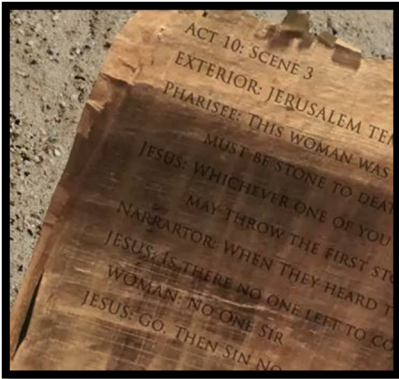




Did Jesus Live According to a Script?

Hebrews 5:8-9: (NASB) ⁸*Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from the things, which he suffered.* ⁹*And having been made perfect, he became to all those who obey him the source of eternal salvation.*



There is so much that comes to mind when you think of the life that Jesus lived here on earth for 33½ years. The Old Testament had an amazing amount to say about his life - much of it written hundreds and thousands of years before he came. This brings up the question - could Jesus have done the things he did and said the things he said simply because he knew the prophecies and wanted to fulfill them, or was it all of his own free will? Stay with us - this is fascinating!

There are two lines of attack on the authenticity of Jesus:

1. Jesus' life was "staged." He did the things that the Old Testament said so he could appear to be fulfilling prophecy.
2. Jesus did not even exist. His life was a fabrication for the purpose of controlling the people.



Gospels are fiction, *Kenneth Humphreys, caesarmessiahdoc.com*

- *The Gospels are not analogist to history; they are analogist to historical fiction. In other words, a drama has been inserted into a historical setting. The emphasis is totally different. It's an unreal drama. If you think about the Gospels, they are almost primarily concerned with the last week of Jesus' life - the Passion. (CQ Note: That is not correct.) That takes up most of the material. It is a simple drama inserted into a more or less realistic historical background.*



Let's start with some prophecies concerning the context of Jesus' birth.

Could these things have been "staged?" Could they have been made up? Would Jesus in the womb be able to choose where he was physically born?


Bethlehem is the town of David, the King of Israel after King Saul. Interestingly, the prophecy said Messiah would come from the lineage of King David. Bethlehem was a great symbol of the reign of King David. A ruler over Israel coming from Bethlehem makes a lot of sense!





BORN IN BETHLEHEM	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY 
<p>Micah 5:2: (NIV) <i>But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.</i></p> 	<p>Luke 2:4-7: (NIV) <i>⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.</i></p>
<p>Sometimes God uses specific places to send specific messages regarding His plan!</p>	

But to a skeptic, could this have been a story made up just to fulfill a prophecy? Yes, the story could have been written after the fact and the author could have placed the beginning of the "story" in Bethlehem.

BORN OF A VIRGIN	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY 
<p>Isaiah 7:14: (NIV) <i>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.</i></p> <p>Many skeptics say this word can mean any "young woman" - and it can! Why do we think the word here means a literal virgin?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This "virgin" conceiving is a sign - a marker - a miracle! Any young woman having a child would not be historically significant; 2. Most other uses of the word clearly mean a virgin. (See the CQ Rewind Bonus Material for more on this!) 	<p>Luke 1:26-31: (NIV) <i>²⁶In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said, greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. ²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.</i></p>
<p>Sometimes God uses absolute miracles to show us the power of His plan!</p>	

If someone 2,000 years ago was trying to fabricate a story, would they have gone that far to try to make the point?



Gospels have pro-Roman bias, K. Humphreys, caesarsmessiahdoc.com

- What I think we can say regarding the Gospels is that they show a decided pro-Roman bias. Let's paint the scene then. Rome is the great and emerging empirical power. It colonized the east as the Eastern Empire of Greece declined. In the areas it took over, it used in the first phase "client kings." In other words, it found those members of the local aristocracy that would collaborate with Rome, and they would happily do so because Rome would preserve their position. So, the classic example is of course the Herodian family. Herod was a Roman puppet, but Herod ruled his own provinces in his own way and with a rod of iron.

We do believe there was a "pro-Jewish Law" bias and an "anti-Pharisee" bias. We do not understand what a "pro-Roman" bias would be.

