

The Bible's Prophetic Accuracy

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Introduction

Prophecy is the signature of God

*[The Lord Himself said:]Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; **I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:** - Isaiah 46:9-10*

There are thousands of religions in the world, therefore Christians are often asked the question; how do you know yours is the religion that is true? One answer is prophecy; the gods in no other religion tell us the end from the beginning. We can see through Bible prophecy that our God is in complete control of the world. This is comforting thought in these hectic days. Another purpose of prophecy is to prove that the prophet is speaking on God's behalf; therefore, we ignore their words at our own peril. Jesus said:

*If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. **If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.** But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. - John 15:22-25*

Because of the miracles that Jesus performed, he could rightfully expect the Jews to recognize that He came from the Father.

*If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, **believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.** - John 10:37-38*

Because there is sufficient evidence, all our excuses will seem lame on the Day of Judgment. This is true not only because of the miracles Jesus performed, but because of the record that He left us. Through prophecy, the Bible proves that its inspiration was not from men. While he was yet alive, Jesus stressed the importance of this when one of His apostles tried to save him from being arrested (and later crucified). Jesus said to him:

*Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? **But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?** - Matthew 26:53-54*

Jesus might just as easily have said, I would rather be crucified than to break my word, in another place the Psalmist said,

*I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for **thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.** - Psalms 138:2*

In keeping with God's high standard, a prophet must be 100% accurate in order to prove that he is speaking for God. This was God's standard from the beginning. Therefore, Moses said:

*When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, **if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.** - Deuteronomy 18:22*

We Can Verify that Prophecy is True

The one thing that has always amazed me is to see skeptics spend so much energy to find a naturalistic explanation for Bible prophecy. Something like, "The book of Daniel must have been written centuries after the author claimed; how else could he have explained future events so accurately?" While these skeptics work so hard to remain ignorant, they make little effort to provide a convincing explain on how, or why, if this were the case, the Jewish people would have received the book of Daniel as scripture.

Yet the skeptics, who spend their energy searching for truth, find that the evidence proves that the Jewish Bible has not been tampered with. For example, even a brief look at history will show that, from the beginning, the Jewish people and their leaders rejected Jesus as their Messiah. While the Jews would never have tamper with their Bible, if they did, it would have been to remove the prophecies of Jesus, not to insert them. The prophecies of Jesus in the Old Testament are evidence for their authenticity, and proof that the Jews have not tampered with their Bible.

Another proof comes in archeological finds like The Dead Sea Scrolls. We now have manuscripts that actually predate the New Testament. Among other things, archeologists have found the complete Book of Isaiah with its prophecies intact.

Finally, the prophecies that foretell events at the end of this age stand on their own merit. Who can seriously claim that the books of Daniel, Isaiah or Revelation were written less than a generation ago? When the last prophecy comes true, the scholars who ignore God's prophetic signature in the Bible will look foolish, for Isaiah said,

*Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder: **for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.** - Isaiah 29:14*

A Warning About False Prophecy

Let me give a few warnings before we actually look at some of the Bible's prophecies. When the disciples asked Jesus about the end of the age, he warned that in the last days there would be many false prophets.

*And **many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.** - Matthew 24:11*

AND

*Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For **there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before.** Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. - Matthew 24:23-26*

Many of the same people who reject the Bible as the Word of God will fall for these deceivers. You can see why this will happen if you analyze the politically correct culture that controls the public discussion of creation and evolution. Our modern universities are uncritical of Darwinian Evolution and at the same time forbid students to examine scientific evidence that suggests intelligent design.

Look at the textbooks, no evidence that suggests there might be a creator is allowed. At the same time, none of the problems with the evolutionary worldview is ever mentioned¹.

Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. - 2 Timothy 3:7

It is this same spirit of error that makes it culturally acceptable for us to mock the Bible that we have never studied. And at the same time uncritically follow after other prophets².

Another warning Jesus gave was that many of the false prophets would come in His name.

*And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For **many shall come in my name**, saying, I am Christ³; **and shall deceive many**. - Matthew 24:4-5*

Do not let the false prophets and teachers that come in Jesus name discourage you with the true. (At the time this is being written, the president of *Family Radio*, Harold Camping has predicted the rapture will happen on May 21, 2011.) While false prophets cause many to speak derisively of the Bible, the fact that there are false prophets who have come in the name of Lord only proves that the prophets in the Bible are true.

***But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.** - 2 Peter 2:1-2*

A Sample of Old Testament Prophecy

Authors with the gift of prophecy wrote over a quarter of the Old Testament⁴. This study will center on the prophecies that prove the Bible is true (Christ's first coming and prophecies concerning today), However, first we will look at one prophecy in Ezekiel for three reasons. First, to note the detail. Second, to note the accuracy. Third, and most important to us, to look at its chronology. Ezekiel speaking against the city of Tyre,

*Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause **many nations to come up against thee**, as the sea causeth his waves to come up. And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: **I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock. It shall be a place for the spreading of nets** in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD: and it shall become a spoil to the nations. And her daughters which are in the field shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that I am the LORD.*

*For thus saith the Lord GOD; **Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon**, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people. He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field: and he shall make a fort against thee, and cast a mount against thee, and lift up the buckler against thee. And he shall set engines of war against thy walls, and with his axes he shall break down thy towers. By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach. With the hooves of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: he shall slay thy people by the sword, and thy strong garrisons shall go down to the ground.*

*And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise: and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses: **and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water.** And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard. And I will make thee like the top of a rock: thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon; **thou shalt be built no more:** for I the LORD have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD. Thus saith the Lord GOD to Tyrus; Shall not the isles shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded cry, when the slaughter is made in the midst of thee? - Ezekiel 26:3-15*

First, note the detail.

