THE PASSION IN 3D · BONUS

Messianic Prophecies Fulfilled at the Cross

17 Old Testament prophecies and their fulfillment, side by side

BONUS 4



INTRODUCTION

Written Before, Fulfilled at the Cross

Luke 24:44 (KJV)

that all things must be fulfilled, which
were written in the law of Moses, and in
the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

After the resurrection, Jesus himself taught his disciples to read the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms in light of the cross. On each page you will find an Old Testament text, its New Testament fulfillment, and a short context.

A Note on Rigor

Some texts are direct predictions; others are patterns, or types, that the apostles saw completed in Jesus. Where scholars debate a reading, we say so.



PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT

Pierced Hands and Feet

OLD TESTAMENT

For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

PROPHECY · PSALM 22:16

NEW TESTAMENT

Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

FULFILLMENT · JOHN 20:25

CONTEXT

This psalm is attributed to David, about a thousand years before the cross and long before Rome used crucifixion. Most Hebrew manuscripts read ‘like a lion’; the Greek Septuagint and a Dead Sea Scroll fragment support ‘pierced’, a reading scholars still discuss.



PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT

Lots Cast for His Clothing

OLD TESTAMENT

PROPHECY • PSALM 22:18

"They part my garments among them,
and cast lots upon my vesture."

NEW TESTAMENT

FULFILLMENT • JOHN 19:24

"They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots."

CONTEXT

John quotes the psalm word for word.
Four soldiers divided his clothes, but the seamless coat was won by lot.



PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT

Not One Bone Broken

OLD TESTAMENT

"He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken."

PROPHECY · PSALM 34:20

NEW TESTAMENT

"But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: ... For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken."

FULFILLMENT · JOHN 19:33, 36

CONTEXT

Soldiers broke the legs of the crucified to hasten death. Jesus was already dead, so his legs were left unbroken.



PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT

They Shall Look on Him

OLD TESTAMENT

"and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced,
and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son,

ZECHARIAH 12:10

NEW TESTAMENT

'But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, ...
And again another scripture saith,
They shall look on him whom they pierced.'

JOHN 19:34, 37

CONTEXT

The spear confirmed his death. John sees in it
Zechariah's vision of a pierced one whom Israel would mourn.



PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT

Wounded for Our Transgressions

OLD TESTAMENT

But he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement
of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

ISAIAH 53:5

NEW TESTAMENT

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness:
by whose stripes ye were healed.

1 PETER 2:24

CONTEXT

Isaiah's Suffering Servant song was written centuries before the cross. Peter applies the stripes of the scourging directly to Jesus.



PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT

Silent Before His Accusers

OLD TESTAMENT

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

ISAIAH 53:7

NEW TESTAMENT

And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. … And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

MATTHEW 27:12, 14

CONTEXT

Before the high priests and Pilate, Jesus refused to defend himself. Pilate was astonished at his silence.



PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT

With the Rich in His Death

OLD TESTAMENT

And he made his grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death; because he had
done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