(Source: <http://caesarsmessiahdoc.com/Synopsis/synopsis.html>) Through interviews with experts, we learn that Jesus is not a historical figure, the events of Jesus' life were based on a Roman military campaign, his supposed second coming refers to a historical event that already occurred, the teachings of Christ came from the ancient pagan mystery schools, and the Gospels were written by a family of Caesars and their supporters who left us documents to prove it. Dissecting the history and literature of this time, the Scholars note that the history officially provided by the Church does not hold up to rigorous scrutiny. Much like the ancient era from which Christianity emerged, we are currently on the brink of an immense paradigm shift. Studying this history can help us understand modern-day politics, and give us the much-needed perspective for coming up with solutions to today's problems, in order to create a better world.

Could Joseph (Jesus' earthly father) have played an active role in making sure prophecy was fulfilled?

"OUT OF EGYPT I CALL MY SON"	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY COMPLETED
<p>Hosea 11:1: (NASB) When Israel was a youth I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son. ¹⁶Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi. ¹⁷Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓ COMPLETED</p> <p>Jeremiah 31:15: (NASB) Thus says the LORD; A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; She refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.</p> <p>How do we know this prophecy was meant for this event?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rachel was the mother of two of the tribes, Joseph and Benjamin, which tribes occupied Palestine at the time of the first advent. 2. Rachel was buried in Bethlehem. <p>Genesis 35:19: (NASB) So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).</p>	<p>Matthew 2:12-23: (NASB) ¹²And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way. ¹³Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, get up! Take the child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him. ¹⁴So Joseph got up and took the child and his mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. ¹⁵He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: Out of Egypt I called My Son.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sometimes God directs events for the fulfillment of His plan! Sometimes God allows the hatred and greed of men to fulfill His plan!</p>	






The book of Matthew was written for Jewish converts to show that the life of Jesus was built upon the Old Testament. It describes events fulfilled that God previously said would happen. These are things Jesus could not have had any control over.

A NAZARENE	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY
<p>Isaiah 11:1: (NIV) <i>A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch <5341> will bear fruit.</i></p> <p>"Branch:" Strong's #5341 "netser;" a green sprout, a shoot</p> <p>This is the word from which Nazareth is derived, a "weak (tender) shoot," as Nazareth was a weak city. (More on this in the CQ Bonus Material!)</p>	<p>Matthew 2:19: (NASB) <i>¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, ²⁰Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead. ²¹So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned by God in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, ²³and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: He shall be called a Nazarene.</i></p> <p>What Old Testament prophecy did this fulfill if the city of Nazareth did not exist in the Old Testament? It is obscure but right there in Isaiah 11:1!</p>
<p>Sometime God directs broad events and then leaves us to make specific decisions to fulfill His plan!</p>	



What about prophecies concerning the context of Jesus' work?

PRECEDED BY A FORERUNNER	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY 
<p>Malachi 3:1: (NIV) <i>See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come, says the LORD Almighty.</i></p> 	<p>Luke 7:24, 27: (NIV) ²⁴<i>After John's messengers left, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ²⁷This is the one about whom it is written: I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.</i></p>
<p>Sometimes God calls a specific person with specific talents to accomplish His plan!</p>	


DECLARED TO BE THE SON OF GOD	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY 
<p>Psalms 2:7: (NIV) <i>I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, you are my Son; today I have become your Father.</i></p>	<p>Matthew 3:17: (NIV) <i>And a voice from heaven said, this is My Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.</i></p>
<p>Sometimes God tells us ahead of time what He Himself will say in proclaiming His plan!</p>	




Prophecy's pattern over thousands of years is that it unfolds in stages.

Isaiah, for example, has many prophecies of the End Times.

In Isaiah 40, we see the results of Jesus' first AND second coming. The prophecy was not fulfilled all at once.

HIS PATH WAS PREPARED FOR HIM	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY 
<p>Isaiah 40:3-5: (NIV) ³A voice of one calling: In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. ⁵And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.</p>	<p>Luke 3:3-6: (NIV) ³He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: a voice of one calling in the desert, prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. ⁵Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. (This last part yet to be fulfilled!) ⁶And all mankind will see God's salvation.</p>
<p>Sometimes God's prophecies are fulfilled in stages illustrating the stages of His plan!</p>	

PREACHING IN GALILEE	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY 
<p>Isaiah 9:1-2: (NIV) ¹Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan. ²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.</p> <p>Galilee signifies a circle; implying this land would be encircled by the Gentiles. Galilee would be a very central place for the unfolding of Jesus' message.</p>	<p>Matthew 4:13-16: (NIV) ¹³Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali ¹⁴to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁵Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles ¹⁶the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.</p>
<p>Sometimes God focuses on specific places to draw specific people and lessons about His plan!</p>	



The Gentiles would have a view into the Gospel message initially but then would come to the Gospel later on after the death of Jesus and the conversion of Cornelius. These prophecies not only provide factual pieces from the Old Testament to the New Testament, but they give us an idea of "why." We get a sense of God's plan in a bigger picture. This is very faith strengthening!