Many nations came up against Tyrus (Tyre), both under Alexander the Great and Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. Alexander the Great did scrape the stones, timber and dust off her bedrock, and today Tyre has a population of about 135,000, is a major historical site and port in Lebanon.

This attention to the details is normal for the Bible prophets, and this separates them from the false prophets that claim to speak for God.

Second, note the accuracy.

History has borne out that the events in this prophecy happened exactly as Ezekiel foretold. As a side note, some skeptics look at conditional prophecies like Jonah where the prophet told the people of Nineveh what would happen if they did not repent (since they repented the punishment did not come), to show that prophecy does not always come to pass. They would be wiser to repent themselves while God is still giving them the opportunity. Jesus said:

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. - Luke 13:3

Third, a note to the chronology.

If you assumed that the events in this prophecy were in chronological order, you might believe that Ezekiel made an error, since Alexander the Great came many years after Nebuchadnezzar. Yet, the Bible was not written so that we can play the stock market, rather it was written to show those who will look, that God is very involved in the affairs of men. Therefore, do not let the skeptics show you something out of chronological order to convince you that the Bible has errors. Apparently, eastern thought does not assume chronological order. Maybe God gives us prophecy like a Jigsaw puzzle. Therefore, when a prophet makes a list of events that will happen, unless he says otherwise, it does not have to be in chronological order (there are many other ways to order a narrative). In addition, the events mentioned in a single prophecy are often separated by many years (like the invasions of Nebuchadnezzar and Alexander the Great) without the prophet calling our attention to this detail. In the same way, prophecies of Jesus will often include details of both His first and second coming without the prophet making an effort to differentiate between them. As the first half of these prophecies have already been fulfilled, you can be certain the second half will be also.

If we look at the detail of Ezekiel's prophecy, it should be evident that the statistical odds of this happening are impossible. Compare this to the Bible's competition and you will see that the false prophets begin to sound more like astrological forecasts or fortune cookies.

Old Testament prophecy of Jesus

The Promise of a Messiah

Jesus said:

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. - John 5:39

As Jesus suggested, let us do just that.

The Seed of the Women Shall Bruise Thy Head

*And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: **And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.** - Genesis 3:14-15*

The first promise of a Messiah was in Genesis chapter three. Though the Lord's words were brief, he said there would be a Messiah born of the woman and he described the Messiah's mission.

A Prophet Like Moses to Speak In the Lord's Name

*I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.** - Deuteronomy 18:18-19*

In Deuteronomy Moses expounds a few more points about the Messiah.

- He will be from the Nation of Israel
- He will speak the words that God commands him⁵.
- God will require⁶ an explanation from us, if we do not listen to him.

The Messiah Would Appear Riding on a Donkey

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and **upon a colt** the foal of an ass. - Zechariah 9:9*

Thus four centuries later it is written,

Then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say aught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy king cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way. - Matthew 21:1b-8

The Eastern Gate

*Then he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it was shut. Then said the LORD unto me; **This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut. It is for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.** - Ezekiel 44:1-3*



According to Jewish tradition, the Messiah will enter Jerusalem through this gate. It is also the gate through which Jesus rode on the young donkey when he presented Himself as the Jew's King and Messiah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. - Zechariah 9:9

The Eastern Gate was rebuilt after the Roman siege in 70 AD. Then in the 1500s, during the reign of the Sultan Suleiman, the Eastern Gate was sealed to prevent the Messiah's entrance. The Muslims also built a cemetery in front of the gate (you can see it in the picture), in the belief that it would prevent Elijah from entering Jerusalem to announce the Messiah.

The Muslims thought they were closing the gate to prevent the Jewish Messiah from coming. It is an ironic twist of fate that when in doing so, they unwittingly fulfilled a prophecy that proves he already came.

Prophecies of the Messiah's Birth

What makes the prophecies of the Messiah's birth important? Nearly anyone can masquerade as a prophet. However, it is impossible for an imposter to arrange prophecy to foretell the events surrounding his birth.

When the Messiah Should Appear

*Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. **Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the***

commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. - Daniel 9:24-26

There are many who have worked out very precise calculations⁷, but precision is not necessary. From Jesus' birth in the year 0, to his riding into Jerusalem on a donkey God may have chosen any major event for the time *unto the Messiah*. Using simple arithmetic, we look for any command *to restore and to build Jerusalem* that was given between 483 BC and 450 BC. Here are four commands and their approximate dates that are often discussed in relation to Daniel 9:24-26:

- 539 BC, The decree from Cyrus to rebuild the Temple. (Ezra 1:1-4)
- 519 BC, The decree from Darius to stop hindering the rebuilding of the Temple . (Ezra 6:7-12)
- 457 BC, The decree from Artaxerxes for Jews to return to Jerusalem and restore worship. (Ezra 7:11-28)
- 444 BC, The decree from Artaxerxes to rebuild Jerusalem. (see Nehemiah 2:1-8)

As the last two dates include the rebuilding of Jerusalem, to me these are the dates to which Daniel was most likely referring. 457 BC plus 483 years comes to 25 AD. If we use 444 BC plus 483 years, it come to 40 AD. Some scholars hold that Jesus was born in around 3 BC and the exact dates for the commands in Ezra and Nehemiah are uncertain.

