

# Lesson 26: Proofs of the Bible

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## Lesson Introduction

When an automobile accident occurs, the authorities like to have several witnesses. Through the different accounts of what actually happened, they are able to piece together the facts surrounding the event. The reason is, that when a group of people see an event occur, they all have a different take on what happened.

The Bible was written over a period of 1500 years, with multiple writers. Yet the theme, Jesus Christ, is the same throughout. Prophecies in the Old Testament are fulfilled in the New Testament. How can this be?

While the Bible had many writers involved, it had only One Author, God Himself. The Bible is God's Word, and it proves itself over and over again. There are many proofs to be found throughout God's Word. If you are a skeptic, the evidence is there. When you take an honest look at the evidence presented in God's Word, you must make a decision. All the evidence will do you no good if you do not have faith.

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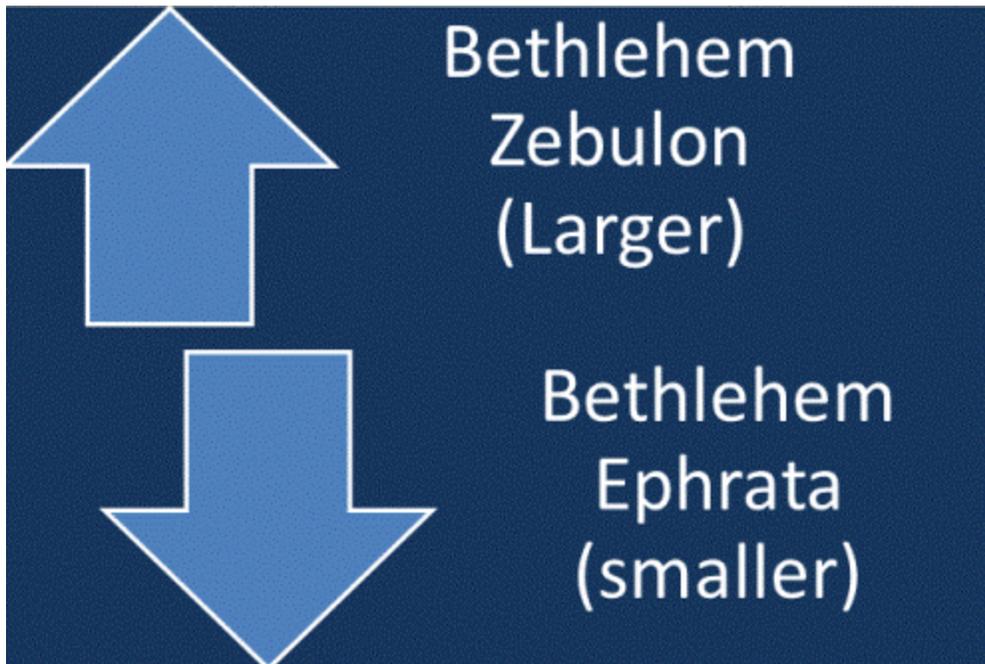
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## Introduction

You know, this Bible, there is nothing else like it on this earth. It's the best seller, no question, the best seller every single year. It was written over a 1500 year period, yet one author, has the same theme all through it. It is God's word, it's God's word. Now we talked about before, what the Bible said, proved that the earth was round and all these things, the earth is suspended on nothing, and we covered all those, but tonight I want to talk about the proofs of the Bible and that Christ is in the Old Testament. Now the first verses we have gone over some of those before, and talking about the chosen people, the Jewish people. You know the Jew is the proof of the Bible, there is no other way to look at it. The Jew, God said you are my chosen people. They are a small percentage of the people of the world, the Jews make up such a very small percent of the world's population. And yet the Jews have done more to change the face of the world, their people have always been a top scientists, the top writers, and yet they have been persecuted above any people the world has ever known. They are the only people that have gone without their land for over 1900 years, and then they got it back. And God said that they would get it back, and nobody believed it, and how could it happen. The awfulness of the Holocaust with Hitler trying to exterminate the Jews, the Jews, the word ghetto does not come from Americano slang, the word ghetto comes from the Jews being put in separate places to live. And they are back in their land. But if you are witnessing to a Jewish person, and if you are a person that is skeptical of the Bible, let me give you some things to

positively prove to you that the Bible is the word of God. But you say how do I know the Bible, the Old



Testament, was written before Christ came? Well when Christ came he quoted from the Septuagint, that was the Hebrew translated into Greek and that was translated at least 400 years before Christ came. There is no question that the Old Testament was completed before Christ came. No question whatsoever. Christ quoted from the Septuagint.

