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5. “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.” Micah 5:2

6. “I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; a Star shall come out of Jacob; a Scepter shall rise out of Israel…” Numbers 24:17

5. “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His **PALACE, STAR** in the East and have come to worship Him.’” Matthew 2:1-2

6. “...They shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.” Isaiah 60:6

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The apostles throughout the New Testament appealed to two areas of the life of Jesus of Nazareth to establish His Messiahship; being the resurrection and the other being fulfilled Messianic prophecy. The Old Testament was written over a 1,000-year period which ended anywhere from 450 B.C. - 250 B.C. This is sufficient to indicate that there is at least a 250-year gap between the prophecies being written down and their fulfillment in the person of Jesus. The Old Testament contains over 300 references to the coming Messiah. All of these were fulfilled in Jesus Christ, and they establish a solid confirmation of His credentials as the Messiah. There are 61 direct prophecies that Jesus fulfilled in his lifetime. Of those 61 prophecies, 14 dealt specifically with his birth as seen below.

**The Prophecy:**

- Genesis 3:15
- Isaiah 7:14
- Psalm 2:7; 1 Chron. 17:11-14
- Genesis 22:18; 12:2-3
- Genesis 21:12
- Numbers 24:17; Genesis 35:10-12
- Genesis 49:10; Micah 5:2
- Isaiah 11:1, 10
- Jeremiah 23:5; 2 Sam. 7:12-16
- Micah 5:2
- Psalm 72:10; Isaiah 60:6
- Jeremiah 31:15
- Psalm 110:1; Jeremiah 23:6
- Isaiah 7:14

**The Fulfillment:**

- Galatians 4:4; Matthew 1:20
- Matthew 1:18, 24-25; Luke 1:26-35
- Matt. 3:17, 16:16; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35
- Matthew 1:1; Galatians 3:16
- Luke 3:23, 34; Matthew 1:2
- Luke 3:23, 33; Matthew 1:2; Heb. 7:14
- Matt. 2:1; John 7:42; Luke 2:4-7
- Matthew 2:1, 11
- Matthew 2:16
- Matthew 1:23; Luke 7:16

What is the Mathematical Odds of Jesus Fulfilling 8 Prophecies?

The following probabilities are taken from Peter Stoner in *Science Speaks* (Moody Press, 1963) to show that coincidence is ruled out by the science of probability. Stoner says that by using the modern science of probability in reference to just eight prophecies, we find that the chance that any man might have lived down to the present time and fulfilled all eight prophecies is 1 in 10^{17}. That would be 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000. In order to help us comprehend this staggering probability, Stoner illustrates it by supposing that "we take 100,000,000,000,000 silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all of the state two feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly, all over the state. Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and say that this is the right one. What chance would he have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing only these eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one man.

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