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***Messianic  
Prophecies***

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# ***What It Is Exile?***

- **In-depth**
- **Focused**
- **Minimized distraction**



# ***What To Expect?***

- Questions are good... just wait until a question time.
- We will take short breaks every hour or so.
- These slides are available.



# ***Where Are We Going?***

- **Introduction-**
  - **Definition and explanation of the term “Messiah.”**
  - **What constitutes a Messianic prophecy?**
    - **Differences between prophecies and parallels.**
  - **A primer on understanding Biblical prophecy.**
  - **Reliability of Old Testament sources.**
  - **A primer on probabilities.**



# ***Where Are We Going?***

- **Main Topic-**
  - **An overview of Messianic prophecies.**
  - **An in-depth look at some Messianic prophecies.**
    - **Historical & cultural significance.**
    - **The New Testament fulfillment through Jesus Christ.**



# ***Where Are We Going?***

- **Conclusion-**
  - **So what is the probability?**
  - **Why does this even matter?**
  - **How could the Jews have missed the messiah?**
  - **What does this mean for us?**



# ***Abbreviations***

- **OT- Old Testament**
- **NT- New Testament**
- **MP- Messianic Prophecy (ies)**
- **Xian- Christian**
- **DSS- Dead Sea Scrolls**
- **MT- Masoretic Texts**



# ***A Word on Evidence***

- This study is ultimately about looking at evidence of a divine being that is personally involved in the lives and history of mankind.
- God has made a point to reveal himself to us in many ways.
- The ways in which God reveals himself to us are known in theology as “revelations.”



# ***Types of Revelation***

- **There are two primary types of divine revelation.**
  - **General**
  - **Special**



# ***General Revelation***

- This form of revelation is the way in which we see God or the evidence of God through the created universe.
- This can be through sciences (biology, chemistry, etc.)
- This can be through logic and philosophy.



# ***Special Revelation***

- This revelation is not a general- everybody can see it- type of revelation.
- The Bible, as the inspired & inerrant word of God, is the primary mode of Special Revelation.
- God gave us this in order to study it, understand it, and to be strengthened and changed by it.
- We always need to keep the divine inspiration of Scripture at the forefront of our mind.



# ***Questions?***



# ***Introduction***

- **What does does the word “Messiah” mean?**
- **Where does the word come from?**



# ***Messiah***

- “Anointed One” is used.
- The term Messiah not used in the Old Testament but a fully developed doctrine by the second century BC.
- Messianic theme is found throughout the Old Testament.



# ***Biblical Description***

- One who is set apart.
- From the line of David.
- Servant of God.
- An end-times deliverer.
- A redeemer from sin.
- Just and righteous ruler.



# ***Definition***

**“The Messiah is the eschatological, royal, Servant of the Lord, springing from the Davidic dynasty, who is consecrated by God to provide redemption from sin, bring deliverance for Israel, rule the world, and establish a kingdom of peace, justice, and righteousness.”**

**-The Moody Handbook of Messianic Prophecy, pp. 32-33-**



# ***Titles of The Messiah***

- Son of God
- Son of Man
- Son of David
- Teacher
- Servant of the Lord
- Prophet Like Moses
- Immanuel
- Wonderful Counselor
- Mighty God
- Father of Eternity
- Prince of Peace
- Branch of the Lord
- Lord of Our Righteousness
- The One Shepherd
- Light to the Nations



# ***Questions?***



# ***What Makes A Prophecy?***

- **How can we know whether a passage is prophecy?**
- **How can we know if a passage should be considered Messianic?**
- **Difference between Messianic prophecy and Messianic parallels.**



# ***Messianic Models***

- Hengstenberg
- Von Hoffman
- Sailhamer



# ***Hengstenberg***

- Ernst Wilhelm Hengstenberg (1802-1869)
- He believed that the work that God did within the world was done primarily through specific divine interventions.
- Essentially he saw miracles, such as the incarnation, as major events with little long term effects.
- He viewed OT Messianic prophecies as puzzle pieces that one would need to go to the NT to see the picture of the puzzle so it could be put back together the way it should be.