### QUESTION 1

The Bible was written over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years.

- A. 1300
- B. 1400
- C. 1500
- D. 1600

### QUESTION 2

The Jews make up a large percentage of the world's population. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### QUESTION 3

The Jews went without their homeland for over \_\_\_\_\_ years and then got it back.

- A. 100
- B. 1,000
- C. 1,500
- D. 1,900

## Topic 1: Birth of Messiah

Today there are “modern” critics who try to explain away the prophecies in the Bible. They say the word translated “virgin” in Isaiah 7:14 actually means “maiden.” While there are ways that it could be translated that way, it would make absolutely no sense.

God said that His sign for Messiah would be that a virgin would conceive. Now if what God was really saying was that a “maiden” would conceive, what kind of a sign would that be? It is an occurrence that happens daily around the world. But only one time has a virgin conceived, and that was Mary.

In this topic, we will look at some prophecies and fulfillments surrounding the birth of Messiah. We will see that not only was it predicted that He would be born of a virgin, but the very town was pinpointed as well.

Now I want to give you some of the proofs of the Bible, that Jesus Christ was who he said he was. In Isaiah 7:14, this is a very famous scripture, it says, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign, behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and call his name Immanuel," that means God with us. He said that the sign would be that a virgin would conceive and have a son. Of course we know this was Mary, we know that later she had other sons and daughters. Of course the Church does not teach that, the Catholic Church doesn't teach that, but she had other brothers and daughters, Jude and James were brothers of Jesus, his natural actual brothers, at least half brothers of course. But when Jesus was born he was born of the Virgin Mary, and his name was Immanuel. It also told us not only that he would be born of a virgin, but even pinpointed the town. Now I tell you what, if you can pinpoint the town. Now let me explain that. What if I said 400 years from now, let's make it another way. Let me say, 400 years before we became a country, or even before the founding fathers got over here, we had our Declaration of Independence, and I was to predict the George Washington, and predict the very town that he would be born in, and all the things about him 400 years before he was born, you'd say that's quite a prophecy. Well let's see what it says in Micah 5:2, says, "But thou Bethlehem Ephrata...",". There were two Bethlehem's, Bethlehem Zebulon and Bethlehem Ephrata, this was the smaller of the two. "...Though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth from old from everlasting." In other words the one that is going to be born in Bethlehem Ephrata is going to be the one that never had a beginning. It is quite a statement, that it predicted where he would be born.

#### **QUESTION 4**

God's sign would be that a virgin would conceive and have a son. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **QUESTION 5**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were brothers of Jesus. (*Select all that apply.*)

- A. Peter
- B. Jude
- C. Matthew
- D. James

#### **QUESTION 6**

Not only did the Bible tell that Messiah would be born of a virgin, it also pinpointed the \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Eternal Son

Isaiah 9:6, we have looked at some of these before, I know that but we are going to get to some that we haven't looked at, "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a son is given..." Now, the son of God was always, always has been, the child was born, the flesh. There was God the father and the son and Holy Spirit, the Son has always been. God had an eternal son just like he was an eternal father. Now I don't understand the Trinity but Jesus was not a creation of God, Jesus was God. "...and the government shall be upon his shoulder..." now that is the second coming of course, when Jesus is going to come and he will be the ruler, when you think of Jesus, see we think of Jesus as Savior, but Jesus is going to be the greatest world leader world has ever known. The real government will be upon his shoulder, "...and his name shall be called, wonderful, counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting father, and the Prince of peace." All telling us in the Old Testament. Isaiah 53:6, "All we like sheep have gone astray we have turned every one of us to his only the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Saying that the Savior is going to pay for our sins, we covered that last time. Isaiah 53:10, talking about the resurrection, "It pleased the Lord to bruise him, he has put him to grief, when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed he shall prolong his days..." The resurrection, the death burial and resurrection right there. "...and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Do you see it? He said he's going to die, he's going to be resurrected, he's going to prolong his days. And this is all in the Old Testament. And then it said he had to come before the temple was destroyed in Daniel 9:26, "After three score and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off but not for himself, but the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary, and the end thereof shall be with a flood and unto the end the war desolation's are determined." It says Messiah has to come before the temple and the city is destroyed, and we know when Titus came in 70 A.D. and Titus assembled right there where that old King David Hotel is right now, we were right behind it, and Titus assembled right there on that hill, right where we stayed the last time we were in Israel, and Titus assembled there and he said don't anybody touch the temple. You destroy the city but no one is to touch the temple. It was one of the most beautiful things the world had ever known, and of course one of the soldiers touched the temple and burned it to the ground.

