



# Vintage Jesus Notes

## Chapter 3 - How did people know Jesus was coming?



# Chapter Summary

The life of Jesus literally split time in half, but how did the world know to expect Jesus? Why were they waiting and how did they know what to wait for? Was anyone waiting at all? These are all questions that this chapter seeks to explain. The entirety of scripture, old and new covenants, points to Jesus. There are too many Christians that view the old testament as text void of Christ, when in reality it prepared, taught and pointed God's children to His Son.

By the end of this chapter we should see the evidence of Jesus' claim that the purpose of his ministry was to fulfill every aspect, law and prophecy of the Old Testament.

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# Notes

**“Everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” -Jesus  
(Luke 24:44)**

## Prophetic nature of scripture

1. Roughly 25% of the Bible was prophetic at the time it was written.
2. Many of those prophecies specifically pointing to the coming of Jesus Christ as the Messiah or the “anointed one”
3. How did people know Jesus was coming? ANSWER: They read the Old Testament.
4. God’s people knew Jesus was coming because they carefully, diligently and prayerfully read the Old Testament
5. Notable theologians thoughts
  - 5.1. Leslie Newbigin “The theme of promise and fulfillment runs like a thread throughout the whole Bible.”
  - 5.2. Walter Kaiser, “A straightforward understanding and application of the text leads one straight to the Messiah and to Jesus of Nazareth, who has fulfilled everything these texts said about his first coming.”
  - 5.3. Martin J. Selman, “Jesus both fulfilled and expanded the messianic ideas of the Old Testament.”
  - 5.4. Kim Riddlebarger, “Jesus Christ is the sum and substance of biblical prophecy.”

## Jesus says He is who the Old Testament points to

6. Jesus himself said many times he was the thread that wove together the Old Testament
  - 6.1. Practically this means that scripture is not rightly understood or taught unless the person and work of Jesus are the central truth being revealed
7. Jesus summarized his entire ministry as fulfilling the Old Testament (Matthew 5:17-18)
8. Jesus rebukes some of the most devoutly religious and biblically literate people who’ve ever lived. (John 5:36-40)
  - 8.1. In all their studies they failed to see that Jesus alone was the central theme of scripture. Their hope was in Moses’ law.



- 8.2. Jesus explains that all that was written by Moses and earlier prophets was fulfilled in him alone (Luke 24:27, v44-45)

## The prophecies

9. Here are some of the major prophet events of the Old Testament

- 9.1. 4000 B.C.: Adam and Eve receive the prophecy that the Messiah (Jesus) would be born of a woman.
  - 9.1.1. **Promise:** Genesis 3:15
  - 9.1.2. **Fulfillment:** Galatians 4:4
- 9.2. 2000 B.C.: Abraham receives the promise that the Messiah (Jesus) would descend from Abraham, through his son Isaac (not Ishmael), Isaac's son Jacob (not Esau), and Jacob's son Judah (not any of the other eleven brothers).
  - 9.2.1. **Promise:** Gen. 12:3, Gen. 17:19, Num. 24:17, Gen. 49:10
  - 9.2.2. **Fulfillment:** Matt. 1:1-2
- 9.3. 700 B.C.: Isaiah prophesies that Jesus' mother would be a virgin who conceived by a miracle and that Jesus would be God who became man.
  - 9.3.1. **Promise:** Isa. 7:14
  - 9.3.2. **Fulfillment:** Matt. 1:18-23
- 9.4. 700 B.C.: Micah prophesies that Jesus would be born in the town of Bethlehem.
  - 9.4.1. **Promise:** Mic. 5:2
  - 9.4.2. **Fulfillment:** Luke 2:1-7
- 9.5. 700 B.C.: Isaiah prophesies that Jesus would live his life without committing any sins.
  - 9.5.1. **Promise:** Isa. 53:9
  - 9.5.2. **Fulfillment:** 1 Pet. 2:21-22
- 9.6. 700 B.C.: Hosea prophesies that Jesus' family would flee as refugees to Egypt to save his young life.
  - 9.6.1. **Promise:** Hos. 11:1
  - 9.6.2. **Fulfillment:** Matt. 2:13-15



9.7. 400 B.C.: Malachi prophesies that Jesus would enter the temple. This is important because the temple was destroyed in A.D. 70 and no longer exists; subsequently, the prophecy could not have been fulfilled anytime after A.D. 70

9.7.1. **Promise:** Mal 3:1

9.7.2. **Fulfillment:** Luke 2:25-27

9.8. 700 B.C. Isaiah prophesies that John the Baptizer would prepare the way for Jesus.

9.8.1. **Promise:** Isa. 40:3

9.8.2. **Fulfillment:** Matt. 3:1-3

9.9. 700 B.C. Isaiah prophesies that Jesus would perform many miracles.

9.9.1. **Promise:** Isa. 35:5-6

9.9.2. **Fulfillment:** Matt. 11:2-5

9.10. 500 B.C. Zechariah prophesies that Jesus would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey.

9.10.1. **Promise:** Zech. 9:9

9.10.2. **Fulfillment:** Luke 19:28, v35-38

9.11. 1000 B.C.: David prophesies that Jesus would be betrayed by a friend.