A caller from Connecticut suggests: The New Testament is hidden in the Old Testament. The Old Testament is revealed in The New Testament.

Psalm 40:8: (KJV) *I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart.*

What about the work of Jesus? Was it prophesied about as well?

TEACHING IN PARABLES	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY 
<u>Psalms 78:2-4:</u> (NIV) ² <i>I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old--</i> ³ <i>what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us.</i> ⁴ <i>We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, His power, and the wonders He has done.</i>	<u>Matthew 13:34-35:</u> (NIV) ³⁴ <i>Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable.</i> ³⁵ <i>So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.</i>
Sometimes God prophesies that things will remain perplexing in the unfolding of His plan!	


AS A PROPHET AND TEACHER	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY 
<u>Deuteronomy 18:15:</u> (NIV) <i>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him.</i>	<u>Luke 24:18-19:</u> (NASB) ¹⁸ <i>One of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to him, Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?</i> ¹⁹ <i>And he said to them, what things? And they said to him, the things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people.</i>
Sometimes God prepares us through prophecy with examples of the people who carry out His plan!	



"I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ is no mere man. Between him and every other person in the world there is no possible term of comparison. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I have founded empires. But on what did we rest the creation of our genius? Upon force.


Jesus Christ founded his empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for him."

--Napoleon


BINDING UP THE BROKENHEARTED	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY 
Isaiah 61:1-2: (NIV) <i>¹The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn.</i>	Luke 4:18-21: (NASB) <i>¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, Because He anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed, ¹⁹To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord. ²⁰And he closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.</i>
Sometimes God allows prophecy to be plainly understood to further His plan!	

Jesus knew the prophecies, knew his mission and fulfilled them willingly. For Jesus to have staged all this would be impossible. For a Roman to write this after the fact as some skeptics believe, they would have had to know the Jewish Scriptures absolutely inside and out - including very veiled references. Not likely!




LOVED BY THE CHILDREN	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY
<p>Psalms 8:2: (NIV) <i>From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.</i></p> 	<p>Matthew 21:15-16: (NIV) ¹⁵<i>But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, Hosanna to the Son of David, they were indignant. ¹⁶Do you hear what these children are saying? They asked him. Yes, replied Jesus, have you never read, from the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise?</i></p>
Sometimes God prophesies the obvious details of His plan!	

What were the results of Jesus' teachings?
Were they prophesied about as well?


TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY
<p>Zechariah 9:9: (NIV) <i>Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.</i></p> 	<p>Mark 11:7-11: (NIV) ⁷<i>When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest! ¹¹Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.</i></p>
Sometimes God reveals the thrilling prospects and magnitude of His plan still to come!	

This happened spontaneously because of the person Jesus was. Unless he sent out invitations to the 300,000 gathered, this could not have been staged!



HIS OWN PEOPLE DID NOT BELIEVE	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY 
<u>Isaiah 53:1:</u> (NIV) <i>Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?</i>	<u>John 12:37-38:</u> (NIV) <i>³⁷Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. ³⁸This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?</i>
Sometimes God prophesies the hard to grasp realities that He allows in His plan!	

After the fact when the writers sat down to write the Gospel, they recognized the connections. There is a resounding, clear and detailed picture of Jesus' days in the book of Isaiah.

REJECTED BY HIS OWN PEOPLE	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY 
<u>Isaiah 53:3:</u> (NIV) <i>He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.</i>	<u>John 1:11:</u> (NIV) <i>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.</i> <u>Luke 23:18:</u> (NIV) <i>With one voice they cried out, away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!</i>
Sometimes God prophesies the hard to grasp realities that He allows in His plan!	