# ***Von Hoffmann***

- **Christian Konrad von Hoffmann- (1810-1877)**
  - **Essentially focused more on history as being Messianic than Scripture. The history that Israel experienced was Messianic in and of itself.**
  - **The whole story, Scripture and history, become Messianic.**
- “It is a long way between the death of an animal whose skin covered [man’s] nakedness, and the death of the Son of God whose righteousness covers [man’s] sin. Yet these are like the beginning and the end of the same journey.”**



- He took many of the biblical stories to be less realistic than previous generations. Nile blood was not actually blood.
- Since the OT was simply a history, then MP within it could not be used to defend the validity of Christianity. History could but prophecy could not. History, not miracles, defends Christianity.



# ***Sailhamer***

- **Proposition #1:**
  - **Prophecy As Prediction and Identification**
  - **The OT can be used to look forward to events as well as to correctly ID events (or people) that have already come.**
- **“The OT not only predicts the coming of a Messiah; it also describes and identifies that Messiah.”**

Moody Handbook, pg. 49



# ***Sailhamer***

- **Proposition #2:**
  - **The OT Messianic Vision Moving Toward Greater Cohesiveness**
- **While the Messianic pieces might seem fractured and disjointed, they move to a greater cohesiveness and clarity as the OT is written (not in chronological order but as the books are put together.)**



# ***Sailhamer***

- **Proposition #3:**
  - **The Hebrew Bible as Both Text and Commentary**
  - **Scripture should be interpreted using Scripture.**
  - **The OT gives us information but also comments on other aspects of the OT to help us understand and corroborate it.**



# ***Jewish Views of MP***

- **Jewish rabbis have quite a robust idea of what are Messianic prophecies.**
- **Mishnas, the Talmud, etc all show the vast amount of research that has been down on the matter.**



# ***Prophecy or Parallel?***

- There are many OT characters that we can draw parallels from in the life of Christ.
- They are not meant to be prophecies about who Christ would be or what he would do, just a parallel to see God's plan throughout history.
- Moses, Joseph, David, etc.



# ***Parallelism***

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# ***Prophecy Primer***

- **The Bible is full of prophecies.**
- **There are countless ways in which people interpret prophecies.**
- **Scripturally, the gift of prophecy usually has much less to do with foretelling the future and focuses on stating the truth, i.e. Jonah.**
- **Biblical prophecy is often designed to see in hindsight.**



# ***Looking Forward?***

- **Biblical prophecies, especially Messianic prophecies, are often best seen looking back over past events.**
- **Remember that God could have made things crystal clear, if he willed it. He obviously did not. The “mystery” of the Gospel and Scripture is an important aspect.**



# ***Prophetic Purpose***

- The primary purpose of Biblical prophecy is to call people to God. Sometimes to initially call them, sometimes to call them back.
- There is always a godly and intentional purpose to prophecy.



# ***What Make Them Special?***

- **Specificity**
- **Time between prophecy and fulfillment.**
- **Accuracy**



# ***Source of Prophecy***

- The existence of prophecy begs the question: Where does it come from?
- It would follow that in order for a future event to be foretold, there would have to be foreknowledge of events that would take place.
- Therefore, we see that prophecy has to be something that is intentionally given to a person by some omniscient force.



# ***Questions?***



# ***Reliability of OT***

- Archaeological
- Historical
- Textual
- Dead Sea Scrolls
  - Isaiah Example
  - 4Q246 Example
- Scientific



# ***Archaeological***

- **There has never been an archaeological discovery that has disproved any events found the in OT.**
- **Dead Sea Scrolls**
- **Tel Dan Stele- earliest mention of “house of David.”**
- **Hezekiah Tunnel- Inscription and tunnels described in Bible.**
- **Cyrus Cylinder- Talk of exiles being allowed to return.**



# ***Historical***

- Many events that we have recorded in the OT are corroborated by histories of other nations and cultures.
- Worldwide flood
  - Almost every culture in the world has a flood tradition. Epic of Gilgamesh is one of the most robust and matches many details of the OT account.



