Bible Prophecies Fulfilled

Lesson 3.01

Bible prophecies fulfilled during Christ's passion are meant to grow our faith. Bible prophecies about the future are meant to get our attention!

Please read Psalm 22:1-19 & Isaiah 53:1-12 before starting GraspingGod.com's free Bible study lessons #3.01

Previous lesson: Jesus Christ's Return #2.23

Preliminary Bible Study Questions:
1) Why did God predict and record much of Jesus' crucifixion?
2) Who were the main prophets God used to predict the happenings of the passion of Jesus Christ?
3) What does God predict about the future in regards to Jesus?

This particular Bible study will prepare our minds and hearts for the Bible studies that lie ahead in this course. The two Bible prophecies you read in preparation, i.e. Psalm 22 & Isaiah 53, are amazingly accurate prophecies about Christ's crucifixion. They were written between 1,000 and 700 years before Jesus' birth. Those facts alone should leave us in awe of our mighty God! Let's get started.

Why Does God Predict the Future?

Why did God predict and record certain future activities of his Son and the plan of redemption? Prophecies are meant to prepare hearts for the coming events and people. Wise people heed the warnings, while foolish people ignore them (Luke 16:17-21).

And fulfilled prophecies are meant to witness to the power and sovereignty of God. The Bible prophecies fulfilled are amazing proof of God's sovereignty over the history of the world. In summary, God uses Bible prophecy to forewarn us, and to build our faith in him.

Jesus' Attention To Prophecies

Jesus says, "Then he took with him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we're going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished" (Luke 18:31). Here, Jesus predicts that the Old Testament predictions will be fulfilled. That is mind-boggling.

God spoke through his prophets hundreds of years earlier to predict the future, and now Jesus is predicting that the predictions will occur in days. The sad part of this is the fact that the disciples Jesus taught for over three years still don't grasp what will occur. Jesus' attention should be our attention.
We'll begin with prophecies about Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his heavenly throne where he now sits. Actually, we'll also look ahead to the throne he'll be sitting at for eternity - his throne in New Jerusalem.

Note the precision of the prophesied incidents (e.g. a donkey's colt as opposed to a donkey, etc). The actual prophecy is printed, so all you have to do is hover over the New Testament passage reference to see the prophecy's fulfillment.

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**At Jesus' Triumphal Entry**

Zechariah 9:9 KJV states, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King comes unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon a donkey, and upon a colt the foal of a donkey." Luke 19:33-35 fulfilled the prophecy.

**At Jesus' Last Supper**

Psalm 41:9 KJV states, "Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me." Zechariah 11:12 furthers the treason prophecy, "And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver." Bible prophecies fulfilled in Matthew 10:4 and Matthew 26:15.

**At Jesus' Arrest**

Zechariah 13:7 KJV states, "Smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered." Mark 14:50 records the fulfillment.

**At Jesus' Trials**

Psalm 35:11 KJV states, "False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not." Matthew 26:59-61 fulfilled this prophecy.

Isaiah 53:7 KJV says, "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth." Bible prophecies fulfilled in Luke 23:9 and Mark 15:5.

Isaiah 53:3 KJV says, "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not." Bible prophecies about Jesus fulfilled in John 14:18; 24-25.

**At Jesus' Scourging**

Isaiah 53:5 KJV says, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."
Prophecy fulfilled in Mark 15:15.

Isaiah 50:6 KJV says, "I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting." Micah 5:1 says, "Now muster yourselves in troops, daughter of troops; They have laid siege against us; With a rod they will smite the judge of Israel on the cheek." Bible prophecies fulfilled in Matthew 26:67.

Psalm 22:7 KJV states, "All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads." Prophecy fulfilled in Matthew 27:31.

At Jesus' Cross

Psalm 22:16 KJV says, "Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet." Bible prophecy fulfilled in John 19:18.

Isaiah 53:12 KJV says, "He hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors." Prophecy fulfilled in Luke 23:32-33.

Isaiah 53:12 KJV states, "he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Bible prophecies fulfilled in Luke 23:34.

Psalm 38:11 KJV says, "My friends and companions avoid me because of my wounds; my neighbors stay far away." Prophecy about Jesus fulfilled in Luke 23:48-49.

Psalm 109:25 KJV states, "I became also a reproach unto them: when they looked upon me they shook their heads." Prophecies fulfilled in Matthew 27:39.


Psalm 69:21 KJV states, "They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink." Also, Psalm 22:15 predicts, "My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death." Prophecies fulfilled in John 19:28 and Matthew 27:34.

