The OT points towards Messiah (Jesus) Last Edit August 16, 2020

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**Some NT passages that tell us Jesus fulfilled OT prophecies**

Romans 16:25-27; Hebrews 1:1,2; 1 Peter 1:10-12; 2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 Peter 3:1,2

**OT/NT Pairs of Scriptures**

Psalm 2:2-7 and Acts 13:29-35; Isaiah 7:13,14 and Matthew 1:18-25;

Isaiah 9:6,7 and Revelation 19:11-16; Micah 5:2-3 and Matthew 2:1-6 ;

\*Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4:16-21 ; Zechariah 9:9 and Matthew 21:8-11;

Deuteronomy 18:15,16 and John 5:45-47

Psalm 9:7-10 and Acts 17:31 Isaiah 22:22 and Revelation 3:7

Jeremiah 31:31 and Matthew 26:28

Isaiah 7:14 and Luke 1:35 Isaiah 25:7,8 and 1 Corinthians 15:54

Isaiah 35:5-6 and Matthew 11:2-6 Isaiah 42:1-4 and Matthew 12:15-21

Isaiah 50:3-6 and Matthew 27:27-31 Daniel 7:13,14 and Luke 1:31-33

Daniel 9:24-26 and Galatians 1:3-5 Numbers 21:9 and John 3:14-18

Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:1-14

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**New Testament Passages Tell Us That Jesus Fulfilled Old Testament Prophecies**

Romans 16:25-27 “25 Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that had been kept secret for long ages, 26 but now is disclosed, and through the prophetic scriptures has been made known to all the nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – 27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever! Amen.”

(glc) We are spiritually strengthened by the gospel about Jesus. God’s plan for Jesus to be the sacrifice for our sins has been revealed fully after “long ages.” The Old Testament points toward the Messiah who will redeem Israel.

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Hebrews 1:1,2 “ After God spoke long ago in various portions and in various ways to our ancestors through the prophets, **2** in these last days he has spoken to us in a son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he created the world”

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1 Peter 1:10-12 “**10** Concerning this salvation, the prophets who predicted the grace that would come to you searched and investigated carefully. **11** They probed into what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating when he testified beforehand about the sufferings appointed for Christ and his subsequent glory. **12** They were shown that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things now announced to you through those who proclaimed the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things angels long to catch a glimpse of.”

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2 Peter 1:19-21 “ **19** Moreover, we possess the prophetic word as an altogether reliable thing. You do well if you pay attention to this as you would to a light shining in a murky place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. **20** Above all, you do well if you recognize this: No prophecy of scripture ever comes about by the prophet’s own imagination, **21** for no prophecy was ever borne of human impulse; rather, men carried along by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.” (NET)

2 Peter 3:1,2 “”Dear friends, this is already the second letter I have written you, in which I am trying to stir up your pure mind by way of reminder: 2 I want you to recall both the predictions foretold by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles.” (NET)

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**Some Old Testament Passages of Prophecy and New Testament Passages of Fulfillment**

Psalm 2:2-7 and Acts 13:29-35

Psalm 2: 2-7 “**2** Why do the nations rebel? Why are the countries devising plots that will fail? **2** The kings of the earth form a united front; the rulers collaborate against the Lord and his anointed king. **3** They say, “Let’s tear off the shackles they’ve put on us. Let’s free ourselves from their ropes.” **4** The one enthroned in heaven laughs in disgust; the Lord taunts them. **5** Then he angrily speaks to them and terrifies them in his rage, saying, **6** “I myself have installed my king on Zion, my holy hill.” **7** The king says, “I will announce the Lord’s decree. He said to me: ‘You are my son. This very day I have become your father.“

Acts 13:29-35 “**29** When they had accomplished everything that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and placed him in a tomb. **30** But God raised him from the dead, **31** and for many days he appeared to those who had accompanied him from Galilee to Jerusalem. These are now his witnesses to the people. **32** And we proclaim to you the good news about the promise to our ancestors, **33** that this promise God has fulfilled to us, their children, by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second psalm, ‘***You are my Son;*** ***today* *I have fathered you***.’ **34** But regarding the fact that he has raised Jesus from the dead, never again to be in a state of decay, God has spoken in this way: ‘***I will give you*** ***the holy and trustworthy promises*** ***made to David***.’ **35** Therefore he also says in another psalm, ‘***You will not permit your Holy One*** ***to experience*** ***decay***.’

