

# Prophetic Proof

One of the many prophecies that proves the Bible to be God's Word and not merely man's, is **Genesis 49:10**. Here the dying Jacob revealed a prophetic clue to the coming of the Messiah:

***“The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people.”*** Shiloh is a title for the Jewish Messiah derived from the word ‘shalom’. Therefore, this prophecy, given approximately 1600 B.C., revealed that the Messiah would come before Israel lost its own judicial power (“scepter”).



This prophecy came true, in 7 A.D. when the Romans took away judicial power from the Sanhedrin Council in Judah to pronounce the death penalty. The Talmud (the Jewish oral tradition) records that there was *“general consternation”* among the council, and they *“covered their heads with ashes and their bodies with sackcloth, exclaiming: ‘Woe unto us, for the sceptre has departed from Judah, and the Messiah has not come!’”* But He had! They didn't realise that the Lord Jesus had been born in Bethlehem around 4 BC. So, the prophecy was fulfilled, the Bible was verified yet again, and Jesus Christ became the fulfiller of this prophecy. Anyone else is too late!