

Week Four: Jesus Christ's life fulfilled over 60 Old Testament prophecies concerning the "coming Messiah". The Jewish people understood that fulfillment of Messianic prophecy was a confirmation of the true Messiah. In fact, in the Old Testament Hebrew society, the uncompromising standard for any Biblical prophecy was that it must be 100% accurate. So a significant question for substantiating the "diety of Christ" is: "Did Christ's life actually fulfill the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah, or was He nothing more than a hoax"?

- I. The life of Christ fulfilled over 60 major Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming Messiah (Savior). *Let's look at a just few of these prophecies & their fulfillment:***
 - a. THE PROPHECY:** Gen. 3: 15 predicted the coming Messiah would be "born of the seed of a woman", and would "bruise the head" (this phrase indicates a fatal wound) of the serpent (the devil)". **THE FULFILLMENT:** Gal. 4: 4 says, "But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law". And In Eph. 2: 1 – 2; 4 – 6 Paul explains that although we were "dead in our sins, in which we walked according to the ... the prince of the power of the air (the devil)", but "God being rich in mercy, ... made us alive together with Christ." Christ's came into the world "to give His life as a ransom for many (Mk. 10:45); "Therefore, is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus.
 - b. THE PROPHECY:** Isaiah 9:7 predicts the Messiah would heir to the throne of King David. **THE FULFILLMENT:** Speaking of Jesus, Luke 1: 32-33 says "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 (from David's lineage) David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever...".
 - c. THE PROPHECY:** Micah 5: 2 predicts the birth place of the Messiah, would be the town of Bethlehem. **THE FULFILLMENT:** Luke 2: 4,5, 7 shows that Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
 - d. THE PROPHECY:** Isaiah 7: 14 predicts the Messiah would be born of a virgin. **THE FULFILLMENT:** Luke 1: 26, 27, 30, 31 records that Christ would be born of a virgin.
 - e. THE PROPHECY:** The time of the Messiah's birth – predicted Daniel 9:25, **FULFILLED** in Luke 2:1.
 - f. THE PROPHECY:** Hosea 11: 1 predicts the Messiah would come "out of Egypt". **THE FULFILLMENT:** Matt. 2: 14-15 relates how after the wise men / magi had seen the baby Jesus and departed, Joseph was led by God to take his family to Egypt. For God had warned Joseph to escape King Herod's impending murder of all the male children (ages 2 yrs. old and younger) in Bethlehem and the surrounding area. Joseph brought his family back to Israel after Herod died.
 - g. THE PROPHECY:** The Messiah would be rejected by His own people (the Jews), as noted in Isaiah 53: 3. **THE FULFILLMENT:** John 1: 11; Luke 23: 18
 - h. THE PROPHECY:** The Messiah would be betrayed by a close friend (Psalm 41: 9). **THE FULFILLMENT:** Luke 22: 47 – 48 shows how Judas betrayed Jesus.
 - i. THE PROPHECY:** The Messiah would be executed with criminals. **THE FULFILLMENT:** Mark 15: 27 – 28 relates how Christ was crucified with two robbers.
 - j. THE PROPHECY:** The Messiah would be "pierced" during His execution. **THE FULFILLMENT:** John 19: 34 relates how Christ's side was pierced while on the Cross, (ass a confirmation by the Roman guards that He had actually died.).