ISAIAH 53:9

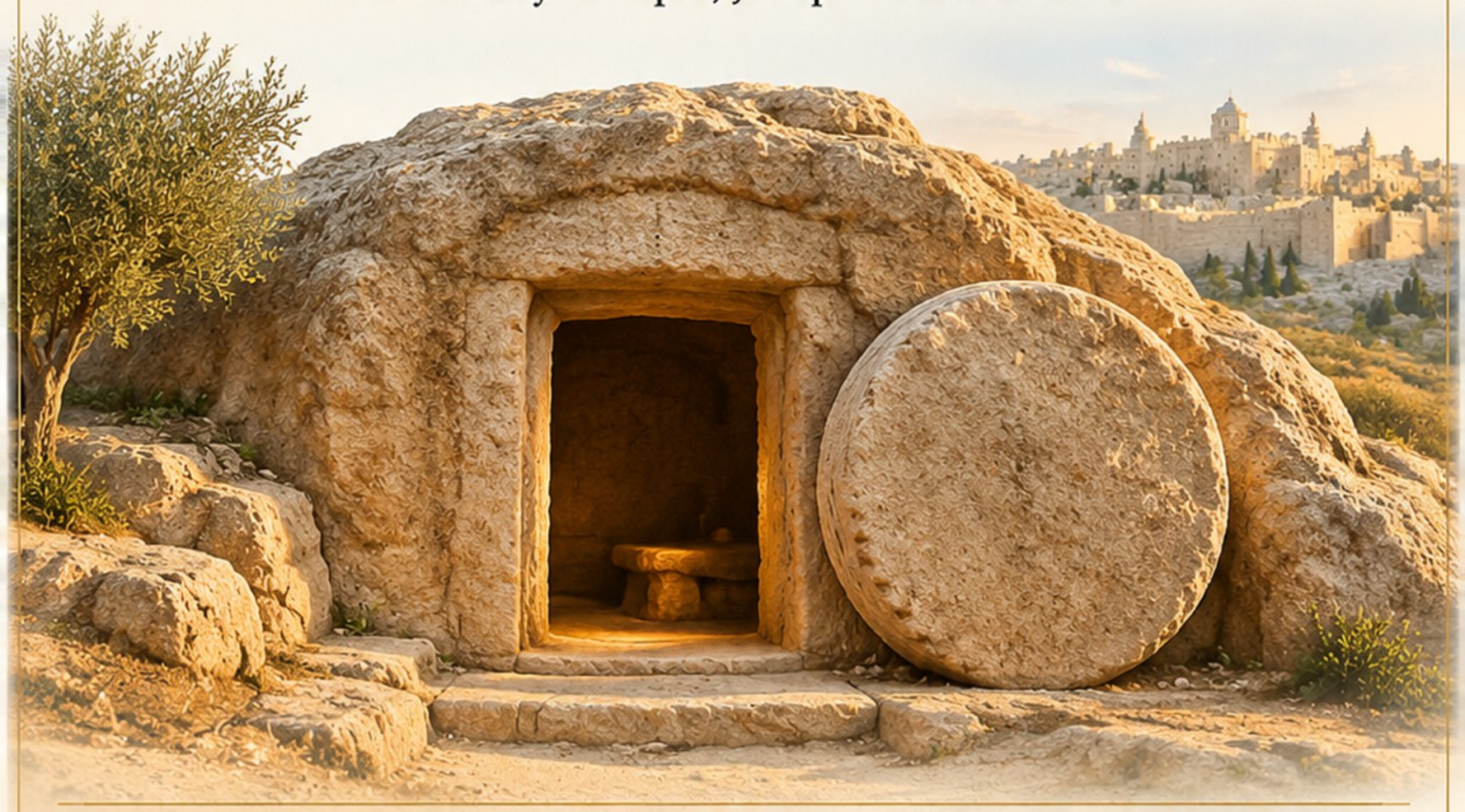
NEW TESTAMENT

When the even was come, there came a rich man …
And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock:

MATTHEW 27:57, 60

CONTEXT

Executed with criminals, he was buried in the new rock tomb of a wealthy disciple, Joseph of Arimathea.



PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT

Numbered with the Transgressors

OLD TESTAMENT

because he hath poured out his soul unto death:
and he was numbered with the transgressors;
and he bare the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

PROPHECY · ISAIAH 53:12

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NEW TESTAMENT

And with him they crucify two thieves;
the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.
And the scripture was fulfilled,
which saith, And he was numbered
with the transgressors.

FULFILLMENT · MARK 15:27-28

CONTEXT

He died between two thieves.
Some early manuscripts lack Mark 15:28,
but Luke 22:37 records Jesus quoting
this verse about himself.



PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT

Gall and Vinegar

OLD TESTAMENT

They gave me also gall for my meat;
and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

PSALM 69:21

NEW TESTAMENT

They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall:
and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.

MATTHEW 27:34

Context

Wine mixed with gall was offered before the crucifixion; later sour wine on hyssop was raised to his lips (John 19:29).



PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT

My God, My God

OLD TESTAMENT

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
why art thou so far from helping me, and from
the words of my roaring?

PROPHECY · PSALM 22:1

NEW TESTAMENT

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice,
saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say,
My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

FULFILLMENT · MATTHEW 27:46

CONTEXT

Jesus cried the first line of Psalm 22 in Aramaic.
Jewish listeners knew the psalm moves from anguish to praise.



PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT

Mocked and Scorned

OLD TESTAMENT

All they that see me laugh me to scorn:
they shoot out the lip, they shake the head,
saying, He trusted on the LORD
that he would deliver him:
let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

PSALM 22:7-8

NEW TESTAMENT

And they that passed by reviled him,
wagging their heads, ...
He trusted in God; let him deliver him now,
if he will have him:
for he said, I am the Son of God.

