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The Coming King



Bottom Line: Jesus fulfilled all the Old Testament prophecies to prove He was the Messiah.



Bible Verses: Matthew 5:17; Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:20–23; Micah 5:2; Luke 2:3–7; Hosea 11:1, Matthew 2:14–15; Isaiah 35:5–6a; Luke 7:20–22; Zechariah 9:9, Matthew 21:1–5; Psalm 41:9; Luke 22:47–48; Zechariah 11:12–13, Matthew 27:3–10; Isaiah 53:7, Luke 23

SUPPLIES

Game Supplies: 1 carton (dozen) eggs, paper towels, tarp for floor (optional)

Teach Supplies: Markers, poster board, piece of paper and pen for each preteen; slides

Slides needed:

Slide 1—Eggstravaganza!

Slide 2—King of Kings Cover Slide

Slide 3—"What is prophecy?"

Slide 4—Matthew 5:17 (NLT)

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SUPPLIES

Small Group Supplies: sheet of butcher paper, markers, “Timeline” sheet printout, Bibles (one set of supplies per group); preteens bring their teaching notes

SERIES PREP: Decorate your stage or teaching space with crowns and other “kingly” items to set the mood for the series. Hang up the prophecy timelines at the end of today’s small group time.

Notes: All scriptures are NLT unless otherwise noted. This lesson covers a lot of Scripture during the “Teach” time, so you’ll want to move through them quickly to keep the attention of preteens.

OPENING GAME

[Slide 1—Eggstravaganza!]

Game Setup:

Leader Note: Each week of this Easter series will have an opening game that is meant for preteens to have fun and build relationships. The Eggstravaganza games will help engage all those new visitors and help them get to know the group!

Have your dozen eggs and paper towels ready on stage. ***[You may also want to put down a tarp on the floor to make cleanup easier.]***

How To Play The Game:

Pick 12 preteens to participate in the game. If possible, pick a few preteens from each small group so that the rest of the group can be their “cheering” section.

Call each participant to the stage and give each one an egg. They must hold the egg upright between their thumb (on the base of the egg) and index finger (at the point of the egg). When the leader shouts “GO!” the participants will try to crack the egg by squeezing with only those two fingers. It is *almost* impossible, but have paper towels on hand just in case!

For smaller groups: The game can also be played with one preteen at a time coming up to the stage to try to crack the egg, as they try to prove they’re stronger than the previous contestant!

[Slide 2 —King of Kings Cover Slide]

TEACH

TEACH:

What's up everybody?? Welcome to _____! **[name of ministry]**

We are SO glad you are here with us today! If you're new, welcome!

And if you were wondering, no, we don't crack eggs with our bare hands every week!

But it was fun, though, wasn't it?

Can you believe it's only a few weeks until Easter? Crazy, right??!! It feels like it was just Christmas!

No? Just me? Well, maybe I am craving those _____. **[leader's favorite Easter candy.]**

In this series, we'll be focusing on Jesus, and how He is our *King of Kings*.

You see, the people of the ancient world were looking for someone for thousands of years to come and save them, to be their Messiah.

Their sacred writings and scriptures all pointed to the coming King. But was Jesus the one they were looking for?

We'll find out today.

You know how I said that their writings pointed to a Messiah? Well, let's find out how that happened.

We are gonna split up into our small groups for a few minutes.

I'd like each group to write down on your poster board what you think is the best answer to the question:

[Slide 3 —“What is prophecy?”]

If you want, you can ask your leader to google what it means on their phone and then your group can put it into your own words.

You'll have a chance to share it with the whole group a bit later.

Ok, see ya in five!

[Split into their small groups and give each group markers and a poster board. Give them a few minutes to write down the definition and then call them back to the larger group. As they come back, hand out a piece of paper and a pen to each preteen.]

Can anyone tell me what a “Messiah” is? **[take a few answers from the group]**

According to the dictionary, Messiah is “The promised deliverer of the Jewish nation prophesied in the Hebrew Bible.”