# ***Textual***

- Is the OT that we have today an accurate representation of what was part of the original autographs?
- Dead Sea Scrolls
  - Qumran- Essenes
  - 1946



# 1QISA



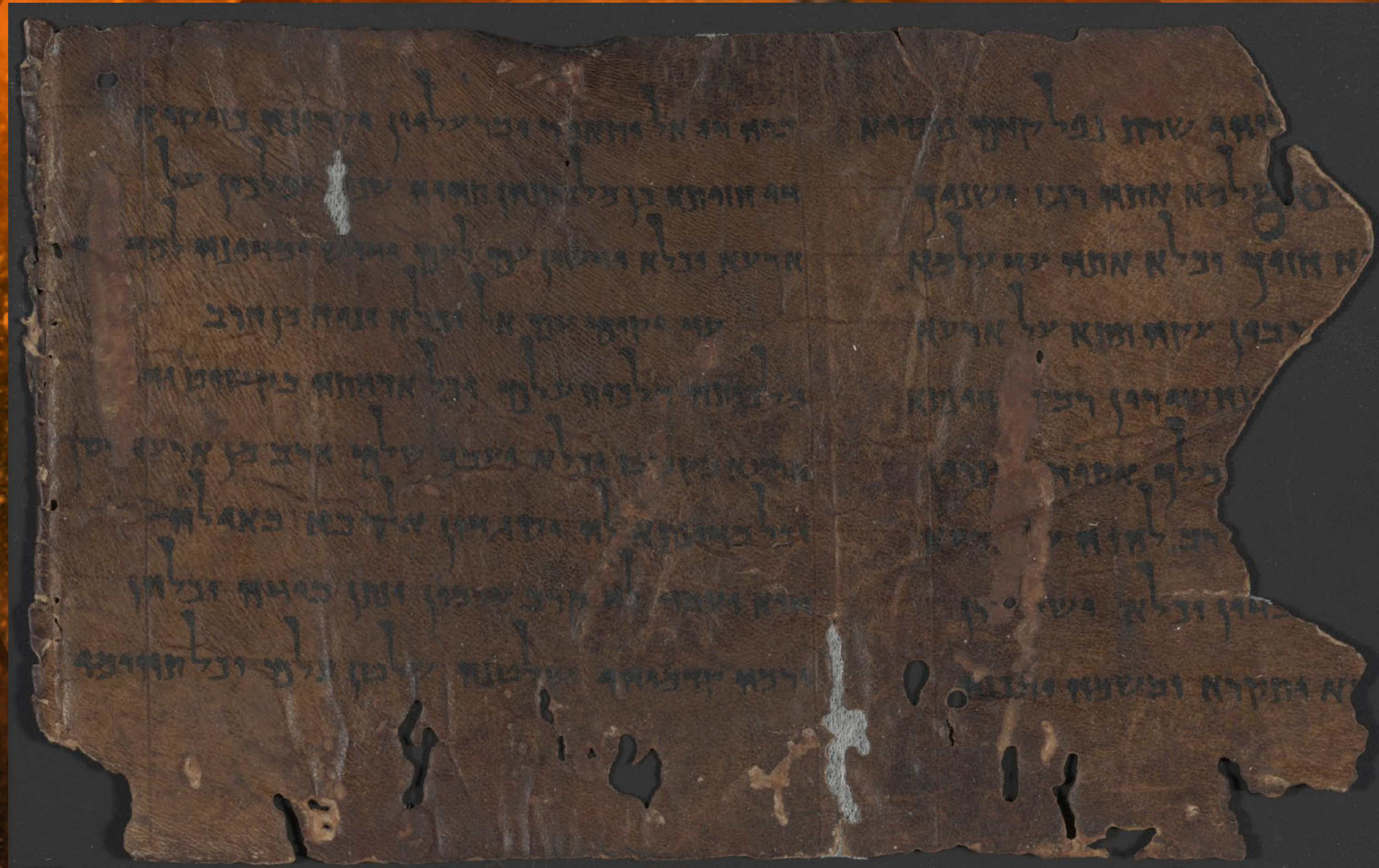


# ***Great Isaiah Scroll***

- Of all of the DSS, the Isaiah Scroll is the most intact.
- 17 sheets of parchment, 24 feet long, 10 inches tall.
- Dates to 125 BC.
- 95% the same, the differences are minor and no change in meaning.



# DSS 4Q346





# **DSS 4Q246**

- **Small fragment discovered in Cave 4 in 1958.**
- **1st century BC.**
- **Some sort of Daniel-ish character.**
- **Some people argue that Xians added the “Son of God” theme after it spread into Greco-Roman culture.**
- **This scroll proves the concepts predated even Jesus himself.**



# 4Q246

- 4 terms that match 4 terms in the annunciation of Jesus birth by Gabriel.
- Great
- Son of the Most Hight
- Kingdom Would Last Forever
- Son of God



# **Luke 1:32-35 (ESV)**

He will be **great** and will be called the **Son of the Most High**. And the Lord God will give to 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.**” And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the **Son of God**.”



