

Prophecy

- There are over 200 prophecies about Jesus.
- From the city of His birth to the manner of His death, God gave many details He perfectly fulfilled.
- Some were beyond His control fulfilled because God foresaw how things would be.
- Others could only be fulfilled by His own freewill.

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- *"Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."*
Jn. 10:17-18
- *Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? 54 How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"*
Mt. 26:53-54
- God made these prophecies because of His full confidence that Jesus would freely do His will.

Prophecy MUST be Fulfilled

- *And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?' — 22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him. Deut. 18:21-22*
- God knew as He gave each prophecy that it would be fulfilled. If it were not fulfilled, the entire book of that prophet would be discredited.

An Often Quoted Prophecy

- *The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." 2 The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! 3 Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth. 4 The Lord has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." Ps 110:1-4*

Ps 110:1

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- Jesus and Peter quoted this portion:
- *"How then does David in the Spirit call Him Lord, saying: 44 **'The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool** Mt 22:43*
- *For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: **'The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool'** Acts 2:33-36*

Ps 110:1

- It is found twice in Hebrews:
- *But to which of the angels has He ever said: “**Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool**”? Heb 1:13*
- *But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting **Till His enemies are made His footstool** 14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. Heb 10:12-14*

Ps 110:4

- *The Lord has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." Ps 110:4*
- *As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek;" ...
9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, 10 **called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek,"** 11 of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. Heb. 5:6-11*

Ps 110:4

And it is yet far more evident if, **in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest** 16 who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. 17 For He testifies: **“You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.”** ... 20 And inasmuch as **He was not made priest without an oath** 21 (for they have become priests without an oath, **but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: “The Lord has sworn And will not relent, ‘You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek’”**), 22 by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. Heb 7:20-22

No Doubt This is Jesus!

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No Doubt These are Jesus People!

- *The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." 2 The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! **3 Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power;** In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth. 4 The Lord has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." Ps 110:1-4*
- Like all the other things in this passage, if we want to be the Lord's people we must be volunteers in the day of His power (today!!!)

Ps 110:3

- *Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; NKJV*
- *Thy people offer themselves willingly in the day of thy power ASV*
- *Thy people will volunteer freely in the day of Thy power; NASB*
- So now, as Jesus and those before us, we too find ourselves in the position to fulfill prophecy.
- As Jesus in the garden had to make the decision to freely volunteer, so now, if we really want to be the Lord's people, must be volunteering.

Ps 110:1-4

- Jesus fulfilled:
- *The Lord said to my Lord Sit at my right hand until your enemies are a footstool*
- *He was made a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek (King & Priest on the Throne)*
- His people must now fulfill.
- *His people began to freely volunteer.*

The Example of Isaiah

● *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts." 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged." 8 **Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."** Isa 6:1-8*

The Example of Tabernacle

- The Tabernacle in the Wilderness:
- *'Take from among you an offering to the LORD. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the LORD: gold, silver, and bronze; 21 Then everyone came whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and they brought the LORD'S offering for the work of the tabernacle of meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments. 22 They came, both men and women, as many as had a willing heart, Exod 35:5,21-22; 29*

Examples of the Temple

- The Temple planned by David built by Solomon
- *Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the LORD; and King David also rejoiced greatly... 14 But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You. ... 17 "I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things; and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You.*

The Example of the Temple

- The Temple planned by David built by Solomon
- "O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and fix their heart toward You. 1 Chr 29:9,14,17,18-19
- As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. 1Chr 28:9

Examples in the church

- *5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be **ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation**. 6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor 9:5-8*

Volunteers

- *And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I; send me. Isa 6:8*
- *Then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on the Lord's side — come to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him. Ex 32:26-27*
- *Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 1 Pet 5:2*

Willing and Obedient

- *"Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. 19 **If you are willing and obedient**, you shall eat the good of the land; 20 But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword"; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Isa 1:18-20*

Volunteers in Worship

- A Contrast:
- *You also say, 'Oh, what a weariness! 'And you sneer at it,' Says the Lord of hosts. Mal 1:13*
- *For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. Ps 84:10*
- Whether we are truly God's people is determined by fulfilling the prophecy of Isa 110.

Volunteers

- The divine element of the church is fixed and constant.
- Every church has God's word, wisdom, and power.
- What makes the difference is what the members are willing to bring to it.
- Those who bring their own zeal and devotion accomplish wondrous things
- Those who grumble, complain, and feel it is all such a weariness will wither on the vine.

Volunteers

- *Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place — unless you repent. Rev 2:4-5*