

Eschatology: Studies Concerning Future Events

Lesson 1. Fulfilled Prophecy

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Introduction:

A. Definitions:

2. What is prophecy?

B. What is eschatology?

B. About _____ of the Bible was prophetic when written.

- Much that was predictive when written has already been fulfilled.
- The major themes of prophecy are the cross and the second coming of Jesus.
- Eschatology includes prophecies concerning persons, events, nations, groups of people, angels, demons, and Satan.

I. Israel's History Prophesied



Review the Old Testament outline of Israel's history and note that the key events are the result of fulfilled prophecies. God told them what would happen before it happened!

➤ **Israel's history is the result of fulfilled prophecy.**

A. Israel to become a nation

Genesis 12:1-3. God promised Abraham, "I will make you a great nation."

B. Patriarchs... Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph

Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-7; 17:19; 25:21-26

C. Slavery in Egypt and deliverance from Egypt (the Exodus).

Genesis 15:13-15; Exodus 3:8, 10

D. Conquest of the Land under Joshua

Genesis 15:14; Exodus 3:17; Numbers 33:50-56; Deuteronomy 31:17; Joshua 1:6
cf. 24:11

E. Cycles of Discipline and Deliverance under the Judges

Judges 2:1-5, 7, 10-19

F. The United Kingdom under Saul, David, and Solomon.

Deuteronomy 17:14-20 cf. 1 Samuel 8:4-22

G. The Divided Kingdom (Israel, the northern kingdom and Judah, the southern kingdom)

I Kings 11:1-13

H. Future unbelief and dispersion of the nation (Surviving Kingdom and Captivity)

Deuteronomy 28:20-66; Leviticus 26:14-39

1. Northern kingdom taken captive by Assyria. Judah would be the Surviving Kingdom:
Hosea 7-10 especially 7:8-8:1; 8:8-10; cf. 2 Kings 17:5-6, 23
 2. Captivity: Southern kingdom taken captive by Babylon
Habakkuk 1:5-11
- I. Israel to be restored to the land after captivity
Jeremiah 25:8-14; 29:10

➤ God is sovereign over human history!

II. The Rise and Fall of Nations Prophesied

See “Succession of Gentile Kingdoms in Daniel” Chart

These prophecies describe the rise and fall of nations from Daniel’s day to the time of Jesus.

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III. Prophecy Concerning the First Coming of Jesus

See “Prophecies Fulfilled in Jesus”

➤ About 333 Old Testament prophetic verses were fulfilled at the first advent of Jesus.

📖 *“And beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.”* Luke 24:27

Application:

- ☒ What does fulfilled prophecy tell us about God’s character?
- ☒ How does fulfilled prophecy impact our understanding of prophecies yet to be fulfilled?

Succession of Gentile Kingdoms in Daniel

Daniel 2

Metal Statue

Daniel 7

Four Beasts

Daniel 8

Ram & Male Goat

Identification

Head of gold 2:32, 38	Lion 7:4		Babylon 2:38
Breast and arms of silver 2:32, 39	Bear 7:5	Ram 8:20	Medo-Persia 5:28; 8:20; 11:2
Belly and thighs of bronze 2:32, 39	Leopard 7:6	Male goat 8:21	Greece 8:21; 11:2-4
Legs of iron 2:33, 40	Dreadful and terrifying beast 7:7		Fourth Kingdom (not named)

(PRESENT CHURCH AGE)

Feet & toes of iron & clay 2:32, 41, 42	Ten horns and a little horn 7:7, 8		Latter part of the fourth kingdom (not named)
A stone became a great mountain 2:34, 35	Kingdom given to the Son of Man 7:11-14		God's Everlasting Kingdom

Note:

- The identification of the fourth kingdom is not revealed by name. The Roman Empire followed Greece in world history and was the Gentile power during the life of Jesus and at the time when Daniel 9 predicted that "Messiah will be cut off."
- The Gentile rule preceding the setting up of God's everlasting kingdom is often referred to as the "revived Roman Empire." However, this phrase is not found in Scripture.
- The Gentile rule of the last days is referred to as "Babylon the Great" (Revelation 17:5; 18:2). Babylon is a symbol throughout Scripture of opposition to God and His people.

