Main Prophetic Predictions by Jesus

Explanation

Jesus was known as a prophet. When he asked his disciples, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" (Mt 16:13), they said that some people said he was John the Baptist, or Elijah, and others said he was one of the prophets. Deuteronomy 18:18 has prophesied that the Lord would "raise up a Prophet" at a future date, like unto Moses, who would speak in the name of the Lord and to whom the people should hearken. As a prophet, Jesus issued many predictions about future events, including coming persecutions, actions of individual people, his own death, woes and laments, the last days, his second coming, and the final judgment. This dimension of his ministry was more potent than many readers realize.

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	Matthew	Mark	Luke	JOHN
Blessings shall be given to the poor in spirit, the mournful, the meek, the righteous, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and the persecuted	5:1–12		6:20–26	
"One jot or one tittle shall not pass"	5:17–18			
COMING PERSECUTIONS				
Cities that do not receive or listen to the apostles will be condemned at the last judgment	10:14–15	6:11	10:11–12	
The apostles are sent to preach as "sheep in the midst of wolves"	10:16			
The apostles will be "deliver[ed] up to the councils" and will be "scourg[ed] in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake"	10:17–18	13:9	21:12	16:2
"Take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate," for "I will give you a mouth of wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist"	10:19–20	13:11	21:13–15	
The apostles will be betrayed by both family and friends and some will be put to death at their hands	10:21	13:12	21:16	
"Ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake," but those that endure to the end will be saved and "there shall not an hair of your head perish"	10:22; 24:13	13:13	21:12, 17–19	15:20–21
"All ye shall be offended"	26:31	14:27		
"Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come"	10:23			
James and John will suffer	20:20–23	10:35–39		
ACTIONS OF UPPER ROOM OWNER				
In the city you "shall meet a man bearing a pitcher of water"		14:13	22:10	
He will enter into a house. Follow him.		14:13	22:10	
"He will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared"		14:15	22:12	

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JUDAS'S AND PETER'S ACTIONS				
"One of you shall betray me"	26:21	14:18		13:21
"The hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table"			22:21	
"He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me"	26:23	14:20		13:26
"Woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! Good were it for that man if he had never been born"	26:24	14:21	22:22	
Judas asks, "Master, is it I?" and Jesus replies, "Thou hast said"	26:25			
Peter shall deny	26:34	14:30	22:34	13:36–38
DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS				
"Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me"				13:33
"I will not drink henceforth"	26:29	14:25		
First prediction of his own death	16:21–28	8:31-9:1	9:22-27	16:16–20
Second prediction of his own death	17:22–23	9:30–32	9:43-45	
Third prediction of his own death	20:17–19	10:32-34	18:31–34	
"The third day I shall be perfected"			13:32	
"Son of man be risen again from the dead" on the third day	12:39–40; 16:4; 17:9; 26:32	9:9–10; 14:28	11:29–30	12:32–33
"I will go before you into Galilee"	26:32	14:28		
WOES AGAINST SCRIBES AND PHARISEES				
Scribes and Pharisees will slay and persecute prophets of the Lord	23:34		11:49	
Blood of the prophets to be required of this generation	23:36		11:50–51	
Scribes and Pharisees "shall receive greater damnation"	23:14, 33	12:40	20:47	
LAMENT OVER JERUSALEM				
If thou hadst known the things that could have been yours, "but now they are hid from thine eyes"	23:37		13:34; 19:42	
This house is left desolate	23:38		13:35	
"Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord"	23:39		13:35	

