

Prophecies of Christ's Ministry in the Meridian of Time

Explanation

The advent of the Savior was indisputably the most important event ever associated with this world. His coming to a particular place and at a particular time when the circumstances were in place to allow the triumph of his atoning mission is not only recognizable in retrospect but served as the subject of numerous, though varied, prophecies. Such prophecies related not only to his birth and mission but also to specific details of his ministry and death. These revelations were given beginning in the earliest epoch and continuing down to the very night before his birth. Prophets in all dispensations, in the Old and New Worlds, declared the coming and the atonement of the Son of God. Chart 8-9 enumerates these prophecies and categorizes them in topical groupings.

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PROPHECIES	PERSONS SPEAKING/WRITING	REFERENCES
HIS BIRTH		
Jehovah, the Creator of heaven and earth, would take a mortal body in order to redeem mankind	Brother of Jared, Nephi, Jacob, Benjamin, Abinadi, Ammon, Lamoni, John the Baptist	Isa 44:24; 1Ne 19:7–12; 2Ne 9:5; Mosiah 3:5; 7:27; 13:34; 15:1; 19:13; Ether 3:6–16; D&C 93:6–11
He would be the Son of God, the Only Begotten of the Father in the flesh, the God of Israel	Adam, Enoch, Moses, Isaiah, Nephi, Jacob, Abinadi, Alma, John the Baptist	Isa 9:6–7; 1Ne 11:20–21; 22:12; 2Ne 25:12; Jacob 4:5; Mosiah 15:2–5; Alma 5:48; 7:10; 9:26; D&C 93:11–14; Moses 1:6, 33; 2:1, 26; 6–52
His mother would be a virgin, a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob through King David; she would live in Nazareth, and her name would be Mary	Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Nephi, Benjamin, Alma	Gen 49:24; Isa 7:14; 11:1; Jer 23:5–6; 33:15–16; 1Ne 11:13–21; Mosiah 3:8; Alma 7:10
Heavenly signs would attend his birth	Samuel the Lamanite	Hel 14:3–7
HIS NAME		
The Messiah would be called “Salvation” (in Hebrew, <i>Yeshua</i> ; in other languages, <i>Jesus</i>)	Moses, Isaiah	Ex 15:2; Isa 12:2–6
His name would be Jesus Christ	Adam, Enoch, Noah, brother of Jared, Nephi, Jacob, Benjamin, Abinadi, Alma	2Ne 10:3; 25:19; 31:10; Jacob 4:11; Mosiah 3:8, 17; 7:27; Alma 5:48; Ether 3:14–16; Moses 6:52, 57; 8:23–24

TIME AND PLACE OF BIRTH		
Jesus would be born in the meridian of time, that is, within 600 years after Lehi left Jerusalem or 5 years after Samuel's prophecy	Adam, Enoch, Moses, Lehi, Nephi, Samuel the Lamanite	1Ne 10:4; 19:8; 2Ne 25:19; Hel 14:2; Moses 5:57; 6:57, 62; 7:45–46
Christ would be born among the Jews near Jerusalem at Bethlehem	Micah, Jacob, Alma	Micah 5:2; 2Ne 10:3; Alma 7:10
DETAILS OF HIS MINISTRY		
A messenger prophet would prepare the way for the Messiah	Isaiah, Lehi	Isa 40:3; 1Ne 10:7–9
He would come up out of Egypt	Hosea	Hos 11:1
He would be a child in Nazareth	Nephi	1Ne 11:13, 20
He would be baptized by the forerunner near Bethabara; the prophet would testify of him, and the Holy Ghost would descend on him as a dove	Lehi, Nephi	1Ne 10:9–10; 11:27; 2Ne 31:4–8
He would suffer temptations, hunger, and thirst	Isaiah, Benjamin, Abinadi, Alma	Isa 53:3; Mosiah 3:7; 15:5; Alma 7:11
He would call twelve apostles in the Old World and twelve disciples in the New World	Nephi	1Ne 11:29, 34; 12:8–10
He would preach glad tidings to the meek and the captives	Isaiah	Isa 61:1
He would care for his followers as a shepherd	Isaiah, Ezekiel	Isa 40:10–11; Ezek 34:11–31

