

BECAUSE OF THE RESURRECTION WE VICTORIOUSLY OVERCOME



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I have written over the last few months articles talking about “we victoriously overcome in 2021”. The confidence I have in that theme or statement is because of what happened over two thousand years ago with a man called Jesus. When you study history and also the greatest book ever written, the Bible, you find that the hope of the world and mankind is dependent upon what happened on a hill called Calvary. What happened there was not just some coincidental happening but it was the prophetic fulfillment of prophecies given hundreds of years before.

To prove the point I will endeavor to give just a few references as it relates to prophecies about Jesus, His death and resurrection. Some scholars believe there are more than 300 prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament. These prophecies are specific enough that the mathematical probability of Jesus fulfilling even a handful of them let alone all of them is staggeringly improbable; if not impossible. While researching this information I came across an interesting study done by Peter Stoner, Chairman of the Departments of Mathematics and Astronomy at Pasadena College. With 600 students from the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Stoner looked at eight specific prophecies about Jesus. They came up with extremely conservative probabilities for each one being fulfilled, and then considered the likelihood of Jesus fulfilling all eight of those prophecies.

The conclusion to his research was staggering. The prospect that anyone would satisfy those eight prophecies was 1 in 10 to the 17th power. Let’s try to visualize this chance. If you mark one of ten tickets, and place all of the tickets in a hat, thoroughly stir them, and then ask a blindfolded man to draw one, his chance of getting the right ticket is one in ten. Suppose we take 10 to the 17th power in silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all the state two feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly, all over the state. Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and say that this is the right one. What chance would he have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing these eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one man, from their day to the present time, providing they wrote using their own wisdom. We must recognize these prophets were inspired by God to write so correctly the truth which was fulfilled by Jesus from His birth to his death.

Listed below are only a small example of the prophecies and fulfillment of them by Jesus. This is how we victoriously overcome by assuring ourselves that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophetic word given by Holy Men as they were moved upon by the Holy Spirit. Look closely and examine each one of these in the list and let faith arise in you today that our God reigns.

