



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY FULFILLED BY JESUS CHRIST

Prophecy can be thought of as "pre-written" history. The Old Testament contains 351 prophecies that refer to the coming of the Messiah. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, fulfilled these prophecies that were written many hundreds of years, and in some cases more than a thousand years, before his birth. The Old Testament, written hundreds of years before Jesus' birth, contains these 351 prophecies that Jesus fulfilled through His life, death and resurrection. Mathematically speaking, the odds are staggering of anyone fulfilling a small amount of prophecy. Fulfilling just 8 is impossible!

1 person fulfilling **8** prophecies: 1 in 100,000,000,000,000 (only Jesus!)

1 person fulfilling **40** prophecies: 1 chance in 10 to the 157th power (only Jesus!)

1 person fulfilling **351** prophecies: (only Jesus!)

During the Sermon on the Mount, in Matthew chapter five, Jesus said: *"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."* Jesus fulfilled all prophecy concerning God's plan of redemption given by the Old Testament prophets and by doing so he fulfilled the law for us--something no man or woman can do for themselves.

What Jesus also taught was that we are still all under the law if we do not accept that Jesus was the Son of God, died on the cross, and rose to life on the third day.

Yet no one can keep the law. The perfect sacrifice of Jesus, the Son of God, atones for a believer's sins and gives the only path to our Father in heaven.



Matthew 5:17-20 (NIV)

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Some have wondered did Jesus teach that we are still under the law despite his sacrifice at the cross? It is especially important to note how the words are used in Matthew. In this context, **“abolish”** is set in opposition to **“fulfill.”** Jesus, the perfect Son of God, did not come to earth as an opponent of the law. Jesus came to complete all law, and fulfill all prophecy concerning God’s promise of redemption.

The Book of Genesis: The best teacher on whether Jesus is to be found in the pages of the Old Testament is the teaching of Jesus himself. Jesus said in John 5:39-40, *“You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.”* The prophecy of Jesus goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden in Genesis 3:15. Jesus fulfilled all 20 prophecies in Genesis.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
1	Genesis 3:15	Seed of a woman (meaning a virgin birth)	Galatians 4:4-5; Matthew 1:18
2	Genesis 3:15	He will bruise Satan’s head	Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 3:8
3	Genesis 5:24	The bodily ascension to heaven illustrated	Mark 16:19
4	Genesis 9:26-27	The God of Shem will be the Son of Shem	Luke 3:36
5	Genesis 12:3	Seed of Abraham will bless all nations	Galatians 3:8; Acts 3:25-26
6	Genesis 12:7	The Promise made to Abraham’s Seed	Galatians 3:16
7	Genesis 14:18	A priest after the order of Melchizedek	Hebrews 6:20
8	Genesis 14:18	King of Peace and Righteousness	Hebrews 7:2
9	Genesis 14:18	The Last Supper foreshadowed	Matt 26:26-29
10	Genesis 17:19	Seed of Isaac (Gen 21:12)	Romans 9:7
11	Genesis 22:8	The Lamb of God promised	John 1:29
12	Genesis 22:18	As Isaac’s seed, will bless all nations	Galatians 3:16
13	Genesis 26:2-5	The Seed of Isaac promised as the Redeemer	Hebrews 11:18
14	Genesis 28:12	The Bridge to heaven	John 1:51
15	Genesis 28:14	The Seed of Jacob	Luke 3:34
16	Genesis 49:10	The time of His coming	Luke 2:1-7; Galatians 4:4
17	Genesis 49:10	The Seed of Judah	Luke 3:33
18	Genesis 49:10	Called Shiloh or One Sent	John 17:3
19	Genesis 49:10	Messiah to come before Judah lost identity	John 11:47-52
20	Genesis 49:10	Unto Him shall the obedience of the people be	John 10:16

The Book of Exodus: The Book of Exodus is the second book of the Torah in the Hebrew Bible (the Old Testament) immediately following Genesis. The book tells how the Israelites leave slavery in Egypt through the strength of Yahweh. The Book of Exodus narrates how Moses led the Israelites in building the Tabernacle (Exodus 35–40) based on God's instructions (Exodus 25–31). Even though it was written long before Jesus, Exodus also contains nine prophecies (prophecies 21-29) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled all nine prophecies in Exodus.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
21	Exodus 3:13-15	The Great "I AM"	John 4:26; 8:58
22	Exodus 12:5	A Lamb without blemish	Hebrews 9:14; 1 Peter 1:19
23	Exodus 12:13	The blood of the Lamb saves from wrath	Romans 5:8
24	Exodus 12:21-27	Christ is our Passover	1 Corinthians 5:7
25	Exodus 12:46	Not a bone of the Lamb to be broken	John 19:31-36
26	Exodus 15:2	His exaltation predicted as Yeshua	Acts 7:55-56
27	Exodus 15:11	His Character-Holiness	Luke 1:35; Acts 4:27
28	Exodus 17:6	The Spiritual Rock of Israel	1 Corinthians 10:4
29	Exodus 33:19	His Character-Merciful	Luke 1:72

The Book of Leviticus: The Book of Leviticus is the third book of the Torah and of the Old Testament. Most of its chapters (1–7, 11–27) consist of God's speeches to Moses, in which he is commanded to repeat to the Israelites. This takes place within the story of the Israelites' Exodus after they escaped Egypt and reached Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19:1). Then in Leviticus, God tells the Israelites and their priests how to make offerings in the Tabernacle and how to conduct themselves while camped around the holy tent sanctuary. Leviticus also contains seven prophecies (prophecies 30-36) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled all seven prophecies in Leviticus.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
30	Leviticus 1:2-9	His sacrifice a sweet smelling savor unto God	Ephesians 5:2
31	Leviticus 14:11	The leper cleansed-Sign to priesthood	Luke 5:12-14; Acts 6:7
32	Leviticus 16:15-17	Prefigures Christ's once-for-all death	Hebrews 9:7-14
33	Leviticus 16:27	Suffering outside the Camp	Matthew 27:33; Heb. 13:11-12
34	Leviticus 17:11	The Blood-the life of the flesh	Matthew 26:28; Mark 10:45
35	Leviticus 17:11	It is the blood that makes atonement	Romans 3:23-24; 1 John 1:7
36	Leviticus 23:36-37	The Drink-offering: If any man thirst" "	John 7:37

The Book of Numbers: The Book of Numbers is the fourth book of the Hebrew Bible, and the fourth of five books of the Jewish Torah. The name of the book comes from the two censuses taken of the Israelites. Numbers begins at Mount Sinai, where the Israelites have received their laws and covenant from God and God has taken up residence among them in the sanctuary. The task before them is to take possession of the Promised Land. The people are counted and preparations are made for resuming their march. The Israelites begin the journey, but they "murmur" at the hardships along the way, and about the authority of Moses and Aaron. For these acts, God destroys approximately 15,000 of them through various means.

