

# Prophecies being Fulfilled!



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Prophecies of the Bible are being fulfilled every day—so we heed the words of the apostle 2 Timothy 4:1 “*I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.*”

Since the evidence for a divine Creator is everywhere, and that any search for Truth will take us directly to the Scriptures, let us now consider the Accuracy of the Word that God has given us—a Word that contains His plan for life that will lead to *eternal life* for those who follow that plan.

The accuracy of the Word should never be in question—the Bible has clearly stated that the earth is a globe and suspended in space. Job 26:7 “*He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing.*” That verse was written 3,500 years ago. And Isaiah 40:22 God “*Sits enthroned above the circle of the earth.*” Space exploration has *proven* that to be true.

It all means that *faith* in God is the foundation of our *life* of faith in the Lord Jesus and His Atonement work on the cross to save our soul from the flames. Hebrews 11:1 “*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*” Hebrews 11:3 “*Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*”

The Bible is saying that things we *see*, are made from things we do *not* see. That has been very difficult for some people to *accept* or to *believe*—until it was discovered that there really *are* *invisible* elements called *atoms*—far too small to be seen, but they are *there* nevertheless.

The accuracy of the Word is absolutely amazing! The Bible makes many statements that the unbeliever and the unenlightened find *difficult* to accept. Job 38:35 “*Dost thou send out lightnings, and they go And say unto thee, ‘Behold us?’*” Light can be *sent*, and it can then *manifest* itself in speech.

Radio waves move at the speed of light—186,000 MPS—which gives instant wireless communication with people on the other side of the globe. This was not discovered until 1864 when a British scientist suggested that *electricity* and *light waves* were *two forms of the same thing*.

The Bible is the only book in the world that contains hundreds of detailed *prophecies*, and then records the *fulfillment* of those prophecies. The Bible is the inherent and always *truthful* Word from God. It is absolutely 100% accurate in foretelling what *has* happened or *will* happen in the future.

This is *not* true of the Book of Mormon; the Koran; the writings of Buddha or Confucius; or any other writings—but the Bible has more than 2,000 prophecies in the Old Testament alone. Every prophecy has been fulfilled to the very smallest detail—excepting those prophecies concerning the End Time return of Jesus.

If God was faithful to fulfill all of those *past* prophecies, we can be absolutely *sure* He will be faithful to fulfill every *future* event—because 2 Corinthians 1:20 “*All the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen.*”

If someone *claimed* to be speaking for God in the Old Testament, and that prophecy did *not* come true, they were *stoned* to death. God takes

misrepresenting Him very seriously. When a prophet spoke, they had to be *sure* they were rightly representing God’s words—and *not* their own. Prophecy is important because it shows *who* God is; *what* He can do; and *why* He can be trusted.

If God says He will *do* something, He will *do* it. It is *our* responsibility to *believe* He will and not *doubt* His promise. Isaiah 46:9 “*Remember the former things of old; For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me.*” He promises Isaiah 46:11 “*What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do.*”

The Old Testament was completed over 400 years before the New Testament was written. Isaiah 7:14 “*Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*”

That prophecy was fulfilled Matthew 1:22 “*Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*”

This Son of God, who is “*Immanuel, God with us,*” would be the *incarnation* of Almighty God. Isaiah 9:6 “*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*”

Jesus told His followers before He ascended into Heaven, Acts 1:8 “*You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*”

As He ascended, two angels said Acts 1:11 “*Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from*

you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” Jesus had stated John 8:58 “Before Abraham was, I am.”

The accuracy of Scripture is very assuring because when God writes something, we know He will fulfill what He said. Hebrews 10:23 “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful”—and He promises to supply our needs; heal our afflictions; and right our wrongs, if we will trust Him in faith to do those things.

The Old Testament prophesied that while in human form on earth, our Savior Messiah, would be the Son of God. Psalm 2:7 “The LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.” A voice from Heaven said Matthew 3:17 “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” And Matthew 17:5 “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.”

Jesus told those who would not believe Him, nor accept the Truth He spoke, Luke 22:69 “Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God. 70 Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am.”

The Old Testament prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem—a town of only 1,000 residents at the time. Micah 5:2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.”

That was fulfilled in Matthew 2:1 “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, ‘Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.’” God said that His Son would be born in Bethlehem, and He was!

The prophet Micah mentions that pre-existence of the Messiah: Micah 5:2 “Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.” When Jesus was in Judea, He fulfilled this prophecy to those who opposed Him. John 8:56 “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. 57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.” Colossians 1:17 “[Jesus] is before all things, and by him all things consist.” God said that His Son was before all others—and He was!

The accuracy of the Word is most encouraging! What God has promised, He would fulfill—whether it is His promise to heal, deliver, supply, avenge, or give salvation. Our obligation is to trust Him in faith to do all those things for us.

Another reference says that the Messiah would be a prophet. Deuteronomy 18:18 “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.” This was fulfilled Matthew 21:11 “The multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.”

God said that His Son would have the Holy Spirit—Isaiah 11:2 “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.”

The New Testament records the fulfillment of this prophecy. Matthew 3:16 “And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

While Jesus was on earth, as Messiah, He would have a healing ministry of miracles.

Isaiah 35:5 “Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing.”

This prophecy was fulfilled in Matthew 9:35—“Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.”

Scripture says several times that the Messiah would be betrayed by a friend. Psalm 41:9 “Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.” The New Testament says John 13:2 “And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him.” Matthew 10:4 “Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.”

The accuracy of the Word is simply amazing, and it is very encouraging to consider that accuracy every time we read Scripture. The accuracy of the Word means the fulfillment of every promise God has given—His promise to heal our afflictions; supply our needs; give cooperation at home; grant peace to us; avenge our wrongs; and forgive our sins—when we forgive those who have sinned against us Matthew 6:12.

God has given us the promise to save us from the wrath to come—we can know it will be fulfilled—Romans 4:16 “Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace.” Prophecies being fulfilled—and more to come!



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