

## Questions / Answers

1. How did the prophets know what would happen in the future?  
*God showed them. God knows everything and is in control of all.*
2. Who was the very special person that the prophets said would come?  
*Jesus.*
3. What does Messiah mean?  
*Someone anointed to be king.*
4. What did the prophets say about the mother of Jesus?  
*She would be a virgin.*
5. How was this fulfilled?  
*Jesus was born by the power of the Holy Spirit.*
6. Where did the prophets say Jesus would be born?  
*Bethlehem.*
7. What did the prophets say Jesus would do?  
*Heal the sick, blind, lame and raise the dead.*
8. What do the prophets tell us about the death of Jesus?  
*He would be crucified, mocked, cast lots for his clothes, die with thieves, buried by a rich man, raised from the dead.*
9. The prophets foretold that Jesus will be King. When will this be?  
*When Jesus comes back to the earth.*
10. What will God's Kingdom be like?  
Fertile land and plenty of food. No pain or suffering. No more war.  
Peace and righteousness. All will love and obey God. Happiness and joy.

## Memory verses

Isaiah 7:14    Psalm 22:1    Isaiah 35:5—6    Isaiah 11:9

## Discussion

Those who are accepted into the Kingdom will help Jesus to make the world a wonderful place. Discuss how the world will be changed. What would you especially like to help Jesus with?

## Writing

Read Matthew 1:18—2:23 **OR** Psalm 22. Write down how Jesus fulfilled the prophecies in these verses..

# CBM Senior Lessons

## Lesson 30 Prophecies about Jesus





### READING Isaiah 35 and readings throughout lesson


#### LESSON

We have learnt in earlier lessons about God's promises to Adam, Abraham and David. God promised His people that one day a special man would be born. This man would give the hope of life to all men, and would one day rule over all nations from Jerusalem.



The Jews looked forward eagerly to the time when this man would come. They called him their Messiah. The word 'Messiah' means 'someone who is anointed'. In Israel a man was anointed when he became the king. Samuel anointed both Saul and David to be king. The promised Messiah will be the king of the Jews, and of the whole world. This Messiah is, of course, Jesus. The prophets tell us a lot more about the Messiah and the kingdom he will set up.


The prophets told that the Messiah would be born in a special way. Some of the great men of the Bible had special births - Isaac was born to Sarah when she was old. Samuel was born to Hannah, who had been barren. The birth of the Messiah would be even more special.


 **Read Isaiah 7:14-16.** God told the prophet Isaiah that the Messiah would be the son of a virgin. He would have no earthly father. He would not be conceived in the normal way.  **Luke 1:26-32.** Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a virgin. Jesus was conceived by Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit. God was the Father of Jesus.

The prophets also told where the Messiah would be born. **Micah 5:2** tells us that he would be born in Bethlehem.  **Matthew 2: 1—6.** The chief Priests knew this prophecy when they told Herod and the wise men that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.




What would the Messiah do when he came?  **Read Isaiah 61:1-2.** He would teach people about the good news of God's salvation. He would help the poor. He would give people a hope of life in God's Kingdom on earth, when they would be free from sin and suffering.  **Read Luke 4:16-21.** Jesus was asked to read in the Synagogue. He read these verses from Isaiah. Then he told the people, "Today, these words have come true."

 **Read Isaiah 29:18 and 35:5-6.** This tells us that the blind will see, the deaf hear and the lame walk. Jesus healed many sick people - blind Bartimaeus, the cripple by the pool of Siloam and many, many others. John the Baptist, when he was in prison, sent his disciples to ask if Jesus was really the Messiah. Jesus told them to tell John about the work Jesus was doing - he made the blind see, the deaf hear, lepers were healed and he made the lame walk, he raised the dead and preached to the poor.


Prophecies give us a lot of detail about the way the Messiah would die. Psalm 22 is all about the death of Jesus.  **Read Psalm 22:1-18, then read Matthew 27:41-44** to see how the prophecy was fulfilled.

When Jesus called out, as he was dying on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" he was quoting Psalm 22 verse 1. Verses 7—8 tell us that Jesus would be mocked and insulted. People would say, "He trusted in God, let God save him." Verse 16 says that his hands and feet would be pierced. We know that Jesus was nailed to the cross by his hands and feet. This foretold that Jesus would die by crucifixion, although crucifixion did not exist when the Psalm was written. Verse 18 tells us that the clothes of Jesus would be shared out and lots would be cast for them. This is what the soldiers did with the clothes of Jesus. All these prophecies were fulfilled exactly when Jesus died.

 **Read Isaiah 53,** which also tells us about the death of Jesus. Verse 7 says that when he was afflicted and struck down, he did not open his mouth. When the priests and elders accused Jesus, he did not say anything. Verse 9 says that he would be given a grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death. Jesus was crucified with two men who were thieves. He would have been thrown into Gehenna, the rubbish heap of Jerusalem, with all those who were crucified. But Joseph of Arimathea, a rich man, begged his body and buried Jesus in his tomb. So the prophecy was fulfilled about being with the wicked and the rich at his death.

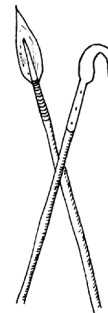
Verse 11 says that after his death he would see the light of life and would be satisfied. Jesus was raised from the dead, and he was glad to know that by his death he offered life to everyone who loves and obeys God. By his death he bore our sins and acts as a mediator (he goes between God and men) for sinners.


Some prophecies about Jesus were not fulfilled during his life or at his death. We know from the promises to David that the Messiah (Jesus) will be King and will rule over the whole earth from Jerusalem. Jesus has not yet been King. This prophecy is still in the future. Jesus will be King when he comes back to the earth again to set up the Kingdom of God on earth.

There are many prophecies which tell us about the Kingdom of God which Jesus will establish on the earth.  **Read Isaiah 35.** This chapter is all about the Kingdom.

Verses 1,2 and 7 tell us that Jesus will rule over a world where there will be plenty of food. The earth will be very fertile. The crops will grow well. There will be enough rain. In fact the earth will be so fertile that there will be corn on the mountain tops and flowers growing in the desert.

Verses 5 and 6 foretell that there will be no more pain or suffering or death. People will not be ill. The blind will see, the deaf will hear and the lame will walk. The healing power of Jesus will be used to heal people all over the world.



 **Read Micah 4:2—5.** All peoples will learn to love God and obey His laws. There will be no more war because people will love God and will live at peace with their neighbours. People will not train for war any more. They will not need their weapons so they will make them into farming tools. Even the wild animals will be tame and will not hurt people. Children will be able to play with them. (Isaiah 11:6—9 and Isaiah 35:9)

People in the Kingdom of God will be happy and full of joy. There will be no sadness at all. Jesus will be a good king. He will rule from Jerusalem over the whole of the earth. Let us pray that he will come back very soon.

