

THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT
IN HUMAN HISTORY

FUTURE FORETOLD

Matthew 2:5-6 (NKJV)

⁵ So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: ⁶ 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' "



The birth of Jesus the Christ

¹⁸ For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. ¹⁹ It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. ²⁰ God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but he has now revealed him to you in these last days. 21 Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory.

1 IN 259,000,000

ODDS OF A MAN FULFILLING 8 PROPHECIES
1 IN
100,000,000,000,000,000

JESUS DID.*

* ACTUALLY HE FULFILLED OVER 300

Prophecies about Jesus are Proof

Stoner started by calculating the probability of 1 individual who could precisely fulfill only 8 prophecies relating to Christ. He computed the odds at 1 in 10¹⁷.

That's 1 chance in 100,000,000,000,000,000 opportunities.

This is like covering the entire state of Texas 2 feet deep in silver dollars, marking 1 of them, and telling a blind man to pick the marked silver dollar on the 1st try.

Dr. Stoner then computed the odds of 1 individual that could fulfill just 48 prophecies relating to Christ. He calculated the odds at 1 X 10¹⁵⁷. Those odds are beyond human comprehension.

But we know Jesus Christ fulfilled 332 distinct prophecies!

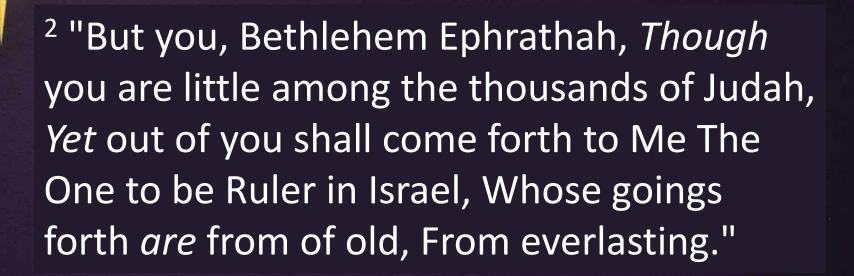
Author	Date Written	Earliest Copy	Approximate Time Span between original & copy	Number of Copies	Accuracy of Copies
Lucretius	died 55 or 53 B.C.		1100 yrs	2	
Pliny	A.D. 61-113	A.D. 850	750 yrs	7	5400
Plato	427-347 B.C.	A.D. 900	1200 yrs	7	
Demosthenes	4th Cent. B.C.	A.D. 1100	800 yrs	8	
Herodotus	480-425 B.C.	A.D. 900	1300 yrs	8	
Suetonius	A.D. 75-160	A.D. 950	800 yrs	8	50000
Thucydides	460-400 B.C.	A.D. 900	1300 yrs	8	****
Euripides	480-406 B.C.	A.D. 1100	1300 yrs	9	
Aristophanes	450-385 B.C.	A.D. 900	1200	10	element.
Caesar	100-44 B.C.	A.D. 900	1000	10	5400000
Livy	59 BC-AD 17		???	20	
Tacitus	circa A.D. 100	A.D. 1100	1000 yrs	20	****
Aristotle	384-322 B.C.	A.D. 1100	1400	49	57.55
Sophocles	496-406 B.C.	A.D. 1000	1400 yrs	193	222
Homer (Iliad)	900 B.C.	400 B.C.	500 yrs	643	95%
New Testament	1st Cent. A.D. (A.D. 50-100)	2nd Cent. A.D. (c. A.D. 130 f.)	less than 100 years	5600	99.5%

Quantity of NT Manuscripts

Greek manuscripts	c. 5,686
Latin Vulgate	10,000
Ethiopic, Slavic and Armenian	8,000
TOTAL24,000	c.

Plus c. 32,000 citations from pre-Nicene church Fathers





MICAH 5:2

A Ruler will be born in Bethlehem

¹ Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod.





The Messiah will be born of a virgin

Isaiah 7:14

Joseph, son of David,' the angel said, 'do not be afraid to go ahead with your marriage to Mary. For the child within her has been conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.' All of this happened to fulfill the Lord's message through His prophet: 'Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and He will be called Immanuel (meaning, God is with us).""





The Messiah will be tempted by the devil Psalm 91:10-12 & Matthew 4:5-7

"Then the Devil took Him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, 'If You are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, "He orders His angels to protect you. And they will hold you with their hands to keep you from striking your foot on a stone."





"Rejoice greatly, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey – even on a donkey's colt."



"The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A huge crowd of Passover visitors took palm branches and went down the road to meet Him. They shouted, 'Praise God! Bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel! Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said: 'Don't be afraid, people of Israel. Look, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt."

The Messiah rejected by His own people



"But although the world was made through Him, the world didn't recognize Him when He came. Even in His own land and among His own people, He was not accepted."