Though these dates are approximate, Jesus is the only person who fits this timeframe. Anyone showing up now will be two thousand four hundred forty four years too late. Note that Daniel also predicted;

- That Jerusalem would be rebuilt during troubled times, this was confirmed in Nehemiah chapter 4.
- The Messiah would be cut off.
- The city and the sanctuary would again be destroyed.

The Location of the Messiah's Birth

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. - Micah 5:2

This prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus' birth.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, - Matthew 2:1

Unfortunately, there was another tragic prophecy fulfilled at this time.

Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not. Thus saith the LORD; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from

tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD, that thy children shall come again to their own border. - Jeremiah 31:15-17

When King Herod heard about the birth of a Messiah,

*Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, [the wise men did not reveal Jesus' location to him]. was exceeding wroth, and **sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under**, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.
- Matthew 2:16*

Rachel, who was buried in Bethlehem, was the great-grandmother of those who were slain.

The Son of David

*Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that **I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper**, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, **The Lord Our Righteousness**⁸. - Jeremiah 23:6*

AND

*And there shall come forth **a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots**: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. - Isaiah 11:1-5*

Anybody claiming to be the Jewish Messiah must be able to prove through his genealogy that he is a son of David. While this could be done in Jesus' day; today it would be impossible to prove you are of the lineage of David.

He Shall be Born of a Virgin

***Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel** [God with us]. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good. For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings. - Isaiah 7:14-16*

Many detractors claim that the word translated *virgin* meant *young maid*, hence there was no suggestion of a miracle in this passage. However, since young maidens give birth to children all the time, how would that be a sign from the Lord? Isaiah also told us,

The Messiah would be called *Immanuel* which means 'God with us'. Many times Jesus upset the Jews as they often thought He was making himself equal with God.⁹

As the Messiah grew up, Israel would be *forsaken of both her kings*. Therefore, Herod the Great died just after he murdered the children in Bethlehem, and his son Herod Archelaus, who replaced him, was removed from being king in 6 AD, and died in 18 AD.

The virgin birth for the Messiah was necessary for several reasons; one reason was that there were two contradictory prophecies concerning the Linage of David. Nathan's prophecy promised David that his throne would never end.

*And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and **I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.***
- 2 Samuel 7:12-13

Yet years later, when God was angry at the nation of Israel, the prophet Jeremiah said:

*O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man [Jeconiah the king of Judah] childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: **for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.*** - Jeremiah 22:29-30

Therefore, Joseph, the son of David, being Jesus Christ's adopted father, gave Jesus the Legal right to the throne of His father David. Mary, Jesus' mother, was also of the lineage of David (though not through Solomon), fulfilled the prophecies saying the Messiah would be the son of David.

His Appearance Would be Announced

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? **for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:* And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.* - Malachi 3:1-3

AND

***The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.** Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.* - Isaiah 40:3-5

Before Jesus started his ministry, John the Baptist appeared.

*In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. **For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah,** saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.* - Matthew 3:1-3

Malachi's prophecy is also fulfilled in that everyone who believes that Jesus is the Messiah will be purified. Those who do not will continue just as they were.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. - 1 John 1:7

Prophecies of the Messiah's Death

There are two major events in our life that we have little control over, our birth and our death. The prophecies concerning the Messiah's death are very helpful in order to help us identify Him. The left column is Psalm 22 and the right column has the verses from the New Testament that fulfill it.

Psalm 22:1b-23

1b - **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?** why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

2 - O my God, I cry in the daytime, **but thou hearest not**; and in the night season, and am not silent.

3 - But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

4 - Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

5 - They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

6 - But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and **despised of the people**.

7 - All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

8 - **He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him**, seeing he delighted in him.

9 - But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

10 - I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.

11 - Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

12 - Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

Verse 1

*And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?***

- Matthew 27:46

Verse 2

*And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; **take away this cup from me**: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. - Mark 14:36*

Verse 6

*These words spake his parents, [even after Jesus healed their son] because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that **if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.** - John 9:22*

Verse 8

*Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. **He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him**: for he said, I am the Son of God.*

- Matthew 27:41-43

13 - They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 - I am poured out like water, and **all my bones are out of joint**: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

15 - My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

16 - **For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.**

17 - **I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.**

18 - **They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.**

19 - But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

20 - Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.

