

“Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, ‘Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing’” (Luke 4:16–21).

(16) JESUS KINGDOM WOULD BE AN EVERLASTING / ETERNAL KINGDOM

Prophecy:

“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He



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was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed” (Daniel 7:13–14).

Fulfillment:

“You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end” (Luke 1:31–33).

(17) ON PALM SUNDAY JESUS COMES INTO JERUSALEM ON A DONKEY

Prophecy:

“Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you,
righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey” (Zechariah 9:9).

Fulfillment:

“A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

‘Hosanna to the Son of David!’

‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’

‘Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

“When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, ‘Who is this?’”
(Matthew 21:8–10)

(18) JUDAS WOULD BETRAY HIM FOR 30 PIECES OF SILVER

Prophecy:



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“I told them, ‘If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it.’ So they paid me thirty pieces of silver.

“And the Lord said to me, ‘Throw it to the potter’—the handsome price at which they valued me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter at the house of the Lord” (Zechariah 11:12–13).

Fulfillment:

“The chief priests picked up the coins and said, ‘It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.’ So they decided to use the money to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: ‘They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, and they used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me’” (Matthew 27:6–10).

(19) JESUS WOULD BE THE FINAL PASSOVER LAMB

Prophecy:

“Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, ‘Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe.

‘None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

‘Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. And when your children ask you, “What does this ceremony mean to you?” then tell them, “It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.”’ Then the people bowed down and worshiped” (Exodus 12:21–27).

Fulfillment:

“Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed” (1 Corinthians 5:7).



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(20) THEY BROKE THE BONES OF CRUCIFIED PEOPLE, THE PROHECY SAID JESUS WOULD NOT HAVE ANY OF HIS BONES BROKEN!

Prophecy:

“It must be eaten inside the house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones” (Exodus 12:46).

Fulfillment:

“Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus’ side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: ‘Not one of his bones will be broken’” (John 19:31–36)

(21) JESUS NOT ONLY WOULD DIE, BUT RESURRECTION WAS PROPHSIED

Prophecy:

“Oh, that my words were recorded,
that they were written on a scroll,
that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead,
or engraved in rock forever!
I know that my redeemer lives,
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.
And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God;
I myself will see him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!” (Job 19:23–27)

Fulfillment:

“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. Very truly I tell you, a time is



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coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned” (John 5:24–29).

(22) JESUS WOULD BE MOCKED

Prophecy:

“‘He trusts in the Lord,’ they say,
‘let the Lord rescue him.
Let him deliver him,
since he delights in him’” (Psalm 22:8).

Fulfillment:

“‘He saved others,’ they said, ‘but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, “I am the Son of God”’” (Matthew 27:42–43).

(23) JESUS HANDS AND FEET WOULD BE PIERCED

Prophecy:

“Dogs surround me,
a pack of villains encircles me;
they pierce my hands and my feet” (Psalm 22:16).

Fulfillment:

“These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: ‘Not one of his bones will be broken,’ and, as another scripture says, ‘They will look on the one they have pierced’” (John 19:36–37).

(24) THEY WOULD CAST LOTS FOR HIS CLOTHING

Prophecy:



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“They divide my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment” (Psalm 22:18).

Fulfillment:

“When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

‘Let’s not tear it,’ they said to one another. ‘Let’s decide by lot who will get it.’

“This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,

‘They divided my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.’

“So this is what the soldiers did” (John 19:23–24).

(25) JESUS EXACT WORDS ON THE CROSS PROPHESED

Prophecy:

“Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, Lord, my faithful God” (Psalm 31:5).

Fulfillment:

“Jesus called out with a loud voice, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.’ When he had said this, he breathed his last” (Luke 23:46).

(25) JESUS WAS ABANDONED (lots of prophecies in this psalm)

Prophecy:

“Because of all my enemies,
I am the utter contempt of my neighbors
and an object of dread to my closest friends—
those who see me on the street flee from me” (Psalm 31:11).

Fulfillment:



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“Then everyone deserted him and fled” (Mark 14:50).

(26) JESUS STAYS QUIET WHEN ACCUSED

Prophecy:

“Those who want to kill me set their traps,
those who would harm me talk of my ruin;
all day long they scheme and lie.
I am like the deaf, who cannot hear,
like the mute, who cannot speak” (Psalm 38:12–13)

Fulfillment:

“When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate asked him, ‘Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?’ But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor” (Matthew 27:12–14).

(27) HE WILL NOT SEE DECAY (another resurrection prophecy)

Prophecy:

“Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.
You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand” (Psalm 16:9–11).

Fulfillment:

“Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay” (Acts 2:31).

(27) EVEN HIS CLOSE FOLLOWERS ABANDON HIM

Prophecy:



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“Even my close friend,
someone I trusted,
one who shared my bread,
has turned against me” (Psalm 41:9).

Fulfillment:

“I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill this

(28) THEY WOULD TRY AND GIVE HIM GALL AND VINEGAR, HE WOULD REJECT IT

Prophecy:

“They put gall in my food
and gave me vinegar for my thirst” (Psalm 69:21).

Fulfillment:

“There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it” (Matthew 27:34).

(29) ANOTHER RESURRECTION PROPHECY

Prophecy:

“I will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
The Lord has chastened me severely,
but he has not given me over to death” (Psalm 118:17–18).

Fulfillment:

“In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: “The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again”’” (Luke 24:5–7).

(30) JESUS CONQUERS DEATH!!



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Prophecy:

“On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people’s disgrace
from all the earth.
The Lord has spoken” (Isaiah 25:7–8).

Fulfillment:

“When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory’” (1 Corinthians 15:54).

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