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GRATEFUL FOR GOD'S WORD

A 25-day Christmas devotional on
promises kept & prophecies fulfilled

God is the Giver of every good and perfect gift. The ultimate gift He has given us is Jesus, the Lord over all creation who stepped out of Heaven and came to earth with the intention of redeeming mankind from sin.

The story of Jesus doesn't start in the manger or even in the New Testament. It is in the Old Testament where specific prophecies about the coming Messiah are woven throughout the pages. Many of those prophecies were fulfilled at Christ's first advent, which will be the focus of these days leading up to Christmas.

You'll see that each day of this journal has an Old Testament prophecy that points to a New Testament fulfillment by Christ. Some verses are direct, effortless-to-understand prophecy, and some are whispers that might be easy to miss otherwise, but they all find their realization in Christ alone. Spend some time daily reflecting on just one element of Christ, journaling your answers to the reflection questions, and using the prayer at the bottom of each page. You'll see He was the plan from the very beginning, and this truth only becomes clearer the more you study the Old Testament.

In light of this intentional focus on Christ as the fulfillment of Scripture, may you experience this blessed Christmas season in a brand-new way. Because of who He is and what He has told us throughout the Bible, may we all be *Grateful for God's Word*.

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JESUS WAS...

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DAY 1

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

A DESCENDANT OF ABRAHAM



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

Abraham will certainly become
a great and mighty nation, and
in him all the nations of the
earth will be blessed.

GENESIS 18:18 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

Now the promises were spoken to
Abraham and to his seed. He does not
say, "And to seeds," as one would in
referring to many, but rather as in
referring to one, "And to your seed,"
that is, Christ.

GALATIANS 3:16 NASB



What do you need to trust God for today?

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DAY 2

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

A DESCENDANT OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

**As for you, Judah, your brothers shall
praise you; Your hand shall be on the
neck of your enemies; Your father's
sons shall bow down to you.**

GENESIS 49:8 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

**For it is evident that our Lord
was descended from Judah.**

HEBREWS 7:14 NASB



How are you living your life in a way that shows you worship Jesus?

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DAY 3

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

A DESCENDANT OF DAVID



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

“Behold, the days are coming,”
declares the LORD, “When I will
raise up for David a righteous
Branch; And He will reign as king
and act wisely And do justice and
righteousness in the land.”

JEREMIAH 23:5 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

... concerning His Son, who was
born of a descendant of David
according to the flesh.

ROMANS 1:3 NASB



What do you need to confess to God so that you can be restored to Him?

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DAY 4

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

BORN IN BETHLEHEM



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

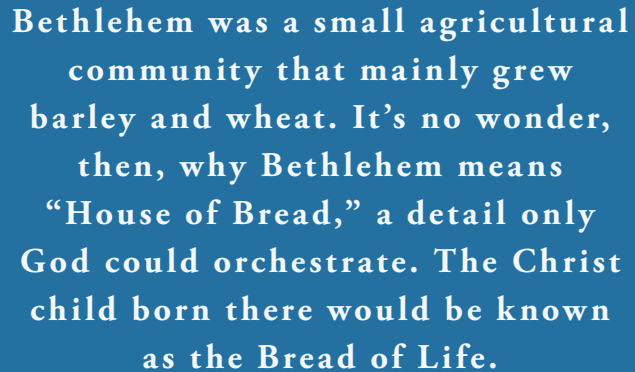
But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Too little to be among the clans of
Judah, From you One will come forth
for Me to be ruler in Israel. His times
of coming forth are from long ago,
From the days of eternity.

MICAH 5:2 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

Now after Jesus was born in
Bethlehem of Judea in the days
of Herod the king . . .

MATTHEW 2:1 NASB



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DAY 5

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

BORN IN HUMAN FORM



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

**For a Child will be born to us,
a Son will be given to us.**

ISAIAH 9:6 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

**. . . for today in the city of David
there has been born for you a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.**

LUKE 2:11 NASB



What were the circumstances that led you to trust in Jesus as your Savior?

