



# THE COMING KING

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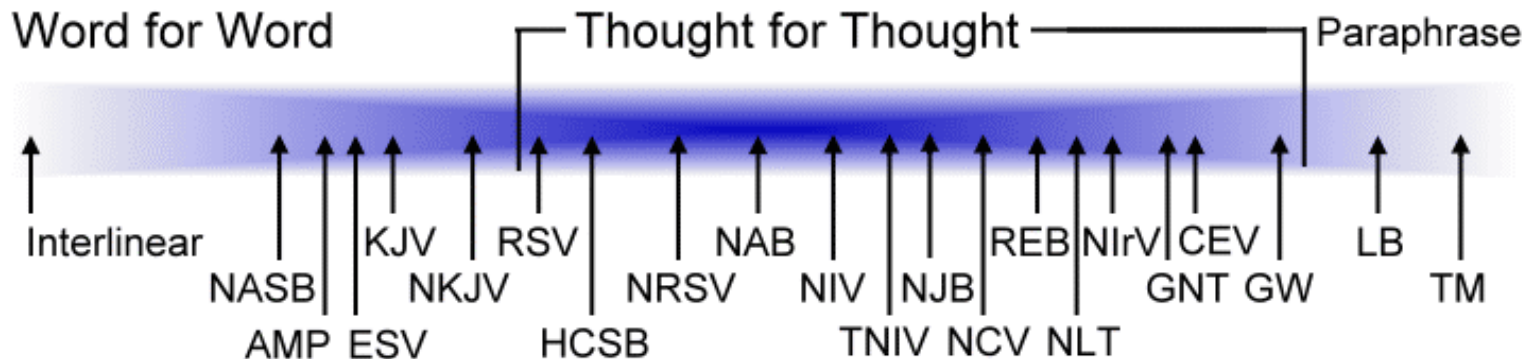
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# ABOUT THIS CLASS

- **You will need:**

1. a good Bible translation; for a prophecy class you definitely should not use a Bible paraphrase
2. a workbook

## English Bible Translation Comparison



- **It would be helpful to have:**

3. a Bible dictionary
4. a concordance keyed to your Bible translation

# VERSE FOR THE JOURNEY

- **1 Thessalonians 4:15-18** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.
- Caught up: *harpazo* (Greek) *rapturo* (Latin)

# GOD'S GOOD TRACK RECORD!

- When God says something will happen, you can count on it!
- The mathematical probability of one person fulfilling all of the OT prophecies concerning Jesus are  
1 in 549,755,813,900: statistically impossible
- **Double fulfillment:** Deuteronomy 18:21-22 "You may say in your heart, 'How will we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?' When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.
- **Issues of time:** prophets see events but not always the time between the events

# PROPHECIES FULFILLED

- **Micah 5:2** "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Too* little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity."
- **Matthew 2:1** Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea...
- The best of the sacrificial lambs came from the shepherds' field north of Bethlehem.
- **Luke 2:4-5** Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.
- **Luke 2:8** In the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night.

# DESCENDANT OF DAVID

- **Jeremiah 33:14-17** 'Behold, days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 'In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell in safety; and this is *the name* by which she will be called: the LORD is our righteousness.' For thus says the LORD, 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel;'"
- **Luke 1:31-32** "behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

# BORN OF A VIRGIN

- **Isaiah 7:13-14** Then he said, "Listen now, O house of David! Is it too slight a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God as well? Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.
- Virgin: *almah*: young, unmarried, woman past puberty
- **Matthew 1:18** Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.
- The Kinsman Redeemer model stands or falls on the doctrinal position of the virgin birth

# EVENTS SURROUNDING JESUS

- There is disagreement about this prophecy
- **Jeremiah 31:15** Thus says the LORD, "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation *and* bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more."
- Some believe this is speaking of the "slaughter of the innocents" after the wise men returned home
- Others believe it is speaking to the events surrounding the fall of Jerusalem to Babylon in 586 BC
- **Zechariah 9:9** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout *in triumph*, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.



# CONCERNING JESUS AND JOHN

- **Malachi 3:1** "Behold, I am going to send My messenger and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts.
- **Matthew 3:1-3**...in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." This is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, "THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!'"
- **Matthew 21:12** Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves.

# REJECTION

- **Isaiah 53:2-3** He has no *stately* form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him. He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.
- **John 19:13-15** Therefore when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!" So they cried out, "Away with *Him*, away with *Him*, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

# BETRAYAL

- **Zechariah 11:10-14** I took my staff Favor and cut it in pieces, to break my covenant which I had made with all the peoples. So it was broken on that day; thus the afflicted of the flock who were watching me realized that it was the word of the LORD. I said to them, "If it is good in your sight, give *me* my wages; but if not, never mind!" So they weighed out thirty *shekels* of silver as my wages. Then the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter, *that* magnificent price at which I was valued by them." So I took the thirty *shekels* of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD.
- **Matthew 27:3-4** Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

# FALSE ACCUSATIONS

- **Psalms 35:11-15** Malicious witnesses rise up; they ask me of things that I do not know. They repay me evil for good, *to* the bereavement of my soul. But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I humbled my soul with fasting, and my prayer kept returning to my bosom. I went about as though it were my friend or brother; I bowed down mourning, as one who sorrows for a mother. But at my stumbling they rejoiced and gathered themselves together; the smiters whom I did not know gathered together against me, they slandered me without ceasing.
- **Mark 14:55-56** Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, and they were not finding any. For many were giving false testimony against Him, but their testimony was not consistent.

# NO BROKEN BONES

- **Psalm 34:19-21** Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones, Not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
- **John 19:31-33** Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away. So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him; but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

# THE TOMB

- **Isaiah 53:9** His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was with a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth.
- **Psalms 16:10** You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.
- **Matthew 27:57-60** When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given *to him*. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away.

# THE ASCENSION

- **Psalm 68:18** You have ascended on high, You have led captive *Your* captives; You have received gifts among men, Even *among* the rebellious also, that the LORD God may dwell *there*.
- **Acts 1:9** And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.
- **Ephesians 4:7-10** But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN." (Now this *expression*, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)

# WHO DID THE JEWS EXPECT?

- Depending on who you believe, there are anywhere from 356 to 600 Messianic prophecies in the Old Testament.
- This doesn't mean that some of the prophecies were wrong; it just means that some people see double fulfillment where others see them fulfilled prior to the coming of Jesus
- Given all of the prophecies concerning the coming Messiah, a genuine question is this: "who did the Jews expect?"
- This is where we will pick up our study next week