The Perfect Puzzle of Fulfilled Prophecy

Text: Various Date: 12-18-22 10:30 AM

1. All the nations of the world will be blessed through Abraham's lineage (Gen. 12:3) - Specific Race

Fulfillment: Acts 3:25-26; Gal 3:6-9; 16

2. God made an everlasting covenant with Isaac's ancestors (Gen. 17:19) - Eternal Requirements

Fulfillment: Rom. 9:7

3. All the nations of the world will be blessed through Jacob's descendants (Gen. 28:14).

Fulfillment: We find Jacob in Jesus' genealogy (Luke 3:34).

Puzzle Piece: In these first three prophecies we find that the Lord Jesus Christ would come through the Abrahamic line and when He was born He fulfilled each of these prophetic events. The first piece to this completed puzzle demonstrates that Jesus was born through the one and only line of Abraham and was Jewish by birth.

4. The kingly scepter will come from the line of Judah (Gen. 49:8-12) - Royal Right

Fulfillment: In Gen. 49:11-12 we find descriptions of the millennial prosperity that will come under the Messianic rule. Luke 3:33. Rev. 5:5 confirms that Jesus is the *Lion of the Tribe of Judah*.

Puzzle Piece: Jesus has the right through the kingly tribe of Judah.

5. King David's descendant will rule on an eternal throne (II Sam. 7:12-13) – Everlasting Reign

Fulfillment: Matt. 1:1; Luke 1:31-33

Puzzle Piece: Messiah's royal line came directly and prophetically through one of the twelve sons of Jacob. The second piece to this prophetic puzzle reveals that Jesus Christ, the baby born in the manger, will become king on an earthly throne in the future kingdom.

6. Christ would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). Specific Residence

Fulfillment: Matt. 2:4-6

Puzzle Piece: Perfect location

7. Jesus would be born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14) - Perfect Redeemer

Fulfillment: Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:30-35

Puzzle Piece: Miraculous birth. While some believe that the virgin birth's importance lies in an untainted bloodline, I believe that the virgin birth's importance shows both the humanity and deity of Jesus Christ. His humanity in that He was born of a woman. His deity in that He was born through the power of the Holy Spirit. Where the first Adam failed, the second Adam began a new start to the human race. What was conceived was the Christ, Immanuel, fully God yet fully human flesh. This piece, so amazing, so full of grace, and the answer to man's problem. Quote Matt. 1:20-21.

8. The Messiah would come from Egypt (Hosea 11:1) - Specific Route

Fulfillment: Matt. 2:15

Puzzle Piece: The road from Egypt would not have been the normal route for the coming King of the Jews to travel, but Christ did and fulfilled this important prophecy.