And a more general definition is “A leader or savior of a particular group or cause.”

[Source: Oxford Languages]

So the Messiah is the deliverer that the Jews were looking for.

They were looking for a leader, a savior.

Aren't we looking for a Savior, too? Absolutely!

So, how do we know that Jesus really was the Messiah that the Jews were looking for?

We can look back at those prophecies in the Bible!

But, first, I'd like to see what you all came up with as a definition for prophecy.

[Allow each small group time to share their definition for prophecy on stage. Ad lib some about each.]

Thanks everyone, awesome thoughts on a hard word!

Those are great definitions. Simply put, *Prophecy is the future told in advance by God through a prophet.*

[Slide 4 —**Matthew 5:17 (NLT)**]

Matthew 5:17

Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose.

[Slide 5—**Bottom Line: Jesus fulfilled all the Old Testament prophecies to prove He was the Messiah.**]

We can know that Jesus is the Messiah because **Jesus fulfilled all of the Old Testament prophecies to prove He was the Messiah.**

Whoa!

The Jewish people were waiting for a Messiah.

For over a thousand years, they had been hearing the prophets talk about the day a Messiah would come and change the world.

In fact, the Old Testament contains over **400** prophecies about the Messiah!

And guess what??

Jesus fulfilled Every. Single. One.

Mic drop. **[pantomime dropping your microphone]**

Are you curious how He did that? So am I!

Let's check out eight of the prophecies and see how Jesus fulfilled them.

On your paper, number 1 through 8 and write down each of the 8 prophecies as we discuss them.

Let's start with His birth.

[Slide 6—1. Born of a Virgin]

1. Born of a Virgin

Write down each of these numbered titles on your paper when they come up on the slides.

The prophet Isaiah spoke of Jesus' birth 700 years before it happened! Wow.

[Slide 7—Isaiah 7:14]

Isaiah 7:14

All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').

Some people claim that Jesus *faked* the prophecies.

They say that He was just an ordinary man who knew what the Old Testament said, and so He would purposely cause those things to happen.

How could that be with this prophecy? I mean, how could Jesus fake his own birth? That's crazy!

We see how this prophecy is fulfilled word-for-word when the angel appears to Joseph to tell him that Mary is pregnant. Listen to this Scripture from the New Testament.

[Slide 8—Matthew 1:20-23]

Matthew 1:20-23

20 As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. 'Joseph, son of David,' the angel said, 'do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

21 And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

22 All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:

23 'Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'

[Slide 9—2. Born in Bethlehem]

2. Born in Bethlehem

The Old Testament prophet, Micah, spoke of Jesus 700 years before His birth. He foretold the exact city in which Jesus would be born.

[Slide 10—Micah 5:2]

Micah 5:2

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf.

The fulfillment of this prophecy is found in Luke:

[Slide 11—Luke 2:3-7]

Luke 2:3-7

3 All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census.

4 And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee.

5 He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

6 And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born.

7 She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

Hold up, Joseph and Mary lived in Nazareth, not Bethlehem??!!

What happened? The government didn't think they were getting all the taxes that they thought they should be getting, so they made every man go back to the place of their ancestors to register.

For Joseph, that place was Bethlehem.

While they were there for the census, Mary gave birth to Jesus.

Where?

In the town of **Bethlehem!**

And just like that, the prophecy of Micah was fulfilled!

[Slide 12—3. Jesus Spent Part of His Childhood in Egypt]

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The prophet Hosea spoke about Jesus' childhood.

[Slide 13—Hosea 11:1]

Hosea 11:1.

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and I called my son out of Egypt.

This is an interesting prophecy because it refers to two events: one in the past and one in the future.

We know that God used Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, but this verse also speaks of a specific time in the life of Jesus.

When Jesus was born, King Herod heard about the claims that He was the Messiah and was afraid that Jesus would one day overthrow the Government.

Herod was a bit "extra," so he ordered all of the boys in the kingdom to be killed.

