

WELCOME TO THE FUTURE -NOW-

[PART 2]

PROPHECY AND THE FIRST COMING OF MESSIAH

Reading: **Luke 24:25 - 32**

Introduction

- Our God is omniscient. (all knowing).
- He knows the past, the present and all the future.
- At times He chooses to reveal particular details (prophecies) of that future.
- Details about people, nations, places and empires yet to come into existence.
- There are prophecies that have now been fulfilled and prophecies that have yet to be fulfilled.

1 The Central Focus Of Bible Prophecy

- Whilst Bible prophecy sheds light on Armageddon, the rapture, the millennium, Jerusalem and Israel and Russia, they are not prophecy's **'big picture.'**
- The **'big picture'** is the Person of Jesus Christ, the redemption of a chosen people and the setting up of His kingdom.
- Concerning Jesus, there are prophecies relating to both His 1st and 2nd comings.

2 What Do We Mean By **'The Messiah?'**

- Word **'Messiah'** found 4 times in Bible: Daniel 9:25/25 & John 1:41 and [John 4:25].
- Messiah means **'anointed one.'**
- In OT prophets, priests and kings were all **'anointed.'**

- As OT history rolled along the term **'the Messiah'** was coined to express belief in one coming to save Israel.
- In NT the term **'Christ'** was used for the Messiah 555 times. Christ is the Greek word for Messiah.
- The early Christians believed Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah. The Jews today still reject that belief.

3 Does Jesus Fulfil The Messianic Prophecies?

- [Isaiah 11:1] Messiah would be a descendant of David. Check [Luke 3:31] and [Romans 1:3].
- [Isaiah 7:14] Messiah would be miraculously conceived by a virgin. Check [Matthew 1:20].
- [Micah 5:2] Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Check [Luke 2:4].
- [Isaiah 40:3] One would go before the Messiah. Check [Matthew 3:1].
- [Zechariah 9:9] The Messiah would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey. Check [Matthew 21:8 - 11].
- [Isaiah 53:3] Messiah would be rejected by His own people. Check [John 1: 10 - 11].
- [Zechariah 11: 12 - 13] Messiah would be sold for 30 pieces of silver. Check [Matthew 26:14 - 16].
- The returned money would be used to buy the potter's field. Check [Matthew 27: 9 - 10].
- [Psalm 22:14 - 16] Messiah would be **'pierced.'**
- [Psalm 22:18] Messiah's clothes gambled for at the cross. Check [John 19:23/24].
- [Isaiah 53:5] Messiah would be flogged. Check [Matthew 27:26].
- [Isaiah 53:12] Messiah executed in company of criminals. Check [Matthew 27:38].
- [Isaiah 53:9] Messiah buried in a rich man's grave. Check [Matthew 27:55].
- [Isaiah 53:5,6,8,12] Messiah suffering for others. Check [1 Corinthians 15:3/4]
- [Matthew 16:21] Messiah would rise from the dead. And He did.
- If you take just 8 of the prophecies attributed to Jesus, it is a 1 in 100 million, million, million chance of one person fulfilling them.
- NB. Every prophecy re: His 1st coming was fulfilled. 100% accuracy rate.
- We can therefore have confidence that everything said about His Second coming will likewise be fulfilled.

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