

Prophecy and Fulfilment

Study Introduction and Overview

This three-part study guide on Prophecy and Fulfilment is introduced to encourage the reader of scripture to see God's foreknowledge in the birth, life and ministry and death of Jesus. This is an appropriate study focus during Advent as we encounter so many prophecies being fulfilled at the time of Jesus' birth.

These lists of prophecies are not intended to be exhaustive. There are over 300 messianic prophecies found in scripture. As we re-read the familiar Christmas stories and sing our favourite carols, this study will help us gain a deeper understanding of the prophecies of Jesus birth, life and ministry, and death.

As you read through these scripture texts consider the accuracy of the prophecies, written so many centuries before they were fulfilled. God has written His story and it was played out in fine detail in the life of Jesus. God's plan for the redemption and restoration of His creation will continue to completion, uninterrupted by any scheme of Satan or humans. We have confidence that all the prophecies yet unfulfilled will take place with the same accuracy according to God's perfect timetable.

All bible references in the studies are from the NIV unless stated otherwise.

Study Session 1 – Jesus' Birth

1. He would be born in Bethlehem
2. He would be descended from David
3. He would come out of Egypt
4. He would live in Galilee
5. There Would be a Forerunner
6. Virgin Birth
7. Murder of the Babies

Study Session 2 - Jesus' Life and Ministry

1. Jesus' ministry would begin in Galilee
2. Jesus' ministry would continue in Jerusalem.
3. Jesus' ministry would centre at the temple.
4. His salvation was for the Jews.
5. His salvation was also for the Gentiles.
6. His ministry required the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Study Session 3 - Jesus' Death

- 1. He would be betrayed by a friend.**
- 2. He would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver.**
- 3. His friends would abandon Him.**
- 4. He would be accused by false witnesses.**
- 5. He would remain silent.**
- 6. His hands and feet would be pierced.**
- 7. He would be crucified with thieves.**
- 8. He would be mocked.**
- 9. They would gamble for His clothes.**
- 10. He would thirst.**
- 11. His friends would stand back.**
- 12. None of His bones would be broken.**