### QUESTION 7

Jesus was a creation of God *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### QUESTION 8

God could not be the eternal Father without an \_\_\_\_\_.

### QUESTION 9

"The government shall be upon his shoulder..." is referring to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. When He carried the cross
- B. Current events
- C. The 2nd Coming
- D. Eternity Future

## Topic 2: Ministry of Messiah



Sometimes you will hear people describe someone as being “destined to fail.” Today’s modern critics would probably describe Jesus’ life as being a failure. After all, He was born to die.

But we know that His life was so much more, and his death and resurrection were more than just a man dying. Messiah’s ministry here on earth was

one of healing the broken and sick, ministering to the class of people that society wanted to throw away.

In the end, his ministry brought healing to all of mankind. Though we were born in trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2), we can find life in His blood. In this topic we will look at some prophecies and fulfillments surrounding Messiah’s redemptive ministry here on earth.

Leviticus 17:11, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I give unto you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls, it is the blood that maketh atonement for your souls." What saves us today? It is the blood of Christ. What saved the Jews? It was the blood. They were offering animals, and the animals were only to temporarily show that they had faith in one to come. Every Jewish lady wanted to have a boy, no not because they felt boys were better than girls, but because they wanted to have the Messiah. They wanted to have the Messiah. They wanted to be that family that would have the Messiah, and of course we know it was Mary and Joseph that God chose. Now I want us to look at some of the many prophecies that you can give to the Jewish people. Now that was kind of a review but I want to give you some more. I tell you what when you read these things and study these things, and I would keep this, there is no way you can not believe the Bible. You will either cease to be a skeptic or you will cease to be honest after this tonight. Because the Bible proves itself. You know I used to never hear any proofs of the Bible, I used to think, man, I don't want to be one of those crazy Christians.

**Assignment:**

Memorize Leviticus 17:11

**QUESTION 10**

It was the actual death of the animal that saved the Jewish *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTION 11**

It was the desire of every Jewish woman to have a baby boy. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTION 12

When you study the evidence in the Bible, you will cease to be \_\_\_\_\_ or you will cease to be honest.

- A. A Believer
- B. An atheist
- C. A skeptic
- D. An agnostic

## Messiah's Betrayal

Okay let's look at some of the prophecies, Zechariah 11:12, "And I said unto them if you think good give me my price, and if not forbear. And they weighed for my price 30 pieces of silver." Everybody knew that Messiah had to be sold for 30 pieces of silver. It was in the Bible, prophesied. Well Matthew 26:15 getting into the New Testament, "And said unto them what will you give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for 30 pieces of silver." Isn't it amazing they didn't sell them for 29 pieces, or 15 pieces, or two pieces of gold? Or one piece of gold? But no, 30 pieces of silver. Well lets see what else they prophesied. "Yea my own familiar friend...", he would be betrayed by a friend, "... in whom I trusted...", Psalm 41:9, "... which did eat my bread has lifted up his heel against me" John 13:18, "I speak not of you all, I know whom I have chosen, but the Scripture may be fulfilled he that eateth bread with me has lifted up his heel against me." We know Judas Iscariot betrayed Christ, he betrayed him with a kiss, he betrayed him for 30 pieces of silver and it was all prophesied, some 1000 years before he came. 1000

### Assignment:

Memorize Psalm 41:9

## QUESTION 13

Most people knew Messiah would be sold for 30 pieces of gold. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTION 14

Which two Scriptures deal with Messiah being sold? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_ (*Select all that apply.*)

- A. Zechariah 11:12
- B. Zechariah 12:10
- C. Matthew 24:15
- D. Matthew 26:15

## QUESTION 15

Which two Scriptures deal with Messiah being betrayed by a friend? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_ (*Select all that apply.*)

- A. Psalm 41:9
- B. Psalm 22:9
- C. John 13:18
- D. John 16:18

### Topic 3: Death and Burial of Messiah



As we open the last topic in this unit of “Witnessing to the Jew,” we come to many prophecies surrounding Messiah’s death and resurrection. Not only was his death prophesied, but also his resurrection.

Skeptics will say that you can take any prophecy of Messiah, and prove that Jesus

wasn’t the only person to have that happen to them; and this is true. But only Jesus fulfilled all of the prophecies, and the mathematical probability of 1 person filling all of them is too great a number for the human mind to handle.