# ***Scientific***

- **Basic sanitation & hygiene.**
- **Earthenware vs. bronze.**
- **Infectious Disease.**



# ***Leviticus 6:28***

**And the earthenware vessel in which it is boiled shall be broken.  
But if it is boiled in a bronze vessel, that shall be scoured and  
rinsed in water.**



# ***Numbers 19:14-17***

**“This is the law when someone dies in a tent: everyone who comes into the tent and everyone who is in the tent shall be unclean seven days. And every open vessel that has no cover fastened on it is unclean. Whoever in the open field touches someone who was killed with a sword or who died naturally, or touches a human bone or a grave, shall be unclean seven days. For the unclean they shall take some ashes of the burnt sin offering, and fresh water shall be added in a vessel.**



# ***OT Validity***

- **As we can see, there are numerous ways in which we can show that the OT is a reliable document.**
- **So it can stand to reason that if the OT is reliable in those areas, that it is reliable in other areas too.**



# ***Probabilities***

- **Probability, at its simplest form, is the chance of one thing happening a certain way instead of not happening that certain way.**
- **Two Examples:**
  - **Head or Tails?**
  - **Rolling the Dice**



# ***Heads or Tails?***

- Coin has two sides.
- What is the probability of flipping the coin and heads coming up?
- 1 out of 2 times or 50%





# ***Rolling the Dice***

- **Dice, typically, have 6 sides.**
- **What is the probability of rolling any particular number?**
- **1 out of 6**





# ***Questions?***



# ***The Prophecies***

- The Stoner Study
- Other OT prophecies.



# ***The Stoner Study***

- Study done with over 600 students looking at eight MP from the OT and assigning a very conservative probability to each of them.
- The probability is of each one happening to a single individual.



# ***MP: Micah 5:2***

**But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.**



# ***Fulfilled: Luke 2:4-6***

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

**Probability:**

**$2.8 \times 10^5$**



# **Methodology**

**“The best estimate which we can make of this comes from the attempt to find out the average population of Bethlehem, from Micah down to the present time, and divide it by the average population of the earth during the same period. One member of the class was an assistant in the library so he was assigned to get this information. He reported at the next meeting that the best determination of the ratio that he could determine was one to 280,000. Since the probable population of the earth has averaged less than two billion, the population of Bethlehem has averaged less than 7,150. Our answer may be expressed in the form that one man in  $7,150/2,000,000,000$  or one man in  $2.8 \times 10^5$  was born in Bethlehem.”**

**Stoner, Pg. 47.**



# ***MP: Malachi 3:1***

**“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.**



# ***Fulfilled: Matt 10:10-11***

This is he of whom it is written, “ ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

**Probability:**

**1 in  $10^3$**



# ***MP: Zechariah 9:9***

**Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**



# ***Fulfilled: John 12:14-15***

And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

**Probability:**

**1 in  $10^2$**



# ***MP: Zechariah 13:6***

**And if one asks him, ‘What are these wounds on your back?’ he will say, ‘The wounds I received in the house of my friends.’**



# ***Fulfilled: Luke 27:47-48***

**While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?”**

**Probability:**

**1 in  $10^3$**



# ***MP: Zechariah 11:12***

Then I said to them, “If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, keep them.” And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver.



# ***Fulfilled: Matt 26:14-15***

Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.

**Fulfilled:**

**1 in  $10^3$**



# ***MP: Zechariah 11:13***

**Then the Lord said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—the lordly price at which I was priced by them. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord, to the potter.**



# ***Fulfilled: Matt 27:5-7***

And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.” So they took counsel and bought with them the potter’s field as a burial place for strangers.

**Probability:**

**1 in  $10^5$**



# ***MP: Isaiah 53:7***

**He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;  
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before  
her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.**



# ***Fulfilled: Matt 26:63***

But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.”

