

## “FULLFILLED SCRIPTURES”

It is said, concerning Jesus, *“Behold, the virgin shall be with child,”* Isa. 7:14. This is said to be fulfilled in Matt. 1:23. Mary understood this was to be done and wondered how since, *“I know not a man,”* Lk. 1:34. The angel assured her, *“For no word from God shall be void of power,”* Lk. 1:37. God is able to fulfill what he says will happen!

There was a person by the name of Simeon that was in the Temple looking for the Christ: *“25 .... This man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord’s Christ,”* Lk. 2:25-26. In Jno. 4:25-26 the Messiah is designated as being the Christ: *“25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh (he that is called Christ): when he is come, he will declare unto us all things. 26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.”* Along with Simeon, the Samaritan woman and the Jews, in general, were looking for the coming Messiah – **the fulfillment of prophecy.**

When Jesus made his appearance at the Synagogue on the Sabbath, in Nazareth, they invited him to speak. He spake from the book of Isaiah, Isa. 61<sup>st</sup> chapter. He read from Isaiah and then made the statement in Lk. 4:21, *“Today hath this scripture been fulfilled in your ears.”* Here Jesus designates himself to be the fulfillment of Scripture. Jesus mentioned this fact when he was speaking of Judas and what Judas would do, *“I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scriptures may be fulfilled, He that eateth my bread lifted up his heel against me,”* Jno. 13:18; Psalms 41:9. Even in his betrayal the scriptures were fulfilled! Psalms 41:9.

When the multitude came with swords and staves, Jesus said to them, *“49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but this is done that the **scriptures might be fulfilled.**”* Mk. 14:49. After the resurrection of the Christ, Jesus reminds them of what he had taught before the crucifixion: *“44 And he said unto them, These are my words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that **all things must needs be fulfilled, which are written in the law of Moses, and the prophets, and the psalms, concerning me,**”* Lk. 24:44. Notice he mentions **Moses, prophets, and the Psalms** and yet there were prophecies to be fulfilled from the Book of Genesis: Gen. 3:15, Gen. 12:3 etc. Also there were prophecies from the prophets, both major and minor. Lk. 24:44 designates **all scriptures. All things spoken of Christ and all scriptures that have to do with the Messiah was to be accomplished.**

While in the garden at the time of his being led captive to the rulers of the Jews, he uttered this statement: *“But all this is come to pass, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”* Matt. 26:56. As one reads through the New Testament he is continually confronted with the idea of Jesus fulfilling prophecy. Thus the writers of the New Testament were continually quoting Moses, David, Isaiah, Zechariah and many of the other Old Testament prophets, showing the fulfillment of those prophecies in Christ, the Messiah.

Most writers concerning the fulfilling of prophecy will talk about “fulfilled prophecy,” I would like to mention the prophecies, in the Old Testament concerning Jesus, that have not been fulfilled! **THERE ARE NONE!** Those who object to the Lord and prophecies made concerning him are not able to find one prophecy that has not been fulfilled. The Bible is careful to note all of the prophecies and their fulfillment; and thus, what the Lord said came true. **“ALL THINGS MUST NEEDS BE FULFILLED!”** Caa .....

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