

Understanding Prophecy  
Lesson 02-02  
Messiah and Salvation  
{The Ethiopian Eunuch}  
Part 2 – The Seventy  
Sevens and Other  
Messianic Prophecies



# The Ethiopian Eunuch

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An angel of the Lord sent Philip unto Gaza:

**Acts 8:27** And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

**28** Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

**29** Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

**30** And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? **(Continued)**

# The Ethiopian Eunuch

**31** And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

**32** The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

**33** In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

**34** And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? **(Continued)**

# The Ethiopian Eunuch

**35** Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

**36** And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

**37** And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

**38** And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

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# The Ethiopian Eunuch

**39** And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

The Eunuch was saved by the reading and teaching of prophecy testifying of Jesus.

Let's now look at more prophecy testifying of Jesus to consider what the Ethiopian eunuch must have experienced.



# Born at the Right Time

# Born at the Right Time [125]

Messiah was to be **born at a specific time.**

Luke records the time of Jesus birth, in Luke chapter 2, as the time when **Caesar Augustus was ruler** of the Roman Empire, and **Cyrenius was governor** of Syria.

**LUK 2:1** And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from **Caesar Augustus**, that all the world should be taxed.

**2** (And this taxing was first made when **Cyrenius was governor of Syria.**)

# Born at the Right Time [125]

Luke reported the fact of the birth of Jesus, and later would record His death, but the most astonishing thing though, is how **it correlates exactly** with one of the most amazing prophecies in the Bible concerning the time of the Messiah.

The prophet Daniel gave **clues to the time** of the Messiah within the verses of Daniel 9:24-27 as we shall see next.



# Daniel's Seventy Weeks

# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [40; 125]

No course on Messianic prophecy would be complete without **Daniel's Seventy Weeks** – The Most Amazing Prophecy.

In order to fully understand this prophecy, it must take into account the full context of Daniel chapter 9.

Daniel wrongly thought that the completion of the 70 years Babylonian captivity would be followed by the prophesied Messianic Kingdom, but the prophecy was to be instead **70 sevens**, not **70 years**.

# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [40; 125]

This is the same thinking as when the disciples kept asking Jesus if he was now going to establish that kingdom.

**Acts 1:6** When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

**7** And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

The angel then proceeded to correct Daniel with the description of the “seventy-sevens.”

# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [40; 125]

**DAN 9:24** **Seventy weeks** are determined upon thy people [Israel] and upon thy holy city [Jerusalem], to finish the transgression [Israel's rejection of Jesus as Messiah], and to make an end of sins [holy living to be practiced daily], and to make reconciliation for iniquity [atonement for rejection of Jesus], and to bring in everlasting righteousness [Messianic Millennium Kingdom; Literally = "an age of righteousness"], and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy [place].

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# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [125]

**25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.**

**(Continued)**

# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [125]

**26** And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people [Romans] of the prince [antichrist] that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

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# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [125]

**27** And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week **[7 years Tribulation]**: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [40; 125]

In the Hebrew, the meaning of the words in Daniel 9:24, “to anoint the most Holy,” refers to a place, “**the most holy place.**”

This is referring to the **Fourth Temple to be built in the Messianic Kingdom** after Christ's Second Coming, not Herod's Temple destroyed by the Romans in 70AD, nor the Temple built during the Tribulation desecrated by Antichrist.

# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [125]

The “weeks” mentioned are weeks of years, so that seventy weeks is seventy times seven, or four hundred ninety years.

This interpretation of “weeks” is well supported by other instances in the Bible where weeks of years is clearly evident.

This prophecy has an exact fulfillment to the very day of Christ's entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, 6 April 32 AD.

