

17 Prophecies/Probabilities about the First Advent of Christ

1. The birth of Christ in Bethlehem from the tribe of Judah (Micah 5:2, Genesis 49:10/Matthew 2:1) taking in to consideration the double prophecy of the place (Bethlehem) and the tribe (Judah) from which Christ would come (200 x12) 1 chance in 2,400
2. Christ would be preceded by a messenger turning the hearts of multitudes (Isaiah 40:3/Malachi 4:5,6/ Matthew 3:1,2): 1 chance in 20
3. Christ would enter Jerusalem on a colt with the reception of multitudes rejoicing (Zechariah 9:9/ Luke 19:35-37): 1 chance in 50
4. Christ would be betrayed by a friend (Psalm 41:9/Matthew 26:47,48): 1 chance in 10
5. The hands and feet of Christ would be pierced (Psalm 22:16/Luke 23:33): 1 chance in 100
6. Christ would be wounded, bruised, and scourged by his enemies (Isaiah 53:5/Matthew 27:26): 1 chance in 10
7. Christ would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12/Matthew 26:15). 1 chance in 50
8. The betrayal money would be thrown in the temple and then given to buy a potter's field (Zechariah 11:13/ Matthew 27:5-7). 1 chance in 200
9. Christ would be spit upon and abused by his enemies (Isaiah 50:6/Matthew 26:67). 1 chance in 10
10. Christ would be silent before His accusers (Isaiah 53:7/Matthew 27:12-14): 1 chance in 100
11. Christ would be crucified with thieves (Isaiah 53:12/Matthew 27:38). 1 chance in 100
12. People would gamble for the garments of Christ (Psalm 22:18/John 19:23,24). 1 chance in 100
13. The side of Christ would be pierced (Zechariah 12:10/John 19:34). 1 chance in 100
14. None of the bones of Christ would be broken (Psalm 34:20/John 19:33). 1 chance in 20
15. The body of Christ would not decay (Psalm 16:10/Acts 2:31). 1 chance in 10,000
16. Christ would be buried in a rich man's tomb (Isaiah 53:9/Matthew 27:57-60). 1 chance in 100
17. The time of Christ's coming and his execution would be 483 (69 x7) years after the rebuilding and restoration of Jerusalem (Daniel 9:26,27/Matthew 2:2, John 12:1,23). 1 chance in 1,000

Note that the above prophecies involve the element of the prerogative and reaction of others toward the Savior, eliminating the notion of "staging" a deliberate fulfillment by Christ.

The calculated probability producing the odds against the prophets "guessing right" are as follows:
 $2,400 \times 20 \times 50 \times 10 \times 100 \times 10 \times 50 \times 200 \times 10 \times 100 \times 100 \times 100 \times 100 \times 20 \times 10,000 \times 100 \times 1,000$
 $= 1 \text{ in } 4.8 \times 10^{32}$ (i.e., 1 chance in 480 billion x 1 billion x 1 trillion). That number is equal to the tiny grains of sand that would fill the entire Milky Way (100,000 light years of distance/volume) .

In view of the MORE than 350 prophecies concerning the first coming of Christ fulfilled with 100% accuracy, the above prophecies are only limited to 17 because the numbers of statistical probability (i.e., impossibility) become astronomically incomprehensible. Further, there are thousands of prophecies referring to people, times, events, and places apart from specific prophecies about Christ fulfilled with perfect accuracy. The prophetic Scriptures have NEVER been wrong . The Bible stands alone as the only literature authenticated by 100% fulfilled prophecy (Isaiah 41:21-23; 46:10; 2 Peter 1:19).