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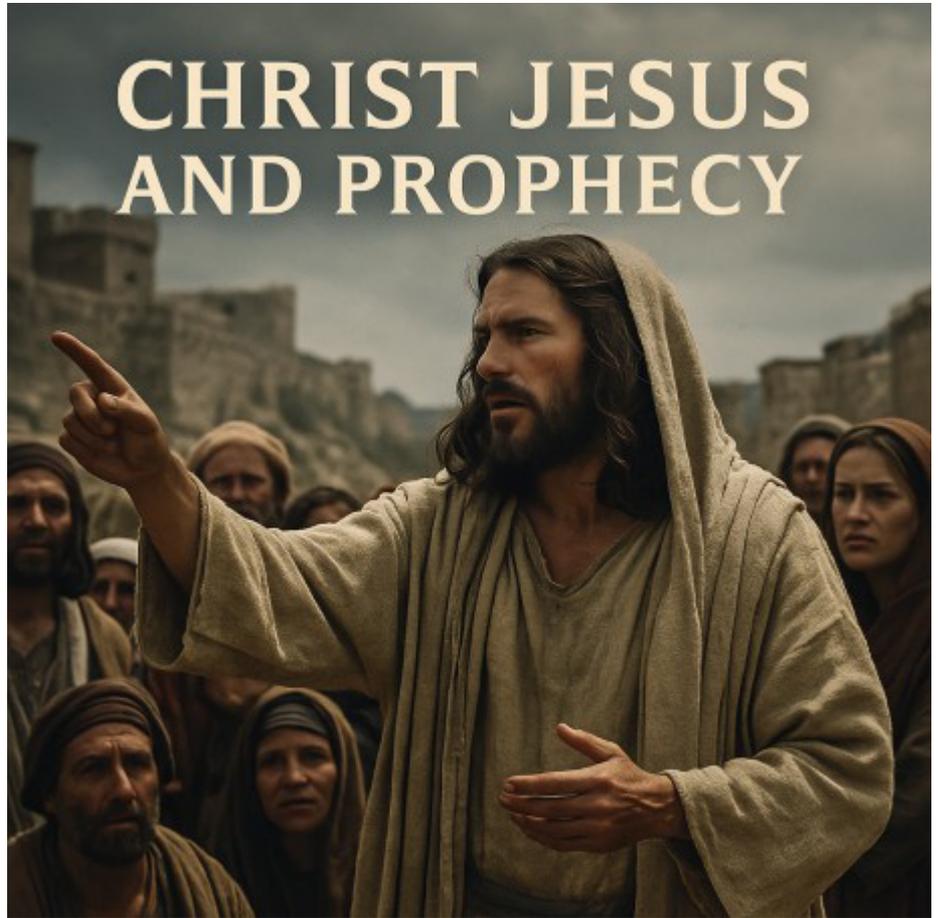
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## Christ Jesus and Prophecy



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### Matthew 5:17

† Jesus declared that He came not to abolish the Law or the Prophets, but to fulfill them. Every prophecy of the Old Covenant pointed to Him and reached its completion in His life, death, resurrection, and the judgment on Jerusalem in AD 70.

† Fulfill means He embodied every type, shadow, and promise given through Moses and the prophets, bringing them to their intended goal.

† By completing the Law and Prophets, He showed that God's

plan wasn't about endless rituals but about revealing Christ as the perfect sacrifice and eternal King.

† His fulfillment proves that the Old Covenant ended with His finished work, so nothing else is needed to make God's people complete.

### **Luke 24:25-27, 44-45**

† After His resurrection, Jesus opened the minds of His disciples so they could see that Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms all spoke about Him. Every promise and every shadow in the Scriptures found its reality in Christ.

† He revealed that the entire story of Israel, its history, temple, sacrifices, and prophets, was a single witness to His mission.

† This moment shows that true understanding of Scripture comes only when Christ Himself removes spiritual blindness.

† It also confirms that the Old Testament isn't a separate story but a unified testimony that finds its meaning in Jesus alone.

### **Acts 3:18-24**

† Peter proclaimed that the things God announced through the prophets were fulfilled in Jesus. From Samuel on, all who spoke foretold His days. This fulfillment wasn't partial, but complete in the first-century events that confirmed His kingdom.

† The prophets didn't merely predict distant events, they described the very days of Christ and the transition from the Old Covenant to the New.

† Peter's sermon shows that the church isn't waiting for another prophetic age, because the promised restoration already came in Christ.

† The miracles and preaching of the early church were evidence that these prophecies were actively being brought to completion.

### **2 Corinthians 1:20**

† All the promises of God are yes in Christ. Prophecy doesn't look for another age or another Messiah. In Jesus every covenant promise has its final confirmation.

† This means every blessing God ever pledged, redemption, forgiveness, the Spirit, eternal life, has its guarantee in Him alone.

† Our confidence rests on Christ's faithfulness, not on future events or our own performance.

† To be in Christ is to live in the certainty that God's word is already accomplished and can't be broken.

## **Hebrews 1:1-2**

† God spoke in many portions and ways through the prophets, but in these last days He spoke to us in His Son. The prophets were a preparation, Jesus is the consummation.

† These verses identify the first century as the "last days," showing that the old era was closing with Christ's appearance.

† Jesus isn't just another messenger, He's the full revelation of God's heart and purpose.

† Because He's the final word, nothing outside of Him adds to God's plan of salvation or kingdom.

## **What It Means to Be in Christ**

† To be in Christ is to share His life and His covenant reality. Paul writes that if anyone is in Christ, he's a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). Being in Christ means the believer is united with Him, not just following His teachings but living inside the sphere of His completed work.

† The Kingdom is in Him (Colossians 1:13-14). When you're in Christ, you're already transferred into His kingdom. This isn't a future realm to wait for, but a present reality where His reign is experienced now.

† Righteousness is in Him (Philippians 3:9). Our standing before God isn't built on our own efforts but on Christ's obedience.

† Life itself is in Him (John 14:6, Colossians 3:3). Our eternal life is secure because we're hidden in Christ with God.

† Ephesians 1:3-14 adds even more: every spiritual blessing is already ours in Christ, chosen, redeemed, and sealed with the

Holy Spirit.

## **Historical Witness**

† Josephus (Jewish War 6.4) records the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in vivid detail, showing how the prophecies of judgment were fulfilled.

† Tacitus (Histories 5.13) also describes the Roman siege, confirming the first-century fulfillment of Jesus' words.

## **Application for Today**

† We stand in the reality the prophets longed to see. The kingdom isn't waiting to begin, it's present. Every word God spoke through the prophets finds its amen in Christ, giving us confidence that His covenant is unshakable. To be in Christ is to dwell in that finished covenant where the promises of God are already fulfilled.

† Living in Christ means we no longer chase after unfulfilled prophecies, but rest in His finished work.

† Our daily faith is strengthened because we know His kingdom is active and His promises can't fail.

† We now live as witnesses that all Scripture points to Jesus and finds completion in Him.

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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