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DAY 6

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

BORN OF A VIRGIN



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

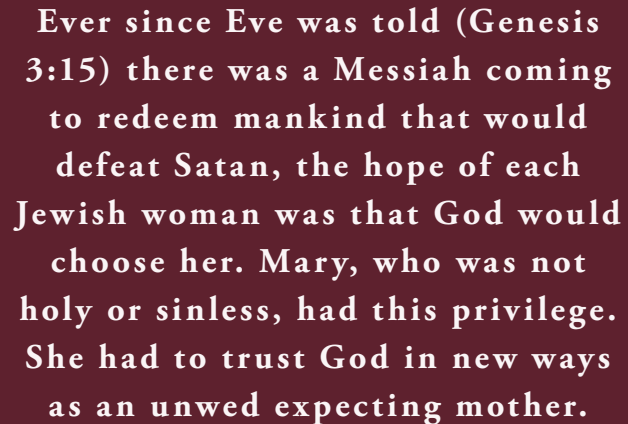
**Behold, the virgin will conceive and
give birth to a son, and she will name
Him Immanuel.**

ISAIAH 7:14 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

**But Mary said to the angel, “How
will this be, since I am a virgin?”**

LUKE 1:34 NASB



Father, You choose to work in mysterious ways. As I reflect on the ways that You have overseen the details of my life, help my faith and trust in You to increase. I want my hope in You to know no limits.

In Christ I pray, Amen.

DAY 7

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

ANNOUNCED BY A STAR



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

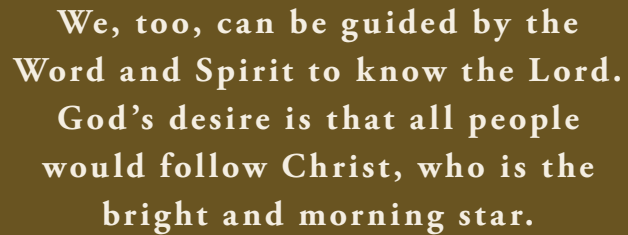
**A star shall appear from Jacob,
A scepter shall rise from Israel.**

NUMBERS 24:17 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

**Where is He who has been born King
of the Jews? For we saw His star in the
east and have come to worship Him.**

MATTHEW 2:2 NASB



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DAY 8

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

GIVEN GIFTS



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

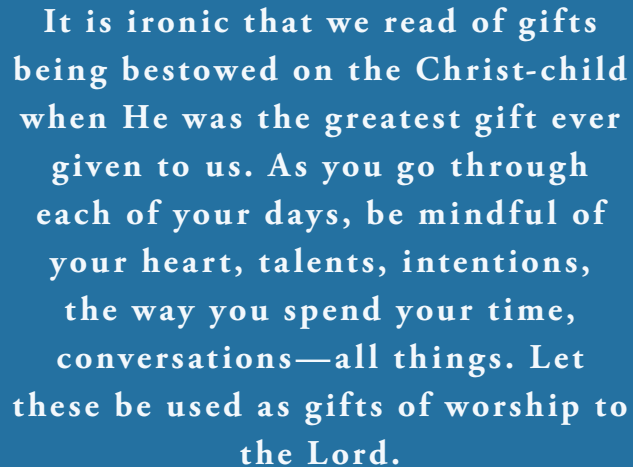
May the kings of Tarshish and of the
islands bring gifts; May the kings of
Sheba and Seba offer tributes.

PSALM 72:10 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

And after they came into the house,
they saw the Child with His mother
Mary; and they fell down and
worshiped Him. Then they opened
their treasures and presented to Him
gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

MATTHEW 2:11 NASB



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DAY 9

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

PURSUED BY MURDERERS AS A CHILD



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

This is what the LORD says: “A voice is heard in Ramah, Lamenting and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; She refuses to be comforted for her children, Because they are no more.”

JEREMIAH 31:15 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent men and killed all the boys who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.

