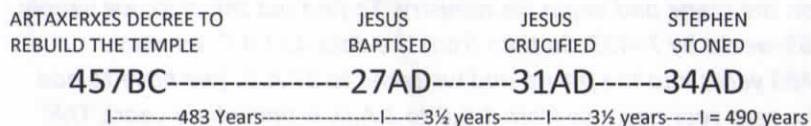


12. When would Messiah be "cut off"? Daniel 9:26-27

Note: So far we are 483 years into the prophecy. Now we only have 7 days left. 1 Week = 7 days, so that means we are left with 7 literal years. The angel said that Messiah would be cut off or crucified in the middle of the week. In order to discover the date of crucifixion we divide 7 into half = 3.5. So we go forward 3.5 years from 27 A.D. and we arrive in 31 A.D. In 31 A.D. Jesus, the Lamb of God would become the sacrifice and do away with the sacrificial system (See also 2Co 5:21). When Jesus died, Mark 15:34 tells us that the veil in the temple was ripped from top to bottom. Hebrews 10:20 tells us that the ripped veil in the temple was a symbol of Christ's torn flesh, which means since Jesus has died we can come to the throne of God through prayer for forgiveness of sins and help in time of need (see Heb 4:16).

13. What is the last step in the prophecy? Acts 7:55-60

Note: We simply move forward 3.5 years from 31 A.D. to 34 A.D. What happened in 34 A.D.? Lots of things happened then. Stephen, who the first elected deacon of the NT Christian church was stoned, Saul is converted, and the gospel is taken to the gentiles because the Jews refuse to receive Jesus as the Messiah. Let's chart what we have just learned.



INTERESTING FACT: A scientist named Peter Stoner for Science Speaks (Chicago: Moody Press, 1963) determines the probability of one man fulfilling eight of the prophecies of the OT for the Messiah to be 1×10^{17} . He also determines the chances of one man fulfilling 48 of the prophecies to be 1×10^{157} . Jesus fulfilled over 300 OT prophecies and validated scripture.

MY CHOICE: Since Jesus fulfilled the OT prophecies of the Messiah I can have confidence in placing my life in my Savior's nail pierced hands.



Lesson #5 We Have Found the Messiah

Was Jesus just another moral teacher or ethical philosopher? Was He just another prophet? Or was He the divine Son of God?

1. What did Andrew call Jesus? John 1:41

Note: The word Messiah in Hebrew means "the anointed One." That word is the equivalent of the Greek work "Christ", which also means "anointed One." A biography is written at the end of a person's life, but the biography of Jesus was written some 700 to 1,000 years before He came to earth. God points out certain aspects of the Messiah's life in the Old Testament so that when He comes His people will know that He is here to save them.

2. What was special about Jesus' birth? Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:18-20

3. Does the Bible mention His birthplace? Micah 5:2, Luke 2:15-16

Note: Understand that Bethlehem was not the home of Joseph and Mary. They had to travel about 70 miles south from Nazareth, which was their hometown to Bethlehem for the census that Caesar Augustus ordered.

4. Does the Bible speak of His betrayal? Psalm 41:9, John 13:2, 26-27

5. What does the Bible say about His beating and abuse? Isaiah 50:6, Matthew 26:6-7

Note: The Bible also mentions the exact words that He would say on the cross about 400 years before hand (See Ps 22:1 and Matthew 27:46).

6. Where does the Bible say Jesus would be pierced? Psalm 22:16, Matthew 27:35

Note: Some say that Jesus knew the prophecies and just set out to fulfill them, however, there were many events that were beyond His control.

7. What were events that were outside of His control? Psalm 22:7-8, Matthew 27:39-40

Note: His place and manner of birth, his betrayal, and the events surrounding His death were all out of His control. The people at the cross who mocked Him were proving that Jesus was the Messiah of Bible prophecy because prophecy had foretold that they would do that very thing!

8. Who did Jesus say He was? Mark 2:5-10; John 8:59-59; 10:30; 14:6

Note: Even the Father and the demons claimed Jesus as divine (Matt 3:17, Mark 5:7).

9. What is the most powerful prophetic evidence that Jesus is Messiah? Daniel 9:20-27

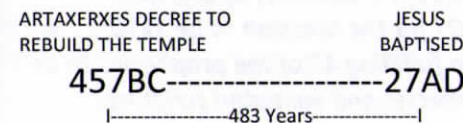
Note: This prophecy is known as the 490 year prophecy. Bible scholars inter-denominationally accept the date for the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the temple as 457 B.C. This is the beginning point for the prophecy: (See also Ezra 7:7, 13 for the decree to rebuild the temple by Artaxerxes, the Persian king).

10. What does a day represent in Bible prophecy? Numbers 14:34, Ezekiel 4:6

Note: If it doesn't work we will throw it away, but we will see as we go along in the prophecy that the prophecy does not make sense unless we use this prophetic principle. That means that 490 days are 490 literal years. There are 7 days in a week and the prophecy is concerned with 70 weeks. That is why it is called the 490 day/year prophecy.

11. In what way was Jesus the anointed One? Daniel 9:25; Luke 3:1, 21-22; Acts 10:37-38

Note: In order to find out what the next step in the prophecy is we add $7+62=69$. The angel Gabriel told Daniel that 69 weeks later Messiah would come upon the scene and begin His ministry. To find out this date we simply multiply 69 weeks by $7=483$. So then from the date 457 B.C. we move forward 483 years into the future and we come to 27 A.D. (we have to add one for the zero year because from 1 B.C to 1 A.D. is one whole year). This brings us down to the time when Jesus was baptized. Let's chart what we have learned so far.



“There are coins from Antioch in Syria of the date A.U. 765 [12 A.D.] with the head of Tiberius and the inscription, Kaisar Sebastos [Augustus].” History of the Christian Church Vol. 1 p. 120 by Dr. Philip Schaff. 12 AD was the first year of Tiberius's reign. Jesus was baptized in Tiberius's fifteenth year. So we add $12+15=27$, which was the exact year Jesus was baptized/anointed. The date for Christ's baptism is biblically and historically verifiable, powerful!