

Christ the Cornerstone

TEXT:

Prophecy	Fulfillment
Isaiah 28:16-18	I Peter 2:6,7
Psalms 118:22	Acts 4:8-12
Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18
Isaiah 53:3	John 1:11
Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38
Isaiah 9:7	Matthew 1:1
Zechariah 12:10	John 19:34
Psalms 34:20	John 19:33
Psalms 16:10	Matthew 28:9

SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Matthew 21:42; Ephesians 2:19-22

KEY VERSE: Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. — I Peter 2:6

What is going to happen next? Today as never before people are striving to find out what the future holds. If one makes the claim that he understands prophecy, people will flock to hear him. Many are turning to fortune-tellers, astrologers, and the occult to find answers. In our lessons for this quarter, we are going to study what God inspired some of the old-time prophets to write concerning the days in which we now live. Since they also foretold Christ's birth, death, and resurrection with 100 percent accuracy, we can believe that their predictions of the present time and of coming events will certainly happen.

1. The dictionary definition of the word prophet is, "one who declares what will happen in the future, one inspired by God to teach His will to men and to announce future events." How is it that seers, specialists in the occult, etc., of our day, appear to be correct in some cases?

2. What are the qualifications of a true prophet? How can we determine if the words of a prophet in our day are true or false?

3. In Matthew 21:42, Jesus refers to Psalm 118:22. Why do you think He made this reference?

4. Read Acts 4:11, Ephesians 2:20, and our key verse. What do these Scriptures have in common?

5. Genesis 3:15 is the first prophetic reference to Jesus in the Bible. How do you think the salvation of a sinner “bruises” the head of Satan?

6. Which Scripture in our text foretells the virgin birth? How does the fulfilling Scripture in the New Testament confirm it?

7. Isaiah 9:7 tells of Jesus upon the throne of David. Matthew 1:1 confirms that He was of the lineage of David. How long will Jesus actually sit on the throne of David? See Luke 1:31-33.

8. In Psalm 34:20 there appears an isolated prophecy concerning the crucifixion of Jesus. How does John 19:32,33 confirm this?

9. Read Isaiah 53:3, then define the words despised and rejected. Using John 1:11, with these definitions in mind, write your own description of how the Jews received Christ.

10. In the study of this lesson we have seen how the prophecies about Christ have been fulfilled with complete accuracy. What does this reveal to you concerning the prophecies of the future?