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JERUSALEM'S FALL				
"For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side"			19:43	
The city will be leveled and its people buried in the ground			19:44	
When Jerusalem is surrounded with armies, its desolation is nigh			21:20	
Woe to the mothers with infants "in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people"			21:23	
"And they shall fall by the edge of the sword"			21:24	
Israel will be scattered in bondage in all nations			21:24	
"And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled"			21:24	
Destruction of the Temple of Herod	24:1–2	13:1–2	21:5–6, 20–24	
THE LAST DAYS				
"The father shall be divided against son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother"			12:53	
When preaching the gospel in the last days, do not premeditate your words; the Holy Ghost will give you utterance	10:19	13:11	21:13–15	
Family members shall betray and kill each other	10:21	13:12	21:16	
"Many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many"	23:5	13:6	21:8	
You shall hear of wars and rumors of wars	24:6	13:7	21:9	
"All these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet"	24:6	13:7	21:9	
"Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom"	24:7	13:8	21:10	
"There shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in diverse places"	24:7	13:8	21:11	
Persecution of the disciples	24:9	13:9	21:12	
Many will be offended, betrayed, and hated	24:10			

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"Many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many"	24:11, 24	13:22		
Iniquity shall abound and the love of many shall wax cold	24:12			
"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come"	24:14	13:10		
The righteous will need to flee to holy places	24:15–20	13:14–18	21:21	
"Woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!"	24:19	13:17	21:23	
There shall be greater tribulation than has been since the beginning of this world	24:21	13:19		
"Days shall be shortened"	24:22	13:20		
Apostasy and error: "False Christs, and false prophets shall shew great signs and wonders" and will deceive many	24:24	13:21–22	17:23	
Those who sacrifice in selflessness will have their lives preserved			17:33	
"The sea and the waves roaring"			21:25	
"Upon the earth distress of nations"			21:25	
"Men's hearts failing them"			21:26	
"When ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors"		13:29	21:31	
"This generation shall not pass, till all these things be done"		13:30	21:32	
COMING OF THE KINGDOM				
Will not come to one specific, observable place, but will come within you			17:20	
"For there shall be new heavens, and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness"			17:39 JST	
The earth will be cleansed of all sin			17:40 JST	
The Holy Ghost will come				6:7; 14:16; 15:26

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COMING OF THE SON OF MAN				
His own second coming				14:3; 16:16
Sorrow will turn to joy				16:20
The false Christs will say "He is in the desert. He is in the secret chambers," but do not believe them	24:26			
"As the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall the coming of the Son of man be"	24:27		17:24	
Sun and moon will be darkened and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken	24:29	13:24–25	21:25, 26	
"The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it"			17:22	
"Then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven"	24:30			
"Then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory"	24:30	13:26	21:27	
Angels will sound trumpets with great glory, gathering his elect from all ends of heaven and earth	24:31	13:27		
Only the Father knows the day and hour of the second coming	24:36	13:32		
Coming of the Son of Man likened to the coming of the flood in the day of Noah	24:37–39		17:26–27	
Days before the coming of the Son of Man likened to the days of Lot in Sodom when "it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed"			17:29–30	
Coming of the Son of Man likened to "a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch"	24:43	13:34		
He comes "in such an hour as ye think not"	24:44			
The Saints will be gathered and angels will descend and gather the remainder of the Saints from all places			17:37–38 JST	

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The Son of Man will come in glory with angels around him and will sit on the throne of glory	25:31			
All nations will appear before him	25:32		13:29	
"He shall separate them one from another"	25:32			
THE LAST JUDGMENT				
Unrepentant cities will not be tolerated in the judgment day	11:24		10:14	
Secrets will be revealed and preached from the housetops			12:2–3	
Many will not be able to enter the strait gate because the Lord will not recognize the sinful and will tell them to depart	7:13, 23		13:24–27	
There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when the sinful see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and they themselves are thrust out			13:28	
One of every two will be left behind	24:40		17:34–36	
The last shall be first and the first shall be last			13:30	
"And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left"	25:33			
The King will invite those on his right hand to inherit the kingdoms prepared for them since the foundation of the world	25:34			
The righteous will question their good works in humility	25:37–39			
The King will curse those on his left hand to depart from him and enter everlasting fire prepared for the devil	25:41			
The unrighteous will defend their works in pride	25:44			
The unrighteous will suffer everlasting punishment, but the righteous will inherit eternal life	25:46			