

Prophetic Proof

The Prophecies Concerning Christ

One of the wonders of the Bible is its prophetic content. Remember, the Bible was written in stages – not all in one go, like some books. This means that many of the earlier parts of Scripture contained prophecies about the coming Messiah (Christ) which were wonderfully fulfilled in the Lord Jesus. These are amazing confirmation that the Bible is inspired by God and that the Lord Jesus is the One we should put our trust in. For instance, the prophet Micah predicted that Christ would be born in Bethlehem about 700 years before it happened (Micah 5:2); Isaiah (around the same time as Micah) said the Messiah would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14); slightly later in history, Jeremiah prophesied that many children would be slaughtered at the time of Christ's birth (Jer.31:15); and Hosea prophesied the Messiah's stay in Egypt (Hosea 11:1). All these fulfilments can be seen in Matthew 1-2, miraculously fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ. *But there are many, many more.*



In 1958 Dr Peter W. Stoner, Professor Emeritus of Science at America's Westmont College wrote a book called *Science Speaks*. In a section headed, 'The Christ of Prophecy' he evaluated these prophecies using the principles of probability. His results were startling. Apparently, the chance of just 48 of the Messianic prophecies being fulfilled in one person is a chance of one in 10^{157} (that's '10' with 157 zeros after it!). Now, that's prophetic proof for you!