A caller from Indiana suggests: The Bible is not the only historical source that talks about Jesus. The Koran also mentions Jesus.

Was the life of Jesus fabricated for the purpose of controlling the people? Look at the amazing positive effect the life of Jesus has had on the world in the last 2,000 years. Yes, there has been a lot of misinterpretation of his name, such as with the Crusades. But when you see the principles of love, compassion, forgiveness, honesty, integrity, following the will of God, living a life of prayer and sacrifice - the goodness from that life is hard to fathom.

Has there ever been a fabricated individual that comes close to that influence?



BETRAYED BY A CLOSE FRIEND	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY
<p>Psalms 41:9: (NIV) <i>Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.</i></p>	<p>John 13:21-26: (KJV) <i>²¹When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. ²²Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. ²³Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. ²⁴Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. ²⁵He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? ²⁶Jesus answered, he it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.</i></p> <p>Luke 22:47-48: (NIV) <i>⁴⁷While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸but Jesus asked him, Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?</i></p>
Sometimes God reveals the human heartbreak that He allows in His plan!	

Even this small detail came true. Perhaps this gave Jesus a point of encouragement. Even though he was revealing his betrayer, this detail was prophesied by his Father. He could have faith in his walk because prophecy was unfolding.

Prophecy, however, did not interfere with his personal choices.

For example, as a parent sometimes you know what your child will do before he or she does it. Sometimes you let the child go down that road without interference as a learning experience. You don't interfere with their free will; you just know what they will choose because you know your child so well.





A caller from Connecticut suggests Jesus lived with us to experience our life so we can be one with him and Our Father. Jesus experienced the process of learning. **Luke 24:44:** *He said to them, This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.*



BETRAYED FOR 30 PIECES OF SILVER	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY 
<p><u>Zechariah 11:12: (KJV)</u> <i>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.</i></p> 	<p><u>Matthew 26:14-15: (KJV)</u> ¹⁴<i>Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, ¹⁵And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.</i></p>
Sometimes God reveals details of uncanny accuracy in His plan!	

Did Judas "hold out" until he got exactly the 30 pieces in order to force the prophecy to come true?!

What about the *end* of Jesus' life - could he "control" all of the prophesied events unfolding?


CRUCIFIXION FORETOLD	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY 
<p><u>Psalms 22:15-16: (NASB)</u> ¹⁵<i>My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; and you lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶For dogs have surrounded me; a band of evildoers has encompassed me; they pierced my hands and my feet.</i></p> 	<p><u>John 20:25-27: (NASB)</u> ²⁵<i>So the other disciples were saying to him, we have seen the Lord! But he said to them, unless I see in his hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe. ²⁶After eight days his disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, peace be with you. ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, reach here with your finger, and see my hands; and reach here your hand and put it into my side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.</i></p>
Sometimes God reveals things not even yet in existence that He allows in His plan!	



Crucifixion not invented, *Jesus fulfilled Old Testament Prophecies, "J8"*


- *When David wrote Psalm 22 crucifixion hadn't even been invented yet, hadn't even been thought of; it would have been considered inhumane in the ancient Middle East and yet the Roman government decides this is one way when you've conquered a country to subjugate these people and keep them under authority. Crucify as many as you have to, terrorize the population into submission.*
- *The actual term "crucifixion" is not actually used in the Old Testament; however, there are several ancient references that clearly indicate it was the means of capital punishment by which the Messiah would die. As a result, the fulfillment of Messianic prophecy hinged upon a specific historical chronology.*

God knows the beginning from the end. He has allowed a lot of difficult and sad things to happen but that is part of the plan. The difficulty is allowed for a small period of time for a learning experience that will last forever.

MOCKERY EXPLICITLY FORETOLD	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY 
Psalms 22:7-8: (NASB) ⁷ All who see me sneer at me; they separate with the lip, they wag the head, saying, ⁸ commit yourself to the LORD; let Him deliver him; Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him.	Matthew 27:39-43: (KJV) ³⁹ And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, ⁴⁰ and saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross... ⁴³ He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.
Sometimes God lets us see just how calloused the heart of man is — a revealing of His plan!	

The prophecies give us more understanding for what is coming but also should be a faith-strengthening comfort for us to see that God really does have this all in hand. When we look at the condition of the world we live in, fear not! We have myriads of prophecies showing how God understands, allows and will intervene. God's plan will not go unfulfilled!