9.11.1. **Promise:** Ps. 41:9

9.11.2. **Fulfillment:** Matt. 26:49-50

9.12. 500 B.C.: Zechariah prophesies that Jesus' betraying friend would be paid thirty pieces of silver for handling him over to the authorities and that the payment would be thrown in disgust (again, the temple was destroyed in A.D. 70, so this prophecy could not have been fulfilled after that time)

9.12.1. **Promise:** Zech. 11:12-13

9.12.2. **Fulfillment:** Matt. 27:5-7

9.13. 700 B.C.: Isaiah prophesies that Jesus would be beaten, would have his beard plucked out, and would be mocked and spit on.

9.13.1. **Promise:** Isa. 50:6

9.13.2. **Fulfillment:** Matt. 26:67



- 9.14. 1000 B.C.: David prophesies that lots would be cast for Jesus' clothing.
- 9.14.1. **Promise:** Ps. 22:18
  - 9.14.2. **Fulfillment:** John 19:23-24
- 9.15. 700 B.C.: Isaiah prophesies that Jesus would be hated and rejected.
- 9.15.1. **Promise:** Isa. 53:3
  - 9.15.2. **Fulfillment:** Matt. 27:39-44
- 9.16. 700 B.C.: Isaiah prophesies that, though hated and rejected, Jesus would not defend himself.
- 9.16.1. **Promise:** Isa.53:7
  - 9.16.2. **Fulfillment:** Matt. 27:12
- 9.17. 1000 B.C.: David prophesies that Jesus would be crucified (hundreds of years before the invention of the crucifixion)
- 9.17.1. **Promise:** Ps. 22:16
  - 9.17.2. **Fulfillment:** Luke 23:#3
- 9.18. 700 B.C.: Isaiah prophesies that Jesus would be killed with sinners.
- 9.18.1. **Promise:** Isa. 53:12
  - 9.18.2. **Fulfillment:** Matt. 27:38
- 9.19. 1400 B.C.: Moses prophesies that none of Jesus' bones would be broken. 1000 B.C.: David prophesies the same.
- 9.19.1. **Promise:** Ex. 12:46, Ps. 34:20
  - 9.19.2. **Fulfillment:** John 19:32-36
- 9.20. 1000 B.C.: David prophesies that Jesus would be forsaken by God.
- 9.20.1. **Promise:** Ps. 22:!
  - 9.20.2. **Fulfillment:** Matt. 27:46
- 9.21. 700 B.C.: Isaiah prophesies that Jesus would die.
- 9.21.1. **Promise:** Isa. 53:8



- 9.21.2. **Fulfillment:** Luke 23:46
- 9.22. 700 B.C.: Isaiah prophesies that Jesus would be buried in a tomb given to him by a rich man.
  - 9.22.1. **Promise:** Isa. 53:9
  - 9.22.2. **Fulfillment:** Matt. 27:57-60
- 9.23. 1000 B.C.: David prophesies that Jesus would resurrect from death. 700 B.C.: Isaiah prophesies the same.
  - 9.23.1. **Promise:** Ps. 16:10, Isa. 53:10-11
  - 9.23.2. **Fulfillment:** Acts 2:25-32
- 9.24. 1000 B.C.: David prophesies that Jesus would ascend into heaven and take the souls of departed Christians with him.
  - 9.24.1. **Promise:** Ps. 68:18
  - 9.24.2. **Fulfillment:** Eph. 4:7-10
- 9.25. 1000 B.C: David prophesies that Jesus would sit at the right hand of God.
  - 9.25.1. **Promise:** Ps. 110:1
  - 9.25.2. **Fulfillment:** Heb. 1:3
- 10. There is no way to explain the specificity and variety of fulfilled prophecy in scripture apart from the miraculous hand of God at work
- 11. What explanation besides God can you give to account for the fulfillment of these prophecies given by many authors over the course of many years, each revealing specific details about the person and work of Jesus?
- 12. Several hundred of prophecies of the coming Christ in the Old Testament, fulfilled in Jesus Christ
  - 12.1. The remaining prophecies will be fulfilled in the second coming of Christ (*see discussion point*)
- 13. Philosopher Blaise Pascal said, *"If a single man had written a book fortelling the time and manner of Jesus' coming and Jesus had come in conformity with these prophecies, this would carry infinite weight. **But there is much more here.** There is a succession of men over a period of 4,000 years, coming consistently and invariably one after the other, to foretell the same coming; there is an entire people proclaiming it, existing for 4,000 years to testify in a body to the certainty they feel about it, from which they cannot be deflected by whatever threats and persecutions they may suffer. This is of a quite different order of importance."*



## Discussion ideas

14. How can we say Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecy when there are many that He did not fill?
  - 14.1. Predominantly an argument from Judaism supporting why they don't believe Jesus to be the Messiah
  - 14.2. Jewish people will point to the "*Lion*" prophecies as unfulfilled so Christ can't be the Messiah in their view (Ezekiel 36:24-38). That basically Jesus will kick out the oppressors and establish the Jewish people in Israel under his reign.
  - 14.3. Christians respond as Jesus did: the work of the messiah comes in 2 parts -> servant and king, lamb and lion.
    - 14.3.1. Jesus explains this in Luke 19:11-27 and again in Acts 1
    - 14.3.2. Jesus explains that the promise of the Holy Spirit would soon come upon them (Acts 1:5). They immediately thought of new covenant promises like Ezekiel 36 and connected the coming of the Spirit to the restoration of Israel.
    - 14.3.3. Jesus explained that the Kingdom promise was still to be fulfilled in the future.
  - 14.4. So these prophecies are not unfulfilled in the sense they've failed, but they are yet to be fulfilled