They arrive at the borders of Canaan and send spies into the land. Upon hearing the spies' fearful report concerning the conditions in Canaan, the Israelites refuse to take possession of it. God condemns them to death in the wilderness until a new generation can grow up and carry out the task. The book ends with the new generation of Israelites in the Plain of Moab ready for the crossing of the Jordan River. Numbers also contains three prophecies (prophecies 37-39) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled all three prophecies in Numbers.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
37	Numbers 9:12	Not a bone of Him broken	John 19:31-36
38	Numbers 21:9	The serpent on a pole-Christ lifted up	John 3:14-18; 12:32
39	Numbers 24:17	Time: "I shall see him but not now."	John 1:14, Galatians 4:4

The Book of Deuteronomy: The Book of Deuteronomy is the fifth book of the Old Testament and of the Jewish Torah. Chapters 1–30 of the book consist of three sermons or speeches delivered to the Israelites by Moses on the plains of Moab, shortly before they enter the Promised Land. The first sermon recounts the forty years of wilderness wanderings which had led to that moment, and ends with an exhortation to observe the law, later referred to as the Law of Moses; the second reminds the Israelites of the need to follow Yahweh and the laws he has given them, on which their possession of the land depends; and the third offers the comfort that even should Israel prove unfaithful and so lose the land, with repentance all can be restored.

The final four chapters (31–34) contain the Song of Moses, the Blessing of Moses, and narratives recounting the passing of the mantle of leadership from Moses to Joshua and, finally, the death of Moses on Mount Nebo.

One of its most significant verses is Deuteronomy 6:4, the Shema Yisrael, which has become the definitive statement of Jewish identity: **"Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one."** Verses 6:4–5 were also quoted by Jesus in Mark 12:28–34 as part of the Great Commandment.

Deuteronomy also contains five prophecies (prophecies 40-44) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled all five prophecies in Deuteronomy.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
40	Deuteronomy 18:15	"This is of a truth that prophet"	John 6:14
41	Deuteronomy 18:15-16	"Had you believed Moses you would believe me."	John 5:45-47
42	Deuteronomy 18:18	Sent by the Father to speak His word	John 8:28-29
43	Deuteronomy 18:19	Whoever will not hear must bear his sin	Acts 3:22-23
44	Deuteronomy 21:23	Cursed is he that hangs on a tree	Galatians 3:10-13

The Book of Joshua: The Book of Joshua gives the story of Israel from the conquest of Canaan to the Babylonian exile. It tells of the campaigns of the Israelites in central, southern and northern Canaan, the destruction of their enemies, and the division of the land among the Twelve Tribes, framed by two set-piece speeches, the first by God commanding the conquest of the land, and, at the end, the last by Joshua warning of the need for faithful observance of the Law (torah) revealed to Moses.

Joshua also contains one prophecy (prophecy 45) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled the prophecy in Joshua.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
45	Joshua 5:14-15	The Captain of our salvation	Hebrews 2:10

The Book of Ruth: The Book of Ruth is named after its central figure, Ruth the Moabitess, the great-grandmother of David. The book tells of Ruth's accepting the God of the Israelites as her God and the Israelite people as her own. In Ruth 1:16–17, Ruth tells Naomi, her Israelite mother-in-law, "*Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.*"

Ruth also contains one prophecy (prophecy 46) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled the prophecy in Ruth.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
46	Ruth 4:4-10	Christ, our kinsman, has redeemed us	Ephesians 1:3-7

The Books of Samuel: 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel, form part of the narrative history of Israel in the "prophets" section of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, called the Deuteronomistic history, a series of books (Joshua, Judges, Samuel and Kings) that constitute a theological history of the Israelites. Samuel begins with the prophet Samuel's birth and God's call to him as a boy.

The story of the Ark of the Covenant that follows tells of Israel's oppression by the Philistines, which brought about Samuel's anointing of Saul as Israel's first king. But Saul proved unworthy and God's choice turned to David, who defeated Israel's enemies and brought the Ark to Jerusalem. God then promised David and his successors an everlasting dynasty. Samuel 1 and 2 contain six prophecies (prophecies 47-52) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled all six prophecies in Samuel 1 and 2.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
47	1 Samuel 2:35	A Faithful Priest	Hebrews 2:17; 3:1-3, 6; 7:24-25
48	1 Samuel 2:10	Shall be an anointed King to the Lord	Matthew 28:18; John 12:15
49	2 Samuel 7:12	David's Seed	Matthew 1:1
50	2 Samuel 7:13	His Kingdom is everlasting	2 Peter 1:11
51	2 Samuel 7:14	The Son of God	Luke 1:32; Romans 1:3-4
52	2 Samuel 7:16	David's house established forever	Luke 3:31; Revelation 22:16

The Book of Kings: The two Books of Kings, originally a single book, are the eleventh and twelfth books of the Hebrew Bible or Old Testament. They conclude the Deuteronomistic history, a history of Israel also comprising the books of Joshua and Judges and the two Books of Samuel, which biblical commentators believe was written to provide a theological explanation for the destruction of the Kingdom of Judah by Babylon in 586 BC and a foundation for a return from exile. The two books of Kings present a history of ancient Israel and Judah from the death of King David to the release of Jehoiachin from imprisonment in Babylon, a period of some 400 years (960 – 560 BC).