THE WORLD'S DELIVERANCE FORETOLD	
PROPHECY	PROPHECY
<p>Isaiah 53:5-7: (KJV) <i>⁵But 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. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He 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 openeth not his mouth.</i></p>	<p>Romans 5:6-8: (NASB) <i>⁶For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. ⁸But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.</i></p> 
<p>Sometimes God tells us the happily ever after – the end result of His plan!</p>	

Look at the depth of these and other prophecies. Jesus' life was *not* scripted. His life was *not* fabricated by a group of Romans out to control the people. Jesus Christ the man died for the sin of Adam and was raised to the right hand of the power of God. His life was given for the sake of Adam so that all of our lives could have an opportunity of life everlasting in the future. The Bible proves itself over thousands of years of history and prophecy!

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Psalms 22:17: (NASB) *I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me.*

Luke 23:35: (NASB) *³⁵And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at him, saying, he saved others; let him save himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One.*

Psalms 22:18: (NASB) *They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.*



John 19:23-24: (NASB) ²³*Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece.* ²⁴*So they said to one another, let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be; this was to fulfill the Scripture; They divided My outer garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.*

Virgin: (Old Testament) Strongs #5959

hmlle 'almah al-maw'; a lass (as veiled or private): damsel, maid, virgin

All uses of the word:

Genesis 24:43: (KJV) *Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the **virgin** <5959> cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;*

Exodus 2:8: (KJV) *And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the **maid** <5959> went and called the child's mother.*

Psalms 68:25: (KJV) *The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the **damsels** <5959> playing with timbrels.*

Proverbs 30:19: (KJV) *The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a **maid** <5959>.*

Song of Solomon 1:3: (KJV) *Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the **virgins** <5959> love thee.*

Song of Solomon 6:8: (KJV) *There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and **virgins** <5959> without number.*

Isaiah 7:14: (KJV) *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a **virgin** <5959> shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

"He shall be called a Nazarene:"

(Source: James Fausset Brown) That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene—better, perhaps, "Nazarene." The best explanation of the origin of this name appears to be that which traces it to the word netzer in #Isa 11:1—the small twig, sprout, or sucker, which the prophet there says, "shall come forth from the stem (or rather, 'stump') of Jesse, the branch which should fructify from his roots." The little town of Nazareth, mentioned neither in the Old Testament nor in JOSEPHUS, was probably so called from its insignificance: a weak twig in contrast to a stately tree; and a special contempt seemed to rest upon it—"Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" (#Joh 1:46)—over and above the general contempt in which all Galilee was held, from the number of Gentiles that settled in the upper territories of it, and, in the estimation of the Jews, debased it. Thus, in the providential arrangement by which our Lord was brought up at the insignificant and opprobrious town called Nazareth, there was involved, first, a local humiliation; next, an allusion to Isaiah's prediction of His lowly, twig-like up springing from the branchless, dried-up stump of Jesse; and yet further, a standing memorial of that humiliation which "the prophets," in a number of the most striking predictions, had attached to the Messiah.

An interesting list of New Testament Scriptures with the phrase "that it might be fulfilled:"

Matthew 1:22: (KJV) *Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying...*

Matthew 2:15: (KJV) *And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.*



Matthew 2:23: (KJV) *And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets; he shall be called a Nazarene.*

Matthew 4:14: (KJV) *That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying...*

Matthew 8:17: (KJV) *That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.*

Matthew 12:17: (KJV) *That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying...*

Matthew 13:35: (KJV) *That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.*

Matthew 21:4: (KJV) *All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying...*

Matthew 26:56: (KJV) *But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.*

Matthew 27:35: (KJV) *And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.*

John 12:38: (KJV) *That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? And to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?*

John 15:25: (KJV) *But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.*

John 17:12: (KJV) *While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.*

John 18:9: (KJV) *That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.*

John 18:32: (KJV) *That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.*

John 19:24: (KJV) *They said therefore among themselves, let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.*

John 19:28: (KJV) *After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.*



History of crucifixion:

(Source: Encyclopedia Britannica, crucifixion) reports that the first historical record of Crucifixion was about 519 BC when "Darius I, king of Persia, crucified 3,000 political opponents in Babylon"

