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**Introduction**

We established the significance of **PREDICTIVE PROPHECY** last time.

1. **It Shows That There Is A DIVINE Intellect Behind Both The Old And New Testaments!**
2. **It Establishes The Fact Of The GOD Of The BIBLE!**
3. **It Authenticates The Deity Of The LORD JESUS CHRIST!**
4. **It Proves The DIVINE INSPIRATION Of The BIBLE!**

Now we look at the **SPECIFIC PROPHECIES** that relate to **CHRIST'S** (i.e. **MESSIAH'S**) **FIRST ADVENT!**

**I. HE WOULD BE BORN OF THE SEED OF WOMAN.**

- A. **Prophecy—Genesis 3:15**—“*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*”
- B. **Fulfillment—Galatians 4:4**—“*But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,*”  
(Cf. **John 1:14**—“*And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us...*”; **Romans 1:3**—“*...which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh*”; **Philippians 2:7**—“*...was made in the likeness of men*”; **Hebrews 2:14, 17**)

*Matthew 1:20*—“*But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.*”

The late Bible Scholar, David L. Cooper said of this:

*“In Gen. 3:15 we find the first prediction relative to the Saviour of the world, called ‘the seed of the women.’*

*In the original oracle God foretold the age-long conflict which would be waged between ‘the seed of the woman’ and ‘the seed of the serpent’ and which will eventually be won by the former. This primitive promise indicates a struggle between the Messiah of Israel, the Saviour of the world, on one hand, and Satan, the adversary of the human soul, on the other. It foretells complete victory eventually for the Messiah. Some commentators believe that an echo of this promise and Eve’s understanding of it is found in Genesis 4:1—the statement of Eve when Cain, her first son, was born. ‘I have gotten a man even Jehovah.’ She correctly understood this primitive prediction but misapplied it in her interpreting it as being fulfilled in Cain, her son. It is clear that Eve believed that the child of promise would be Jehovah Himself.”*

**II. HE WOULD BE BORN OF A VIRGIN.**

- A. **Prophecy—Isaiah 7:14**—“*Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, And shall call his name Immanuel.*”
- B. **Fulfillment (Matthew 1:18, 24-25; also see Luke 1:26-35)**

(Merrill Unger, Unger's Bible Dictionary, Moody Press, 1971):  
“**Virgin**” is denoted by two words in **Hebrew**:

1. **bethulah**—proper meaning denotes a virgin maiden.
2. **alrnah** (veiled)—“young woman of marriageable age.”  
This is the word used in **Isaiah 7:14**, “*The Holy Spirit through Isaiah did not use bethulah, because both the ideas of virginity and marriageable age had to be combined in one word to meet the immediate historical situation and the prophetic aspect centering in a virgin-born Messiah.*”

“**Virgin**” is denoted in **Greek** by:

**parthenos**—“a virgin, marriageable maiden or young married woman, pure virgin.”

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When the translators of the *Septuagint* translated *Isaiah 7:14* into Greek they used the Greek word *parthenos* and to them *Isaiah 7:14* denoted that the Messiah would be born of a virgin.

III. HE WOULD BE THE SON OF GOD.

A. Prophecy—*Psalms 2:7*—“I will declare the decree: The LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; This day have I begotten thee.” (Also see *1 Chronicles 17:11-14*; *2 Samuel 7:12-16*)

B. Fulfillment—*Matthew 3:17*—“And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” (Also see *Matthew 16:16*; *Mark 9:7*; *Luke 9:35*; *22:70*; *Acts 13:30-37*; *John 1:34, 49*)

The demons realized His Sonship. (*Mark 3:11*)

Even the high priest realized His Sonship. (*Matthew 26:63*)

E. W. Hengstenberg (Christology of the Old Testament, Kregel Publications, 1970) says this: “It is an undoubted fact, and unanimously admitted even by the recent opposers of its reference to Him, that the Psalm (*Psalm 2*) was universally regarded by the ancient Jews as foretelling the Messiah.”

“At the incarnation the First-begotten was brought into the world (*Heb. 1:6*). But it was only at and by His resurrection that His Divinity, as the Only-begotten of the Father, was manifested and openly attested by God. ‘Made of the seed of David according to the flesh,’ He was then ‘declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead’” (*Romans 1:4*).