Kings also contains one prophecy (prophecy 53) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled the prophecy in Kings.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
53	2 Kings 2:11	The bodily ascension to heaven illustrated	Luke 24:51

The Books of Chronicles: The Chronicles narrative begins with Adam and the story is then carried forward, almost entirely by genealogical lists, down to the founding of the first Kingdom of Israel (1 Chronicles 1–9). The bulk of the remainder of 1 Chronicles, after a brief account of Saul, is concerned with the reign of David (1 Chronicles 11–29). The next long section concerns David's son Solomon (2 Chronicles 1–9), and the final part is concerned with the Kingdom of Judah with occasional references to the second kingdom of Israel (2 Chronicles 10–36). In the last chapter Judah is destroyed and the people taken into exile in Babylon, and in the final verses the Persian king Cyrus the Great conquers the Neo-Babylonian Empire, and authorizes the restoration of the Temple in Jerusalem, and the return of the exiles.

Chronicles contain three prophecies (prophecies 54-56) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled all three prophecies in Chronicles.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
54	1 Chronicles 17:11	David's Seed	Matthew 1:1; 9:27
55	1 Chronicles 17:12-13	To reign on David's throne forever	Luke 1:32-33
56	1 Chronicles 17:13	"I will be His Father He...my Son."	Hebrews 1:5

The Book of Job: Set in Uz, an obscure land far from Israel, during an unknown time period, the book of Job focuses on questions about God's justice and why good people suffer from Satan's attacks. Throughout the book, Job, his wife, and his friends speculate on why he, an upright man, suffers. Job accuses God of being unjust and not operating the world according to principles of justice, and his friends believe that Job's sin caused his suffering. Job decides to talk directly to God. Job contains two prophecies (prophecies 57-58) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled both prophecies in Job.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
57	Job 9:32-33	Mediator between man and God	1 Timothy 2:5
58	Job 19:23-27	The Resurrection predicted	John 5:24-29

The Book of Psalms: Next to Isaiah, Psalms contains the most prophecies about Jesus with 102 (prophecies 59-160). The title is derived from the Greek translation, ψαλμοί, psalmoi, meaning "instrumental music" and, by extension, "the words accompanying the music". The Psalms contain numerous prophecies about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled all 102 prophecies in Psalms.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
59	Psalms 2:1-3	The enmity of kings foreordained	Acts 4:25-28
60	Psalms 2:2	To own the title, Anointed (Christ)	John 1:41; Acts 2:36
61	Psalms 2:6	His Character-Holiness	John 8:46; Revelation 3:7
62	Psalms 2:6	To own the title King	Matthew 2:2
63	Psalms 2:7	Declared the Beloved Son	Matthew 3:17; Rom 1:4
64	Psalms 2:7-8	The Crucifixion and Resurrection intimated	Acts 13:29-33
65	Psalms 2:8-9	Rule the nations with a rod of iron	Revelation 2:27; 12:5; 19:15
66	Psalms 2:12	Life comes through faith in Him	John 20:31
67	Psalms 8:2	The mouths of babes perfect His praise	Matthew 21:16
68	Psalms 8:5-6	His humiliation and exaltation	Hebrews 2:5-9
69	Psalms 9:7-10	Judge the world in righteousness	Acts 17:31
70	Psalms 16:10	Was not to see corruption	Acts 2:31; 13:35
71	Psalms 16:9-11	Was to arise from the dead	John 20:9
72	Psalms 17:15	The resurrection predicted	Luke 24:6
73	Psalms 18:2-3	The horn of salvation	Luke 1:69-71
74	Psalms 22:1	Forsaken because of sins of others	2 Corinthians 5:21
75	Psalms 22:1	"My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?"	Matthew 27:46
76	Psalms 22:2	Darkness upon Calvary for three hours	Matthew 27:45
77	Psalms 22:7	They shoot out the lip and shake the head	Matthew 27:39-44
78	Psalms 22:8	"He trusted in God let Him deliver Him"	Matthew 27:43
79	Psalms 22:9-10	Born the Savior	Luke 2:7
80	Psalms 22:12-13	They seek His death	John 19:6
81	Psalms 22:14	His blood poured out when they pierced His side	John 19:34
82	Psalms 22:14-15	Suffered agony on Calvary	Mark 15:34-37
83	Psalms 22:15	He thirsted	John 19:28
84	Psalms 22:16	They pierced His hands and His feet	John 19:34-37; 20:27
85	Psalms 22:17-18	Stripped Him before the stares of men	Luke 23:34-35
86	Psalms 22:18	They parted His garments	John 19:23-24
87	Psalms 22:20-21	He committed Himself to God	Luke 23:46
88	Psalms 22:20-21	Satanic power bruising the Redeemer's heel	Hebrews 2:14
89	Psalms 22:22	His Resurrection declared	John 20:17
90	Psalms 22:27-28	He shall be the governor of the nations	Colossians 1:16
91	Psalms 22:31	It is finished" "	John 19:30; Hebrews 10:10-18
92	Psalms 23:1	I am the Good Shepherd" "	John 10:11; 1 Pet 2:25
93	Psalms 24:3	His exaltation predicted	Acts 1:11; Phil 2:9
94	Psalms 30:3	His resurrection predicted	Acts 2:32
95	Psalms 31:5	Into Your hands I commit my spirit" "	Luke 23:46
96	Psalms 31:11	His acquaintances fled from Him	Mark 14:50
97	Psalms 31:13	They took counsel to put Him to death	Matthew 27:1; John 11:53
98	Psalms 31:14-15	He trusted in God	Mathew 27:43
99	Psalms 34:20	Not a bone of Him broken	John 19:31-36
100	Psalms 35:11	False witnesses rose up against Him	Matthew 26:59