Betrayed by one of His own followers



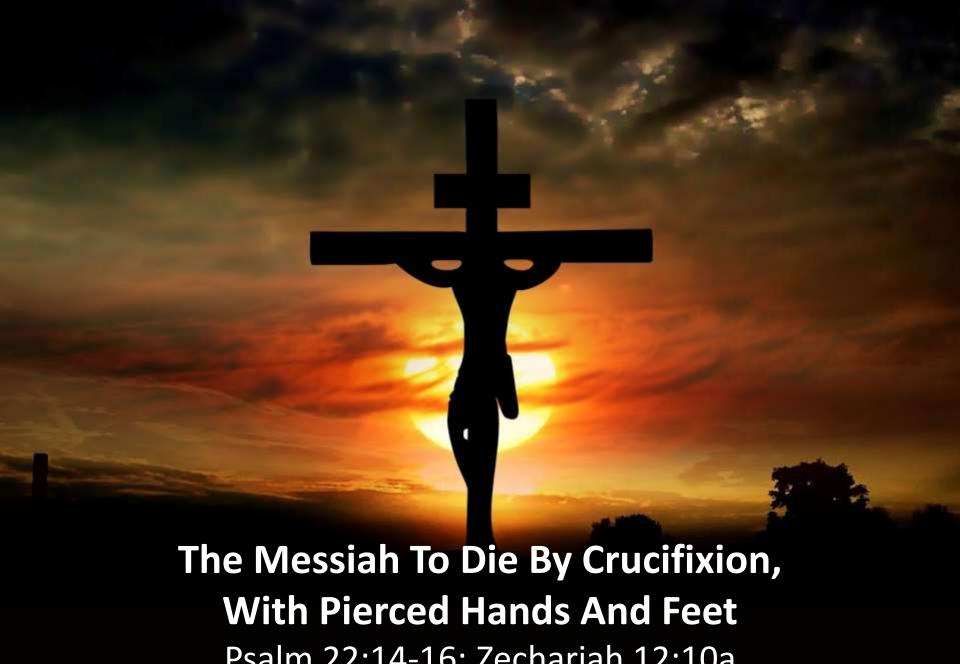
"Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me."



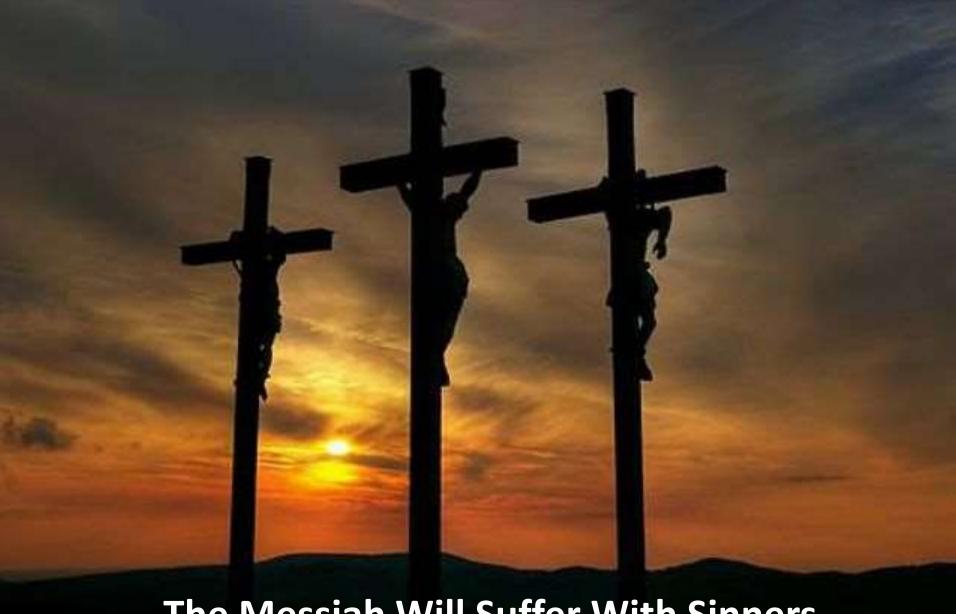
"And even as He said this, Judas, one of the twelve disciples, arrived with a mob that was armed with swords and clubs. They had been sent out by the leading priests and other leaders of the people. So Judas came straight to Jesus. 'Greetings, Teacher!' he exclaimed and gave Him the kiss. Jesus said, 'My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for."