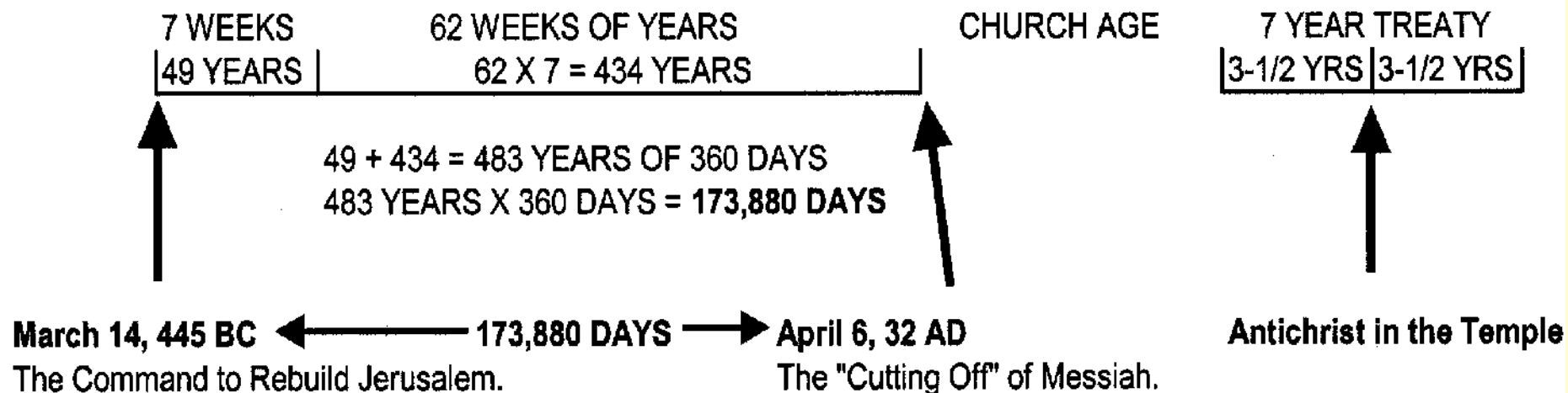
# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [59; 125]

## DANIEL'S VISION OF THE SEVENTY WEEKS

Daniel's prophecy in Daniel 9:24-27 first speaks of 69 weeks and an additional 1 week making 70 weeks total. This can be illustrated as follows:



Next this same period is expressed differently, but amounting to the same result:



Adapted from Grant Jeffery, ARMAGEDDON - APPOINTMENT WITH DESTINY, P. 32.

# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [125]

Let's do the numbers of Daniel's vision of the Seventy Weeks as seen in the previous chart.

The **Biblical year** is the lunar year of **360 days**.

**Biblical prophecy** must be understood in light of a **Biblical year**.

To see clearly that this is so, we refer to the **book of Revelation** where **3-1/2 years** is described as **42 months** and also **1260 days**.

**1260 days** divided by **360 days** is **3-1/2 years** exactly. [59]

# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [125]

The commandment to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem was **issued by the Persian King Artaxerxes Longimanus** on the 1st of Nisan in the 20th year of his reign. [3; 59]

**NEH 2:1** And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence.

# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [3; 4; 93; 125]

According to Daniel's Seventy Weeks prophecy the time of the **Messiah's visitation** is **483 Years after the decree.**

**DAN 9:25** ...going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks....

**26** And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off... .

# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [3; 4; 93; 125]

Seven weeks plus threescore and two weeks  
= 69 weeks of years.

69 weeks of years X 7 = 483 years.

Jesus was **“cut off”**, at the time of His visitation, on the 10th day of Nisan, 6 April 32 AD, Palm Sunday.

He entered Jerusalem as the Jewish Messiah and **was rejected**.

# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [125]

Luke reports that Jesus wept over Jerusalem because He would be rejected:

**LUK 19:41** And when he [Jesus] was come near, he beheld the city [Jerusalem], and wept over it,

**42** Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

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# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [125]

**43** For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

**44** And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; **because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.**

**Jesus was presented as Messiah to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, 6 April 32AD as reported by John 12:13-15.**

# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [3; 4; 59; 125]

This was the time of the **“visitation.”**

From 14 March 445 BC to 14 March 32 AD is 476 years of 365 days, or 173,740 days.

If we then add the number of additional days from 14 March 32 AD until 6 April 32 AD (Palm Sunday) we get 173,740 days plus 24 days, or 173,764 days.

Next, when we correct this number by adding 116 leap days, we get 173,764 days plus 116 days equals 173,880 days.



# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [3; 4; 59; 125]

**This calculation gives the total number of days from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem until the Messiah was rejected by Israel on Palm Sunday, 6 April 32 AD.**

**This is Daniel's 69 "weeks" of years (483 years) exactly.**

# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [125]

Some scholars believe that the decree of Artaxerxes occurred in **444 BC rather than 445 BC**, and these same scholars believe that the crucifixion took place in **33 AD**. [42,

*Prophecy as Proof of the Bible]*

It may be that Nehemiah was visited by his brother Hanani, with other men of Judah, in November/December 445 BC (Nehemiah 1:1), and the decree was given in March/April 444 BC (Nehemiah 2:1). [15,

*Jerusalem]*

**The calculation result is exactly the same.**<sup>28</sup>

# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [15; 42; 78; 125]

The calculation for either year range is the same whether the Jewish calendar of 360 days or the Gregorian calendar of 365 days is used.

For example, the alternate range 4 March 444 BC – 30 March 33 AD (crucified on 3 April 33 AD) is illustrated by the following chart:

# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [125; 134]

## THE 483 YEARS USING 444 BC TO 33 AD AS DATE RANGE

**Jewish Calendar**  
(360 days per year)

$(7 \times 7) + (62 \times 7)$  years = 483 years

483 years  
X 360 days  
173,880 days

**Gregorian Calendar**  
(365 days per year)

444 BC to 33 AD = 476 years

476 years  
X 365 days  
173,740 days  
+ 116 addl days in leap years  
+ 24 days (March 5 - March 30)  
173,880 days



Adapted from John Walvoord, THE PROPHECY KNOWLEDGE HANDBOOK,  
Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1990, p. 254.

# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [125]

When Israel rejected her Messiah, God's prophetic clock stopped.

One "week" or seven years remain.

The time in between is the "Church Age."

The remaining seven years, Daniel's seventieth week awaits future fulfillment in the seven years of tribulation. [59]

With Daniel's Seventy Weeks prophecy so specific, you might well ask, "Why did the Jews miss it, and still fail to see it?"

# Daniel's Seventy Weeks [125]

**Blindness in part befell the nation of Israel so that she cannot recognize her Messiah “until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in” as described by Paul:** [59]

**ROM 11:25 ... blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.**

**26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:**



# Born of a Virgin

# Born of a Virgin [77]

Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would be **born of a virgin** and He would be called "**God with us**" (**God in the flesh**).

In Isaiah 7:14, the Hebrew word translated "virgin" is "**almah**", meaning "**young woman of marriageable age**."

**ISA 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 [**God with us**].

This combines the ideas of virgin and marriageable age into one word.

# Born of a Virgin [77]

The Jewish translators of the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Old Testament) translated this word as **parthenos (virgin)**, indicating that the **Jewish translators understood that the Messiah would be born of a virgin.**

# Born of a Virgin [97]

In Genesis 3:15 we find early evidence that the Messiah would be born of a virgin when God, addressing Satan, speaks of the **"Seed" of the woman.**

It should be noted that **woman does not have seed**, man does.

**GEN 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.

# Born of a Virgin

The New Testament shows the fulfillment of these prophecies (Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-35).

**MAT 1:18** Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost....

**22** Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

**23** Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

# Born of a Virgin

**LUK 1:26** And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth....

**30** And the angel said unto her [Mary]....

**31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS....

**34** Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

**35** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

# Born of a Virgin

Paul, in Galatians confirms the belief of a miraculous birth expressed by Luke in the previous verse (Luke 1:35).

**GAL 4:4** But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,



# The Way Prepared by a Messenger

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Old Testament Scriptures indicate that a messenger would precede and prepare the way of the Messiah.

**ISA 40:3** The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

# The Way Prepared by a Messenger

The words of Isaiah the prophet were literally fulfilled by John the Baptist, as reported by Luke and Matthew.

**LUK 3:3** And he [John] came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;

**4** As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

# The Way Prepared by a Messenger

Malachi, only a few hundred years before the birth of Christ wrote these words:

**MAL 3:1** Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

(See also: Luke 1:17; Matthew 3:1-3, 11:10; John 1:23; Luke 7:24-27).



# The Passion and Death of the Messiah

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The recent Mel Gibson movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, may have had some non-scriptural embellishments, but the severity of Roman crucifixions was not one of them.

