

Our hope is in the resurrected Savior, Jesus.

Jesus is the central focus of the Bible.



1 Corinthians 15:14, 20 (NLT)

(14) And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.

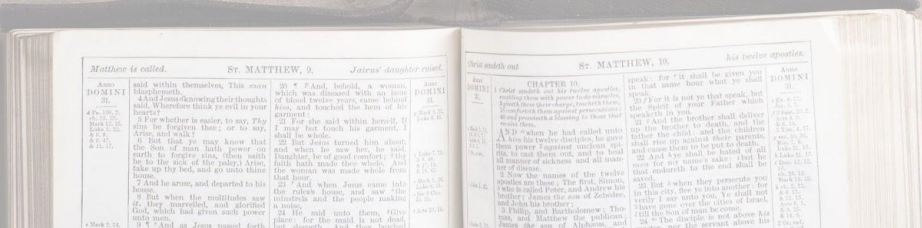
(20) But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.



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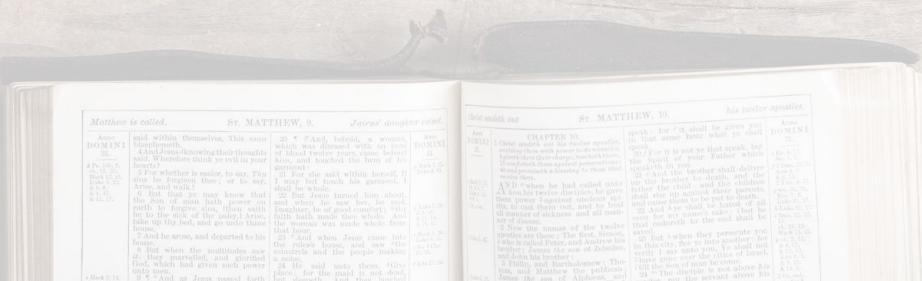


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1st Century Jewish Perspective

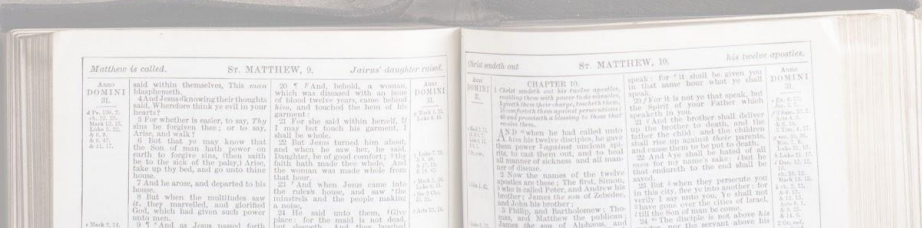
- Chosen people of God
- Glory days were 1,000 years in the past
- Centuries of unrest and occupation
- A dying hope
- The Scriptures (400 - 1500 years old)



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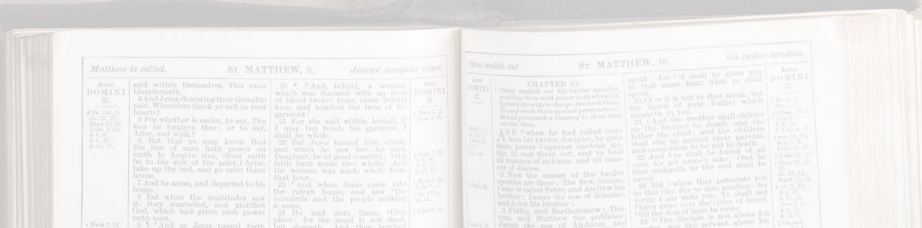


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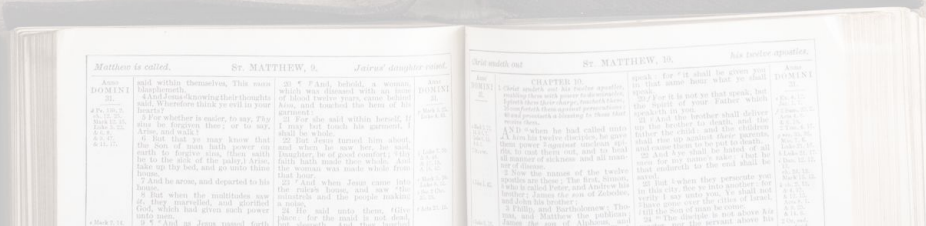
The Old Testament