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Isaiah 7:13,14 and Matthew 1:18-25;

Isaiah 7:13, 14 “ **13** So Isaiah replied, “Pay attention, family of David. Do you consider it too insignificant to try the patience of men? Is that why you are also trying the patience of my God? **14** For this reason the Lord himself will give you a confirming sign. Look, this young woman is about to conceive and will give birth to a son. You, young woman, will name him Immanuel.

Matthew 1:18-25 “**18** Now the birth of Jesus Christ happened this way. While his mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. **19** Because Joseph, her husband to be, was a righteous man, and because he did not want to disgrace her, he intended to divorce her privately. **20** When he had contemplated this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21** She will give birth to a son and you will name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” **22** This all happened so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled: **23** “***Look! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and*** *they* ***will name him*** ***Emmanuel***,” which means “***God with us***.” **24** When Joseph awoke from sleep he did what the angel of the Lord told him. He took his wife, **25** but did not have marital relations with her until she gave birth to a son, whom he named Jesus.

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Isaiah 9:6,7 and Revelation 19:11-16

Isaiah 9:6,7 “6 For a child has been born to us, a son has been given to us. He shoulders responsibility and is called Wonderful Adviser, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 His dominion will be vast, and he will bring immeasurable prosperity. He will rule on David’s throne and over David’s kingdom, establishing it and strengthening it by promoting justice and fairness, from this time forward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies will accomplish this.“

Revelation 19:11-16 “**11** Then I saw heaven opened and here came a white horse! The one riding it was called “Faithful” and “True,” and with justice he judges and goes to war. **12** His eyes are like a fiery flame and there are many diadem crowns on his head. He has a name written that no one knows except himself. **13** He is dressed in clothing dipped in blood, and he is called the Word of God. **14** The armies that are in heaven, dressed in white, clean, fine linen, were following him on white horses. **15** From his mouth extends a sharp sword, so that with it he can strike the nations. ***He*** ***will rule*** ***them with an iron rod****,* and he stomps the winepress of the furious wrath of God, the All-Powerful. **16** He has a name written on his clothing and on his thigh: “King of kings and Lord of lords.” ”

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Micah 5:2-3 and Matthew 2:1-6

Micah 5:2-3 “**2** (5:1) As for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, seemingly insignificant among the clans of Judah— from you a king will emerge who will rule over Israel on my behalf, one whose origins are in the distant past. **3** So the Lord will hand the people of Israel over to their enemies until the time when the woman in labor gives birth. Then the rest of the king’s countrymen will return to be reunited with the people of Israel. “

Matthew 2:1-6 “After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, in the time of King Herod, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem **2** saying, “Where is the one who is born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” **3** When King Herod heard this he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. **4** After assembling all the chief priests and experts in the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. **5** “In Bethlehem of Judea,” they said, “for it is written this way by the prophet:

**6** ‘***And you, Bethlehem,*** *in the land of Judah,* ***are in no way least among the rulers of Judah, for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel***.’”

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\*Isaiah 61:1,2 and Luke 4:16-21

Isaiah 61:1,2 “The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, because the Lord has chosen me. He has commissioned me to encourage the poor, to help the brokenhearted, to decree the release of captives, and the freeing of prisoners, **2** to announce the year when the Lord will show his favor, the day when our God will seek vengeance, to console all who mourn,”

Luke 4:16-21 “**16** Now Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, **17** and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, **18** “***The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed*** ***me* *to proclaim good news*** ***to the poor***. ***He has sent me*** ***to proclaim release*** ***to the captives and the regaining of sight*** ***to the blind, to set free*** ***those who are oppressed,* 19** ***to proclaim the year*** ***of the Lord’s favor***.” **20** Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fixed on him. **21** Then he began to tell them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled even as you heard it being read.” “

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Zechariah 9:9 and Matthew 21:8-11

Zechariah 9:9 “**9** Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion! Shout, daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your king is coming to you: He is legitimate and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey— on a young donkey, the foal of a female donkey. “

