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Prophetology

New Testament Priority vs. Passage Priority (meaning is found in the passage)

Key Estimates from Scholars

Roger Nicole identified **278** different Old Testament verses cited in the New Testament, occupying about 352 NT verses (over 4.4% of the New Testament).

George F. Pentecost counted **855 quotations and allusions**.

Every Old Testament book is quoted **except** Obadiah, Nahum, Zephaniah, and Esther (some lists also include Judges, Ruth, Ezra, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon as never explicitly quoted, though Song of Solomon has at least one contested quotation).

The most frequently cited OT books are **Psalms, Isaiah, Exodus, and Deuteronomy**.

Marked quotations: Introduced with phrases like “It is written” or “as the Scripture says.”

Unmarked quotations: Clearly borrowed wording but without an introductory formula.

Allusions: Indirect references sharing wording or themes.

Echoes: Thematic or verbal resonances that may not be intentional citations.

General references to “the prophets” (OT) (There are many other references to prophets in the NT. I chose the passages confirming their validity.)

Matthew 5:11 --“Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:17 --“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. **18** For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Matthew 23:29 -- “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, **30** and say, ‘If we had been living in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’ **31** So you testify against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. **32** Fill up, then, the measure of the guilt of your fathers. **33** You serpents, you brood of vipers, how will you escape the sentence of hell? **34** Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city, **35** so that upon you may fall the guilt of all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. **36** Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation. **37** Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. **38** Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! **39** For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’” (quoting Ps. 118:26)

So, Jesus judged those who refused to listen to the prophets and finished His condemnation by quoting from the prophets.

Matthew 26:55 - At that time Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as you would against a robber? Every day I used to sit in the temple teaching and you did not seize Me. **56** But all this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets.” Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

Mark 1:1 – (speaking of John the Baptist) The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. **2** As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: “BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY; **3** THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.’” (Mal. 3:1 & Isa. 40:3)

Mark 6:14 -- And King Herod heard of it, for His (Jesus) name had become well known; and people were saying, “John the Baptist has risen from the dead, and that is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him.” **15** But others were saying, “He is Elijah.” And others were saying, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” **16** But when Herod heard of it, he kept saying, “John, whom I beheaded, has risen!”

That’s the sort of proper, reverent fear the Jews had of their prophets. (Deut. 18:22)

Mark 12:28 -- One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, “What commandment is the foremost of all?” **29** Jesus answered, “The foremost is, ‘HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; **30** AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.’ **31** The second is this, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” **32** The scribe said to Him, “Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that HE IS ONE, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES HIM;”

Jesus quotes the prophets in Deut. 6:4-5, Lev. 19:18 and the scribe affirms them.

Luke 1:67 – (concerning John the Baptist) And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: **68** “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people, **69** And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of David His servant— **70** As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old— **71** Salvation FROM OUR ENEMIES, And FROM THE HAND OF ALL WHO HATE US; **72** To show mercy toward

our fathers, And to remember His holy covenant, **73** The oath which He swore to Abraham our father, **74** To grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, **75** In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days. **76** And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; For you will go on BEFORE THE LORD TO PREPARE HIS WAYS; **77** To give to His people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins, **78** Because of the tender mercy of our God, With which the Sunrise from on high will visit us, **79** TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH, To guide our feet into the way of peace.” (Quotes from Isa. 9:2)

Luke 3:3 And he (John Baptist) came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins; 4 as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT. 5 EVERY RAVINE WILL BE FILLED, AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL WILL BE BROUGHT LOW; THE CROOKED WILL BECOME STRAIGHT, AND THE ROUGH ROADS SMOOTH; 6 AND ALL FLESH WILL SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD.’” (Isa. 40)

Luke 4:16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. 17 And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the ¹book and found the place where it was written, 18 “THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, 19 TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.” (Isa. 61) 20 And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Luke 4:24 And He said, “Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his hometown. **25** But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the

days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land; **26** and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. **27** And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”

Luke 6:22 -- Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. **23** Be glad in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. For in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets. **24** But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort in full. **25** Woe to you who are well-fed now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. **26** Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for their fathers used to treat the false prophets in the same way.

