

## APPENDIX ONE

This appendix sets out a large number of verses from the New Testament which use the words *fulfil* or *fulfilled*. Each of these passages refer to events or situations as being the fulfilment of Bible prophecies made in the Old Testament. These were too numerous to place within any of the chapters, but they demonstrate that the concept of prophecies being *literally* fulfilled is the norm within the Bible. That being so, I would contend that we can confidently expect that all those prophecies which are, as yet, unfulfilled will be equally literally fulfilled in the future, just as these have been.

You will note that in each of these cases the prophecy is fulfilled in accordance with the literal, ordinary, plain meaning of the words used. There is no trace of allegory or symbolism in any of these passages. The events prophesied all actually happened, just as stated. Please now examine them for yourself and see whether you agree. For your convenience, I have altered the verses so that the words *fulfil* or *fulfilled* are in capitals.

<sup>21</sup> *she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.* <sup>22</sup> *All this took place to FULFIL what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:*

<sup>23</sup> *“Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and his name shall be called Emman'u-el”  
(which means, God with us).*

*Matthew 1:21-23 (RSV)*

<sup>13</sup> *Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”* <sup>14</sup> *And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt,* <sup>15</sup> *and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to FULFIL what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt have I called my son.”*

*Matthew 2:13-15 (RSV)*

<sup>16</sup> *Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men.* <sup>17</sup> *Then was FULFILLED what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:*

<sup>18</sup> *“A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled,  
because they were no more.”*  
*Matthew 2:16-18 (RSV)*

*And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be FULFILLED, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”*

*Matthew 2:23 (RSV)*

<sup>12</sup> *Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee;* <sup>13</sup> *and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Caper'na-um by the sea, in the territory of Zeb'ulun and Naph'tali,* <sup>14</sup> *that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be FULFILLED:*

<sup>15</sup> *“The land of Zeb'ulun and the land of Naph'tali,  
toward the sea, across the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles—*

<sup>16</sup> *the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death*

*light has dawned.”*

*Matthew 4:12-16 (RSV)*

<sup>17</sup> *“Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to FULFIL them. <sup>18</sup> For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.*

*Matthew 5:17-18 (RSV)*

<sup>16</sup> *That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick. <sup>17</sup> This was to FULFIL what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, “He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.”*

*Matthew 8:16-17 (RSV)*

<sup>13</sup> *This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. <sup>14</sup> With them indeed is FULFILLED the prophecy of Isaiah which says:*

*‘You shall indeed hear but never understand,  
and you shall indeed see but never perceive.*

<sup>15</sup> *For this people’s heart has grown dull,  
and their ears are heavy of hearing,  
and their eyes they have closed,  
lest they should perceive with their eyes,  
and hear with their ears,  
and understand with their heart,  
and turn for me to heal them.’*

*Matthew 13:13-15 (RSV)*

<sup>34</sup> *All this Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed he said nothing to them without a parable. <sup>35</sup> This was to FULFIL what was spoken by the prophet:*

*“I will open my mouth in parables,  
I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.”*

*Matthew 13:34-35 (RSV)*

<sup>1</sup> *And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth'phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If any one says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to FULFIL what was spoken by the prophet, saying,*

<sup>5</sup> *“Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on an ass,  
and on a colt, the foal of an ass.”*

<sup>6</sup> *The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon.*

*Matthew 21:1-7 (RSV)*

<sup>53</sup> *Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But how then should the scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?” <sup>55</sup> At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. <sup>56</sup> But all this has taken place, that the scriptures of the prophets might be FULFILLED.” Then all the disciples forsook him and fled.*

*Matthew 26:53-36 (RSV)*

<sup>6</sup> But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." <sup>7</sup> So they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. <sup>8</sup> Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup> Then was FULFILLED what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, <sup>10</sup> and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

*Matthew 27:6-10 (RSV)*

<sup>27</sup> And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>28</sup> and the scripture was FULFILLED which says, "He was reckoned with the transgressors."

*Mark 15:27-28 (RSV)*

<sup>16</sup> And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; <sup>17</sup> and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

<sup>20</sup> And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been FULFILLED in your hearing."

*Luke 4:16-21 (RSV)*

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be FULFILLED." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,

*Luke 24:44-45 (RSV)*

<sup>37</sup> Though he had done so many signs before them, yet they did not believe in him; <sup>38</sup> it was that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be FULFILLED:

"Lord, who has believed our report,  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

<sup>39</sup> Therefore they could not believe. For Isaiah again said,

<sup>40</sup> "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart,  
lest they should see with their eyes and perceive with their heart,  
and turn for me to heal them."

*John 12:37-40 (RSV)*

I am not speaking of you all; I know whom I have chosen; it is that the scripture may be FULFILLED, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.'

*John 13:18 (RSV)*

<sup>24</sup> If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. <sup>25</sup> It is to FULFIL the word that is written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause.'

*John 15:24-25 (RSV)*

While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be FULFILLED.

*John 17:12 (RSV)*

<sup>7</sup> Again he asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he; so, if you seek me, let these men go." <sup>9</sup> This was to FULFIL the word which he had spoken, "Of those whom thou gavest me I lost not one."

*John 18:7-9 (RSV)*

<sup>31</sup> Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death." <sup>32</sup> This was to FULFIL the word which Jesus had spoken to show by what death he was to die.

*John 18:31-32 (RSV)*

<sup>23</sup> When the soldiers had crucified Jesus they took his garments and made four parts, one for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was without seam, woven from top to bottom; <sup>24</sup> 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 FULFIL the scripture,

*"They parted my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots."*

*John 19:23-24 (RSV)*

<sup>28</sup> After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to FULFIL the scripture), "I thirst." <sup>29</sup> A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

*John 19:28-30 (RSV)*

<sup>36</sup> For these things took place that the scripture might be FULFILLED, "Not a bone of him shall be broken." <sup>37</sup> And again another scripture says, "They shall look on him whom they have pierced."

*John 19:36-37 (RSV)*

<sup>16</sup> "Brethren, the scripture had to be FULFILLED, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David, concerning Judas who was guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> For he was numbered among us, and was allotted his share in this ministry.

*Acts 1:16-17 (RSV)*

*But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ should suffer, he thus FULFILLED.*

*Acts 3:18 (RSV)*

*For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets which are read every sabbath, FULFILLED these by condemning him.*

*Acts 13:27 (RSV)*

*"for God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and giving over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God shall be FULFILLED".*

*Revelation 17:17 (RSV)*