IV. HE WOULD BE THE SEED OF ABRAHAM.

A. Prophecy—*Genesis 12:3*—“...and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.” *Genesis 22:18*—“And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.”

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The importance of the event in *Genesis 22:18* is established when we realize it is the only time that God swears by Himself in His relationship with the patriarchs.

B. Fulfillment—genealogies of *Luke 3:23, 34* and *Matthew 1:1 Galatians 3:16*—“Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.”

V. HE WOULD BE THE SON OF ISAAC.

A. Prophecy—*Genesis 21:12*—“...for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.”

B. Fulfillment—genealogies of *Luke 3:23, 34* and *Matthew 1:2*

VI. HE WOULD BE THE SON OF JACOB.

A. Prophecy—*Numbers 24:17, 19*—“17...there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel... 19 Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion...” *Genesis 35:10-12* (When Jacob’s name became Israel)

B. Fulfillment—genealogies of *Luke 3:23, 34* and *Matthew 1:2 Luke 1:33*—“And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”

VII. HE WOULD BE OUT OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH.

A. Prophecy—*Genesis 49:10*—“The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh come; And unto him shall the gathering of the people be.”

*Micah 5:2*—“But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, Though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; Whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”

B. Fulfillment—genealogies of *Luke 3:23, 33*; *Matthew 1:2*

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*Hebrews 7:14*—“For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.”

VIII. HE WOULD BE OF THE FAMILY LINE OF JESSE.

A. **Prophecy**—*Isaiah 11:1, 10*—“I And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots:...10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, Which shall stand for an ensign of the people; To it shall the Gentiles seek: And his rest shall be glorious.”

B. **Fulfillment**—*genealogies of Luke 3:23, 32 and Matthew 1:6*

IX. HE WOULD BE OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID.

A. **Prophecy**—*Jeremiah 23:5*—“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

*Psalms 132:11*— “The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; He will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.” (Cf. *2 Samuel 7:12-16*)

B. **Fulfillment**—*genealogies of Luke 3:23, 31 and Matthew 1:1*  
*Matthew 9:27*— “And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.” (Cf. *20:30-31; Mark 10:47-48; Luke 18:38-39*)

*Matthew 15:22*—“And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.”

*Matthew 21:9*—“And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord”(Cf. *Matthew 21:15*)

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*Matthew 22:41-46; Acts 13:22, 23*

*Revelation 22:16*—“I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.”

X. HE WOULD BE BORN AT BETHLEHEM.

A. **Prophecy**—*Micah 5:2*—“But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, Though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; Whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”

B. **Fulfillment**—*Matthew 2:1, 4-8; Luke 2:4-7; John 7:42*

XI. HE WOULD BE PRESENTED WITH GIFTS.

A. **Prophecy**—*Psalms 72:10; Isaiah 60:6*  
The historic application of *Psalms 72:10* is to Solomon.  
The Messianic application is amplified in *Psalms 72:12-15*.  
The inhabitants of Seba and Sheba, the Sabaeans, lived in Arabia.

B. **Fulfillment**—*Matthew 2:1, 11*

XII. HEROD’S KILLING OF CHILDREN PROPHESED.

A. **Prophecy**—*Jeremiah 31:15*

B. **Fulfillment**—*Matthew 2:16*

XIII. HIS PRE-EXISTENCE.

A. **Prophecy**—*Micah 5:2*—“...Yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; Whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”

*Isaiah 9:6-7; 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; Psalms 102:25; Proverbs 8:22-23*

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**B. Fulfillment—*Colossians 1:17; John 1:1-3, 14; 8:58; 17:5, 24; Revelation 1:8, 17; 2:8; 22:13***

**XIV. HE SHALL BE CALLED LORD.**

**A. Prophecy—*Psalms 110:1; Jeremiah 23:36***

**B. Fulfillment—*Luke 2:11; 20:41-44***

**XV. HE SHALL BE IMMANUEL (i.e. GOD WITH US).**

**A. Prophecy—*Isaiah 7:14***

**B. Fulfillment—*Matthew 1:23; also see Luke 7:16***