(Source: "The Eerdmans Bible Dictionary", Rev. Ed., 1975: CROSS...) Crucifixion is first attested among the Persians (cf. Herodotus, Hist. i.128.2; iii.132.2, 159.1), perhaps derived from the Assyrian impalement. It was later employed by the Greeks, especially Alexander the Great, and by the Carthaginians, from whom the Romans adapted the practice as a punishment for slaves and non-citizens, and occasionally for citizens guilty of treason. Although in the Old Testament the corpses of blasphemers or idolaters punished by stoning might be hanged "on a tree" as further humiliation (Deut. 21:23), actual crucifixion was not introduced in Palestine until Hellenistic times. The Seleucid Antiochus IV Epiphanes crucified those Jews who would not accept hellenization (Josephus Ant. xii.240-41; cf 1 Macc. 1:44-50).

(Source: Wikipedia) Pre-Roman States: Crucifixion (or impalement), in one form or another, was used by Persians, Carthaginians, Macedonians, and Romans. Death was often hastened. "The attending Roman guards could only leave the site after the victim had died, and were known to precipitate death by means of deliberate fracturing of the tibia and/or fibula, spear stab wounds into the heart, sharp blows to the front of the chest, or a smoking fire built at the foot of the cross to asphyxiate the victim."

The Greeks were generally opposed to performing crucifixions. However, in his Histories, ix.120-122, the Greek writer Herodotus describes the execution of a Persian general at the hands of Athenians in about 479 BC: "They nailed him to a plank and hung him up ... this Artayctes who suffered death by crucifixion." The Commentary on Herodotus by How and Wells remarks: "They crucified him with hands and feet stretched out and nailed to cross-pieces; cf. vii.33. This barbarity, unusual on the part of Greeks, may be explained by the enormity of the outrage or by Athenian deference to local feeling."





Messianic Prophecies of the Old Testament

PROPHECY	OLD TESTAMENT REFERENCES	NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT
Seed of the Woman Nations blessed through Abraham Seed of Abraham	Gen 3:15 Gen 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14 Gen 12:7; 13:15; 15:18; 17:7-10	Gal 4:4; Heb 2:14 Matt 1:1; Acts 3:25; Gal 3:8 Acts 7:5; Rom 4:13,16; 9:8; Gal 3:16,29
Seed of Isaac Of the tribe of Judah Lamb slain for us	Gen 17:19; 21:12; 26:3-4 Gen 49:10 Ex 12:1-11; Is 53:7	Rom 9:7; Heb 11:18 Heb 7:14; Rev 5:5 Jn 1:29-36, 19:36; 1 Cor 5:7-8; Rev 5:6-14; 7:14; 21:22-27; 22:1-4
No bone broken Firstborn son sanctified Serpent in wilderness A star out of Jacob Prophet like Moses	Ex 12:46; Nm 9:12; Ps 34:20 Ex 13:2; Nm 3:13; 8:17 Nm 21:8-9 Nm 24:17-19 Dt 18:15, 18-19	Jn 19:36 Lk 2:23 Jn 3:14-15 Mt 2:2 Mt 21:11; Lk 7:16,39; 24:19; Jn 1:25-27; Jn 6:14; 7:40; Acts 3:22-23
Cursed on the tree David's throne established forever	Dt 21:23 2 Sam 7:12-13,16, 25-26; 1 Kg 11:36; 1 Chr 17:11-14, 23-27; 2 Chr 21:7; Ps 89:3-4, 36-37; 132:10-12; Is 9:7	Gal 3:13 Lk 1:32; Acts 2:29,30; 13:22,23; Rom 1:3,4; 2 Tim 2:8,10; Heb 1:8; 8:1; 12:2
A promised Redeemer Raise Gentile opposition Declared to be the Son of God	Job 19:25 Ps 2:1-2 Ps 2:7; Pro 30:4	Gal 4:4-5 Acts 4:25-26 Lk 1:35; Acts 13:33; Heb 1:5; 5:5; 2 Pet 1:17
Break Gentiles with rod His resurrection Felt forsaken by God Mocked and insulted	Ps 2:9 Ps 16:8-10; 49:15; 86:13 Ps 22:1 Ps 22:7-8, 17	Rev 2:26-27; 19:15-16 Acts 2:22-27; 13:33-37 Mt 27:46; Mk 15:34 Mt 27:39-44; Mk 15:29-32; Lk 23:35-39
Thirsty Hands and feet pierced Soldiers cast lots for coat	Ps 22:15; 69:21 Ps 22:16 Ps 22:18	Jn 19:28 Mt 27:31, 35-36 Mt 27:35; Mk 15:20-24; Lk 23:34; Jn 19:23,24
Accused by false witnesses He commits His spirit No broken bone Hated without reason Friends stand afar off "I come to do Thy will" Betrayed by a friend King known for righteousness	Ps 27:12; 35:11 Ps 31:5 Ps 34:20 Ps 35:19; 69:4 Ps 38:11; 88:18 Ps 40:6-8 Ps 41:9; 55:12-14 Ps 45:1-7	Mt 26:60-61; Mk 14:55-61 Lk 23:46 Jn 19:36 Jn 15:24-25 Mt 27:55; Mk 15:40; Lk 23:49 Heb 10:5-9 Mt 26:14-16,23,47-50; Mk 14:17-21; Lk 22:21-23; Jn 13:18 Heb 1:8-9