There were many people who were born in Bethlehem; but only one was born of a virgin. There were many people who suffered death by crucifixion; but only one came back to life. Critics say Jesus purposely fulfilled the prophecies so he could claim he was Messiah. How do you determine where you will be born? How do you determine what your ancestral line will be? How do you convince a ruling government that they should execute you in a certain manner, especially when the governor sees no reason to execute you in the first place? How do you convince the Roman soldiers to crucify thieves with you? How do you convince them to gamble for your clothing?

How do you force yourself to die early enough on the cross, so they don’t break your legs? After you are dead, how do you convince the soldiers to run a spear through your side? How do you convince a Jew to take an enormous risk, and bury your body in his tomb?

There is too much evidence proving that Jesus was Who He said He was. When you read God’s Word with an open mind, and examine the evidence, the only logical conclusion is that Jesus Christ was and is the Son of God, and that He is the Savior of the world.

In this final topic we will examine more prophecies and fulfillments that surround the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

### Topic 3: Death and Burial of Messiah

Well what else does it say about him? It says he didn’t open his mouth when he was being accused. Isaiah 53:7, "He was oppressed and afflicted yet he opened not his mouth, he is brought as a lamb to the

slaughter and as a sheep before his shearers is dumb so he opened not his mouth." When they slay sheep, the sheep just go in calm, and they kill them. That's what they did to Christ. Mark 15:3, "And the chief priest accused him of many things, but answer thee nothing. And Pilate asked him, saying, answers thou nothing? Behold how many things they witness against thee. But Jesus yet answered nothing so that Pilate marveled." Do you see it? Man alive, I tell you if you could have read this and not understand it. How about this? Psalm 22:16, "For dogs have compassed me, the assembly of the wicked has closed me, they pierced my hands and feet." That is something isn't it? They pierced Jesus's hands and his feet when they put him on the cross, and I didn't put that reference because that relates to all four places of the crucifixion. Psalm 22:18, "They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture." They part my garments. John 19:24, "And 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 the vesture did they cast lots. These things therefore did the soldiers do."

**Assignment:**

- Memorize Isaiah 53:7

**QUESTION 16**

When accused before Pilate, Jesus answered their charges. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ridiculed and Forsaken**

It said he would be ridiculed, Psalm 22:7, "And they see me laugh me to scorn, and they shoot out the lip, they shake their head." They were saying he trusted in God, why won't God do something for him now? Listen dear friends, it is not over until it is over. Matthew 27:41, "Likewise the chief priests mocking him with the scribes and elders." Psalm 69:21 said that they give me the gaul for my meat, and in my thirst they gave me vinegar. Matthew 27:34, "They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall, and when he had tasted thereof he would not drink." 1000 years before he came 1000 years. We are just a little over 200 years as a nation, we are just 500 years since Christopher Columbus came. 1000 years, double that time, these prophecies were given. Isaiah 53:12, "Therefore I divided him a portion with the great and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, he has poured out his soul to death, and he was numbered with the transgressors, and made intercession for the transgressors." In other words if you look hard at Isaiah 53:12, it says he prayed for his enemies. Isaiah 53:12, part of that says he prayed for his enemies. Luke 23:34, "Then said Jesus, Father forgive them they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment and cast lots." Psalm 34:20, says not one bone would be broken, it is fulfilled in John 19:36, you can read that yourself.

**QUESTION 19**

On the cross, Jesus pronounced the judgments that would fall upon those who had crucified Him. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTION 20**

Most of these prophecies were given \_\_\_\_\_ years before Messiah came.

- A. 100
- B. 500
- C. 1000
- D. 2000

## **Crucified with Transgressors**

Isaiah 53:12 again says that he would be numbered with the transgressors and Mark 15:27 says he was crucified between two thieves. Isn't that amazing? He had to die between two thieves. How about this one? Psalm 22:1, "My God my God why has thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me? From the words of my roaring." Mark 15:34, "And in the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice saying, Eli Eli Lama Sabachthani, which is being interpreted, my God my God why has thou forsaken me?" You know why God at that moment forsook his own son? Because Jesus became sin for us. Jesus took our sins and he paid it upon the cross. It says that he would be pierced. Now we have alluded to it but I want you to look a little bit more into it, Zechariah 12:10, it says, "I will pour upon the house of David...", now this is telling me that the Jews later on are going to look upon Jesus as their Messiah, "... and upon it the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and supplication, and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him as one mourneth for his own son, and shall be in bitterness for one as it is in bitterness for the firstborn." John 19:34 through 37, I'm not going to read it, they looked and they pierced him.