21 - Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

22 - I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23 - **Ye that fear the LORD, praise him**; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

Verses 14-17

*Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, **he delivered him to be crucified.** - Matthew 27:26*

Verse 18

*And they crucified him, **and parted his garments, casting lots**: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, *They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.*
- Matthew 27:35*

Verse 23

*And a voice came out of the throne, saying, **Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.**
- Revelation 19:5*

He Would be Rejected by the Jewish Leaders

As we just read:

*But I am a worm, and no man; **a reproach of men, and despised of the people.** All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. - Psalms 22:6-8*

AND

*I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. **The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.** This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. - Psalms 118:21-23*

AND

Turn ye unto him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. - Isaiah 31:6

AND

*He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- Isaiah 53:3*

This prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

*And [Jesus] began to teach them, that the Son of man must¹⁰ suffer many things, **and be rejected of the elders**, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. - Mark 8:31*

AND

*The officers [after failing to arrest Jesus] answered, Never man spake like this man. Then answered them the Pharisees, [who were the religious leaders] Are ye also deceived? **Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?** But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed. - John 7:46-49*

He Would be Betrayed for Thirty Pieces of Silver

*And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price **thirty pieces of silver**. And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD. - Zechariah 11:12-13*

That Jesus would be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver was fulfilled in Judas.

*And [Judas] said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And **they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver**. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him. - Matthew 26:15-16*

Even more remarkably, the story goes on further.

*Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that [Jesus] was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And **he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple**, and departed, and went and hanged himself. - Matthew 27:5*

*And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and **bought with them the potter's field**, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. - Matthew 27:3-8*

Smite the Sheppard and the Sheep Will be Scattered

*Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: **smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered**: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones,*

*And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, **two parts therein shall be cut off and die**; but the third shall be left therein. - Zechariah 13:7-8*

Matthew records how the details of Jesus' arrest fulfilled many prophecies.

*But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then **all the disciples forsook him, and fled**. - Matthew 26:56*

Yet Zechariah goes on even further 'two parts therein shall be cut off and die'. You need only look at the history of Israel during this time to see that this terrible prophecy has also come to pass. Fortunately, Zechariah does not stop speaking; therefore, Israel will finally come to a good end.

And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God. - Zechariah 13:9

False Witnesses Would Testify Against Him

*All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him? **False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not. They rewarded me evil for good to the spoiling of my soul.***

But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom. I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the objects [smilers] gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not: With hypocritical mockers in feasts, [Jesus was crucified on the feast of Passover] they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions. I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people

*Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause. For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land. **Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.** This thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me. - Psalms 35:11-22*

Jesus went around the countryside healing people and doing nothing but good. This made the religious leaders jealous, so they arrested Jesus. In order to get a conviction they needed to present witnesses against him.

*Now **the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;** But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, And said, this fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.*

And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

*Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, **He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.** What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death. **Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands,** - Matthew 26:67*

The priests, elders and council acted as though they had read Psalm 35 as a script in a screenplay.

He Would be Mocked and Scourged

As we just read:

But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the objects [smiters] gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not: With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

- Psalms 35:15-16

AND

***The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned,** that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. **I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.** For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. - Isaiah 50:4-7*

From a young age Jesus had the tongue of the learned. The following event was recorded when Jesus was twelve years old.

*And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And **all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.** - Luke 2:46-47*

AND as an adult ...

*And the Jews marveled, saying, **How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?** Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. - John 7:15-16*

Many of those who take the time to read the gospels today come to the same conclusion. Yet Isaiah also said of the Messiah '*I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting*' therefore at the time of Jesus arrest ...

*Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had plaited **a crown of thorns**, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and **they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him**, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And **they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head**. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. - Matthew 27:27-31*

He Would be Beaten Beyond Recognition

*Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. As many were astonished at thee; **his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: So shall he sprinkle many nations**; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider. - Isaiah 52:13-15*

This verse was also fulfilled in Jesus.

*Then released he Barabbas unto them: and **when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified**. - Matthew 27:26*

And as Isaiah said '*So shall he sprinkle many nations*', therefore it is a fundamental Christian doctrine that.

The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. - 1 John 1:7b

For His Thirst They Gave Him Vinegar to Drink

*Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and **I looked for some to take pity, but there was none**; and for comforters, but I found none. They gave me also gall for my meat; and **in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink**. - Psalms 69:20-21*

Therefore when Jesus was on the cross.

*And **the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him**, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God. And **the soldiers also mocked him**, coming to him, and **offering him vinegar**, And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself. - Luke 23:35-37*

They Pierced His Hands and Feet

For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. - Psalms 22:16

We already looked at Psalm 22:16; the prophet Zechariah also made this same prediction.

*And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: **and they shall look upon me whom they have***

pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. - Zechariah 12:10

This prophecy is only half fulfilled; in God's time, the Jews will recognize that Jesus is their Messiah.

No Bones Were Broken

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. - Psalms 34:19-20

One thousand years later the apostle John wrote.

*But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they broke not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. **For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.** - John 19:33-36*

He Would be Raised From the Dead

*I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. **For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.** Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore. - Psalms 16:8-11*

AND

A Psalm of David. The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. - Psalms 110:1

The New Testament in Christ's Blood.

The Old Testament is full of many promises of the New Covenant.

*Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they broke, although I was a husband unto them, saith the LORD: **But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.** - Jeremiah 31:31-33*

AND

*And **I will make an everlasting covenant** with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me. - Jeremiah 32:40*

AND

*Moreover **I will make a covenant of peace** with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them forevermore. - Ezekiel 37:26*

Then Isaiah says it even more clearly.