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
101	Psalms 35:19	He was hated without a cause	John 15:25
102	Psalms 38:11	His friends stood afar off	Luke 23:49
103	Psalms 38:12	Enemies try to entangle Him by craft	Mark 14:1; Matthew 22:15
104	Psalms 38:12-13	Silent before His accusers	Matthew 27:12-14
105	Psalms 38:20	He went about doing good	Acts 10:38
106	Psalms 40:2-5	The joy of His resurrection predicted	John 20:20
107	Psalms 40:6-8	His delight-the will of the Father	John 4:34; Hebrews 10:5-10
108	Psalms 40:9	He was to preach the Righteousness in Israel	Matthew 4:17
109	Psalms 40:14	Confronted by adversaries in the Garden	John 18:4-6
110	Psalms 41:9	Betrayed by a familiar friend	John 13:18
111	Psalms 45:2	Words of Grace come from His lips	John 1:17; Luke 4:22
112	Psalms 45:6	To own the title, God or Elohim	Hebrews 1:8
113	Psalms 45:7	A special anointing by the Holy Spirit	Matthew 3:16; Hebrews. 1:9
114	Psalms 45:7-8	Called the Christ (Messiah or Anointed)	Luke 2:11
115	Psalms 45:17	His name remembered forever	Ephesians 1:20-21; Hebrews 1:8
116	Psalms 55:12-14	Betrayed by a friend, not an enemy	John 13:18
117	Psalms 55:15	Unrepentant death of the Betrayer	Matthew 27:3-5; Acts 1:16-19
118	Psalms 68:18	To give gifts to men	Ephesians 4:7-16
119	Psalms 68:18	Ascended into Heaven	Luke 24:51
120	Psalms 69:4	Hated without a cause	John 15:25
121	Psalms 69:8	A stranger to own brethren	John 1:11; 7:5
122	Psalms 69:9	Zealous for the Lord's House	John 2:17
123	Psalms 69:14-20	Messiah's anguish of soul before crucifixion	Matthew 26:36-45
124	Psalms 69:20	My soul is exceeding sorrowful "	Matthew 26:38
125	Psalms 69:21	Given vinegar in thirst	Matthew 27:34
126	Psalms 69:26	The Savior given and smitten by God	John 17:4; 18:11
127	Psalms 72:10-11	Great persons were to visit Him	Matthew 2:1-11
128	Psalms 72:16	The corn of wheat to fall into the Ground	John 12:24-25
129	Psalms 72:17	Belief on His name will produce offspring	John 1:12-13
130	Psalms 72:17	All nations shall be blessed by Him	Galatians 3:8
131	Psalms 72:17	All nations shall call Him blessed	John 12:13; Revelation 5:8-12
132	Psalms 78:1-2	He would teach in parables	Matthew 13:34-35
133	Psalms 78:2b	To speak the Wisdom of God with authority	Matthew 7:29
134	Psalms 80:17	The Man of God's right hand	Mark 14:61-62
135	Psalms 88	The Suffering and Reproach of Calvary	Matthew 27:26-50
136	Psalms 88:8	They stood afar off and watched	Luke 23:49
137	Psalms 89:27	Firstborn	Colossians 1:15-18
138	Psalms 89:27	Emmanuel to be higher than earthly kings	Luke 1:32-33
139	Psalms 89:35-37	David's Seed, throne, kingdom endure forever	Luke 1:32-33
140	Psalms 89:36-37	His character-Faithfulness	Revelation 1:5; 19:11
141	Psalms 90:2	He is from everlasting (Micah 5:2)	John 1:1
142	Psalms 91:11-12	Identified as Messianic, used to tempt Christ	Luke 4:10-11
143	Psalms 97:9	His exaltation predicted	Acts 1:11; Ephesians 1:20
144	Psalms 100:5	His character-Goodness	Matthew 19:16-17
145	Psalms 102:1-11	The Suffering and Reproach of Calvary	John 19:16-30
146	Psalms 102:25-27	Messiah is the Preexistent Son	Hebrews 1:10-12
147	Psalms 109:25	Ridiculed	Matthew 27:39
148	Psalms 110:1	Son of David	Matthew 22:42-43
149	Psalms 110:1	To ascend to the right-hand of the Father	Mark 16:19

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150	Psalms 110:1	David's son called Lord	Matthew 22:44-45
151	Psalms 110:4	A priest after Melchizedek's order	Hebrews 6:20
152	Psalms 112:4	His character-Compassionate, Gracious, et al	Matthew 9:36
153	Psalms 118:17-18	Messiah's Resurrection assured	Luke 24:5-7; 1 Corinthians 15:20
154	Psalms 118:22-23	The rejected stone is Head of the corner	Matthew 21:42-43
155	Psalms 118:26a	The Blessed One presented to Israel	Matthew 21:9
156	Psalms 118:26b	To come while Temple standing	Matthew 21:12-15
157	Psalms 132:11	The Seed of David (the fruit of His Body)	Luke 1:32; Act 2:30
158	Psalms 129:3	He was scourged	Matthew 27:26
159	Psalms 138:1-6	The supremacy of David's Seed amazes kings	Matthew 2:2-6
160	Psalms 147:3-6	The earthly ministry of Christ described	Luke 4:18

The Book of Proverbs. The Book of Proverbs is not merely an anthology but a "collection of collections" relating to a pattern of life which lasted for more than a millennium. It is an example of the Biblical wisdom tradition, and raises questions of values, moral behavior, the meaning of human life, and right conduct. The repeated theme is that "the fear of God (meaning submission to the will of God) is the beginning of wisdom." Wisdom is praised for her role in creation; God acquired her before all else, and through her he gave order to chaos; and since humans have life and prosperity by conforming to the order of creation, seeking wisdom is the essence and goal of the religious life.

Proverbs contains two prophecies (prophecies 161-162) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled both prophecies in Proverbs.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
161	Proverbs 1:23	He will send the Spirit of God	John 16:7
162	Proverbs 8:23	Foreordained from everlasting	Revelation 13:8; 1 Pet 1:19-20

Song of Solomon: The Song of Solomon is unique within the Hebrew Bible: it shows no interest in Law or Covenant or Yahweh the God of Israel, nor does it teach or explore wisdom like Proverbs or Ecclesiaste; instead, it celebrates physical love, giving "the voices of two lovers, praising each other, yearning for each other, proffering invitations to enjoy". In modern Judaism the Song is read on the Sabbath during the Passover, which marks the beginning of the grain harvest as well as commemorating the Exodus from Egypt. Jewish tradition reads it as an allegory of the relationship between God and Israel, Christianity as an allegory of Christ and his "bride", the Church.