The Old Testament was believed to have been divinely inspired and recognized as the “Word of God.” The Old Testament was a collection of books of Scripture deemed supremely authoritative for faith and religious practice. - Zondervan Press



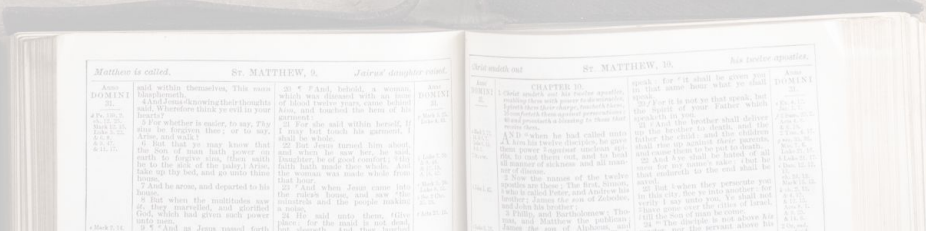
The Old Testament

- Law (Genesis - Deuteronomy)
- History (Joshua - Esther)
- Writings (Job - Song of Solomon)
- Prophets (Isaiah - Malachi)



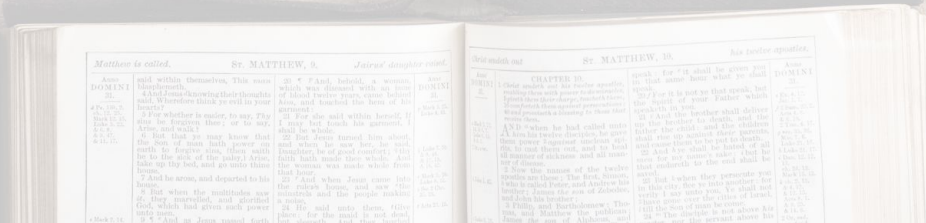
Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled

- Jesus fulfilled between 200-400 prophecies
- Prophecies spoke about his birth, life, and death



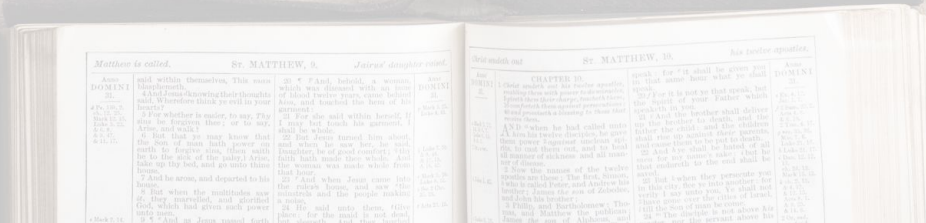
Birth of Jesus Prophecies Fulfilled

- Several speak of the Messianic lineage
- Micah - from Bethlehem
- Isaiah - born of a virgin
- Psalm 72 - worshipped and given gifts
- Hosea - go to Egypt for protection



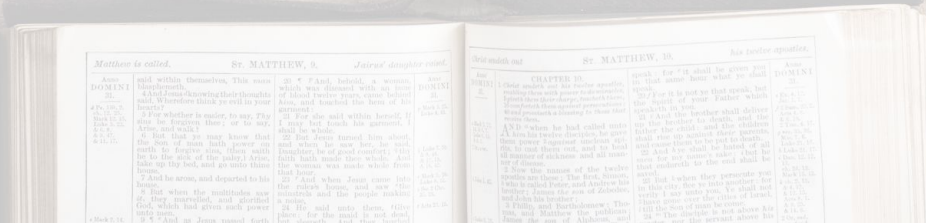
Life of Jesus Prophecies Fulfilled

- Psalm 78 - would teach in parables
- Isaiah - preceded by voice in wilderness
- Isaiah - ministry would begin in Galilee
- Zechariah - riding into Jerusalem on a donkey