MATTHEW 2:16 NASB



How does knowing God's plans
are unstoppable encourage you?

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DAY 10

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

IN EGYPT FOR A TIME



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

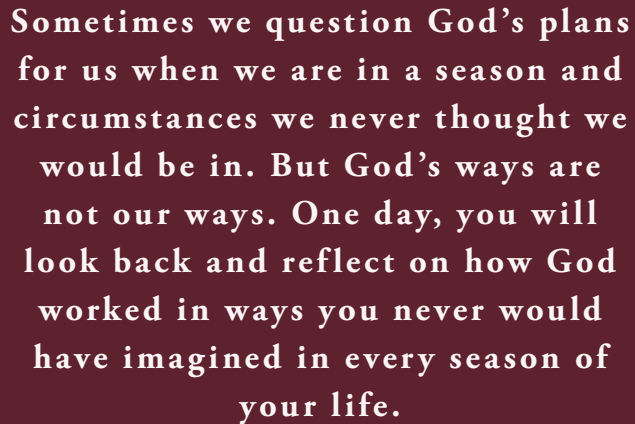
**When Israel was a youth I loved him,
And out of Egypt I called My son.**

HOSEA 11:1 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

**So Joseph got up and took the Child
and His mother while it was still night,
and left for Egypt. He stayed there until
the death of Herod; this happened so
that what had been spoken by the Lord
through the prophet would be fulfilled:
“OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON.”**

MATTHEW 2:14-15 NASB



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DAY 11

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

PRECEDED BY A PROPHET



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

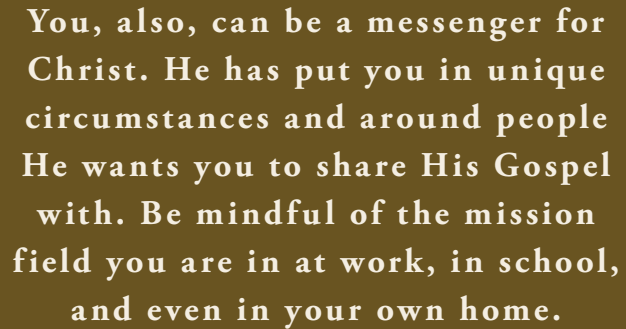
**Behold, I am sending My messenger,
and he will clear a way before Me.**

MALACHI 3:1 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

**But what did you go out to see? A prophet?
Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than
a prophet. This is the one about whom
it is written: “BEHOLD, I AM SENDING MY
MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL
PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.”**

MATTHEW 11:9-10 NASB



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DAY 12

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

TO EXPERIENCE SPIRITUAL WARFARE



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

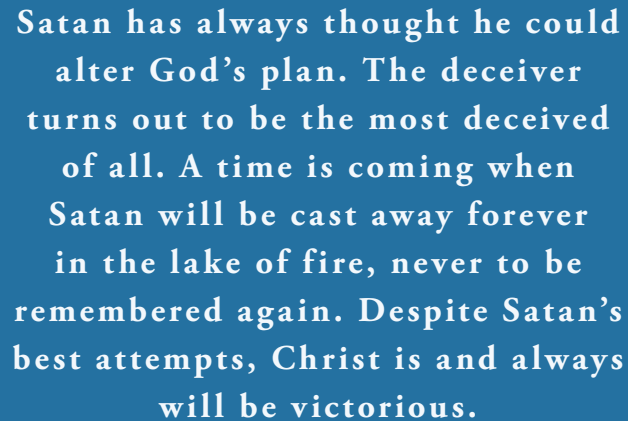
And I will make enemies Of you and
the woman, And of your offspring
and her Descendant; He shall bruise
you on the head, And you shall
bruise Him on the heel.

GENESIS 3:15 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

Then Jesus was led up by the
Spirit into the wilderness to be
tempted by the devil.