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Make ready the way of the Lord The Shepherd tends His sheep The meek Servant A light to the Gentiles Scourged and spat upon Rejected and insulted Suffered vicariously	Is 40:3 Is 40:10-11 Is 42:1-4 Is 49:6 Is 50:6 Is 53:3 Is 53:4-5	Mt 3:3; Mk 1:3; Lk 3:4-5; Jn 1:23 Jn 10:11; Heb 13:20; 1 Pet 2:25 Mt 12:17-21; Phil 2:7 Lk 2:32; Acts 13:47; 26:23 Mt 26:67; 27:26,30; Mk 14:65; 15:15,19; Lk 22:63-65; Jn 19:1 Mt 27:1-2,12-14,39; Lk 18:31-33; Jn 1:10,11 Mt 8:17
Wounded for our transgressions Lamb slaughtered for us Silent when accused	Is 53:5 Is 53:7 Is 53:7	Rom 4:25; 5:6,8; 1 Cor 15:3 Jn 1:29, 36; Acts 8:32,35; 1 Pet 1:18,19; Rev 5:6; 13:8 Mt 26:63; 27:12,14; Mk 14:61; 15:5; Lk 23:9; Jn 19:9
Buried with the rich Bear iniquities and give forgiveness Crucified with transgressors Calling of Gentiles Deliver out of Zion Nations walk in the light	Is 53:9 Is 53:11 Is 53:12 Is 55:4-5 Is 59:16-20 Is 60:1-3	Mt 27:57-60 Acts 10:43; 13:38-39; 1 Cor 15:3; Eph 1:7; 1 Pet 2:21-25; 1 Jn 1:7,9 Mk 15:27-28; Lk 22:37 Rom 9:25-26 Rom 11:26-27 Lk 2:32
Anointed to preach liberty The King cometh A vesture dipped in blood Afflicted with the afflicted New heavens and a new earth The Lord our righteousness	Is 61:1-3 Is 62:3,8,11 Is 63:1-3 Is 63:8-9 Is 65:17-25 Jer 23:5-6; 33:16	Lk 4:17-19 Mt 21:5; Rev 22:12,16 Rev 19:13-16 Mt 25:34-40 2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:1 Rom 3:22; 1 Cor 1:30; 2 Cor 5:21; Phil 3:9