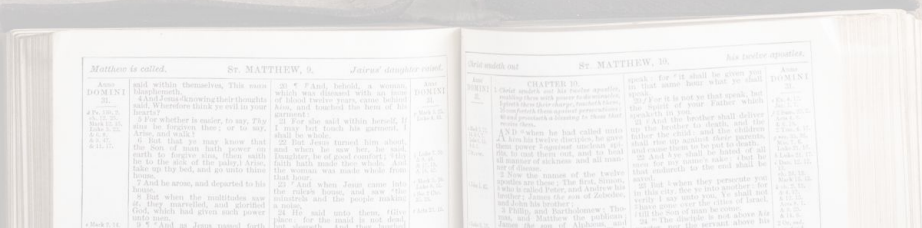
Death of Jesus Prophecies Fulfilled

- Exodus - would be the Passover Lamb
- Leviticus - would pour out his blood
- Psalm - would be forsaken and mocked, offered vinegar for thirst, lots cast for his clothes



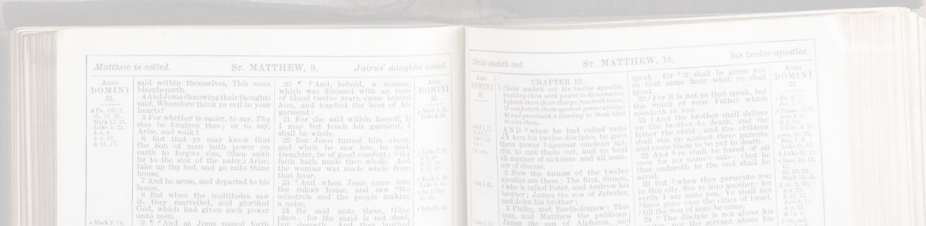
Prophecies Fulfilled

- As time passed (and passes) it becomes clear Jesus is the Messiah
- In real-time it would not have been clear.
- Jesus helped explain his role with the prophecies after the resurrection



Emmaus Road - Luke 24:25 (NLT)

Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures.



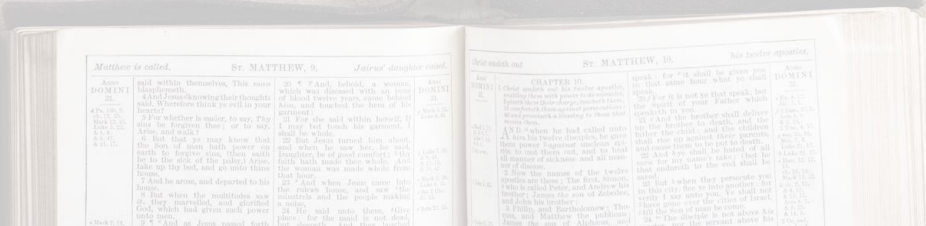
Emmaus Road - Luke 24:26 (NLT)

Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?"



Emmaus Road - Luke 24:27 (NLT)

Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.



Matthew 22:35 (NLT)

One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question:



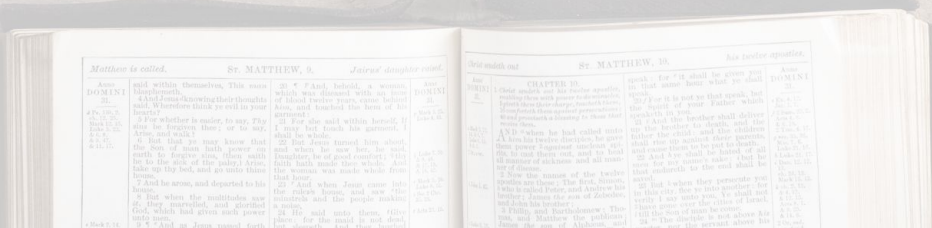
Matthew 22:36 (NLT)

“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”



Matthew 22:37 (NLT)

Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’
(Deuteronomy 6:5)



Matthew 22:38 (NLT)

This is the first and greatest commandment.