Song of Solomon also contains one prophecy (prophecy 163) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled the prophecy in Song of Solomon.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
163	Song of Solomon 5:16	The altogether lovely One	John 1:17

The Book of Isaiah: Isaiah contains the most prophecies about Jesus with 125 (prophecies 164-288). Isaiah contains so many prophecies about Jesus that it has been called the "Fifth Gospel."

Isaiah 1–33 promises judgment and restoration for Judah, Jerusalem and the nations, and chapters 34–66 presume that judgment has been pronounced and restoration follows soon. It can thus be read as an extended meditation on the destiny of Jerusalem into and after the Exile. Isaiah was one of the most popular works among Jews in the Second Temple period (515 BC – 70 AD). Isaiah's influence extends beyond Christianity to English literature and to Western culture in general, from the libretto of Handel's Messiah to a host of such everyday phrases as "swords into ploughshares" and "voice in the wilderness."

Isaiah contain numerous prophecies about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled all 125 prophecies in Isaiah.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
164	Isaiah 2:3	He shall teach all nations	John 4:25
165	Isaiah 2:4	He shall judge among the nations	John 5:22
166	Isaiah 6:1	When Isaiah saw His glory	John 12:40-41
167	Isaiah 6:8	The One Sent by God	John 12:38-45
168	Isaiah 6:9-10	Parables fall on deaf ears	Matthew 13:13-15
169	Isaiah 6:9-12	Blinded to Christ and deaf to His words	Acts 28:23-29
170	Isaiah 7:14	To be born of a virgin	Luke 1:35
171	Isaiah 7:14	To be Emmanuel-God with us	Matthew 1:18-23; 1 Timothy 3:16
172	Isaiah 8:8	Called Emmanuel	Matthew 28:20
173	Isaiah 8:14	A stone of stumbling, a Rock of offense	1 Pet 2:8
174	Isaiah 9:1-2	His ministry to begin in Galilee	Matthew 4:12-17
175	Isaiah 9:6	A child born-Humanity	Luke 1:31
176	Isaiah 9:6	A Son given-Deity	Luke 1:32; John 1:14; 1 Tim 3:16
177	Isaiah 9:6	Declared to be the Son of God with power	Romans 1:3-4
178	Isaiah 9:6	The Wonderful One, Peleh	Luke 4:22
179	Isaiah 9:6	The Counselor, Yaatz	Matthew 13:54
180	Isaiah 9:6	The Mighty God, El Gibor	1 Corinthians 1:24; Titus 2:3
181	Isaiah 9:6	The Everlasting Father, Avi Adth	John 8:58; 10:30
182	Isaiah 9:6	The Prince of Peace, Sar Shalom	John 16:33
183	Isaiah 9:7	To establish an everlasting kingdom	Luke 1:32-33
184	Isaiah 9:7	His Character-Just	John 5:30
185	Isaiah 9:7	No end to his Government, Throne, and Peace	Luke 1:32-33
186	Isaiah 11:1	Called a Nazarene-the Branch, Netzer	Matthew 2:23
187	Isaiah 11:1	A rod out of Jesse-Son of Jesse	Luke 3:23-32
188	Isaiah 11:2	Anointed One by the Spirit	Matthew 3:16-17; Acts 10:38
189	Isaiah 11:2	His Character-Wisdom, Knowledge, et al	Colossians 2:3
190	Isaiah 11:3	He would know their thoughts	Luke 6:8; John 2:25
191	Isaiah 11:4	Judge in righteousness	Acts 17:31
192	Isaiah 11:4	Judges with the sword of His mouth	Revelation 2:16; 19:11, 15
193	Isaiah 11:5	Character: Righteous & Faithful	Revelation 19:11
194	Isaiah 11:10	The Gentiles seek Him	John 12:18-21
195	Isaiah 12:2	Called Jesus-Yeshua	Matthew 1:21