He would be a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek	Moses, David, Alma	Gen 14:25–28 JST; Ps 110:1–4; Alma 13:7–9
He would minister in power and glory, performing miracles, healing the sick, raising the dead	Isaiah, Nephi, Jacob, Benjamin, Abinadi, Alma	Isa 59:16–19; 1Ne 11:28, 31; 2Ne 10:4; Mosiah 3:5–6; 15:6; Alma 5:50
He would come to Zion (Jerusalem)	Isaiah	Isa 59:20
He would come as a king riding on a young ass	Zechariah	Zech 9:9
He would be a man of sorrows, without beauty, a stumbling block to his people, who would despise and reject him	David, Isaiah, Nephi, Jacob	Ps 118:21–22; Isa 8:13–14; 53:3; 1Ne 19:13; 2Ne 10:3–5; 25:12; Jacob 4:15
He would be betrayed by his friends for thirty pieces of silver	David, Zechariah	Ps 41:9; Zech 11:12–13; 13:6
HIS ATONING SUFFERING		
Christ would yield himself to suffer	Isaiah, Nephi, Abinadi	Isa 50:6; 53:7; 1Ne 19:9–10; Mosiah 15:5–6
He would be innocent of violence and deceit	Isaiah	Isa 53:9
He would suffer to atone for our sins and help our sicknesses; blood would come from every pore	Isaiah, Jacob, Benjamin, Alma, Amulek, Aaron	Isa 53:3–12; 2Ne 9:21–22; Mosiah 3:7; Alma 7:11–13; 21:9; 34:8–9
He would be judged and placed in prison	Isaiah, Nephi	Isa 53:8; 1Ne 11:32
Foreshadowings of his suffering	Abraham and Isaac, Moses	Gen 22:1–14; Lev 16:7–10

HIS CRUCIFIXION

Christ would die voluntarily	Isaiah, Lehi, Nephi, Abinadi	Isa 53:7, 9, 12; 1Ne 19:9–10; 2Ne 2:6–7; Mosiah 15:5, 7
He would be crucified by and for his people	Enoch, Zenock, Neum, Lehi, Nephi, Jacob	1Ne 10:11; 11:32–33; 19:10; 2Ne 6:9; 10:3–5; 25:13; Moses 7:47, 55
His hands and feet would be pierced	David, Isaiah, Zechariah	Ps 22:16; Isa 22:23–25; Zech 12:10; 13:6
He would be mocked and suffer pain and thirst	David, Isaiah	Ps 22:7–8; Isa 50:6
He would be given vinegar to drink	David	Ps 69:20–21
He would speak specific words from the cross	David	Ps 22:1; 31:5
None of his bones would be broken	David	Ps 34:19–20
Lots would be cast for his garments	David	Ps 22:18
He would be buried in a sepulchre	Zenos, Nephi	1Ne 19:10; 2Ne 25:13
Physical signs would attend his death	Zenos, Nephi, Samuel the Lamanite	1Ne 12:4–6; 19:10–13; Hel 14:20–28
Foreshadowings of his atonement and death	Adam, Eve, Enoch, Abraham, Isaac, Moses, Ezekiel, Nephi, Jacob, Alma, Nephi (son of Helaman)	Gen 22:1–14; Ex 12; 16:12–35; 17:1–7; 29; Lev 1–17; 21–23; Num 19; 21:5–9; Ezek 43:18–27; 45:18–25; 1Ne 17:41; Jacob 4:4–5; Alma 33:18–23; Hel 8:13–15; Moses 5:4–7; 6:63–65

HIS RESURRECTION		
Jesus would rise from death after three days and show himself to witnesses	Lehi, Nephi, Benjamin	1Ne 10:11; 2Ne 26:1; Mosiah 3:10
Foreshadowings of his resurrection	Jonah	Jonah 1:17; 2:1–10
All would be resurrected because he overcame death	Enoch, Samuel, Job, David, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Jacob, Abinadi, Alma, Amulek, Samuel the Lamanite	1Sam 2:6; Job 19:25–27; Ps 16:9–10; Isa 25:8; 26:19; Ezek 37:12–13; Hos 13:14; 2Ne 2:8; 9:4–13; Mosiah 13:33–35; 15:20–24; 16:7–11; Alma 11:42–45; 33:22; 40:2–23; Hel 14:25; Moses 7:55–56, 62
HIS ATONEMENT		
Christ's atonement would be infinite	Nephi, Jacob, Amulek	2Ne 9:7; 25:16; Alma 34:8–14
His sacrifice would satisfy the demands of justice and mercy	Jacob, Abinadi, Alma, Amulek	2Ne 9:25–26; 25:16; Mosiah 15:8–9, 26–27; Alma 34:14–18; 42:13–30
His atonement would redeem all mankind from physical death brought about by Adam's fall	Lehi, Jacob, Abinadi, Alma, Amulek	2Ne 2:8–9; 9:4–15; Mosiah 15:7–9, 20–27; Alma 11:39–45; 12:21–25; 40:23; 41:2–15
His atonement would make available the forgiveness of sins for all who have faith in him, repent, are baptized, receive the Holy Ghost, and endure; they thus become his sons and daughters and receive joy and eternal life	Adam, Eve, Noah, brother of Jared, Isaiah, Lehi, Nephi, Jacob, Benjamin, Abinadi, Alma, Amulek, Aaron, John the Baptist	Ether 3:14; Isa 1:16–18; Mt 3:11; 1Ne 10:4–6; 2Ne 2:3–29; 9:10–42; 31:10–21; Mosiah 3:11–19; 4:5–30; 5:6–15; 15:10–19; Alma 5:6–62; 11:36–43; 12:12–37; 22:14; 34:2–41; 42:2–28; Moses 5:8–11; 6:51–68; 8:23–24