**Probability:**

**1 in  $10^3$**



# ***MP: Psalm 22:16***

**For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—**



# ***Fulfilled: Luke 23:33***

**And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.**

**Probability:**

**1 in 10<sup>4</sup>**



# ***Results***

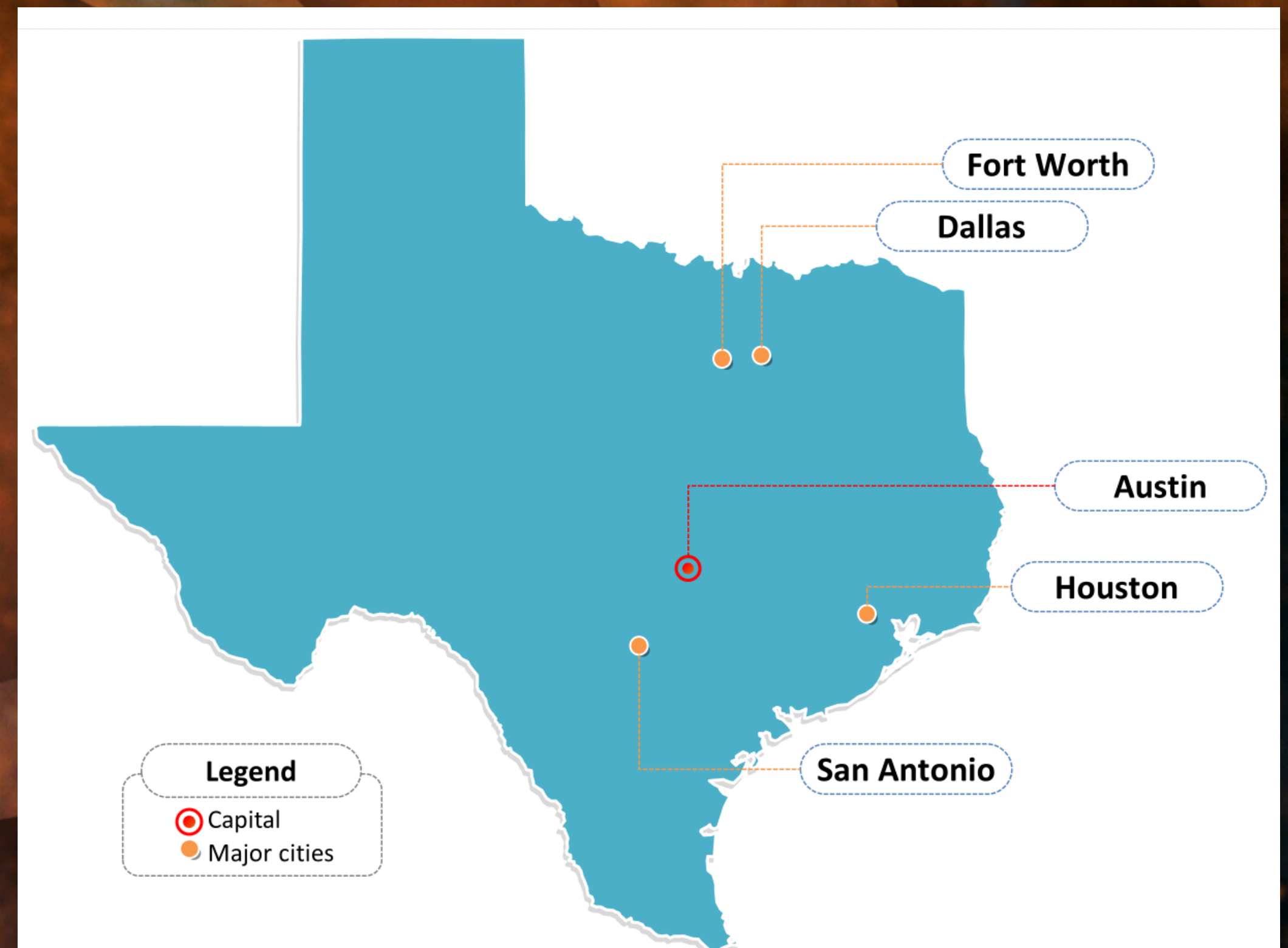
- One man in how many men would be able to randomly fulfill all eight of these prophecies?
- 1 in  $2.8 \times 10^5 \times 10^3 \times 10^2 \times 10^3 \times 10^5 \times 10^3 \times 10^4 = 1$  in  $2.8 \times 10^{28}$
- Simplify it to be just 1 in  $10^{28}$
- 1 in 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000



- **What if the question was what is the chance of any man that has lived from the days of the prophecies to now and fulfilled all eight?**
- **Uses the number of 88 Billion people have lived or  $8.8 \times 10^{10}$**
- **Divide the population by the probability.**
- **That would be 1 in  $10^{17}$  or 100,000,000,000,000,000.**



# Example





# ***Example***

- Take  $10^{17}$  silver dollars and lay them on the surface of the entire state of Texas.
- That will cover Texas two feet deep.
- Mark one silver dollar with red paint. Then mix them all up.
- You get to pick one and only one, blindfolded.
- What do you think your chances are?