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
196	Isaiah 22:22	The One given all authority to govern	Revelation 3:7
197	Isaiah 25:8	The Resurrection predicted	1 Corinthians 15:54
198	Isaiah 26:19	His power of Resurrection predicted	Matthew 27:50-54
199	Isaiah 28:16	The Messiah is the precious corner stone	Acts 4:11-12
200	Isaiah 28:16	The Sure Foundation	1 Corinthians 3:11; Matthew 16:18
201	Isaiah 29:13	He indicated hypocritical obedience to His Word	Matthew 15:7-9
202	Isaiah 29:14	The wise are confounded by the Word	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
203	Isaiah 32:2	A Refuge-A man shall be a hiding place	Matthew 23:37
204	Isaiah 35:4	He will come and save you	Matthew 1:21
205	Isaiah 35:5-6	To have a ministry of miracles	Matthew 11:2-6
206	Isaiah 40:3-4	Preceded by forerunner	John 1:23
207	Isaiah 40:9	"Behold your God"	John 1:36; 19:14
208	Isaiah 40:10	He will come to reward	Revelation 22:12
209	Isaiah 40:11	A shepherd-compassionate life-giver	John 10:10-18
210	Isaiah 42:1-4	The Servant-as a faithful, patient redeemer	Matthew 12:18-21
211	Isaiah 42:2	Meek and lowly	Matthew 11:28-30
212	Isaiah 42:3	He brings hope for the hopeless	John 4
213	Isaiah 42:4	The nations shall wait on His teachings	John 12:20-26
214	Isaiah 42:6	The Light (salvation) of the Gentiles	Luke 2:32
215	Isaiah 42:1-6	His is a worldwide compassion	Matthew 28:19-20
216	Isaiah 42:7	Blind eyes opened	John 9:25-38
217	Isaiah 43:11	He is the only Savior	Acts 4:12
218	Isaiah 44:3	He will send the Spirit of God	John 16:7-13
219	Isaiah 45:21-25	He is Lord and Savior	Phil 3:20; Titus 2:13
220	Isaiah 45:23	He will be the Judge	John 5:22; Romans 14:11
221	Isaiah 46:9-10	Declares things not yet done	John 13:19
222	Isaiah 48:12	The First and the Last	John 1:30; Revelation 1:8, 17
223	Isaiah 48:16-17	He came as a Teacher	John 3:2
224	Isaiah 49:1	Called from the womb-His humanity	Matthew 1:18
225	Isaiah 49:5	A Servant from the womb	Luke 1:31; Philemon 2:7
226	Isaiah 49:6	He will restore Israel	Acts 3:19-21; 15:16-17
227	Isaiah 49:6	He is Salvation for Israel	Luke 2:29-32
228	Isaiah 49:6	He is the Light of the Gentiles	John 8:12; Acts 13:47
229	Isaiah 49:6	He is Salvation unto the ends of the earth	Acts 15:7-18
230	Isaiah 49:7	He is despised of the Nation	John 1:11; 8:48-49; 19:14-15
231	Isaiah 50:3	Heaven is clothed in black at His humiliation	Luke 23:44-45
232	Isaiah 50:4	He is a learned counselor for the weary	Matthew 7:29; 11:28-29
233	Isaiah 50:5	The Servant bound willingly to obedience	Matthew 26:39
234	Isaiah 50:6a	"I gave my back to those who struck Me"	Matthew 27:26
235	Isaiah 50:6b	He was smitten on the cheeks	Matthew 26:67
236	Isaiah 50:6c	He was spat upon	Matthew 27:30
237	Isaiah 52:7	Published good tidings upon mountains	Matthew 5:12; 15:29; 28:16
238	Isaiah 52:13	The Servant exalted	Acts 1:8-11; Ephesians 1:19-22
239	Isaiah 52:14	The Servant shockingly abused	Luke 18:31-34; Matthew 26:67-68
240	Isaiah 52:15	Nations startled by message of the Servant	Luke 18:31-34; Matthew 26:67-68
241	Isaiah 52:15	His blood shed sprinkles nations	Hebrews 9:13-14; Revelation 1:5
242	Isaiah 53:1	His people would not believe Him	John 12:37-38
243	Isaiah 53:2	Appearance of an ordinary man	Philemon 2:6-8
244	Isaiah 53:3a	Despised	Luke 4:28-29
245	Isaiah 53:3b	Rejected	Matthew 27:21-23

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
246	Isaiah 53:3c	Great sorrow and grief	Matthew 26:37-38; Luke 19:41
247	Isaiah 53:3d	Men hide from being associated with Him	Mark 14:50-52
248	Isaiah 53:4a	He would have a healing ministry	Matthew 8:16-17
249	Isaiah 53:4b	Thought to be cursed by God	Matthew 26:66; 27:41-43
250	Isaiah 53:5a	Bears penalty for mankind's iniquities	2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 2:9
251	Isaiah 53:5b	His sacrifice provides peace between man and God	Colossians 1:20
252	Isaiah 53:5c	His sacrifice would heal man of sin	1 Peter 2:24
253	Isaiah 53:6a	He would be the sin-bearer for all mankind	1 John 2:2; 4:10
254	Isaiah 53:6b	God's will that He bear sin for all mankind	Galatians 1:4
255	Isaiah 53:7a	Oppressed and afflicted	Matthew 27:27-31
256	Isaiah 53:7b	Silent before his accusers	Matthew 27:12-14
257	Isaiah 53:7c	Sacrificial lamb	John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:18-19
258	Isaiah 53:8a	Confined and persecuted	Matthew 26:47-27:31
259	Isaiah 53:8b	He would be judged	John 18:13-22
260	Isaiah 53:8c	Killed	Matthew 27:35
261	Isaiah 53:8d	Dies for the sins of the world	1 John 2:2
262	Isaiah 53:9a	Buried in a rich man's grave	Matthew 27:57
263	Isaiah 53:9b	Innocent and had done no violence	Luke 23:41; John 18:38
264	Isaiah 53:9c	No deceit in his mouth	1 Peter 2:22
265	Isaiah 53:10a	God's will that He die for mankind	John 18:11
266	Isaiah 53:10b	An offering for sin	Matthew 20:28; Galatians 3:13
267	Isaiah 53:10c	Resurrected and live forever	Romans 6:9
268	Isaiah 53:10d	He would prosper	John 17:1-5
269	Isaiah 53:11a	God fully satisfied with His suffering	John 12:27
270	Isaiah 53:11b	God's servant would justify man	Romans 5:8-9, 18-19
271	Isaiah 53:11c	The sin-bearer for all mankind	Hebrews 9:28
272	Isaiah 53:12a	Exalted by God because of his sacrifice	Matthew 28:18
273	Isaiah 53:12b	He would give up his life to save mankind	Luke 23:46
274	Isaiah 53:12c	Numbered with the transgressors	Mark 15:27-28
275	Isaiah 53:12d	Sin-bearer for all mankind	1 Peter 2:24
276	Isaiah 53:12e	Intercede to God in behalf of mankind	Luke 23:34; Romans 8:34
277	Isaiah 55:3	Resurrected by God	Acts 13:34
278	Isaiah 55:4a	A witness	John 18:37
279	Isaiah 55:4b	He is a leader and commander	Hebrews 2:10
280	Isaiah 55:5	God would glorify Him	Acts 3:13
281	Isaiah 59:16a	Intercessor between man and God	Matthew 10:32
282	Isaiah 59:16b	He would come to provide salvation	John 6:40
283	Isaiah 59:20	He would come to Zion as their Redeemer	Luke 2:38
284	Isaiah 60:1-3	He would show light to the Gentiles	Acts 26:23
285	Isaiah 61:1a	The Spirit of God upon him	Matthew 3:16-17
286	Isaiah 61:1b	The Messiah would preach the good news	Luke 4:16-21
287	Isaiah 61:1c	Provide freedom from the bondage of sin	John 8:31-36
288	Isaiah 61:1-2a	Proclaim a period of grace	Galatians 4:4-5