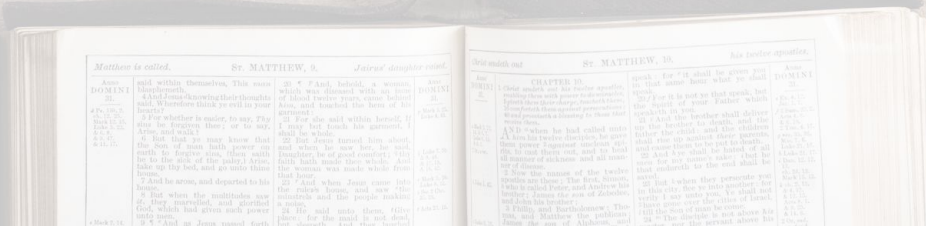
Matthew 22:39 (NLT)

A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
(Leviticus 19:18)



Matthew 22:40 (NLT)

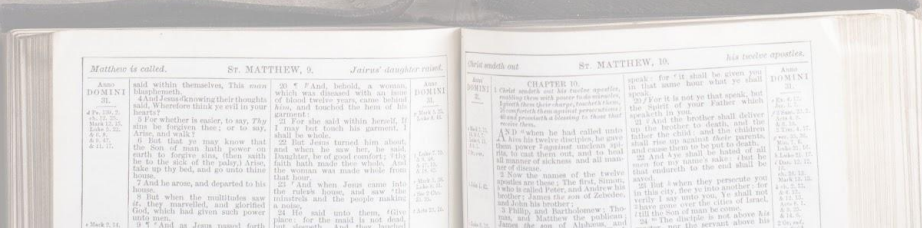
The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”



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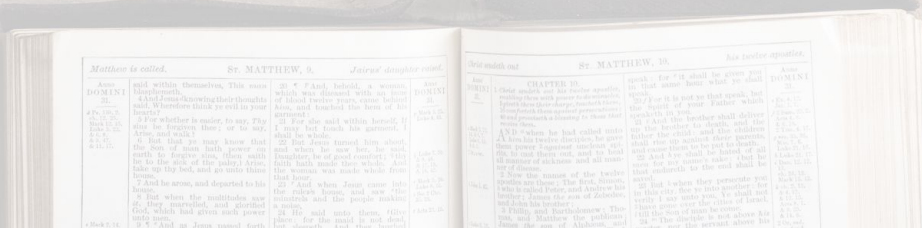


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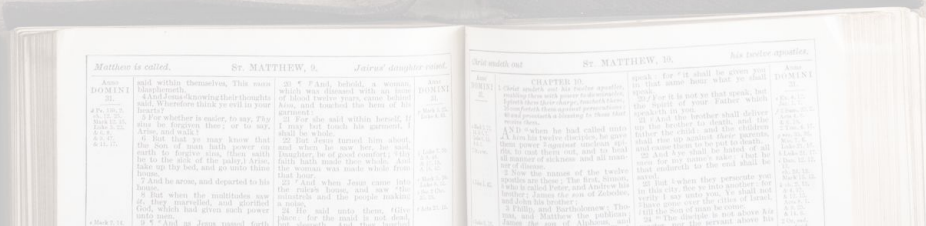
Jesus and the Old Testament

- Jesus taught as early as 12 and throughout his life and ministry
- Often quoted as saying, “It is written”
- Quoted OT Scripture when tempted by Satan
- In all, quoted over 50 direct verses from 13 OT books



Summary

- OT written between 400 BC - 1500 BC, contained hundreds of prophecies
- 400 years later Jesus fulfilled them
- Throughout his life Jesus read, practiced, taught, and affirmed the OT



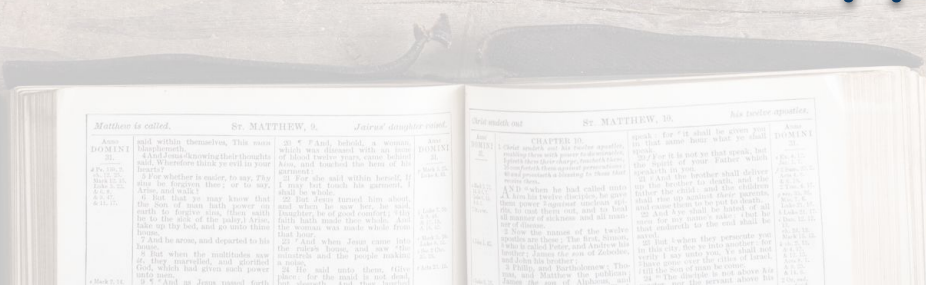
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