An angel of the Lord came to Joseph and told him of Herod's plan and encouraged them to take Jesus south to Egypt.

Joseph and Mary obeyed the angel and fled to Egypt.

[Slide 14—Matthew 2:14-15]

Matthew 2:14–15

14 That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother,

15 and they stayed there until Herod's death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: 'I called my Son out of Egypt.'

These prophecies are getting better and better! My mind is blown!

[Slide 15—4. Jesus' Ministry Included Miraculous Healings]

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The prophet Isaiah foretold that Jesus' ministry would include miracles and healings.

[Slide 16—Isaiah 35:5–6a]

Isaiah 35:5–6a

5 And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind and unplug the ears of the deaf.

6 The lame will leap like a deer, and those who cannot speak will sing for joy! Springs will gush forth in the wilderness, and streams will water the wasteland.

If you've heard about Jesus' ministry, you know this is true.

Jesus performed many miracles and healed many people of their physical problems.

Jesus gave sight to Bartimaeus, healed the crippled man who was brought through the ceiling by his friends, and did so many other miraculous things that are written in the Bible!

[Slide 17—5. Jesus Entered Jerusalem on a Donkey]

5. Jesus Entered Jerusalem on a Donkey

The prophet Zechariah spoke 500 years before Jesus was born and said:

[Slide 18—Zechariah 9:9]

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt.

This is exactly what happened near the end of Jesus' life.

Jesus sent two disciples into the village and told them that they would find a donkey tied up there.

They were instructed to bring it back to Jesus, and He rode into Jerusalem on that donkey (Matthew 21:1–5).

It happened word for word as Zechariah had prophesied!

Holy Cow...wait..Holy Donkey??

[Slide 19—6. Jesus Was Betrayed By a Friend (Judas)]

6. Jesus Was Betrayed By a Friend (Judas)

Many of the prophecies about Jesus relate to His last days.

Many people, including the disciples, did not understand everything that was happening to Jesus, but it all went down exactly as the Old Testament prophecies said it would.

For instance, Psalm 41 was written 1,000 years before Jesus was born, and verse 9 says:

[Slide 20—Psalm 41:9]

Psalm 41:9

Even my best friend, the one I trusted completely, the one who shared my food, has turned against me.

Who is this prophecy referring to in Jesus' life? Judas Iscariot, of course.

Judas spent three years with Jesus and broke bread with Him many times, but in the end, he was the one who betrayed Jesus. (Luke 22:47–48)

Not only was it prophesied that Judas would be the one to betray Jesus, but did you know that Old Testament prophecy actually foretold the exact price that Judas would receive for betraying Him?

Now that is detailed!

How many pieces of silver did Judas receive for betraying Jesus? Any guesses?

[take a few answers from the preteens]

[Slide 21—7. Jesus Was Betrayed for 30 Pieces of Silver]

7. Jesus Was Betrayed for 30 Pieces of Silver

That's right, 30 pieces of silver. Zechariah foretold that exact amount 500 years before Jesus was betrayed. (Zechariah 11:12–13)

He also foretold that Judas would throw that money into the Temple when he realized what he had done. (Matthew 27:3–10)

Everything happened exactly as the Old Testament said it would.

[Slide 22—8. Jesus Was Beaten and Crucified]

8. Jesus Was Beaten and Crucified

The prophet Isaiah told of Jesus' suffering and death 700 years before it occurred.

[Slide 23—Isaiah 53:7]

Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth.

The prophecy of Isaiah describes the trial, the beating, and the death of Jesus Christ in very vivid detail.

Each of the Gospels gives the account of Jesus' trial and crucifixion, showing how Jesus fulfilled the prophetic words of Isaiah. (Example: Luke 23)

So, how could these prophets, who lived 500, 700, and 1,000 years before Jesus, know so much about His life and death?

The only explanation is that God gave them the words to speak.

God has had a plan to send a Messiah ever since the beginning.