Luke 11:29 -- As the crowds were increasing, He began to say, “This generation is a wicked generation; it seeks for a sign, and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah. **30** For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. **31** The Queen of the South will rise up with the men of this generation at the judgment and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. **32** The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

Jesus confirm the validity of Johan and Solomon’s wisdom.

Luke 11:47 repeats Matthew 23 -- **47** ^aWoe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and it was your fathers who killed them.

Luke 16:27 -- (Rich man and Lazarus) And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father’s house— **28** for I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ **29** But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ **30** But

he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!' 31 But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Christ rose from the dead, but people will not believe if they don't believe the Scriptures.

Luke 18:31 -- Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things which are written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. 32 For He will be handed over to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon, 33 and after they have scourged Him, they will kill Him; and the third day He will rise again." (*all those things were written beforehand*)

Luke 24:25 -- (with two disciples headed to Emmaus) And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! **26** Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" **27** Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures

Luke 24:44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." **45** Then He opened their ¹minds to understand the Scriptures,

John 1:23 – John the Baptist identified with prophetic role (Isaiah).

John 1:43 -- The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow Me." **44** Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter. **45** Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Acts 2:14 – (at Pentecost) But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: “Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words. **15** For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day; **16** but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel”

The apostles learned to quote and rely on the Scriptures, as Jesus, their teacher, did.

Acts 2:29 -- “Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. **30** And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE, (2Sam. 7) **31** he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY. **32** This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

Acts 3:17 -- (Peter speaking after a miracle) “And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also. **18** But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. **19** Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; **20** and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, **21** whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time. **22** Moses said, ‘THE LORD GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED to everything He says to you. **23** And it will be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.’ **24** And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and his successors onward, also announced these days. **25** It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE

BLESSED.’ **26** For you first, God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways.”

Acts 10:42 -- And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. **43** Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.”

Acts 13:38 -- Therefore, let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, **39** and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses. **40** Therefore take heed, so that the thing spoken of in the Prophets may not come upon you: **41** ‘BEHOLD, YOU SCOFFERS, AND MARVEL, AND PERISH; FOR I AM ACCOMPLISHING A WORK IN YOUR DAYS, A WORK WHICH YOU WILL NEVER BELIEVE, THOUGH SOMEONE SHOULD DESCRIBE IT TO YOU.’” (Hab. 1:5)

The prophets not only accurately spoke of Jesus, but they also told of Israel’s resistance.

Acts 15:13 -- (Jerusalem council debating Gentile inclusion) After they had stopped speaking, James answered, saying, “Brethren, listen to me. **14** Simeon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name. **15** With this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written, **16** ‘AFTER THESE THINGS I will return, AND I WILL REBUILD THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID WHICH HAS FALLEN, AND I WILL REBUILD ITS RUINS, AND I WILL RESTORE IT, **17** SO THAT THE REST OF MANKIND MAY SEEK THE LORD, AND ALL THE GENTILES WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME,’ **18** SAYS THE LORD, WHO MAKES THESE THINGS KNOWN FROM LONG AGO. (Amos 9:11-12)

The prophets not only predicted Gentile inclusion, but based it on the promise of a restored Davidic house and kingdom.

Acts 24:10 – When the governor (Felix) had nodded for him to speak, Paul responded: “Knowing that for many years you have been a judge to this nation, I cheerfully make my defense, **11** since you can take note of the fact that no more than twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship. **12** Neither in the temple, nor in the synagogues, nor in the city itself did they find me carrying on a discussion with anyone or causing a riot. **13** Nor can they prove to you the charges of which they now accuse me. **14** But this I admit to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect I do serve the God of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets; **15** having a hope in God, which these men cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.