# ***Questions?***



# ***The Other Prophecies***

- Genesis 3:15
- Job 19:23-27 (2)
- Psalm 22 (5)
- Psalm 34:20
- Isaiah 7:14
- Isaiah 50:6
- Isaiah 52 & 53 (6)
- Jeremiah 31 (2)
- Daniel 9 (5)
- Hosea 11:1
- Zechariah 12:10



# ***Book of Genesis***

- **Date Written: 1145-1405 BC**
- **Author: Moses**



# ***MP: Genesis 3:15***

**I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”**



# ***Fulfilled: 1 John 3:8***

**Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.**



# ***A Word...***

- **Some prophecies are fulfilled when we look at the NT as a whole. There are not always verses that say “this is the fulfillment...”**
- **Notice that the curse in Genesis says the seed of the woman, this points to the virgin birth.**



# ***Book of Job***

- **Date Written: Probably 2000 BC**
- **Author: Job**



# ***MP: Job 19:23-27***

**“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!**



# ***Fulfilled: John 5:25-29***

**“Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, 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 execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.**



# ***Fulfilled: Revelation 14:1a***

**Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb,**



# ***Book of Psalms***

- **Date Written: 1410-450 BC**
- **Author: Numerous**



# ***Psalm 22***

- **Full of MP.**
- **So explicitly a MP that a word was changed in the Masoretic text to look less like Jesus as the Messiah.**



# ***MP: Psalm 22:1***

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?**



# ***Fulfilled: Matt 27:46***

**And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**



# ***MP: Psalm 22:14-15***

**I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.**



# ***Fulfilled: John 19:28***

**After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”**



# ***MP: Psalm 22:16***

**For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—**



# ***Fulfilled: John 19:18***

**There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.**



# ***Interesting Facts***

- In the Masoretic texts (the Scripture the Jews use today) the phrase “they have pierced” is changed to the word “like a lion.” It only requires a very minor change to one letter.
- The MT was done roughly 1000 AD.
- The DSS proves the text should be as the OT says.



“LIKE A LION”

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# ***MP: Psalm 22:18***

**they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they  
cast lots.**



# ***Fulfilled: John 19:23-24***

**When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things,**



# ***MP: Psalm 34:20***

**He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.**



# ***Fulfilled: John 19:33-36***

**But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.”**



# ***Book of Isaiah***

- **Date Written: 700-681 BC**
- **Author: Isaiah**



# ***MP: 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.**



# ***Fulfilled: Matt 1:20-23***

**But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).**



# ***MP: Isaiah 50:6***

**I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.**



# ***Fulfilled: Matt 26:67***

Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him,



# ***Isaiah 52-53***

- **52:13-53:12**
- **Full of MP.**
- **Remember, we have The Great Isaiah Scroll from the DSS.**
- **This is irrefutable evidence that these MP predate Jesus by well over a century.**
- **Perhaps the most specific Messianic prophecy in the OT.**



# ***MP: Isaiah 52:14***

**As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—**



# ***Fulfilled: Matt 27:26-31***

Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.



# ***MP: Isaiah 53:5***

**But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.**



# ***Fulfilled: Mark 15:15***

**So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.**



# ***MP: Isaiah 53:7***

**He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.**



# ***Fulfilled: Matt 27:12-14***

**But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.**



# ***Fulfilled: Acts 8:32-35***

Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.



# ***MP: Isaiah 53:9***

**And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.**



# ***Fulfilled: Matt 27:57-60***

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.