MATTHEW 4:1 NASB



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DAY 13

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

MINISTERED TO BY ANGELS



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

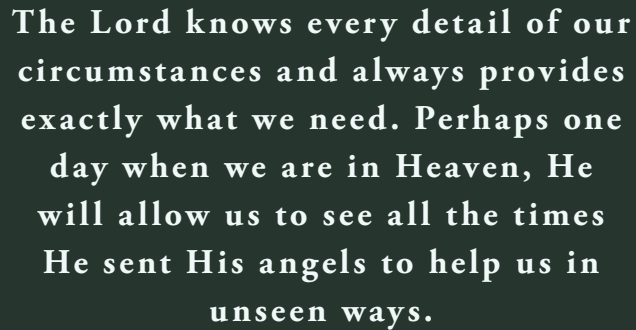
**For He will give His angels orders
concerning you, To protect you in
all your ways.**

PSALM 91:11 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

**Now an angel from heaven appeared
to Him, strengthening Him.**

LUKE 22:43 NASB



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DAY 14

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

HUMBLE IN APPEARANCE



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

**He has no stately form or
majesty That we would look at
Him, Nor an appearance that we
would take pleasure in Him.**

ISAIAH 53:2 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

**. . . but emptied Himself by taking the
form of a bond-servant and being born
in the likeness of men. And being found
in appearance as a man, He humbled
Himself by becoming obedient to the
point of death: death on a cross.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8 NASB



When have your eyes looked for what you wanted instead of what Christ wanted for you?

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DAY 15

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

PREACHING THE TRUTH TO OTHERS



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

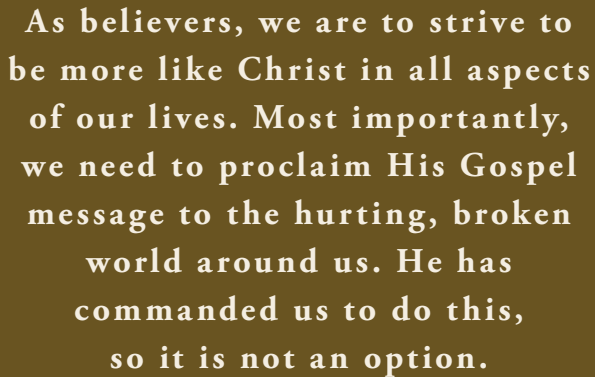
I have proclaimed good news
of righteousness in the great
congregation; Behold, I will not
restrain my lips, LORD, You know.

PSALM 40:9 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

Jesus began going around from
one city and village to another,
proclaiming and preaching the
kingdom of God.

LUKE 8:1 NASB



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DAY 16

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

USING PARABLES TO TEACH



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

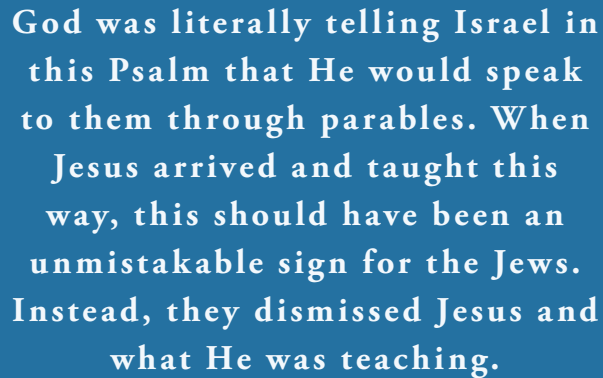
**I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will tell riddles of old.**

PSALM 78:2 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

**All these things Jesus spoke to the
crowds in parables, and He did not speak
anything to them without a parable.**

MATTHEW 13:34 NASB



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DAY 17

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

THE JUDGE TO COME



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

**For the LORD is our judge, The
LORD is our lawgiver, The LORD is
our king; He will save us.**

ISAIAH 33:22 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

**For not even the Father judges
anyone, but He has given all
judgment to the Son.**

JOHN 5:22 NASB



The final fulfillment of Christ as Judge will be in the future on Judgment Day. He won't be judging for anything this world values such as fame, riches, or personality. His judgment decree will be based only on knowing and believing in Him. Every person who rejected the free gift of salvation will be condemned forever.