Matthew 21:8-11 “. **8** A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **9** The crowds that went ahead of him and those following kept shouting, “*Hosanna* to the Son of David! ***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*** *Hosanna* in the highest!” **10** As he entered Jerusalem the whole city was thrown into an uproar, saying, “Who is this?” **11** And the crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee.” “

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Deuteronomy 18:15-19 and John 5:45-47

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 “**15** The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you—from your fellow Israelites; you must listen to him. **16** This accords with what happened at Horeb in the day of the assembly. You asked the Lord your God: “Please do not make us hear the voice of the Lord our God anymore or see this great fire anymore lest we die.” **17** The Lord then said to me, “What they have said is good. **18** I will raise up a prophet like you for them from among their fellow Israelites. I will put my words in his mouth and he will speak to them whatever I command. **19** I will personally hold responsible anyone who then pays no attention to the words that prophet speaks in my name. “

John 5:45-47 “**45** “Do not suppose that I will accuse you before the Father. The one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have placed your hope. **46** If you believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me. **47** But if you do not believe what Moses wrote, how will you believe my words?” “

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Psalm 9:7-10 and Acts 17:31

Psalm 9:7-10 “7 But the Lord rules forever; he reigns in a just manner. 8 He judges the world fairly; he makes just legal decisions for the nations. 9 Consequently the Lord provides safety for the oppressed; he provides safety in times of trouble. 10 Your loyal followers trust in you, for you, Lord, do not abandon those who seek your help.

Acts 17:31 “31 because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness, by a man whom he designated, having provided proof to everyone by raising him from the dead.””

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Isaiah 22:22 and Revelation 3:7

Isaiah 22:22”22 I will place the key to the house of David on his shoulder. When he opens the door, no one can close it; when he closes the door, no one can open it.”

Revelation 3:7 “7 “To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write the following: “This is the solemn pronouncement of the Holy One, the True One, who holds the key of David, who opens doors no one can shut, and shuts doors no one can open: “

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Jeremiah 31:31 and Matthew 26:28

Jeremiah 31:31 “**31** “Indeed, a time is coming,” says the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. “

Matthew 26:28 “**28** for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, that is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. “

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Isaiah 7:14 and Luke 1:35

 Isaiah 7:14 “For this reason the Lord himself will give you a confirming sign. Look, this young woman (virgin in ~100BC Greek Translation of OT) is about to conceive and will give birth to a son. You, young woman, will name him Immanuel. “

Luke 1:35 “ 35 The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called the Son of God.”

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Isaiah 25:7,8 and 1 Corinthians 15:54

Isaiah 25:7,8 “ On this mountain he will swallow up the shroud that is over all the peoples, the woven covering that is over all the nations; 8 he will swallow up death permanently. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from every face, and remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. Indeed, the Lord has announced it! “

1 Corinthians 15:54 “ **54** Now when this perishable puts on the imperishable, and this mortal puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will happen, “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” 55 “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” “

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Isaiah 35:5-6 and Matthew 11:2-6

Isaiah 35:5,6 “ Then blind eyes will open, deaf ears will hear. 6 Then the lame will leap like a deer, the mute tongue will shout for joy; for water will burst forth in the wilderness, streams in the arid rift valley. “

Matthew 11:2-6 “**2** Now when John heard in prison about the deeds Christ had done, he sent his disciples to ask a question: **3** “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” **4** Jesus answered them, “Go tell John what you hear and see: **5** The blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news proclaimed to them **6** —and blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me!”

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Isaiah 42:1-4 and Matthew 12:15-21

Isaiah 42:1-4 “ “Here is my servant whom I support, my chosen one in whom I take pleasure. I have placed my Spirit on him; he will make just decrees for the nations. 2 He will not cry out or shout; he will not publicize himself in the streets. 3 A crushed reed he will not break, a dim wick he will not extinguish; he will faithfully make just decrees. 4 He will not grow dim or be crushed before establishing justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait in anticipation for his decrees.” “

Matthew 12:15-21 “**15** Now when Jesus learned of this, he went away from there. Great crowds followed him, and he healed them all. **16** But he sternly warned them not to make him known. 17 This fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: 18 “Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I take great delight. I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. 19 He will not quarrel or cry out, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. 20 He will not break a bruised reed or extinguish a smoldering wick, until he brings justice to victory. 21 And in his name the Gentiles will hope.”