Crucifixion was the most brutal of deaths imaginable. [115]

The Old Testament has much to say concerning the passion and death of the Messiah.

Old Testament prophecies indicate that **Messiah's own people**, the Jews, **would reject Him.**

# The Passion and Death of the Messiah

The Jews may have rejected Him and sought His death, but the Gentiles put Him to death.

In this way all **mankind shared responsibility.**

**ISA 53:3** He is despised and rejected of men; 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.

**JOH 1:11** He came unto his own, and his own received him not.



**He Would Not Be  
Believed**


# He Would Not Be Believed

It was prophesied that He would not be believed.

**ISA 53:1** Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

**JOH 12:37** But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:

**38** That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?



**He Would Be  
Betrayed**

# He Would Be Betrayed

In yet other prophecies, a friend would eventually betray the Messiah for money.

**PSA 41:9** Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

**ZEC 11:12** And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.

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# He Would Be Betrayed

**13** And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

# He Would Be Betrayed

We see the **fulfillment** in the following verses of the New Testament.

**MAT 26:14** Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,

**15** And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

# He Would Be Betrayed

Then in chapter 27 we see:

**MAT 27:3** Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,  
**4** Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

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# He Would Be Betrayed

**5** And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

**6** And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

**7** And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.



# The Resurrection

# The Resurrection [112]

**Belief in the Resurrection was a fundamental belief of the early Church.**

**This belief was in general circulation and given to the Apostle Paul as early as two years after the event.**

**Paul's conversion was approximately two years after the crucifixion, at which time he was received among Christians in Damascus.**

# The Resurrection [112]

**Within five years after the crucifixion Paul was in Jerusalem.**

Because of the wording in the opening verses, a good case can be made that during this time period the following creed, already used by the Church, was given to Paul:

**1 CO 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;**

**2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.**

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# The Resurrection [112]

**3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

**4** And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

**5** And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

**6** After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

**7** After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

**8** And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.



# **Our High Priest And His Sacrifice**

# Our High Priest And His Sacrifice [124]

The **entire Scripture**, the Old Testament and New Testament, **points toward an ultimate vicarious sacrifice to be made for the redemption of mankind from the ancient curse.**

The way was prepare by the first **slaying of animals by God as a covering** for the shame of Adam and Eve.

Throughout the Old Testament we find that **sins were covered** by the priest's **shedding of the blood of animals** in the temple sacrifices.

# Our High Priest And His Sacrifice [124]

God was preparing mankind for the **once-for-all sacrifice** to be made on the same hill that Abraham was willing to offer his only son of promise, Isaac.

We know that **God prepared a way out for mankind's rebellion at Eden before the foundations of the earth** when we read in First Peter these words:

# Our High Priest And His Sacrifice [124]

**1 PE 1:18** Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

**19** But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

**20** Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

**21** Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

# Our High Priest And His Sacrifice [124]

In the preceding verse we are directed to understand **the meaning of the blood sacrifice** (a lamb without blemish and spot) first **instituted by God as a covering** for Adam and Eve's sin, which was the **precursor to the formal temple sacrifice** outlined by God in Leviticus, and **fulfilled once and for all by Christ's atoning death.**

# Our High Priest And His Sacrifice [124]

In Hebrews 7 and 8 we find that Jesus Christ is the **High Priest of the New Covenant** after the order of Melchizedek, and in Hebrews 9 we then see that the Aaronic priesthood went into the temple once each year with the blood of animals offered up for the errors of the people, but then we are told that:

**HEB 9:11** But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

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# Our High Priest And His Sacrifice [124]

**12** Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

**13** For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

**14** How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?



# More Than 300 Prophecies

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These are a only a few of the more than 300 prophecies **specifically fulfilled** in the life of Jesus of Nazareth.

With **so many fulfilled** prophecies isn't it amazing that **men willfully choose to reject Jesus as Lord**.

Fulfilled prophecies are unique to Judeo/Christian Scriptures.

No other religion can make that claim.



# End of Understanding Prophecy - Lesson 02



# Closing Prayer



GOD IS IN THE DETAILS  
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THY WORD IS TRUE FROM THE BEGINNING; AND EVERY ONE OF THY RIGHTEOUS  
JUDGMENTS ENDURETH FOR EVER. - PSALM 119:160

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