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Blessed by nations His ascension Stung by reproaches Zeal for God's house Given gall and vinegar	Ps 72:17 Ps 68:18 Ps 69:9 Ps 69:9 Ps 69:21	Rev 21:22-26 Eph 4:8 Rom 15:3 Jn 2:17 Mt 27:34,48; Mk 15:23,36; Lk 23:36; Jn 19:29
Care for needy He speaks in parables Make Him my Firstborn "Thou remainest" Prays for His enemies Another to succeed Judas	Ps 72:13 Ps 78:2 Ps 89:27 Ps 102:24-27 Ps 109:4 Ps 109:7-8	Lk 10:33 Mt 13:34-35 Rom 8:29; Col 1:15, 18; Heb 1:6 Heb 1:10-12 Mt 5:44; Lk 23:34 Acts 1:16-20
David's Lord at God's right hand	Ps 110:1	Mt 22:41-45; 26:64; Mk 12:35-37; 16:19; Acts 7:56; Eph 1:20; Col 3:1; Heb 1:3,13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2
A priest like Melchizedek The chief cornerstone The King comes in the name of the Lord	Ps 110:4 Ps 118:22-23 Ps 118:26	Heb 5:6,10; 6:20; 7:1-22 Mt 21:42; Mk 12:10-11; Lk 20:17; Acts 4:11; Eph 2:20; 1 Pet 2:4-7 Mt 21:9; 23:39; Mk 11:9; Lk 13:35; 19:38; Jn 12:13
Repentance for the nations Hearts are hardened Born of a virgin A rock of offense Light out of darkness Immanuel, God with us Son to be given	Is 2:2-4 Is 6:9-10 Is 7:14 Is 8:14,15 Is 9:1-2 Is 7:14; 8:8,10 Is 9:6	Lk 24:47 Mt 13:14-15; Jn 12:39-40; Acts 28:25-27 Mt 1:22-23; Lk 1:27-35 Rom 9:33; 1 Pet 2:8 Mt 4:14-16; Lk 2:32 Mt 1:21,23; Jn 14:8-10 Jn 3:16
Government on His shoulders Spirit of the Lord on Him Full of wisdom and power Reigning in mercy Key of David Death swallowed up in victory A stone in Zion The deaf hear, the blind see Healing for the needy	Is 9:6 Is 11:2; 42:1 Is 11:1-10 Is 16:5 Is 22:21 Is 25:8 Is 28:16 Is 29:18 Is 35:4-10	1 Cor 15:25 Mt 3:16; Mk 1:10; Lk 3:22; Jn 1:32; 3:34 1 Cor 1:30; Col 2:3 Jud 21; Heb 4:16 Rev 3:7 1 Cor 15:54 Rom 9:33; 1 Pet 2:6 Mt 11:5; Mk 7:37; Jn 9:1-7 Mt 9:30; 11:5; 12:22; 20:34; 21:14; Mk 7:31-35



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Born a King Massacre of infants A New Covenant	Jer 30:9 Jer 31:15 Jer 31:31-34	Jn 18:37; Rev 1:5,6,9 Mt 2:16-18 Mt 26:27-29; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:20; 1 Cor 11:25; Heb 8:8-12; 10:15-17; 12:24
The humble exalted The good Shepherd His kingdom triumphant Son of Man in power Kingdom for the saints	Ezek 21:26-27 Ezek 34:23-24 Dan 2:44-45 Dan 7:13-14 Dan 7:27	Lk 1:52 Jn 10:11 Lk 1:33; 1 Cor 15:24; 2 Pet 1:11; Rev 11:15 Mt 24:30; 25:31; 26:64; Mk 13:26; 14:61-62; Lk 21:27 Rev 20:4; 22:5
Israel restored Flight into Egypt Promise of the Spirit Restoration of David's house The kingdom established Born in Bethlehem	Hos 3:5 Hos 11:1 Joel 2:24-32 Amos 9:11-12 Is 2:2-5; Mic 4:1-8 Mic 5:1-5	Rom 11:25-27 Mt 2:15 Acts 2:17-21 Acts 15:16-17 Lk 1:33 Mt 2:1-6; Lk 2:4, 10,11
Earth filled with knowledge of the glory of the Lord A new priesthood Enthroned High Priest Triumphal entry Sold for thirty pieces of silver	Hab 2:14 Zech 3:8 Zech 6:12-13 Zech 9:9-10 Zech 11:12-13	Rev 21:23-26 Eph 2:13-21; 1 Pet 2:5 Heb 5:5-10; 7:11-28; 8:1,2 Mt 21:4-5; Mk 11:1-10; Lk 19:28-38; Jn 12:13-15 Mt 26:14-15
Piercing of His body Shepherd smitten—sheep scattered Preceded by Forerunner The sun of righteousness The coming of Elijah	Zech 12:10 Zech 13:1, 6,7 Mal 3:1 Mal 4:2-3 Mal 4:5-6	Jn 19:34-37 Mt 26:31; Jn 16:32 Mt 11:10; Mk 1:2; Lk 7:27 Lk 1:78; Eph 5:14; 2 Pet 1:19; Rev 2:28; 19:11-12; 22:16 Mt 11:14; 17:10-12; Mk 9:11-13; Lk 1:17