

One of the authenticating proofs for the inspiration of the Bible, which at the same time authenticate the claims of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the only Savior of the world, are the many fulfilled prophecies which find their fulfillment in the person and life of Christ, Jesus of Nazareth. We have in the Holy Scripture, an array of prophecies which extend over hundreds of years and yet find their complete fulfillment in the short thirty-year life span of one person, Jesus of Nazareth, many being fulfilled in one day. These prophecies truly accomplish the purposes of the Gospel writers as they carefully pointed to the person, words, and works of Christ.

The following twenty-five Old Testament prophecies deal with events surrounding the crucifixion of Jesus Christ including His betrayal, trial, death and burial. They were uttered by many different voices and over a period of 500 years, yet they were all fulfilled within twenty-four hours on the day that He died for the sins of the world.

1. SOLD FOR THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER

Prophecy: Zechariah 11:12

Fulfillment: Matthew 26:14-15

2. BETRAYED BY A FRIEND

Prophecy: Psalm 55:12-14

Fulfillment: Matthew 26:49-50

3. THE MONEY CAST TO THE POTTER

Prophecy: Zechariah 11:13

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:5-7

NOTE: Notice that in both prophecy and fulfillment we find stated that (1) it was silver; (2) there were 30 pieces (Matt. 27:3); (3) they were thrown down; (4) they were cast down in the House of the Lord; and (5) the money was used to purchase the potter's field.

4. THE DISCIPLES FORSOOK HIM

Prophecy: Zechariah 13:7

Fulfillment: Matthew 26:56

5. ACCUSED BY FALSE WITNESSES

Prophecy: Psalm 35:11

Fulfillment: Matthew 26:59-60

6. SMITTEN AND SPIT UPON

Prophecy: Isaiah 50:6

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:30

NOTE: Note here the details that correspond in both prophecy and fulfillment (1) He was to be smitten, (2) He was to be smitten on the face (as well as the other parts of the body). See Luke 22:64. (3) He was to be spit upon, and (4) He was to be spitten upon in the face.

7. SILENT BEFORE HIS ACCUSERS

Prophecy: Isaiah 53:7

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:12-14

8. WOUNDED AND BRUISED

Prophecy: Isaiah 53:5

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:26, 29

9. FELL UNDER THE CROSS

Prophecy: Psalm 109:24

Fulfillment: John 19:17

NOTE: Evidently the Lord was so weak that His knees gave way under the weight of the heavy cross. So they had to put it on another.

10. HANDS AND FEET PIERCED

Prophecy: Psalm 22:16

Fulfillment: Luke 23:33

NOTE: Christ was crucified in the customary Roman manner, the hands and feet being pierced by huge spikes which fastened the body to the wooden cross. See John 20:25-27 “ . . . except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails. . . Then said He (Jesus) to Thomas, reach out with your finger and behold My hands,” etc.

11. CRUCIFIED WITH THIEVES

Prophecy: Isaiah 53:12

Fulfillment: Mark 15:27-28

12. PRAYED FOR HIS PERSECUTORS

Prophecy: Isaiah 53:12

Fulfillment: Luke 23:34

13. PEOPLE SHOOK THEIR HEADS

Prophecy: Psalm 109:25

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:39

14. PEOPLE RIDICULED HIM

Prophecy: Psalm 22:8

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:41-43

15. PEOPLE ASTONISHED

Prophecy: Psalm 22:17

Fulfillment: Luke 23:35

16. GARMENTS PARTED AND LOTS CAST

Prophecy: Psalm 22:18

Fulfillment: John 19:23-24

NOTE: How exact the inspired prophecy! The garments were to be *parted* among them, but the vesture was to be *awarded* to one by *lots*.

These were statements that would appear almost contradictory unless explained by the record of the scene at the cross.

17. HIS FORSAKEN CRY

Prophecy: Psalm 22:1

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:46

18. GALL AND VINEGAR GIVEN HIM

Prophecy: Psalm 69:21

Fulfillment: John 19:28-29

19. HIS FINAL CRY

Prophecy: Psalm 31:5

Fulfillment: Luke 23:46

20. FRIENDS STOOD AFAR OFF

Prophecy: Psalm 38:11

Fulfillment: Luke 23:49

21. BONES NOT BROKEN

Prophecy: Psalm 34:20

Fulfillment: John 19:33, 36

22. HEART BROKEN

Prophecy: Psalm 22:14

Fulfillment: John 19:34

NOTE: The blood and water running out of the pierced side presented an evidence that the heart had literally burst.

23. HIS SIDE PIERCED

Prophecy: Zechariah 12:10

Fulfillment: John 19:34-37

24. DARKNESS OVER THE LAND

Prophecy: Amos 8:9

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:45

NOTE: The Jews reckoned twelve hours from sunrise to sunset. This would make the sixth hour about noon, and the ninth hour near three o'clock.

25. BURIED IN A RICH MAN'S TOMB

Prophecy: Isaiah 53:9

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:57-60



**Twenty-five Prophecies Fulfilled
on the Day of Christ's Crucifixion**
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