### **QUESTION 21**

Jesus has never been forsaken by the Father. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Buried with the Rich**

Isaiah 53:9, "He made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, because he had done no violence neither was any deceit in his mouth." Said he would be buried with the rich. Everyone of course is with sin. Matthew 27:57, "And when the evening was, there came a rich man of Arimathea named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus disciple. He went to Pilate and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered..." Pilate had to deliver the body. You see Pilate thought he was under control but Pilate had to do what God wanted him to do. "And when Joseph had taken the body he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own tomb which he had hewn out in the rock and rolled a great stone over the door of the sepulcher and departed." We have been to that sepulcher, oh I don't know of any greater joy than I can tell you in all of Israel than that. I really don't know of any. Isaiah 53:3, "He is despised and rejected a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not." Listen it is one thing for the world to reject him, but he was rejected by his own people. John 1:11, "He came unto his own and his own received him not." One of the saddest commentaries the world has ever said because he came as a Jew and the Jews rejected him. The Gentiles rejected him, the Romans reject him. What a sad thing, what a sad thing.

### **QUESTION 23**

Pilate had complete control to do whatever he wanted. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### **QUESTION 24**

Only the Jews are guilty of rejecting the Messiah. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## You Must Have Faith

Well I tell you, I would use these to witness to Jewish people, these prove the Bible. Romans 3:1 says, "What advantage then as the Jew? Or what profit is there in circumcision? Much every way, chiefly because unto them were committed the oracles of God." Romans 9:30, "What shall we say then, that the Gentiles which follow not after righteousness have obtained the righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith? But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness has not obtained to the law of righteousness, wherefore because they sought it not by faith but as it were by the works of the law, they stumbled at the stumbling stone." They didn't have faith. The proof was there, the evidence was there, but they didn't have faith. Now I have my faith in facts, but they didn't have faith. What saves a person is faith. What saves a person in anything is faith. Now these are verses, after Romans 9:30, these are verses on salvation that would be good to Jewish people. "And the Scriptures foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham saying, in thee shall all nations be blessed." Abraham was to be the father of many nations. Look at first Corinthians 10:1-4, "Moreover brother I would not have to be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all did eat the same spiritual meat, all the drink the same spiritual drink, and all drank of the spiritual rock that followed them and that rock was Christ." Christ was in the Old Testament. You can look at all these, and see Christ, you can see him over and over. Look at Hebrews 4:2, "For unto us was the gospel preached as well as unto them, but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." These verses dear people can be used over and over and over and over again.

### QUESTION 25

Israel's stumblingstone was that they tried to obtain righteousness by works. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### QUESTION 26

Hearing the evidence over and over again does us no good if we choose to not believe it. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## LESSON 26 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### QUESTION 1

C. 1500

**QUESTION 2:** False [Yet they have done the most to change the face of the world.]

### QUESTION 3

D. 1,900 [No other nation has done this.]

**QUESTION 4:** True

### QUESTION 5

B. Jude

D. James

**QUESTION 6:** town

**QUESTION 7:** False [Jesus always has been and always will be.]

**QUESTION 8:** Eternal Son

### QUESTION 9

C. The 2nd Coming

**QUESTION 10:** False [The blood of Christ is what saved them; the animal sacrifice was a temporary covering for sin, but could not take it away.]

**QUESTION 11:** True [They hoped they would be the one chosen to bear the Messiah.]

### QUESTION 12

C. A skeptic

**QUESTION 13:** False [It was prophesied 30 pieces of silver.]

### QUESTION 14

A. Zechariah 11:12

D. Matthew 26:15

### QUESTION 15

A. Psalm 41:9

C. John 13:18

**QUESTION 16:** False [”He was oppressed and afflicted yet he opened not his mouth...”]

**QUESTION 19:** False [He prayed that God would forgive them, “...for they know not what they do.”]

### QUESTION 20

C. 1000

**QUESTION 22:** False [God could not look upon Jesus as He bore our sin debt.]

**QUESTION 23:** False [He thought he did, but God was really in control.]

**QUESTION 24:** False [We all bear the guilt because of our sin.]

**QUESTION 25:** True [Righteousness can only come by faith.]

**QUESTION 26:** True [We need to have faith for the Word to profit us (Hebrews 4:2).]