

PROMISES OF MESSIAH'S BIRTH

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Israel's Possessions Of Scriptures:

1. Given thru Moses
2. Contained in the Ark of the Covenant
3. Given thru Prophets
4. Scrolls in the Temple
5. Romans 9:4 – “Who are the Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and service of God, and the promises.”

B. Personal Possession Of Scriptures:

1. The King wrote his own copy of the Pentateuch (Deut. 17:18)
2. Local Synagogues had Scriptures (Luke 4:16-17)
3. Very rare for common people to have Scriptures

C. Specific Subject Of Scriptures:

1. Luke 24:25-27
2. A tremendous Bible Conference
3. Let's look at some of the promises concerning MESSIAH'S BIRTH

I. BORN OF A WOMAN:

- A. The Promise – Gen. 3:15
- B. The Fulfillment – Gal. 4:4; Luke 2:4-7

II. BORN IN ABRAHAM'S LINEAGE:

- A. The Promise- Gen. 12:1-3
- B. The Fulfillment – Matt. 1:1, 16; Luke 3:34; Gal. 3:15-16

III. BORN OF JUDAH'S TRIBE:

- A. The Promise – Gen. 49:9-10
- B. The Fulfillment – Matt. 1:1-2

IV. BORN TO SIT ON DAVID'S THRONE:

- A. The Promise – 2 Sam. 7:4-17; Isa. 9:6-7
- B. The Fulfillment – Luke 1:30-33

V. BORN OF A VIRGIN:

- A. The Promise – Isa. 7:14
- B. The Fulfillment – Luke 1:26-27, 34-35; Matt. 1:18

VI. BORN OF LOWLY ORIGINS:

- A. The Promise – Isa. 11:1
- B. The Fulfillment – Luke 2:4, 24; Matt. 2:2

VII. BORN IN BETHLEHEM:

- A. The Promise – Micah 5:2
- B. The Fulfillment – Matt. 2:1; John 7:37-42

VIII. BORN AT GOD'S TIME:

- A. The Promise – Dan. 9:25
- B. The Fulfillment – Gal. 4:4-5; Luke 2:1-7

IX. BORN WITH GOD'S SIGN:

- A. The Promise – Num. 24:15-19
- B. The Fulfillment – Matt. 2:1-2, 9-10

X. BORN AS GOD'S SON:

- A. The Promise – Isa. 9:6; 7:14; Matt. 1:23; Jer. 23:5-6; Prov. 30:2-4
- B. The Fulfillment – Matt. 3:13-17; 16:13-17; John 20:24-25

CONCLUSION:

- A. Marvelous Promises:
 - 1. Prophetic Promises
 - 2. Promises Fulfilled
- B. Serious Questions:
 - 1. What is there about Messiah which was not fulfilled in Jesus?
 - 2. If Jesus were not the promised Messiah, then HOW could He come now and be

identified, since no Jew now knows his tribal connection since records were lost in 70 A.D.

3. Josh McDowell, *Evidence That Demands A Verdict* (Vol. 1, p. 167)

What are the chances that all of these prophecies could be fulfilled in one person?

The following probabilities are taken from Peter Stoner in *Science Speaks* to show that coincidence is ruled out by the science of probability. Stoner says that by using the modern science of probability in reference to eight prophecies, "... We find that the chance that any man might have lived down to the present time and fulfilled all eight prophecies is 1 in 10^{17} ." That would be 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000. In order to help us comprehend this staggering probability, Stoner illustrates it by supposing that "we take 10^{17} silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all of the state two feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly, all over the state. Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and say that this is the right one. What chance would he have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing these eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one man, from their day to present time, providing they wrote them in their own wisdom."

4. What have you done in response to these truths about Jesus Christ?