*I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and **give thee for a covenant** of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. - Isaiah 42:6-7*

This is fulfilled in Jesus,

For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. - Matthew 26:28

AND

For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. - Hebrews 9:16-20

This New Testament is for whoever will enter.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. - John 3:16

Isaiah 53

I will close with Isaiah 53 because in this special passage the prophet clearly taught that the Messiah would be rejected of men, yet He would, with his own blood, pay the price for all our sin.

*Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. **Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:** yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. **But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and **the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: **for the transgression of my people was he stricken.** And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: **when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall***

*prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for **he shall bear their iniquities.** Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and **he bore the sin of many,** and made intercession for the transgressors.*
- Isaiah 53:1-12

Old Testament Allegories of Jesus

Beside the prophets that openly foretold the coming of the Messiah, the Bible is a collection of many allegories, stories played out in the life of the Jewish people that prophecy of Jesus Christ. Our first example is in the life of Jonah.

Jonah

*Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. **And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.*** - Jonah 1:17

Years later when the skeptics asked Jesus for a sign:

*Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall **no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonah:** For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.* - Matthew 12:38-40

Jesus' adversaries understood this prophecy well enough to place a seal on his tomb and then they set soldiers to keep the seal.

Jesus is Our Passover Lamb

Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for a house: And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. **Your lamb shall be without blemish**, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

As Jesus is our Passover lamb, He was killed on the Jewish Passover.

Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified. - Matthew 26:2

As the Passover lamb must be without blemish, so Jesus had to be without sin.

Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? - John 8:46

AND

For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. - Hebrews 4:15

And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's passover.

*For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: **and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever.** - Exodus 12:3-14*

'Strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post', When God commanded Moses to paint the upper and side door posts, if you but look you will see the cross. And Jesus is the door, nobody gets to see the father but by him.

*Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.
- John 10:7-8*

In the Passover story, it did not matter how good you were, if the blood of the lamb did not cover you when the death angel passed over, he would smite. If you were covered by the blood of the lamb, it did it matter how bad you were, the angel would spare your life. This, salvation by grace, is the fundamental doctrine of the Christian faith.

*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.
- Ephesians 2:8-9*

Abraham is Willing to Sacrifice Isaac

*And [the Lord] said, **Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac**, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and **offer him there for a burnt offering** upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and cleaved the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. - Genesis 22:2-3*

[...]

*And Isaac spoke unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, **My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering**: so they went both of them together. - Genesis 22:7-8*

[...]

*And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; **And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed**; because thou hast obeyed my voice. - Genesis 22:15-18*

As Abraham was willing to offer his son, 25 centuries later, God would offer up his son.

The Brass Serpent

*And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And **Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole**, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten **any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived**. - Numbers 21:8-9*

Jesus taught:

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. - John 3:14-15

This comparison to a serpent is because Jesus took our sins upon himself. He also took our punishment.

David and Solomon

*And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and **I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever**. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established forever before thee: **thy throne shall be established forever**. - 2 Samuel 7:12-16*

David thought the Lord was speaking of his son Solomon¹¹ when he said, *He shall build a house for my name* and He was, yet like the prophet Jonah, David and Solomon were living out a story that if you read it carefully tells of the future Messiah.

The Sin Offering

*We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle. For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. **Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate**. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. - Hebrews 13:10-13*

I did not quote the Old Testament law on the sin offering. While the writer of Hebrews states that it was a picture of Christ's death, it will be hard for the skeptic to see it. There are many other prophecies

and allegories that testify of Jesus in the Old Testament, yet if these cannot open a person's eye, neither will they, for according to Isaiah,

*[The Lord] said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and **make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes;** lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. - Isaiah 6:9-10*

Conclusion

When Jesus was crucified, from a human standpoint, it looked like God had indeed forsaken Him. Yet if we know the Scriptures, we see that He was in the center of God's will. Today many doubt that God even exists, yet if they would just look at the Scriptures with an open heart, they would see that God is in complete control.

*I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and **anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see.** As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. **To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.** - Revelation 3:18-21*

Bible Prophecies That Speak of Today

Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them. - Isaiah 42:9

Like the prophecies of Jesus' first coming, there are many prophecies that speak of His second coming. As we approach His second coming, we can see that many of the prophets are describing the events we see today.

Predictions of Technology

*And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: **and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.** - Genesis 11:6*

Our Increase in Knowledge

*But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: **many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.** - Daniel 12:4*

AND

*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. [...] **Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.** - 2 Timothy 3:1, 7*

While Daniel may not have been specific on the modes of transportation, our running to and fro does separate us from our ancestors. As does our technology that came about from *the increase in knowledge*, many of these things could only have been explained as magic a short while ago.

Paul in his letter to Timothy said they would be *ever learning*, a perfect description of today, as our corporate human knowledge doubles every ten to fifteen years.

Images that Talk

*And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast¹³; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that **they should make an image to the beast**, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that **the image of the beast should both speak**, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. - Revelation 13:14-15*

Was the apostle John talking about television or the internet? Hard to say, things are moving fast since we became wired to the information superhighway. While we take *images that speak* for granted, this was an amazing prediction in John's time. Imagine what you would have thought if you saw an image talking in John's day. Should we be surprised then, when someday soon, a world leader appears to receive a deadly wound and yet live?