Psalm 22:1 KJV says, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? Prophetic cry fulfilled in Matthew 27:46.


Psalm 34:20 KJV says, "He kept all his bones: not one of them is broken." Bible prophecies fulfilled in John 19:33.

Zechariah 12:10 KJV states, "And they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son." Also, Psalm 22:14 says, "I am poured out
like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels." Fulfilled prophecies found in John 19:34.

**Amos 8:9 KJV** says, "And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day." Bible prophecies fulfilled in Matthew 27:45.

**At Jesus' Empty Tomb**

**Isaiah 53:9 KJV** states, "And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth." Bible prophecies fulfilled in Matthew 27:57-60.

**Psalm 16:10 KJV** states, "Because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay." Fulfilled prophecies in Mark 16:5-6.

**At Jesus' Ascension**

**Psalm 68:18a KJV** states, "You have ascended on high, You have led captive Your captives." Bible prophecies fulfilled in Luke 24:50-51.

**At Jesus' Throne in Heaven**

**Psalm 110:1 KJV** says, "The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool." Bible prophecies fulfilled in Acts 7:55-56.

**At Jesus' Future Throne in New Jerusalem**

**Psalm 2:4-6 KJV** states, "The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.” Bible prophecy fulfilled in the future: Revelation 14:1 and Revelation 22:1-3.

**Bible Prophecies Fulfilled Are A Witness**

Along with miracles, fulfilled Bible prophecies were one of Jesus' strongest arguments for people believing God. **He was always relying on the Scriptures for spiritual growth and future knowledge, which makes one wise to salvation.** Jesus says the Scriptures point to him and we are to come to him to receive life (John 5:39-40). As we read the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit should burn the word into our hearts (Luke 24:32) while Jesus opens our minds to understand (Luke 24:45).

Along with the resurrection, fulfilled Bible prophecies were one of St Paul the Apostle's strongest arguments for people believing in God (Romans 1:2-3). Paul hardly mentioned hell in his teachings, but talked lots about the prophets (e.g. Romans 10:17-21). **Knowledge of God's word, repentance of one's sinfulness, and belief in God through Jesus Christ will lead guide**
you to salvation's door.

The first half of our responsibility is to look back on fulfilled prophecy in order to grow our faith. We should be excited about these fulfilled prophecies, and trust God more than we previously did. The second half of our responsibility is to look ahead at the prophecies of the coming Lord. We are to prepare to meet him, either at our death or at the 2nd coming of Christ.

Grasp This!

The Israelites had the Holy Scriptures predicting Jesus' first coming, but didn't recognize or receive him when he did arrive. They had the Scriptures but didn't follow them. We have the Bible and many still don't realize that Jesus' second coming will happen soon, and therefore, they won't be prepared. Similar to the warning sirens on a speeding fire engine, the warning sirens of Christ's second coming are blaring loud and clear. Are you heeding the warning?

Jesus asks, "Haven't you read the Scriptures?" (Matthew 19:4). The Bible is your key to eternal life. For a moment, don't look around for anyone or anything else. Stop with blaming something or someone in your past for your present condition. Open up God's word and read, open up your mind and reason, and open up your heart and believe in Jesus Christ. Commit your life, totally, to God today. Obedience to God's word will soon follow after God enters your life.

Next lesson: Meaning Of Palm Sunday #3.02

Bible Study Questions:

1) Bible prophecies fulfilled lead to faith in individuals. Why? (see Romans 10:17-21).
2) Along with fulfilled Bible prophecies, what act of God did Paul rely on for witnessing to Gentiles? (see Romans 1:2-3).
3) How do the Bible prophecies about the future motivate us today?
4) What does the Bible predict about your future?

Inspirational Bible Verses:

And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:19-21 NIV

Men and brethren, this scripture must be fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of King David spoke before concerning Judas, who guided them to Jesus. Acts 1:16 KJV

Jesus Quotes!

Then he said, I pray thee, father Abraham, that thou would send him to my father's house: For I have five brothers; that he may testify to them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham said unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, No, father Abraham: but if one went to them from the dead, they will repent. And Abraham said unto him, If they don't listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead. (Luke 16:27-31)
Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God. (Mark 12:24).

Prayers of Thanksgiving:
O, Lord God, the Scriptures are the key to our eternal life. We are called to read, repent and believe. Father, open up our eyes so we can see your amazing work throughout history. Reveal your eternal power to our limited minds. Through the Bible you teach us your ways. Through the Scriptures you show us your miracles. Through your word you tell us the future. God, I repent and I believe. I beg you, save my poor soul. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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