He gave the prophets these signs, so that there would be no doubt when the Messiah came to earth.

There are hundreds of prophecies that Jesus fulfilled to prove that He was the Messiah.

We looked at just 8. I don't know about you, but those 8 are pretty convincing to me.

Josh McDowell is a Christian author and speaker. He looked at all the prophecies that Jesus fulfilled and came up with a mathematical solution for believing Jesus is the Messiah.

[Slide 24—1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 (100 Quadrillion)]

The probability of a man fulfilling just 8 of the Old Testament prophecies is 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 (100 Quadrillion).

(Source: Evidence that Demands a Verdict, McDowell, 1972)

This is equivalent to covering the entire state of Texas with silver dollars two feet deep, marking one of them, mixing them all up and having a blindfolded person select the marked one at random the first time.

Pretty amazing, right?

Jesus didn't just fulfill eight prophecies, He fulfilled them ALL.

Jesus fulfilled *all* the Old Testament prophecies to prove He was the Messiah.

As I said, the mathematical probability of that is astronomical.

Jesus left no room for doubt by fulfilling all the Old Testament prophecies.

He wanted everyone, including you, to have faith and believe that He really is the Messiah, the Savior of the world.

[Pray and dismiss to Small Groups]

SMALL GROUP

Questions:

1. Look at the 8 things you wrote down during the teaching. Which of these prophecies helped you the most to have faith in Jesus as the Messiah?
2. How did the disciples and other early-church believers know Jesus was the Messiah? How did Scripture help them discover that?
3. How have you personally experienced or seen God keep the promises He makes in Scripture?
4. If there were one prophecy that was not fulfilled, how would that change your faith in Jesus Christ?
5. How can you use Old Testament prophecies and their New Testament fulfillment to tell your friends about Jesus?
6. What is one way that today's teaching changed how you thought about Jesus?
7. Are there any doubts or questions you still have about Jesus?

Small Group Activity: Prophecy Timeline

Give each small group a set of supplies to create a timeline of the prophecies discussed in the teaching and their fulfillment. Instruct them to draw a horizontal line from left to right, and place an "X" in the center marking the birth of Jesus Christ.

Have preteens look up Scriptures and read each prophecy and fulfillment. After discussing each, place them in the appropriate place on the timeline. Allow small groups to hang the timeline in their small group space or in the teaching space. Keep the timelines up throughout the *King of Kings* series.

Timeline:

1. Born of a Virgin

Prophecy Scripture; Date: Isaiah 7:14; Approx. 750–700 BC

Fulfillment Scripture; Date: Matthew 1:20–23; Approx. 3–1 BC

2. Born in Bethlehem

Prophecy Scripture; Date: Micah 5:2; 700 BC

Fulfillment Scripture; Date: Luke 2:3–7; (Mark at the "X")

3. Childhood in Egypt

Prophecy Scripture; Date: Hosea 11:1; 725 BC

Fulfillment Scripture; Date: Matthew 2:14–15; Approx. 2–3 AD

4. Healings and Miracles

Prophecy Scripture; Date: Isaiah 35:5–6; 750–700 BC

Fulfillment Scripture; Date: Luke 7:20–22; 30–33 AD

5. Entry into Jerusalem

Prophecy Scripture; Date: Zechariah 9:9; 500 BC

Fulfillment Scripture; Date: Matthew 21:1–5; 30–33 AD

6. Betrayed by Judas

Prophecy Scripture; Date: Psalm 41:9; Approx. 1,000 BC

Fulfillment Scripture; Date: Luke 22:47–48; 30–33 AD

7. Betrayed for 30 Pieces of Silver

Prophecy Scripture; Date: Zechariah 11:12–13; 500 BC

Fulfillment Scripture; Date: Matthew 27:3–10; 30–33 AD

8. Jesus Beaten and Crucified

Prophecy Scripture; Date: Isaiah 53:7; Approx. 750–700 BC

Fulfillment Scripture; Date: Luke 23; 33 AD