Modern Communication

*And when [God's two witnesses] shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. **And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half**, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. **And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them**, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. **And after three days and a half the Spirit of life from God entered into them**, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. - Revelation 11:7-11*

Before modern communication, it would have taken months, or more realistically years, for news from Jerusalem to reach all *that dwell upon the earth*. In fact, when John wrote that the whole earth would rejoice over these two being killed, that part of the prophecy would have been just as impossible to believe, as that God could raise them from the dead.

Aircraft and Submarines

*And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them **from the end of the earth**: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly: None shall be weary nor stumble among them; **none shall slumber nor sleep**; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken: Whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hooves shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind: - Isaiah 5:26-28*

Isaiah speaks of a war that the people will come up from the ends of the earth to fight. The trip will be so short that they will not need to untie their shoes. When Isaiah says their wheels shall be counted *like*

a whirlwind, he could be talking poetically or he could be talking literally. The prophet Amos speaks of the same war.

*I saw the Lord standing upon the altar: and he said, Smite the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake: and cut them in the head, all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered. **Though they dig into hell**, thence shall mine hand take them; **though they climb up to heaven**, thence will I bring them down: And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and **though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea**, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them. - Amos 9:1-3*

- **Though they dig into hell.** Today, many of our world leaders have bunkers that they can flee into in the event of a nuclear war. A modern bunker may withstand a direct hit in a nuclear attack, but it will not withstand God in this war.
- **Though they climb to Heaven.** We would all expect aircraft to be used in modern warfare; it appears that Amos did also. In a state of emergency, the president of the United States is supposed to board Air Force 1; this jumbo jet is designed so the president can perform his duties as commander-in-chief in the air in the event of an attack¹⁴ on the United States. In the Day of the Lord, will the great men of the earth try to flee from God in their personal jets? It appears that Amos thought so.
- **Though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea.** While Amos does not use the word *submarine*; if he had, who would have understood him? Yet, thousands of years later, we can understand this prophet literally; we do not need some allegorical interpretation.

Other Modern Weapons Are Mentioned

*Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array. Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness. They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and **when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded**. They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. - Joel 2:5-9*

AND

*And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and **out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone**. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth,*

and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. - Revelation 9:16-19

The apostle John was limited to a first century vocabulary. Yet using words the church would understand, he described a modern tank. He was accurate right up to the brimstone (sulfur), a main ingredient in gunpowder.

And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation [ethnic group] shall rise against nation [ethnic group], and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. - Matthew 24:6-7

Spiritual State of Earth

Gospel Goes Into the Whole World

*One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.
- Psalms 145:4*

AND

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. - Matthew 24:14

AND

Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her. - Mark 14:9

Even when Jesus spoke casually, His words have come to pass. Like this woman who anointed Jesus with a precious ointment, this has been spoken of throughout the whole world. Jesus said that the Gospel would be preached to all nations, than the end would come. Today we are getting close just as He predicted. While the Gospel is often called *The Good News*, Zechariah called it something else.

*Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll. And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see **a flying roll**; the length thereof is twenty cubits¹⁵, and the breadth thereof ten cubits. Then said he unto me, **This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth**: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it. I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof. - Zechariah 5:1-4*

The Gospel Would Split Families

While Jesus commands us to honor our parents¹⁶, you need only look to at what happens to a Jew who believes Jesus is the Messiah. Or look at what happens to a Muslim who believes that Jesus is the Messiah. Or look at what happens to a Hindu who believe Jesus is the Messiah, to see that Jesus plainly saw the future when He said,

*Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: **I came not to send peace, but a sword.** For I am come to set **a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.** He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. - Matthew 10:34-39*

Men Will Be Lovers of Self ...

Paul gave a brief description of men in the last days; which one of these predictions do not describe today?

*This know also, that **in the last days** perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent [no self control], fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. - 2 Timothy 3:1-5*

In 1977, before I knew the Lord, this was a fairly accurate description of myself, and many of my friends.

Men Will Scoff at Noah's Flood

*But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
- 1 Corinthians 2:14*

AND

*Knowing this first, that there shall come **in the last days scoffers**, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this **they willingly are ignorant** of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: **Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.** - 2 Peter 3:3-6*

In truth, there is plenty of [evidence](#) to prove the flood in Noah's day really did happen. What is interesting is that, until recently, most people living on the earth believed in this flood. While their different accounts of this flood have been embellished with myths and as a result vary greatly, nearly every tribe or ethnic group around the world includes a worldwide flood in their history.

Therefore, it was a big prediction for Peter to say that *in the last days* there would be those who scoff at any who believed in a universal flood. Who would have guessed then, that to succeed scholastically today, you must believe your great granddaddy is a monkey.

In Killing Jesus' Disciples They Think They Serve God

*These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, **the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that***

he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. - John 16:2-3

Unfortunately, some are unable to discern between the leaders of the state church and those Christians who follow the teachings of Jesus. If you do not understand this difference, I can show you in a simple example. The Roman Catholic Church had William Tyndale strangled then burned at the stake for translating the Bible into English. William Tyndale was willing to risk death so that you and I could come to know the Lord. This is the difference, if you murder people because of their religious beliefs you do not know God. If you are willing to die peacefully at the hands of these murders, you do.

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. - Matthew 16:25

Once you understand who the disciples of Jesus are, from Nero till today, it becomes easy to see that Jesus' prophecy, '*that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service*' has been fulfilled.