Acts 26:19 -- “So, King Agrippa, I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision, **20** but kept declaring both to those of Damascus first, and also at Jerusalem and then throughout all the region of Judea, and even to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance. **21** For this reason some Jews seized me in the temple and tried to put me to death. **22** So, having obtained help from God, I stand to this day testifying both to small and great, stating nothing but what the Prophets and Moses said was going to take place; **23** that the Christ was to suffer, and that by reason of His resurrection from the dead He would be the first to proclaim light both to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles.”

Acts 28:23 When they had set a day for Paul, they (the Jews at Rome) came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening. **24** Some were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe. **25** And when they did not agree with one another, they began leaving after Paul had spoken one parting word, “The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers, **26** saying, ‘GO TO THIS PEOPLE AND SAY, “YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND; AND YOU WILL KEEP ON

SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE; **27** FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES; OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT SEE WITH THEIR EYES, AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I WOULD HEAL THEM.” (Isa. 6:9)

Paul’s repeated defense of himself, and the reason for Jewish acceptance, was all based on the law and the prophets, who spoke by the Holy Spirit ... they were divinely correct.

Romans 1:1 -- Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, **2** which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, **3** concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, **4** who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Romans 3:21 --But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, **22** even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

Human sinfulness and justification by grace are all prophesied.

In **Romans 9-11** there are too many citations to list or read. But, Paul’s entire argument in favor of God’s faithfulness to Israel is based on what the prophets have said and what the Scripture records. And his theology of salvation by grace is rooted in them. For instance –

Romans 11:2 -- God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? **3** "Lord, THEY HAVE KILLED YOUR PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN YOUR ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE." **4** But what is the divine response to him? "I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL." **5** In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time ^aa remnant according to God's gracious choice. **6** But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace. (Quoting from 1Kings 19)

Romans 15:1 -- Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves. **2** Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. **3** For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED YOU FELL ON ME." (Psalm 69:9) **4** For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Even Christian virtues and behavior are based in what the prophets wrote.

1Corinthians 14:20 -- Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature. **21** In the Law it is written, "BY MEN OF STRANGE TONGUES AND BY THE LIPS OF STRANGERS I WILL SPEAK TO THIS PEOPLE, AND EVEN SO THEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO ME," says the Lord. (Isa. 28:11)

Eph. 2:19 -- So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, **20** having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, **21** in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy ¹temple in the Lord, **22** in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit promised by God and the household of the ekklesia are built on the prophets and apostles.

Hebrews 1:1 -- God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

The writer affirms that God Himself spoke through the prophets.

James 5: 9 -- Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door. **10** As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The prophets are an example of endurance when standing for God.

1Peter 1:10 -- As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, **11** seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.

The prophets prophesied grace.

2Peter 1:19 -- So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. **20** But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation (explaining), **21** for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2Peter 3:1 -- This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, **2** that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.

Rev. 10:5 -- Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven, **6** and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, WHO CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT (quoting Ex. 20:11), that there will be delay no longer, **7** but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He ¹preached to His servants the prophets.

Even angels quote from Scripture.

Revelation 11:15 -- Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." **16** And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, **17** saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. **18** And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

The final rewards go to saints, the reverent, and the prophets.

Rev. 18:19 -- And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been laid waste!' **20** Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her."

Judgment against this world is on behalf of the saints, the apostles, and the prophets.

Revelation 22:6 -- And he said to me, "These words are faithful and true"; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must soon take place.

God identifies Himself and His angels attest that He is the God of the spirits of the prophets.

Revelation 22:7 -- "And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book." **8** I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. **9** But he said to me, "Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God."

Matthew 1:22–23 – "All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive...'" (Isa 7:14)

Matthew 2:15 – "Out of Egypt I called my son" (Hos 11:1)

Matthew 2:17–18 – "Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet..." (Jer 31:15)

Matthew 2:23 – "He shall be called a Nazarene" (prophetic theme, unspecified text)

Matthew 4:14 – "This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah..." (Isa 9:1–2)

Matthew 5:17–18 – "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them... until all is accomplished."

