

Passion Prophecy, Part 2

Hello there my friends, this is part II of our mid-week meditation series about the prophecy that was fulfilled by Jesus' crucifixion. Last week we talked about prophecy that was fulfilled by the events that led up to Jesus Crucifixion. Today, we talk about Old Testament prophecy that was fulfilled by the actual crucifixion of Jesus on the cross at Calvary. We actually have a lot of material to cover, so I am going to get right to it.

They pierced his hands and feet.

Prophecy

The first prophecy I want to talk about is the prophecy about piercing the hands and feet of Jesus. Psalm 22:16 says in part, "They have pierced my hands and my feet." This part of prophecy is very interesting. These words were written in David's time, about 1000 B C, yet the phrase "They have pierced my hands and feet can only be referring to crucifixion. The thing that makes this prophecy amazing is that Roman times was the only time period that used crucifixion as a means of execution, yet the psalmist describes crucifixion 1000 years before that mode of execution was dreamed up. The idea of piercing a man is also prophesied in Zechariah 12:10 which says in part, "They will look on me, the one they have pierced and they will mourn."

Fulfillment

Psalm 22:16 and Zechariah 12:10 are fulfilled in Mark 15:24 which says, "And they crucified him" meaning that they pierced his hands and his feet.

Crucified between two thieves.

Prophecy

The next prophecy that I want to talk about is the fact that Jesus was crucified between two thieves. Isaiah 53:12 says in part, "And he was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sins of many and made intercession for the transgressions.

Fulfillment

This prophecy was fulfilled in Mark 15:27 which says, "they crucified two robbers with him, on one his right and one on his left." And He made intercession, like the Prophecy said, for the thief on the right when He said, "Truly, truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise

They mocked him.

Prophecy

We move now to the prophecy about Jesus being mocked and insulted. Psalm 22:7-8 says, "All who see me mock me; they hurl insults at me, shaking their heads. He trusts in the Lord, let the Lord deliver him, since he delights in him."

Fulfillment

This prophecy is fulfilled in Matthew 27:39-43 which describes the way those at the foot of the cross hurled insults at the Master and relentlessly mocked him.

They Cast lots for his clothes.

Prophecy

The next prophecy that was fulfilled there at Calvary was that there were lots cast for his clothes. In Psalm 22:18 says, " They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing."

Fulfillment

This prophecy is fulfilled in Matthew 27:35 which says, "When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots."

Darkness descended over the Land.

Prophecy

Let us now think about the prophecy that says that darkness came over the land. In Amos it prophesies, "In that day, declares the Lord, "I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight.""

Fulfillment

This prophecy is fulfilled in Matthew 27:45 where it says, "From the sixth hour to the ninth hour darkness came over all the land"

My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me.

Prophecy

The next prophecy is in Psalm 22:1. It says, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?”

Fulfillment

This portion of Psalm 22 finds its fulfillment in Matthew 27:46 where Jesus recites the words of the 22 Psalm, My God, My God, why have you forsaken me.

I am Thirsty.

Prophecy

Next is the prophecy that describes the words of Jesus’ from the cross, I am Thirsty. Psalm 22:15 combines with Psalm 69:21 to prophesy the moment when Jesus says, “I am thirsty” from the cross. 22:15 says, “My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.” And Psalm 69:21 says, “They put gall in my food and gave my vinegar for my thirst.

Fulfillment

This combination of prophecy is fulfilled in the words of John 19:28-29 which read, “Later, knowing all was now completed, and so that the scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” A jar of wine vinegar was there so they soaked a sponge in it and put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.”

Into your hands I commit my Spirit.

Prophecy

And what about Jesus last words from the cross, Psalm 31:5? It says, “Into your hands I commit my spirit: redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.”

Fulfillment

This prophecy finds its fulfillment in Luke 23:46 where it describes Jesus saying, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”

No Bone would be broken.

Prophecy

One of the more interesting prophecies describes how Jesus bones would not be broken. Psalm 34:20 says, "He protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken."

Fulfillment

This prophecy is fulfilled in John 19:32-33. It says starting at verse 31 for context, "Now it was the day of preparation, and the next day was to be a special sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs."

And they made his grave with the rich.

Prophecy

And finally, the prophecy about where Jesus was buried. In Isaiah 53:9 it says, "He was assigned a grave with the rich in his death."

Fulfillment

The prophecy is fulfilled In Matthew 27:57-59 describe how the rich man, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus and wrapped it in a clean cloth and buried Jesus his own tomb."

The story of Jesus death on the cross is a beautiful testimony about the love that was in Jesus heart when he shed his blood there at the cross for all of humanity. It is also a glorious witness to a wonderful fulfillment of God's promise of Salvation. But this beautiful expression of God's love is made even more amazing when we pause and think about how God told his people about our savior's loving sacrifice hundreds of years before Jesus walked the earth. The prophecy underscores the power and authority and the eternal nature of God's kingdom and God's love in our lives and in the lives of every child of God in all generations.