What thoughts come to mind when you think about Christ on Judgment Day?

Lord, because I know and believe in You, I am thankful I only experience relief at the thought of Judgment Day. Thank You that You see me as righteous because of Christ's shed blood for me. I do not deserve Your goodness, but I am eternally grateful for it. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

DAY 18

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

DEMONSTRATING PRAYER



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

**In return for my love they act as
my accusers; But I am in prayer.**

PSALM 109:4 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

**Therefore He is also able to save
forever those who come to God
through Him, since He always lives to
make intercession for them.**

HEBREWS 7:25 NASB



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DAY 19

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

DEMONSTRATING LOVE



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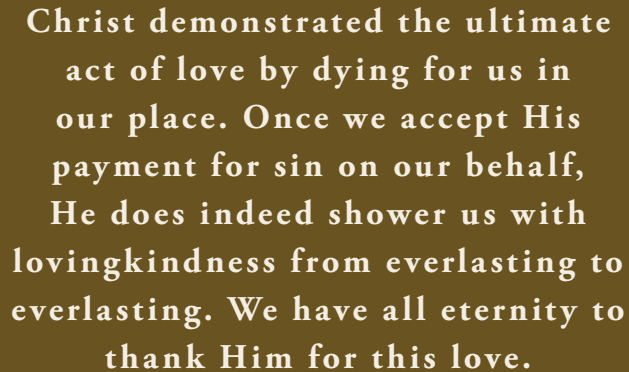
**But the lovingkindness of the LORD
is from everlasting to everlasting on
those who fear Him.**

PSALM 103:17 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

**Greater love has no one than this,
that a person will lay down his life
for his friends.**

JOHN 15:13 NASB



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DAY 20

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

DEMONSTRATING HEALING POWER



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

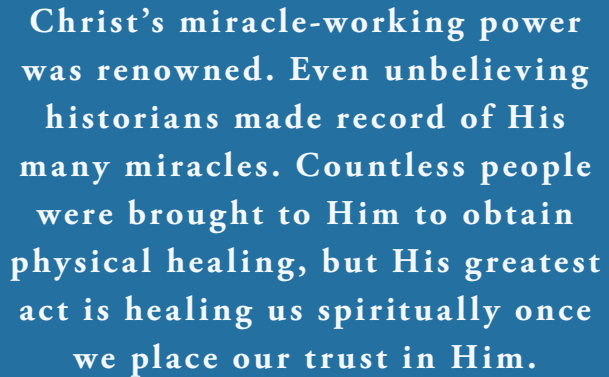
Then the eyes of those who are blind
will be opened, And the ears of those
who are deaf will be unstopped. Then
those who limp will leap like a deer,
And the tongue of those who cannot
speak will shout for joy.

ISAIAH 35:5-6 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

They brought to Him all who were ill,
those suffering with various diseases
and severe pain, demon-possessed,
people with epilepsy, and people who
were paralyzed; and He healed them.

MATTHEW 4:24 NASB



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DAY 21

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

SUBMITTING TO THE FATHER'S WILL



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

**I delight to do Your will, my God;
Your Law is within my heart.**

PSALM 40:8 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

**Jesus said to them, “My food is to
do the will of Him who sent Me,
and to accomplish His work.”**

JOHN 4:34 NASB



Jesus always glorified His Father and submitted to His will. Even in the Garden of Gethsemane before His crucifixion, we see Christ choosing God's will. This is an example to us that in all things—even in difficult situations—we must choose His will over our own.

How do you demonstrate delight in doing God's will?

Lord, I want to always submit to Your will.

Would you remind me in all situations,
big or small, to pray and seek You first?

As Galatians 2:20 says, “I am crucified in Christ, therefore I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God.”

I pray this in Christ, Amen.

