

“THEN THE EYES OF THE BLIND SHALL BE OPENED, AND THE EARS OF THE DEAF SHALL BE UNSTOPPED. THEN SHALL THE LAME [MAN] LEAP AS AN HART, AND THE TONGUE OF THE DUMB SING.” – ISAIAH 35:5 & 6.

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THIS PROPHECY HAS ALREADY HAD A FULFILMENT AT CHRIST’S 1ST ADVENT: -

● This prophecy has been applied in Handel’s magnificent Oratorio, “THE MESSIAH” to the first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. And this is rightly so as we now shall see concerning Christ’s 1st Advent to this world. The New Testament writers have recorded Christ’s works of mercy and healing in repeated passages.

- The apostle Peter preached to the household of the Roman Centurion Cornelius, “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.” ([Acts 10:38.](#))
- The apostle Matthew has recorded that Jesus combined “preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people” ([Matthew 4:23](#)).

The people of Israel flocked to Jesus bringing their sick and suffering family members and friends for healing, as Matthew has recorded for us, “they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them” ([Matthew 4:24](#)).

He further records that Jesus was “preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people” ([Matthew 9:35](#)).

- The gospel writer Luke records that the crowds “followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing” ([Luke 9:11](#)).
- The following passages are a direct fulfilment of the prophecy of [Isaiah 35](#).
“Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.” ([Matthew 12:22](#).)

“And great multitudes came unto him, having with them [those that were] lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus’ feet; and he healed them.” ([Matthew 15:30](#).)

JESUS HEALED THE SICK BECAUSE HE WAS MOVED BY COMPASSION WHEN HE WITNESSED HUMAN SUFFERING: -

- We have it recorded over and over again in the New Testament, that Jesus healed every sick person who ever came to him for healing. He turned none away, because it is recorded concerning him, that he “was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick” ([Matthew 14:14](#)).
- Matthew further records concerning the two blind men who were sitting on the road as Jesus departed from Jericho, his act of compassion in healing them.
“And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, [thou] son of David. ... And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you? They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. So Jesus had compassion [on them], and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.” ([Matthew 20:30, 32-34](#).)
- Mark has recorded that Jesus healed the leper who came to him because he was “moved with compassion, put forth [his] hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.” ([Mark 1:41 & 42](#).)

- Luke has recorded for us the story of Jesus' raising to life again the only son of the widow of Nain, because Jesus was moved with compassion for the grieving mother.
"Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare [him] stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother." (Luke 7:12-15.)

THE EYES OF THE BLIND SHALL BE OPENED: -

- When Jesus read from the scroll of the Book of Isaiah on the Sabbath day, in the synagogue at Nazareth, he included in his reading the fact that the MESSIAH had been sent by the Lord to bring the *"recovering of sight to the blind"* (Luke 4:18).
- The gospel writer Luke records the fact that Jesus *"unto many [that were] blind he gave sight"* (Luke 7:21).
- Concerning *"blind Bartimaeus"* (Mark 10:46) we read the following incident concerning Jesus' healing power.
"And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, [thou] son of David, have mercy on me. ... And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way." (Mark 10:47, 51 & 52.)

THE EARS OF THE DEAF SHALL BE UNSTOPPED: -

- Mark's Gospel has recorded the following account of Jesus healing a deaf man.
"And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published [it]; And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak." (Mark 7:32-37.)
- When John the Baptist's disciples came to Jesus and asked him, *"Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?"* (Luke 7:20), Jesus responded to John's questions with the following decisive answer, *"Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; ... the deaf hear"* (Luke 7:22).

THE LAME SHALL LEAP AS AN HART: -

- After Jesus' 2nd cleansing of the Temple at Jerusalem, *"the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them"* (Matthew 21:14).
- When John the Baptist's disciples came to Jesus and asked him, *"Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?"* (Matthew 11:3), Jesus' answer included the command to, *"Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: ... the lame walk"* (Matthew 11:4 & 5).
- John's Gospel records Jesus' miracle of healing the man at the Pool of Bethesda. This man had been impotent for 38 years being unable to walk, until Jesus healed him.
"And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time [in that case], he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath." (John 5:5-9.)

THE TONGUE OF THE DUMB SHALL SING: -

- *"As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel."* (Matthew 9:32 & 33.)
"And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered." (Luke 11:14.)

● It should come as no surprise then, that Jesus himself proclaimed that in the miracles of healing that he performed during his public ministry, he had performed “works which none other man did” (John 15:24).

JESUS IS THE SAME TODAY: -

- The prophet Malachi has written the Lord’s own testimony to his unchanging character, “For I [am] the LORD, I change not” (Malachi 3:6).
- The Psalmist has recorded concerning our Creator God, “thou [art] the same” (Psalms 102:27).
- The apostle Paul in the Book of Hebrews has recorded the simple statement, “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” (Hebrews 13:8.)
- The apostle James wrote concerning God’s unchangeable character, “with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning” (James 1:17).

JESUS IS THE SAME POWERFUL AND COMPASSIONATE HEALER TODAY: -

- The apostle Paul has recorded the fact that Jesus is indeed “a merciful and faithful high priest” (Hebrews 2:17), who “was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin” (Hebrews 4:15). Because of this fact, we are exhorted to “come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16).
- The apostle James has recorded counsel for believer’s to follow when there is sickness among them, that teaches us that the Lord will indeed answer the prayer of faith, and heal the sick.
“Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.” (James 5:14 & 15.)

ISAIAH 35:5 & 6 HAS IT’S FINAL FULFILMENT IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD: -

● While we have amply demonstrated that this prophecy has indeed found a fulfilment at the time of Christ’s 1st Advent to this world, when we go back and read the surrounding context of this prophecy, it clearly also has a fulfilment in God’s eternal kingdom.

- “Say to them [that are] of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come [with] vengeance, [even] God [with] a recompense; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame [man] leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, [shall be] grass with reeds and rushes. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it [shall be] for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err [therein]. No lion shall be there, nor [any] ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk [there]: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” (Isaiah 35:4-10.)

The statement recorded in VS. 4 above “your God will come [with] vengeance, [even] God [with] a recompense; he will come and save you” clearly does have application to the 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ, as we find out from the pens of the Psalmist, the prophet Isaiah, and the apostle Paul.

“Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.” (Psalms 50:3 & 4.)

“He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken [it]. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this [is] our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this [is] the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.” (Isaiah 25:8 & 9.)

When we compare the statement “He will swallow up death in victory” with Paul’s message to the Corinthians concerning the resurrection of the righteous dead, we find that this passage is indeed applying to the 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ.

“So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.” (1 Corinthians 15:54.)

“And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Thessalonians 1:7 & 8.)

- The apostle John has recorded some of the wonders that he was shown in prophetic vision concerning the New Heavens and the New Earth, which clearly inform us that there shall be no more deformity, sickness, death or pain in God's eternal kingdom.
“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. ... And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” (Revelation 21:1 & 4.)

“And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, [was there] the tree of life, which bare twelve [manner of] fruits, [and] yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree [were] for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him.” (Revelation 22:1-3.)

Ezekiel has also recorded that the leaves of the Tree of Life are for the healing of the nations.

“And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.” (Ezekiel 47:12.)

“AND THE INHABITANT SHALL NOT SAY, I AM SICK: THE PEOPLE THAT DWELL THEREIN [SHALL BE] FORGIVEN [THEIR] INIQUITY.” – ISAIAH 33:24.