MATTHEW 27:39, 43

CONTEXT

The religious leaders mocked him with almost the very words of the psalm, without seeming to notice.



PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT

THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER

OLD TESTAMENT

PROPHECY · ZECHARIAH 11:12-13

"So they weighed for my price
thirty pieces of silver.
And the LORD said unto me,
Cast it unto the potter: ...
And I took the thirty pieces of silver,
and cast them to the potter
in the house of the LORD."

NEW TESTAMENT

FULFILLMENT · MATTHEW 27:5, 7

"And he cast down
the pieces of silver in the temple, ...
And they took counsel,
and bought with them
the potter's field,
to bury strangers in."

CONTEXT

Judas threw the silver down in the Temple;
the priests bought a potter's field.
Matthew credits Jeremiah, likely combining
Zechariah with Jeremiah 32.



PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT

Betrayed by a Friend

OLD TESTAMENT

Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

PSALM 41:9

NEW TESTAMENT

but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

JOHN 13:18

Context:

At the Last Supper Jesus applied this psalm to Judas, who had shared his bread.



PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT

The Passover Lamb

OLD TESTAMENT

In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof.

PROPHECY · EXODUS 12:46

NEW TESTAMENT

For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

FULFILLMENT · JOHN 19:36

CONTEXT

Not a prediction but a pattern: the Passover lamb's bones were not broken. John presents Jesus as the true Lamb.



PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT

Darkness at Noon

OLD TESTAMENT

"And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD,
that I will cause the sun to go down at noon,
and I will darken the earth in the clear day:"

AMOS 8:9

NEW TESTAMENT

"Now from the sixth hour there was darkness
over all the land unto the ninth hour."

MATTHEW 27:45

CONTEXT

From the sixth to the ninth hour, about noon to 3 pm,
darkness covered the land. Christians have long read Amos in this light.



PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT

Not Left in the Grave

OLD TESTAMENT

For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell;
neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One
to see corruption.

PSALM 16:10

NEW TESTAMENT

He seeing this before spake of the resurrection
of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell,
neither his flesh did see corruption.

ACTS 2:31

CONTEXT

At Pentecost Peter argued that David's tomb was still occupied, so the psalm pointed to the risen Messiah.



PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT

Struck and Spat Upon

OLD TESTAMENT

I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

ISAIAH 50:6

NEW TESTAMENT

Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands,

MATTHEW 26:67

CONTEXT

At the night trial before Caiaphas he was struck and spat upon, and did not hide his face.



SUMMARY TABLE

At a Glance: 17 Prophecies

What happened	Prophecy	Fulfillment
1. Pierced hands, feet:	Psalm 22:16 →	John 20:25
2. Lots for garments:	Psalm 22:18 →	John 19:24
3. No bone broken:	Psalm 34:20 →	John 19:33, 36
4. The pierced one:	Zechariah 12:10 →	John 19:34, 37
5. Wounded for us:	Isaiah 53:5 →	1 Peter 2:24
6. Silent lamb:	Isaiah 53:7 →	Matthew 27:12, 14
7. Rich man's tomb:	Isaiah 53:9 →	Matthew 27:57, 60
8. Between thieves:	Isaiah 53:12 →	Mark 15:27-28
9. Gall, vinegar:	Psalm 69:21 →	Matthew 27:34
10. Forsaken cry:	Psalm 22:1 →	Matthew 27:46
11. Mocked:	Psalm 22:7-8 →	Matthew 27:39, 43
12. Thirty silver:	Zechariah 11:12-13 →	Matthew 27:5, 7
13. Betrayed by a friend:	Psalm 41:9 →	John 13:18
14. Passover Lamb:	Exodus 12:46 →	John 19:36
15. Darkness at noon:	Amos 8:9 →	Matthew 27:45
16. No corruption:	Psalm 16:10 →	Acts 2:31
17. Struck, spat upon:	Isaiah 50:6 →	Matthew 26:67



CLOSING

The Scriptures Concerning Himself

Luke 24:27 (KJV)

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

On the road to Emmaus, Jesus opened the Scriptures to two discouraged disciples, and their hearts burned within them. These prophecies are not a puzzle to win arguments; they invite us to trust the God who keeps his word.

Reflect

Which prophecy surprised you most? How does a promise kept for centuries strengthen your faith today?