The Book of Jeremiah: The Book of Jeremiah is a representation of the message and significance of the prophet substantially intended for the Jews in Babylonian exile: its purpose is to explain the disaster as God's response to Israel's pagan worship: the people, says Jeremiah, are like an unfaithful wife and rebellious children: their infidelity and rebelliousness make judgment inevitable, although restoration and a new covenant are foreshadowed. The Book of Jeremiah contains five prophecies (prophecies 289-293) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled all five prophecies in Jeremiah.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
289	Jeremiah 23:5-6	Descendant of David	Luke 3:23-31
290	Jeremiah 23:5-6	The Messiah would be both God and Man	John 13:13; 1 Timothy 3:16
291	Jeremiah 31:22	Born of a virgin	Matthew 1:18-20
292	Jeremiah 31:31	The Messiah would be the new covenant	Matthew 26:28
293	Jeremiah 33:14-15	Descendant of David	Luke 3:23-31

The Book of Ezekiel: The Book of Ezekiel records six visions of the prophet Ezekiel, exiled in Babylon, during the 22 years 593–571 BC. The visions, and the book, are structured around three themes: (1) Judgment on Israel (chapters 1–24); (2) Judgment on the nations (chapters 25–32); and (3) Future blessings and return for Israel (chapters 33–48). Its themes include the concepts of the presence of God, purity, Israel as a divine community, and individual responsibility to God.

The Book of Ezekiel contains two prophecies (prophecies 294-295) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled both prophecies in Ezekiel.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
294	Ezekiel 34:23-24	Descendant of David	Matthew 1:1
295	Ezekiel 37:24-25	Descendant of David	Luke 1:31-33

The Book of Daniel: The Book of Daniel contains much prophecy and interpretation of dreams by the King Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel also contains 12 specific prophecies (prophecies 296-307) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled all 12 prophecies in Daniel.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
296	Daniel 2:44-45	The Stone that shall break the kingdoms	Matthew 21:44
297	Daniel 7:13-14a	He would ascend into heaven	Acts 1:9-11
298	Daniel 7:13-14b	Highly exalted	Ephesians 1:20-22
299	Daniel 7:13-14c	His dominion would be everlasting	Luke 1:31-33
300	Daniel 9:24a	To make an end to sins	Gal 1:3-5
301	Daniel 9:24a	To make reconciliation for iniquity	Romans 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21
302	Daniel 9:24b	He would be holy	Luke 1:35
303	Daniel 9:25	His announcement	John 12:12-13
304	Daniel 9:26a	Cut off	Matthew 16:21; 21:38-39
305	Daniel 9:26b	Die for the sins of the world	Hebrews 2:9
306	Daniel 9:26c	Killed before the destruction of the temple	Matthew 27:50-51
307	Daniel 10:5-6	Messiah in a glorified state	Revelation 1:13-16

The Book of Hosea: The Book of Hosea is set around the fall of the Northern Kingdom of Israel, the Book of Hosea denounces the worship of gods other than Yahweh, metaphorically comparing Israel's abandonment of Yahweh to a woman being unfaithful to her husband. According to the book's narrative, the relationship between Hosea and his unfaithful wife Gomer is comparable to the relationship between Yahweh and his unfaithful people Israel. The eventual reconciliation of Hosea and Gomer is treated as a hopeful metaphor for the eventual reconciliation between Yahweh and Israel.

The Book of Hosea contains two prophecies (prophecies 308-309) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled both prophecies in Hosea.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
308	Hosea 11:1	He would be called out of Egypt	Matthew 2:15
309	Hosea 13:14	He would defeat death	1 Corinthians 15:55-57

The Book of Joel: The Book of Joel contains a lament over a great locust plague and a severe drought. The effects of these events on agriculture, farmers, and on the supply of agricultural offerings for the Temple in Jerusalem, interspersed with a call to national lament. A more apocalyptic passage comparing the locusts to an army, and revealing that they are God's army (Joel 2:1–11). Next there is a call to national repentance in the face of God's judgment (Joel 2:12–17), and then a promise of future blessings (Joel 2:18–32).

Future prophetic gifts are promised to all God's people, and the safety of God's people in the face of cosmic cataclysm (Joel 2:28–32 or 3:1–5). Joel describes the coming judgment on God's (Israel's) enemies and the vindication of Israel. The Book of Joel contains one prophecy (prophecy 310) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled the prophecy in Joel.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
310	Joel 2:32	Offer salvation to all mankind	Romans 10:9-13

The Book of Jonah: The Book of Jonah describes how God commands Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh to prophesy against it "for their great wickedness is come up before me," but Jonah instead attempts to flee from "the presence of the Lord" by going to Jaffa (sometimes transliterated as Joppa or Joppe), and sailing to Tarshish. A huge storm arises and the sailors, realizing that it is no ordinary storm, cast lots and discover that Jonah is to blame. Jonah admits this and states that if he is thrown overboard, the storm will cease. The sailors refuse to do this and continue rowing, but all their efforts fail and they are eventually forced to throw Jonah overboard.

As a result, the storm calms and the sailors then offer sacrifices to God. Jonah is miraculously saved by being swallowed by a large fish, in whose belly he spends three days and three nights. While in the great fish, Jonah prays to God from Sheol in his affliction and commits to thanksgiving and to paying what he has vowed. God then commands the fish to vomit Jonah out.

The Book of Jonah contains one prophecy (prophecy 311) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled the prophecy in Jonah.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
311	Jonah 1:17	Death and resurrection of Christ	Matthew 12:40; 16:4

The Book of Micah: The Book of Micah is a prophetic book in the Old Testament. Micah reproaches unjust leaders, defends the rights of the poor against the rich and powerful; while looking forward to a world at peace centered on Zion under the leadership of a new Davidic monarch. At the broadest level, Micah can be divided into three roughly equal parts: 1) Judgment against the nations and their leaders, 2) restoration of Zion and 3) God's lawsuit against Israel and expression of hope.