- The nations will be blessed through Abraham's lineage: Genesis 12:3 – Fulfillment Acts 3:25-26
- God's covenant with Isaac's ancestors: Genesis 17:19 – Fulfillment Romans 9:7
- The nations will be blessed through Jacob's offspring: Genesis 28:14 – Fulfillment Luke 3:34
- The scepter will come through Judah: Genesis 49:10 – Fulfillment Luke 3:33
- David's offspring will have an eternal kingdom: 2 Samuel 7:12-13 – Fulfillment Matthew 1:1
- A virgin will give birth; He will be called Immanuel: Isaiah 7:14 – Fulfillment Luke 1:35
- The Messiah will end up in Egypt: Hosea 11:1 – Fulfillment Matthew 2:14-15
- The Christ will be born in Bethlehem: Micah 5:2 – Fulfillment Matthew 2:4-6
- Christ's ministry will destroy the devil's work: Genesis 3:15 – Fulfillment 1 John 3:8
- Jesus will have a sinless, blemish-free life and ministry: Exodus 12:5 – Fulfillment Hebrews 9:14
- The Messiah will be humble in order to serve man: Psalms 8:6-6 – Fulfillment Hebrews 2:5-9
- Jesus would become the perfect sacrifice: Psalms 40:6-8 – Fulfillment Hebrews 10:5-10
- Jesus would preach righteousness to Israel: Psalms 40:9 – Fulfillment Matthew 4:17
- Jesus would teach in parables: Psalms 78:1-2 – Fulfillment Matthew 13:34-35
- Christ parables would fall on deaf ears: Isaiah 6:9-10 – Fulfillment Matthew 13:13-15
- The Messiah would be a stone that caused people to stumble: Isaiah 8:14 – Fulfillment 1 Peter 2:7-8
- Christ ministry would begin in Galilee: Isaiah 9:1-2 – Fulfillment Matthew 4:12-17
- Jesus would draw the Gentiles to himself: Isaiah 11:10 – Fulfillment John 12:18-21
- Jesus would have a miraculous ministry: Isaiah 35:5-6 – Fulfillment Matthew 11:2-6
- The Messiah would be preceded by a forerunner: Isaiah 40:3-4 – Fulfillment John 1:23
- Jesus would be despised and rejected: Isaiah 53:3 – Fulfillment Luke 4:28-29
- Jesus will set the captive free: Isaiah 61:1 – Fulfillment Luke 4:16-21
- The Messiah's throne is everlasting: Daniel 7:13-14 – Fulfillment Luke 1:31-33
- The Messiah will bring an end to sin: Daniel 9:24-26 – Fulfillment Galatians 1:3-5
- Jerusalem will rejoice as the Messiah comes on a donkey: Zechariah 9:9 – Fulfillment Matthew 21:8-10
- He will be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver: Zechariah 11:12-13 – Fulfillment Matthew 27:6-10
- The forerunner would come in the spirit of Elijah: Malachi 4:5-6 – Fulfillment Matthew 11:10-15
- Christ will be our Passover Lamb: Exodus 12:21-17 – Fulfillment 1 Corinthians 5:7
- None of Christ's bones will be broken: Exodus 12:46 – Fulfillment John 19:31-36
- The Messiah's blood will be spilled for atonement: Leviticus 17:11 – Fulfillment Matthew 26:28
- Jesus will be lifted up and all who look upon Him will live: Numbers 21:9 – Fulfillment John 3:14-18
- Christ resurrection prophesied: Job 19:23-27 – Fulfillment John 5:24-29
- Jesus would be forsaken: Psalms 22:1 – Fulfillment Matthew 27:46
- His hands and feet would be pierced: Psalms 22:16 – Fulfillment John 19:36-37
- They would cast lots for His clothing: Psalms 22:18 – Fulfillment John 19:23-24
- The resurrection of Christ predicted: Psalms 118:17-18 – Fulfillment Luke 24:5-7
- He will conquer death: Isaiah 25:7-8 – Fulfillment 1 Corinthians 15:54

We could continue with many more examples of the fulfillment of prophesy in relation to Jesus as the only begotten son of God who came to seek and save all who are lost. From just the examples above we can be assured He is the Savior of the world. Because of all He did while on earth we can trust Him as the redeemer of mankind but the thing that is even more assuring is that He arose from the dead and purchased eternal life for all who will believe.

Because of His resurrection we victoriously overcome all that the enemy will throw at us here in this life with hope for eternity.

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JUNE 30, 2021
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FOR I KNOW THAT MY
REDEEMER LIVETH, AND
THAT HE SHALL STAND AT
THE LATTER DAY UPON
THE EARTH:
JOB 19:25

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY
TO THE FAMILY OF
RETIRED MINISTER
RONNIE STANLEY
MARCH 4, 2021

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JUNE 6-10

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Our country; Our President and State Leaders; Military; Health Care Professionals; Health and Wellness; Finances; Jobs; Marriages; Family; The Church; God's hand of protection; Students, Teachers and Staff at Schools; A miracle healing for Joshua; Upcoming surgery; Lost family; My neighbor's son; Need a job; Drug addiction; Looking for a new home; Retired Minister's; Family mourning the loss of loved one; Pregnant daughter.

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My healing; Being saved; Church opening back up; My neighbor; Saving my husband; My Church; A financial blessing; New job; A healing touch from God; My Pastor and First Lady; God's protection; My friends and family; Jesus.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE THAT WITH THE CURRENT COVID-19 SITUATION THESE DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

APRIL 5	STATE OFFICE CLOSED
APRIL 24	JR. & TEEN TALENT @ FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER
MAY 31	STATE OFFICE CLOSED
JUNE 6-10	CAMP MEETING
JUNE 14-18	TEEN CAMP
JUNE 21-25	JR. CAMP
JUNE 28-JULY 1	KIDS CAMP