Tribulation coming on earth

*And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and **there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.** - Matthew 24:6-7*

Famines

An estimated 923 million people in the world are malnourished. There is a threat of famine in North Korea that will rival the one in the 1990s which killed 2.5 million people. In developing countries, nearly 16 million children die every year from preventable and treatable causes. Sixty percent of these deaths are from hunger and [malnutrition](#).

Pestilence

A pestilence is any virulent and highly infectious disease that can cause an epidemic or even a pandemic. This word is commonly used to describe parasites that cause large-scale sickness and death.

Newspaper headlines in 2009 said that the flu vaccine does not work against the current strain of flu virus. In February of 2008, hospitals in Arizona were shipping patients to the surrounding states, because their emergency rooms were overflowing with flu patients. STDs are occurring in epidemic proportions in the United States, while aids is devastating Africa.

At one time antibiotics promised to save us from many pestilences. Today many viruses are becoming resistant to antibiotics, and because of these antibiotics, humans are losing their natural resistance to many diseases.

Earthquakes

The fifth largest earthquake ever recorded hit Japan on 11 March 2011. Over 15,000 confirmed dead, 5,300 injured and 8,500 people missing, as well as over 125,000 buildings damaged or destroyed. and at least three nuclear reactors suffered explosions due to hydrogen gas that had built up within their outer containment buildings after cooling system failure.

On December 26, 2004, an earthquake hit Indonesia, causing a tsunami along the coasts of most landmasses bordering the Indian Ocean. The waves, some of up to 100 feet high, killed more than 225,000 people in eleven different countries.

In August 1999, an earthquake registering 7.4 on the open-ended Richter scale, hit Turkey, killing more than 15,000 people. The next month, an earthquake registering 7.6 hit Taiwan. Later in the same month, an earthquake registering 7.4 hit Mexico. In November, an earthquake that registered 7.2 hit Turkey again.

The USGS Earthquake Information Center locates 12,000 to 14,000 earthquakes each year. About 60 earthquakes per year have a magnitude of 6.5 or higher, or cause casualties and considerable damage. About 19 earthquakes per year are higher than 7.0. The largest earthquake ever recorded occurred in Chile in 1960; it had a [magnitude of 9.5](#).

The Restoring of Israel to Their homeland

One of the most exciting things in modern prophecy is the nation of Israel being restored to their homeland. First, there many prophecies of its destruction, here are a few.

Destruction of Jerusalem

*And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, [Jesus] said, As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which **there shall not be left one stone upon another**, that shall not be thrown down. - Luke 21:5-6*

AND

*But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, **but weep for yourselves, and for your children**. For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. - Luke 23:28-29*

That not one stone of this incredible temple would be left upon another, was an inconceivable prophecy in Jesus time. Yet history has born it out. That Jesus said '*weep for yourselves, and for your children*' was also accurate, for Jerusalem, with many of those same women and their children, was destroyed less than forty years later. However, I believe that the earliest prophecy concerning the destruction of Israel and the Jews being scattered, was from Moses himself.

*And **I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savor of your sweet odors. And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it. And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste. Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths. As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it. And upon them that are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth. And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies. And ye shall perish***

among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them. - Leviticus 26:31-39

Restoring of the Jews to Their Homeland

Yet for all this, Moses did not leave them without hope, for he continued:

*If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me; And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land. The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity: because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes. And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, **I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the LORD their God. But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the LORD.** - Leviticus 26:40-45*

The apostle Paul also believed that there was a future time when the heart of the Jews would turn to their Messiah.

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. [...] For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. - Romans 11:25, 29

Isaiah speaks of God regathering His people for a second time, the first time was seventy years after the Babylonian captivity as recorded in Ezra and Nehemiah.

And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, [King David's father] which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

*And it shall come to pass in that day, that **the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people**, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah **from the four corners²⁰ of the earth.** - Isaiah 11:12*

Ezekiel also spoke of this regathering.

*And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:** And I will make them one nation in the land upon the*

*mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: **Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children forever: and my servant David shall be their prince forever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them forevermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them forevermore.***
- Ezekiel 37:21-28

Since Ezekiel speaks of a new covenant with Israel, we know that Ezekiel was not talking about the restoration of Israel after the Babylonian captivity. Rather he is speaking of our days.

Jeremiah also spoke of God regathering Israel, under the throne of David.

And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD. Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. - Jeremiah 23:3-6

The prophet Joel also speaks of this time, and he also speaks of it as a time when God will judge the earth.

For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. - Joel 3:1-2

We are still parting the land of Israel today. The gentiles have treated Israel badly for so long, that they do not think God cares. Yet to ignore the prophets indefinitely is to do so at our own peril.

Conclusion

Actually, there are many more prophecies concerning the restoration of Israel and the end days. However, this is not a Bible study to prove God would restore Israel. Rather this is a study of God restoring Israel to prove the Bible is God's word.

I opened an earlier chapter by quoting Jesus,

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. - John 5:39

In closing this chapter I have come to think that the reason we can see (if we do not shut our eyes) so much of today in Bible prophecy is not that the Lord is fascinated with our day, rather he is showing us that He is coming soon. Are you ready?