The Book of Micah contains three prophecies (prophecies 312-314) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled all three prophecies in Micah.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
312	Micah 5:2a	Born in Bethlehem	Matthew 2:1-6
313	Micah 5:2b	Ruler in Israel	Luke 1:33
314	Micah 5:2c	From everlasting	John 8:58

The Book of Haggai: The Book of Haggai was written in 520 BC some 18 years after Cyrus had conquered Babylon and issued a decree in 538 BC allowing the captive Jews to return to Judea. Cyrus saw the restoration of the temple as necessary for the restoration of the religious practices and a sense of freedom after a long exile. Haggai reports that three weeks after his first prophecy, the rebuilding of the Temple began on September 7 521 BC. "They came and began to work on the house of the LORD Almighty, their God, on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month in the second year of Darius the King.(Haggai 1:14–15) and the Book of Ezra indicates that it was finished on February 25 516 BC. "The Temple was completed on the third day of the month Adar, in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius." (Ezra 6:15)

The Book of Haggai contains two prophecies (prophecies 315-316) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled both prophecies in Haggai.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
315	Haggai 2:6-9	He would visit the second Temple	Luke 2:27-32
316	Haggai 2:23	Descendant of Zerubbabel	Luke 2:27-32

The Book of Zechariah: The Book of Zechariah Zechariah's prophecies took place during the reign of Darius the Great, and were contemporary with Haggai in a post-exilic world after the fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC. Ezekiel and Jeremiah wrote before the fall of Jerusalem, while continuing to prophesy in the early exile period. Scholars believe Ezekiel, with his blending of ceremony and vision, heavily influenced the visionary works of Zechariah 1–8. Zechariah is specific about dating his writing (520–518 BC).

During the Exile many Judahites and Benjamites were taken to Babylon, where the prophets told them to make their homes, suggesting they would spend a long period of time there. Eventually freedom did come to many Israelites, when Cyrus the Great overtook the Babylonians in 539 BC. In 538 BC, the famous Edict of Cyrus was released, and the first return took place under Sheshbazzar.

The Book of Zechariah contains 30 prophecies (prophecies 317-346) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled all 30 prophecies in Zechariah.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
317	Zechariah 3:8	God's servant	John 17:4
318	Zechariah 6:12-13	Priest and King	Hebrews 8:1
319	Zechariah 9:9a	Greeted with rejoicing in Jerusalem	Matthew 21:8-10
320	Zechariah 9:9b	Beheld as King	John 12:12-13
321	Zechariah 9:9c	The Messiah would be just	John 5:30
322	Zechariah 9:9d	The Messiah would bring salvation	Luke 19:10
323	Zechariah 9:9e	The Messiah would be humble	Matthew 11:29
324	Zechariah 9:9f	Presented to Jerusalem riding on a donkey	Matthew 21:6-9
325	Zechariah 10:4	The cornerstone	Ephesians 2:20
326	Zechariah 11:4-6a	At His coming, Israel to have unfit leaders	Matthew 23:1-4
327	Zechariah 11:4-6b	Rejection causes God to remove His protection	Luke 19:41-44
328	Zechariah 11:4-6c	Rejected in favor of another king	John 19:13-15
329	Zechariah 11:7	Ministry to "poor," the believing remnant	Matthew 9:35-36
330	Zechariah 11:8a	Unbelief forces Messiah to reject them	Matthew 23:33
331	Zechariah 11:8b	Despised	Matthew 27:20
332	Zechariah 11:9	Stops ministering to those who rejected Him	Matthew 13:10-11
333	Zechariah 11:10-11a	Rejection causes God to remove protection	Luke 19:41-44
334	Zechariah 11:10-11b	The Messiah would be God	John 14:7
335	Zechariah 11:12-13a	Betrayed for thirty pieces of silver	Matthew 26:14-15
336	Zechariah 11:12-13b	Rejected	Matthew 26:14-15
337	Zechariah 11:12-13c	Thirty pieces of silver cast in the house of the Lord	Matthew 27:3-5
338	Zechariah 11:12-13d	The Messiah would be God	John 12:45
339	Zechariah 12:10a	The Messiah's body would be pierced	John 19:34-37
340	Zechariah 12:10b	The Messiah would be both God and man	John 10:30
341	Zechariah 12:10c	The Messiah would be rejected	John 1:11
342	Zechariah 13:7a	God's will He die for mankind	John 18:11
343	Zechariah 13:7b	A violent death	Mark 14:27
344	Zechariah 13:7c	Both God and man	John 14:9
345	Zechariah 13:7d	Israel scattered as a result of rejecting Him	Matthew 26:31-56
346	Zechariah 14:4	He would return to the Mt. of Olives	Acts 1:11-12

The Book of Malachi: Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament, making Malachi the last book before the New Testament. The Book of Malachi was written to correct the lax religious and social behavior of the Israelites – particularly the priests – in post-exilic Jerusalem. Although the prophets urged the people of Judah and Israel to see their exile as punishment for failing to uphold their covenant with God, it was not long after they had been restored to the land and to Temple worship that the people's commitment to their God began, once again, to wane. It was in this context that the prophet commonly referred to as Malachi delivered his prophecy.

The Book of Malachi contains the final five prophecies (prophecies 347-351) about Jesus. Jesus fulfilled all five prophecies in Malachi.

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Description	Fulfillment
347	Malachi 3:1a	Messenger to prepare the way for Messiah	Mark 1:1-8
348	Malachi 3:1b	Sudden appearance at the temple	Mark 11:15-16
349	Malachi 3:1c	Messenger of the new covenant	Luke 4:43
350	Malachi 4:5	Forerunner in spirit of Elijah	Matthew 3:1-3; 11:10-14; 17:11
351	Malachi 4:6	Forerunner would turn many to righteousness	Luke 1:16-17

THERE IS NO ONE LIKE JESUS

It is the magnificent detail of these prophecies that mark the Bible as the inspired Word of God. Only God could foreknow and accomplish all that was written about the Christ. This historical accuracy and reliability sets the Bible apart from any other book or record.

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As 1 John 1:1-3 states:

“The One who existed from the beginning is the One we have heard and seen. We saw Him with our own eyes and touched Him with our own hands. He is Jesus Christ, the Word of Life. This One who is life from God was shown to us, and we have seen Him. And now we testify and announce to you that He is the One who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then He was shown to us. We are telling you about what we ourselves have actually seen and heard, so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ”.