Matthew 8:17 – “This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: ‘He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.’” (Isa 53:4)

Matthew 12:17 – “This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah...” (Isa 42:1–4)

Matthew 13:35 – “This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: ‘I will open my mouth in parables...’” (Ps 78:2)

Matthew 21:4 – “This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet...” (Zech 9:9)

Matthew 27:9–10 – “Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet...” (Jer 32:6–9; Zech 11:12–13)

Matthew 26:56 – “But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”

Mark 14:49 – Parallel to Matt 26:56: “But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.”

Mark 15:27 They crucified two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left. **28** [¹And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And He was numbered with transgressors.”]

Luke 4:21 – “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” (Isa 61:1–2)

Luke 22:37 – “For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’” (Isa 53:12)

Luke 24:44 – “Then he said to them, ‘...that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.’”

Luke 24:46 – “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead...” (idea of fulfillment according to Scripture)

John 7:38 “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

John 10:34 “Jesus answered them, ‘Is it not written in your Law, “I said, you are gods”?’” (Quoting Psalm 82:6)

John 12:38–40 – “This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet...” (Isa 53:1; 6:10)

John 13:18 – “I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, ‘He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’” (Ps 41:9)

John 19:24 “...so they said to one another, ‘Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.’ This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, ‘**They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.**’” (Quoting Psalm 22:18)

John 17:12 – “While I was with them, I kept them in your name... so that the Scripture might be fulfilled, ‘He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’” (referring to Judas; cf. Ps 41:9)

John 19:24 – “They said to one another, ‘Let us not tear it [the tunic], but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.’ This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, ‘They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.’” (Ps 22:18)

John 19:28 – “After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), ‘I thirst.’” (often linked with Ps 69:21)

John 19:36 – “For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: ‘Not one of his bones will be broken.’” (Ex 12:46; Num 9:12; Ps 34:20)

Acts 1:16 – “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas...” (Ps 69:25; 109:8)

Acts 3:18 – “But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he so fulfilled.”

Acts 13:27 – “For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers... fulfilled them [the prophets] by condemning him.”

Romans 1:17 “For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’”

Romans 3:10 “As it is written: ‘None is righteous, no, not one.’”

Romans 4:3 “For what does the Scripture say? ‘**B**’ (Quoting Genesis 15:6)

Romans 9:17 “For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, **B**” (Quoting Exodus 9:16)

Romans 10:11 “For the Scripture says, ‘Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.’” (Quoting Isaiah 28:16)

Romans 11:2 “God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?”

1 Corinthians 1:19 “For it is written, ‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’”

1 Corinthians 2:9 “But, as it is written, ‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him.’”

1 Corinthians 3:19–20 “For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, ‘He catches the wise in their craftiness,’ and again, ‘The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.’”

1 Corinthians 15:3–4 -- “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins **in accordance with the Scriptures**, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day **in accordance with the Scriptures.**”

2 Corinthians 4:13 “Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, ‘I believed, and so I spoke,’ we also believe, and so we also speak.”

2 Corinthians 6:2 “For he says, ‘In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.’”

2 Corinthians 9:9 “As it is written, ‘He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.’”

Galatians 3:8 “And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, ‘In you shall all the nations be blessed.’” (Quoting Genesis 12:3 / 18:18 / 22:18)

Galatians 3:10 “For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, ‘Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.’”

Galatians 4:30 “But what does the Scripture say? ‘Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.’” (Quoting Genesis 21:10)

James 2:23 “...and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness’—and he was called a friend of God.” (Gen. 15:6)

James 4:6 “But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’” (Quoting Proverbs 3:34)

To conclude:

So, the prophets and prophetic Scripture got it all accurate when speaking of: Jesus’ birth, life, miracles, teaching, betrayal, judgement, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension. The inclusion of Gentiles, receiving the Holy Spirit, coming to faith in the Jewish Messiah and being saved. Salvation by grace through faith. Eschatology and Jesus ultimate rule and reign. The prophets will be eternally rewarded (apparently for their commitment to God’s word even the face of persecution.)

But, we are to believe that when it comes to the subject that they all agree on – the return of Israel to their land to live in peace, the kingdom to come, the time of Christ’s exaltation as King in Israel, and years of rest – THAT’S where they got it wrong.