Time Line

625 BC	539	333	63 BC	✝ (Church Age)	Tribulation	Return of Jesus
Babylon	Medo-Persia	Greece	Rome		Latter part of 4 th empire	Eternal Kingdom

Prophecies Fulfilled in Jesus

Luke 24:27 *“And beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.”*

Luke 24:44 *“And He said to them, ‘These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.’”*

- The Old Testament contains over 300 references to the Messiah that were fulfilled in Jesus.

Prophecies Anticipating the Birth of Jesus

A. His genealogy was revealed.

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| The seed of a woman | Genesis 3:15 | Galatians 4:4; Matt 1:18 |
| ▪ The one who defeats Satan will be born of a woman. | | |
| A descendant of Abraham | Genesis 12:3, 7; 22:18 | Matthew 1:1; Gal 3:16 |
| ▪ Of all the people on earth | | |
| A descendant of Isaac | Genesis 21:12 | Luke 3:23, 34 |
| ▪ Not Ishmael (father of Arabic peoples) | | |
| A descendant of Jacob | Numbers 24:17 | Luke 3:23, 34 |
| ▪ Not his twin brother, Esau | | |
| Of the tribe of Judah | Genesis 28:14; 49:10 | Luke 3:23, 33; Heb 7:14 |
| ▪ Not the other sons of Jacob, the other 11 tribes of Israel. | | |
| The family of Jesse | Isaiah 11:1 | Luke 3:23, 32 |
| ▪ Of all the people in the tribe of Judah. | | |
| The house of David | II Samuel 7:12, 13
Jeremiah 23:5 | Luke 1:31-32; Rom 1:3 |
| ▪ The last of 8 sons of Jesse. | | |

B. The approximate time of His birth was known.

Daniel 9:24-27 Messiah would be cut off 483 years after the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. (given by Artaxerxes to Nehemiah in 445 B.C.; Nehemiah 2)

Daniel was in Babylon, taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar, and was made chief over the wise men of Babylon (2:49). They were the astrologers of that day.

Wise men at the birth of Jesus:

They came from the east! They knew the prophecies that God had spoken through Daniel four centuries earlier. They saw His star. They came in search of the King.

C. The place of His birth was predicted.

More than 400 years before Jesus was born the prophets said that He would be born in Bethlehem.

Micah 5:2 *“But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.”*

Compare Matthew 2:1

D. The miraculous nature of His birth was revealed.

More than 600 years before He was born, the prophet Isaiah spoke God's words.
Isaiah 7:14 *"therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Emmanuel."*

Compare Matthew 1:22-23

Isaiah 9:6, 7 *"A child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forever more. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this."*

Some of the Fulfilled Prophecies Concerning Jesus

	<u>Prediction</u>	<u>Fulfillment</u>
Called Immanuel	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:23
To have a forerunner	Isaiah 11:3; Malachi 3:1	Matthew 3:1-3; Mark 1:2-3
Enter Jerusalem on donkey	Zechariah 9:9	Luke 19:35-37; Matt 21:6-11
Miracles	Isaiah 35:5, 6; 32:3, 4	John 9:5-9, 6-11; Matt 9:35
Treated badly	Isaiah 50:6	Mark 14:65
Numbered with transgressors	Isaiah 53:12	Mark 15:28; Luke 22:37
Sold for 30 pieces of silver	Zechariah 11:13	Matthew 27:3, 7
Nailed to the cross	Psalms 22:16	John 19:18
No bone of His broken	Psalms 34:20; Num 9:12	John 19:33-36
Mocked	Psalms 22:7-8	Matthew 27:39-46
Rejected by men	Psalms 69:8	John 1:11
Deserted	Zechariah 13:7	Matthew 26:31
Scourged and spat upon	Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 26:67; 27:26
Gall vinegar given	Psalms 69:21	Matthew 27:34
Intense suffering	Psalms 22:14-15	Luke 22:42, 44
"But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ should suffer, He has thus fulfilled." (Acts 3:18)		
Forsaken by God	Psalms 22:1	Matthew 27:46
Substitutionary suffering	Isaiah 53:4-6, 12	Matthew 26:67; 27:26
Garments distributed	Psalms 22:18	John 19:23, 24; Luke 23:34
Buried with the rich	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60
Resurrection	Psalms 16:10	Luke 24:6, 31, 34
Ascension	Psalms 68:18	Luke 24:51
Right hand of God	Psalms 110:1	Romans 8:34
Priestly ministry	Zechariah 6:13	Romans 8:34

Messianic Psalms

Some Psalms referring to the Messiah

Psalms 2, 8, 16, 22, 24, 45, 69, 72, 110, 118