The Bible Compared to Other Holy Books

Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob. Let them bring them forth, and show us what shall happen: let them show the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together. -Isaiah 41:21-23

The Koran

The Koran is the holy book of Muslims and contains the teachings of their prophet Mohammad. There were no prophecies or other events to announce Mohammad's birth.

I know of no prophecy in the Koran²¹ that can be substantiated. However, since I am not an expert on the Koran I will defer to Dr. Labib from the website *The Spirit of Islam* <http://www.thespiritofislam.com/bible-quran.html> and let him describe this in more detail.

Dr. Labib: In the Koran. Well, I want to tell you that the Koran has no prophecies, if you want to be accurate about the word 'prophecy'. Because when you go to the Bible, you will see the prophecy is very accurate. When the Bible prophesied about the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem, he mentioned the Bethlehem by name, you know. So when He was born in Bethlehem, there was no mistake.

[...]

Of course, now I have to stop. There are vowels, in the Arabic language, just like in English. And the vowel might change the meaning of the word from positive, from opposite to direct. So when you come to that surat, it started with the word Ghoulibat. This word Ghoulibat could be translated in two ways, if you change the vowel. **You see, if you put dama? On the word, it means the Romans were defeated. If you put Fatha on the word, it means the Romans had the victory.** See the difference?

Now, **these vowels were not in the original Koran.** These vowels came later on when they started to write the Koran again and again, then they said, "To make it right, we have to put the vowels." Then they put the vowels. And then here, when you read this surat the Romans, and you read that the Romans were defeated in the far end of the world, and then, after their defeat, they will have the victory, you have to come to this question, who defeated the Romans? To make that prophecy very clear, who defeated the Romans? No answer! Whom will the Romans defeat? No answer! So is that a prophecy? What kind of prophecy? Romans are defeated, and then they will

have the victory. Defeated by whom? And victory over whom? No prophecy! And they say that this is a prophecy. I do not think this is a prophecy. I do not take it like a prophecy.

[...]

When you go to the book of Daniel, you read in the dream of the king Nebuchadnezzar, how the kingdoms go from the Babylonian to Persia, and maybe in Persia, and then to the Greek, and to the Romans. But it is very clear. The Bible explains itself. And when you come to the prophecy like the prophecy of the destruction of the temple by Jesus Christ, when they told Him, "Look, this temple, how magnificent it is," He said, "Not one stone will be, will remain over the other," is what He said. It came to be fulfilled to the letter! Prophecies, real! **But in the Koran, I am sorry to say that there are no prophecies at all, at all. And I do read of the Koran, again, and again.**

[...]

Buddhism

No known prophecies or events surround Buddha's birth. The Tipitaka²² is their holy scriptures, do not contain any prophecy.

Hinduism

While Hinduism has millions of deities, their Holy scriptures, the Vedas²³, do not contain any prophecy.

Conclusion

I have studied God's word for over thirty years and it makes no embarrassing predictions. The Bible's prophecy proves that our God is a God of miracles. While the world does not see any evidence that God even exists, He has revealed to His servants that He is in complete control.

Start reading the New Testament. If you search for the truth, you will concur, "Never has another man spoken like this man".

May the Almighty God say of you:

But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. - Matthew 13:16

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Footnotes:

- [1] Many people do not know there is any evidence for a young earth. Or that there are many problems with the theory of evolution. The challenging of theories is science, except for the theory of evolution which must not be challenged.
- [2] like Nostradamus, astrology, tarot cards etc
- [3] The word Christ means 'anointed', therefore this person is coming in Jesus' name claiming a special anointing.
- [4] Not including in this list is the Law of Moses, Book of Samuel and the Psalms of David

- [5] For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. - John 12:49
- [6] And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. - Mark 16:15-16
- [7] Until all the scholars can agree on the exact dates of these events, this is difficult to do.
- [8] And be found in [Jesus], not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith. - Philippians 3:9
- [9] Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. - John 5:18
- [10] While the title Son of man was not given exclusively to the Messiah, those who are familiar with Daniel might remember him say: I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. - Daniel 7:13
- [11] The name Solomon means peace, the root comes from the Hebrew word 'shalom'
- [12] There were nineteen copies of Isaiah found among the Dead Sea Scrolls; many have been positively dated to before Christ's time.
- [13] In prophecy, beasts are symbolic language for kingdoms or nations.
- [14] For instance, additional work was done to protect the aircraft from the electromagnetic pulses that occur during a nuclear attack.
- [15] Go get a Bible, measure it and do the math, then see if Zechariah didn't know what he was talking about, 1 cubit is about 18 inches.
- [16] [Jesus said,] Honor thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
- Matthew 19:19
- [18] Bread for the World, www.bread.org/learn/hunger-basics/
- [19] www.didyouknow.org/earthquakes.htm
- [20] Isaiah also said the world was a sphere (vs 40:22), therefore when he said 'four corners' he was referring to directions, not the shape of the earth.
- [21] If a Muslim can show me otherwise, I will post it as an addendum to this study.
- [22] If a Buddhist can show me otherwise, I will post it as an addendum to this study.
- [23] If a Hindu can show me otherwise, I will post it as an addendum to this study.
- [24] Again these dates are approximate, as some hold that Jesus was born in around 3 BC and the exact dates for the commands in Ezra and Nehemiah are not certain.

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