DAY 22

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

ENTERING ON A DONKEY



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

**Behold, your king is coming
to you; He is righteous and
endowed with salvation, Humble,
and mounted on a donkey, Even
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

ZECHARIAH 9:9 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

**Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it;
as it is written “DO NOT FEAR, DAUGHTER
OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING,
SEATED ON A DONKEY’S COLT.”**

JOHN 12:14-15 NASB



How familiar are you with Scripture, and how can you choose to improve this?

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DAY 23

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

HATED
BY SOME



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

Those who hate me without
a cause are more than the
hairs of my head.

PSALM 69:4 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

Now they have both
seen and hated Me and
My Father as well.

JOHN 15:24 NASB



**How have you been rejected
for your faith in Christ?**

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DAY 24

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

REJECTED BY JEWS



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

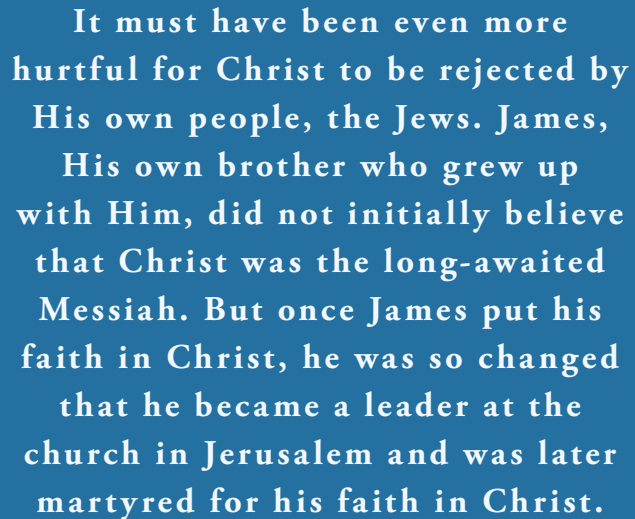
This is what the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and its Holy One, Says to the despised One, To the One abhorred by the nation, To the Servant of rulers: “Kings will see and arise, Princes will also bow down, Because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You.”

ISAIAH 49:7 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

He came to His own, and His own people did not accept Him.

JOHN 1:11 NASB



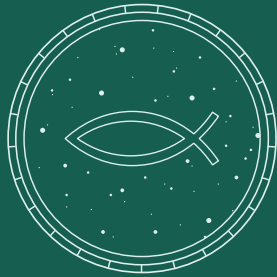
Father, the pain felt over the unbelief of close loved ones is a pain unique to any other hurt. Let my words and actions glorify You and help these people You are bringing to mind finally choose to trust in You. Help me to endure as I wait for them to accept Your salvation.

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

DAY 25

TO FULFILL PROPHECY,
JESUS WAS...

ACCEPTED BY GENTILES



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

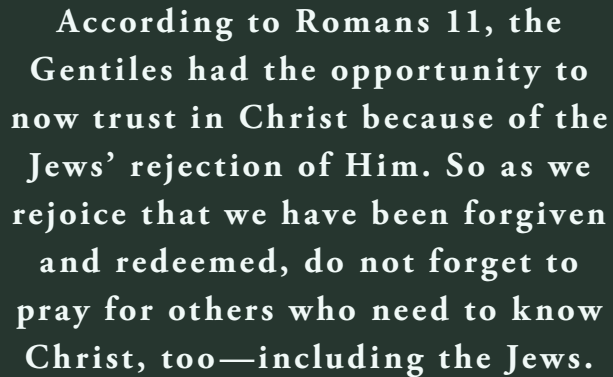
I will sow her for Myself in the land.
I will also have compassion on her
who had not obtained compassion,
And I will say to those who were not
My people, “You are My people!” And
they will say, “You are my God!”

HOSEA 2:23 NASB

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

But now in Christ Jesus you
who previously were far away
have been brought near by the
blood of Christ.

EPHESIANS 2:13 NASB



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JESUS WAS...

BORN TO BE
OUR SAVIOR,
AND HE LIVES TO REIGN
AS KING
FOREVERMORE!



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