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Isaiah 50:3-6 and Matthew 27:27-31

Isaiah 50:3-6 “ 3 I can clothe the sky in darkness; I can cover it with sackcloth.”

The Servant Perseveres 4 The Sovereign Lord has given me the capacity to be his spokesman, so that I know how to help the weary. He wakes me up every morning; he makes me alert so I can listen attentively as disciples do. 5 The Sovereign Lord has spoken to me clearly; I have not rebelled, I have not turned back. 6 I offered my back to those who attacked, my jaws to those who tore out my beard; I did not hide my face from insults and spitting. “

Matthew 27:27-31 “ 27 Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the governor’s residence and gathered the whole cohort around him. 28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe around him, 29 and after braiding a crown of thorns, they put it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand, and kneeling down before him, they mocked him: “Hail, king of the Jews!” 30 They spat on him and took the staff and struck him repeatedly on the head. 31 When they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes back on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. “

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Daniel 7:13,14 and Luke 1:31-33

Daniel 7:13,14 “13 “I was watching in the night visions, And with the clouds of the sky one like a son of man was approaching. He went up to the Ancient of Days and was escorted before him. 14 To him was given ruling authority, honor, and sovereignty. All peoples, nations, and language groups were serving him. His authority is eternal and will not pass away. His kingdom will not be destroyed. “

Luke 1:31-33 “ **31** Listen: You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. **32** He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. **33** He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end.” “

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Daniel 9:24-26 and Galatians 1:3-5

Daniel 9:24-26 “24 “Seventy weeks have been determined concerning your people and your holy city to put an end to rebellion, to bring sin to completion, to atone for iniquity, to bring in perpetual righteousness, to seal up the prophetic vision, and to anoint a Most Holy Place. 25 So know and understand: From the issuing of the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until an anointed one, a prince arrives, there will be a period of seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. It will again be built, with plaza and moat, but in distressful times. 26 Now after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one will be cut off and have nothing. As for the city and the sanctuary, the people of the coming prince will destroy them. But his end will come speedily like a flood. Until the end of the war that has been decreed there will be destruction. “

Galatians 1:3-5 “ 3 Grace and peace to you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from this present evil age according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be glory forever and ever! Amen. “

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Numbers 21:9 and John 3:14-18

Numbers 21:9 “9 So Moses made a bronze snake and put it on a pole, so that if a snake had bitten someone, when he looked at the bronze snake he lived. “

John 3:14-18 “ **14** Just as Moses *lifted up the serpent* *in* *the wilderness*, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

**16** For this is the way God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world should be saved through him. **18** The one who believes in him is not condemned. The one who does not believe has been condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God. “

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Psalm 22 (glc) This is a prophecy of the crucifixion of Jesus

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Hebrews 10:1-14 “For the law possesses a shadow of the good things to come but not the reality itself, and is therefore completely unable, by the same sacrifices offered continually, year after year, to perfect those who come to worship. **2** For otherwise would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers would have been purified once for all and so have no further consciousness of sin? 3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year after year. 4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 5 So when he came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me. 6 “Whole burnt offerings and sin-offerings you took no delight in. 7 “Then I said, ‘Here I am: I have come—it is written of me in the scroll of the book—to do your will, O God.’”

8 When he says above, “Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sin-offerings you did not desire nor did you take delight in them” (which are offered according to the law), 9 then he says, “Here I am: I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first to establish the second. 10 By his will we have been made holy through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 And every priest stands day after day serving and offering the same sacrifices again and again—sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12 But when this priest had offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 where he is now waiting until his enemies are made a footstool for his feet. 14 For by one offering he has perfected for all time those who are made holy. “

(glc) The OT religious practices could not make people righteous in God’s eyes. Jesus came into the world in bodily form, in a body God prepared. Jesus came to do the will of God, to die as a sacrifice for the sins of men and women. By Jesus’ sacrifice we are made holy in God’s sight.

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See also:

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I decided not to put the following passages into this document, but they do have some relevance to the theme of this document.

Exodus 12:21-27 and 1 Corinthians 5:7

Psalm 16:9-11 and Acts 2:31

Isaiah 9:1,2 and Matthew 4:12-17

Isaiah 53:3 and Luke 4:28-29