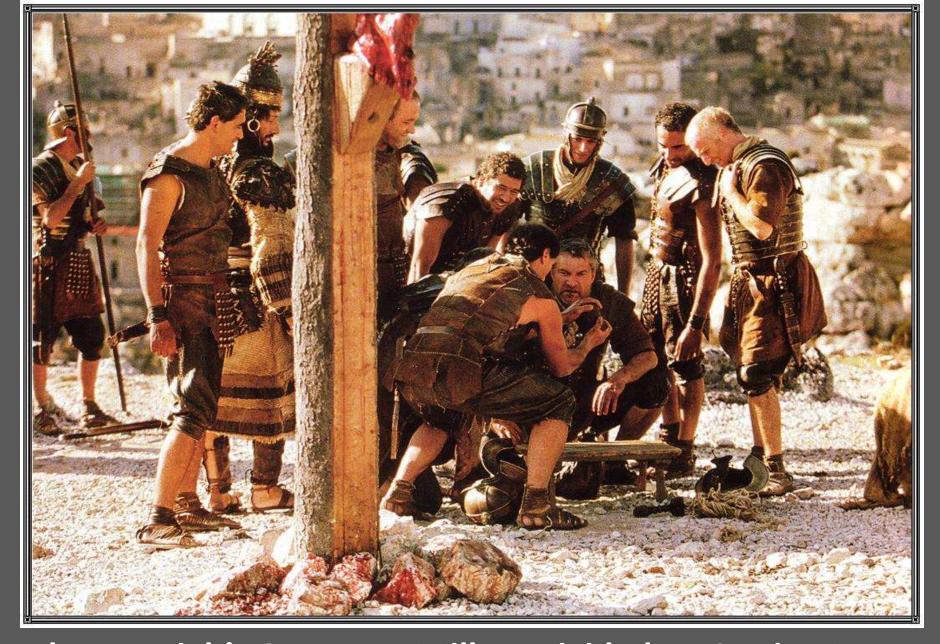
"And I said unto them, 'If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord."



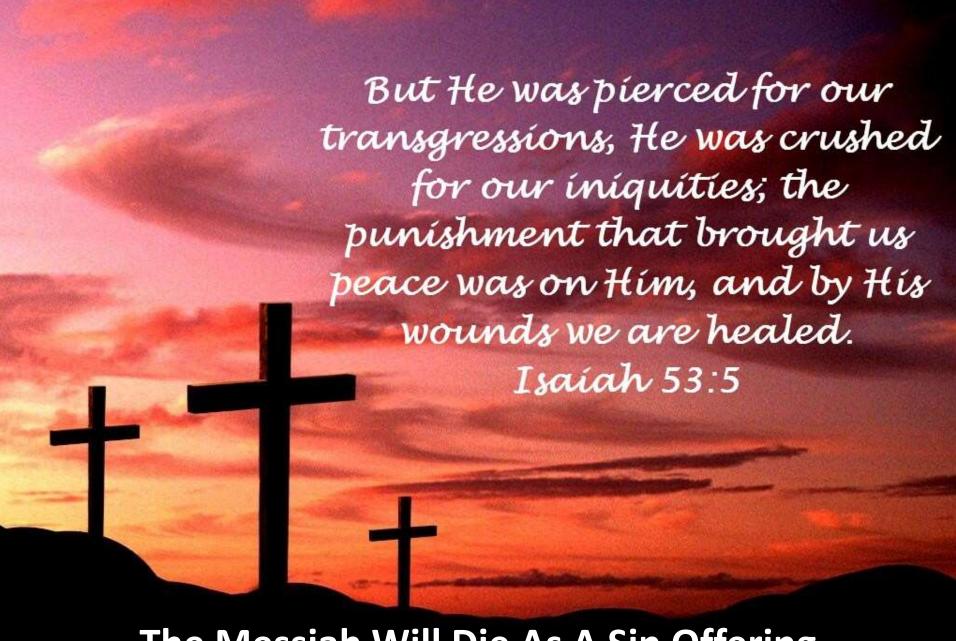
Psalm 22:14-16; Zechariah 12:10a Matthew 27:31; Mark 15:20; John 19:15-16



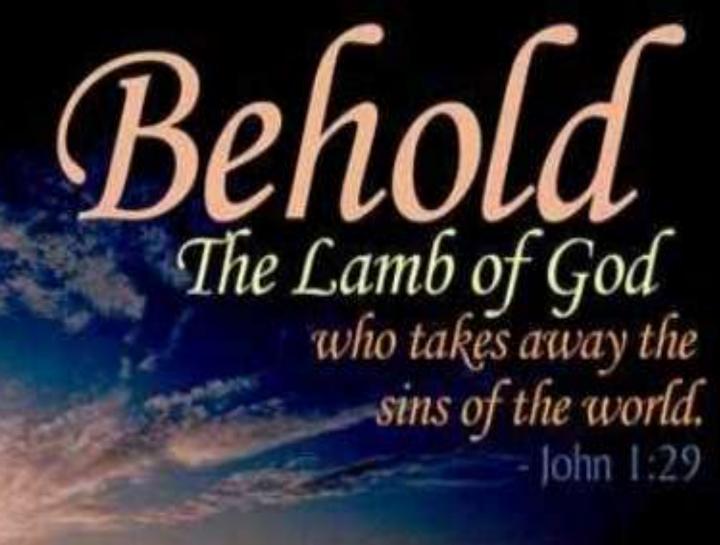
The Messiah Will Suffer With Sinners



The Messiah's Garments Will Be Divided By Casting Lots Psalm 22:18, Matthew 27:35



The Messiah Will Die As A Sin Offering Isaiah 53:5-6











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