# ***Fulfilled: John 19:4***

**Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.”**



# ***Book of Jeremiah***

- **Date Written: 586-570 BC**
- **Author: Jeremiah**



# ***MP: Jeremiah 31:15***

**Thus says the Lord: “A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.”**



# ***Fulfilled: Matt 2:16-18***

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”



# ***MP: Jeremiah 31:31***

**“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,**



# ***Fulfilled: Matt 26:28***

**for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.**



# ***Book of Daniel***

- **Date Written: 536-530 BC**
- **Author: Daniel**



# ***MP: Daniel 9:24-26***

**“Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed.**



# ***Fulfilled: Facts***

- 7 weeks and 62 weeks- agreed to be “weeks of years”
- $7 \times 7 = 49$   $62 \times 7 = 434$ ,  $49 + 434 = 483$  years.
- 483 years from 445BC, taking into account 360 day years = 32AD



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# ***Fulfilled: Mark 15:37-39***

**And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”**



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# ***Fulfilled: History***

**“As the flames shot up, the Jews let out a shout of dismay that matched the tragedy; they flocked to the rescue, with no thought of sparing their lives or husbanding their strength; for the sacred structure that they had constantly guarded with such devotion was vanishing before their very eyes.”**

**-Flavius Josephus**



# ***Fulfilled Facts***

- **Temple destroyed in 70AD.**
- **Daniel 9 states that the Messiah will come prior to the destruction of the temple.**
- **The Messiah had to come prior to 70AD.**
- **Even if the temple is rebuilt, the Messiah must come from the tribe of Judah. All tribal records were lost in 70AD.**



# ***MP: Daniel 9:27***

**And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week,  
and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and  
offering.**



# ***Fulfilled: History***

- Friday has never been a good option for the crucifixion.
- This verse seems to indicate that the end of the sacrificial system will happen mid-week.
- If the crucifixion happened in 32 AD, Passover would have timed with a Wednesday or Thursday crucifixion!



# ***Book of Hosea***

- **Date Written: 750-710 BC**
- **Author: Hosea**



# ***MP: Hosea 11:1***

**When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.**



# ***Fulfilled: Matt 2:13-15***

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”

And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”



# ***Book of Zechariah***

- **Date Written: 480-470 BC**
- **Author: Zechariah**



# ***MP: Zechariah 12:10***

**“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.**



# ***Fulfilled: John 19:34-37***

**But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”**



# ***Questions?***



# ***Conclusions and Thoughts***



# ***What Are The Chances?***

- As you can see from the Stoner study, the probabilities of just a few prophecies are overwhelmingly small.
- Imagine if we were to assign a probability to each of the others that we have looked at.



# ***Why Does This Matter?***

- We must go where the evidence leads.
- If the evidence we see in Scripture does not lead to God, then that is a problem for those that seek Him.
- If the evidence we see in Scripture does lead to God, then that is a problem for those that reject him.



- **God gave us an amazing amount of evidence throughout Scripture, history, and written on our hearts of his existence and involvement in our lives.**
- **That evidence can be general revelation (scientific, logical, mathematical) or through special revelation (the Bible).**
- **As Josh McDowell so succinctly put it, “Evidence demands a verdict.”**



# ***How'd The Jews Miss It?***

- **The first thing that we have to remember is that they did not all miss it!**
  - **Simeon & Anna**
  - **Jesus' own followers.**
  - **Nicodemus**
- **The second is that it was prophesied that most would!**



# ***Luke 2:25-35***

**Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."**



# ***Luke 2:36-38***

**And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.**



# ***John 12:42***

**Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue;**



# ***John 3:1-2***

**Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”**



# ***MP: Isaiah 53:1, 6:10***

**Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?**

**Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.”**



# ***Fulfilled: John 12:37-40***

**Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.”**



# ***What Does This Mean For Us?***

- **First**
  - The knowledge of these fulfilled prophecies means that our faith in Christ is strengthened by the evidence that we have before us. Fulfillment of prophecy will never get us to a personal relationship with God but rather it will help to “fill the potholes on the road to salvation.



# **WDTMFU**

- **Secondly**
  - **The reality of the fulfillment of the prophecies should make us all the more bold to share the Good News of the NT. It shows the corroboration of the OT with the NT and the supernatural influence in both.**
  - **We can boldly stand on the evidence of God, his plan, and his love while we share our faith with others.**



# **WDTMFU**

- **Lastly**
  - **We can take great comfort and joy in the fact that God knew exactly what was going to need to happen in order for us to have the chance at salvation. He talks about it for millennia. He still chose to do it because that is just how much he loves us.**
  - **If God knows all, then he knows you. He knows you and loves you.**



# ***Questions?***



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