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Essene Prophecies

(From more than 100 years before the birth of Jesus)

This chart was developed from videos by Dr. Ken Johnson (biblefacts.org).

They prophesied that the Messiah would come to earth and somehow reconcile humanity back to God.

They prophesied that the Messiah would be born of a virgin and that he would be God incarnate (God and man) - not *just* a man and *not* an angel.

They prophesied that the name of the Messiah would be Yeshua (the Hebrew name given to Jesus). When Jesus was born, 1 out of every 5 Jewish boys was named Yeshua (which means Salvation). The number of boys given this name shows the popularity of the Essene's beliefs. The people were looking for the Messiah to be born.

They prophesied that the Jews would *completely* abandon the original, *solar* calendar (which God ordained) for the pagan, *lunar* calendar. This happened after the Babylonian captivity.

They prophesied that the Pharisees would leave the true faith *before* the birth of the Messiah.

They prophesied that the Messiah would 'come' (or be made known) 1 shemithah, after the 9th Jubilee of their Age (which was around the year 3925 (on their calendar) and was around the year 32 AD (give or take a year). This was also the approximate time prophesied by Daniel's 70th week and is how the Wise Men knew they had seen the Messiah's star.

They prophesied that the Messiah would be born 70 generations *after* Enoch. The genealogy of Jesus is documented in Luke, Chapter 3 and show that Jesus was born 70 generations after Enoch.

They prophesied that someone from their 'order' (their school of prophets) would be the 'voice crying in the wilderness' (Isaiah 40). This was John the Baptist and Dr. Ken Johnson says they are 90% sure that John the Baptist was an Essene and that he helped to run the 'School of the Prophets'. The location where John the Baptist preached was only 8 miles from Qumran, where the Essenes lived (near the Dead Sea).

They prophesied that the Messiah would die but then be resurrected (which is why they believed in a bodily resurrection).

They prophesied that the Teacher of Lies (the false high priest) would put the Messiah to death and then lie about the resurrection.

They prophesied that the Messiah would come two times; the first time to die for our sins (32 AD) and the second time to set up his earthly reign.

The Essenes had a prophecy about a 'Benjaminite' who would appear *after* the Messiah came and he would explain the scriptures and how they relate to the Messiah. Paul wrote in Phillipians 3:5 that he was from the tribe of Benjamin - to show that he fulfilled this Essene prophecy, which Paul apparently knew about.

For more information concerning the Essenes, I recommend Dr. Ken Johnson; his website is <http://biblefacts.org> and his YouTube channel is called 'Ken Johnson'. Dr. Johnson is one of the few people in the world who has copies of the Dead Sea Scrolls and he is in the process of translating these scrolls into English.

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