

God with Us: The Prophets Foretold

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[Luke 1:1-4](#)

1 Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. 3 Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

[Luke 18:31-33](#)

31 Jesus took the twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. 32 He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. 33 On the third day he will rise again."

[Luke 22:37](#)

[Jesus said] 37 "It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment."

[Luke 24:44-48](#)

44 [The resurrected Christ] said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." 45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things."

The prophets foretold that the Messiah would...

I. BE BORN OF A VIRGIN AND BE GOD WITH US

[Isaiah 7:14](#)

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

[Matthew 1:22-23](#)

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"-which means, "God with us."

The prophets foretold that the Messiah would...

2. BE BORN IN BETHLEHEM AND KINGS WOULD COME TO WORSHIP HIM

[Micah 5:2](#)

"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."

[Psalm 72:10](#)

The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores will bring tribute to him; the kings of Sheba and Seba will present him gifts.

[Matthew 2:1-2](#)

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

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3. BE THE SEED OF ABRAHAM AND FULFILL THE COVENANT

[Genesis 17:7](#)

I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

[Galatians 3:29](#)

If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

The prophets foretold that the Messiah would...

4. SUFFER FOR OUR SAKE TO SAVE US

[Isaiah 53:5-7, 9-12](#) (700 years before Christ)

5... he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 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... 8-9... 10... it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering... 11... [he] will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. 12... For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.