

Has God Spoken?

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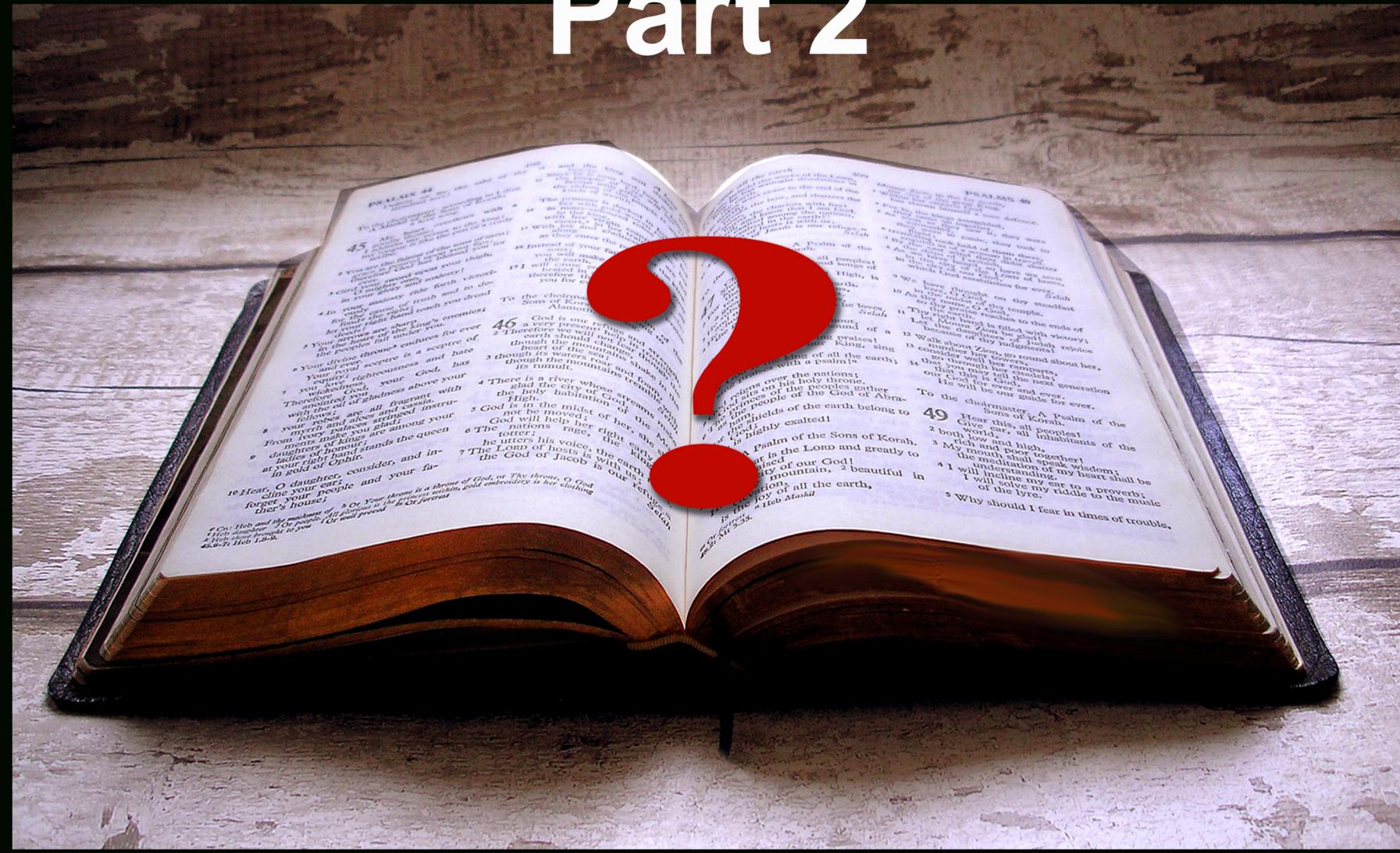
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Evidence from Biblical Prophecy – Part 2



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Gen. 3:1, “Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, “You shall not eat of every tree of the garden”?’”

Gen. 3:2, “And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

Gen. 3:3, “ ‘but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.” ’ ”

The Biblical Test for a Prophet



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,

Isaiah 46:10, “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,’ ”

The First Test:

Deut. 13:1, “If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder,

Deut. 13:2, “and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’

Deut. 13:3, “you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”

The First Test:

Deut. 13:4, “You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.

Deut. 13:5, “But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall put away the evil from your midst.”

The Second Test:

Deut. 18:18, “I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

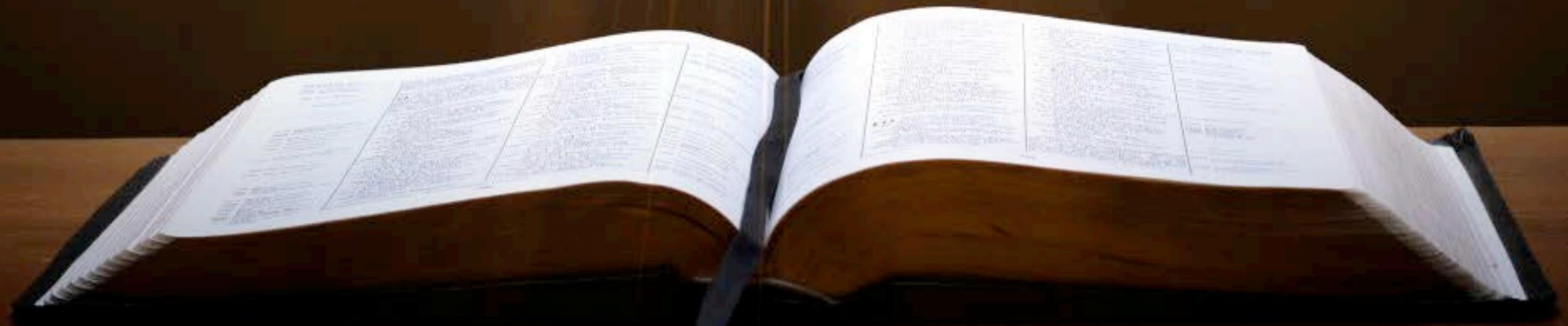
Deut. 18:19, “And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.

Deut. 18:20, “But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.”

Deut. 18:21, “And if you say in your heart, ‘How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?’—

Deut. 18:22, “when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.”

The Prophecy About Tyre



1. The Prophecy Against Tyre (Ezek. 26:3–6; 12–14)



Tyre

Ezek. 26:2, “Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, ‘Aha! She is broken who was the gateway of the peoples; now she is turned over to me; I shall be filled; she is laid waste.’”

Ezek. 26:3, “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes its waves to come up.’”



Elijah fed by widow

Elisha predicts Ben-Hadad's death

Elijah confronts Baal's prophets, then runs to Jezreel

Naaman healed of leprosy

Elisha restores Shunammite's son to life

Elijah fed by ravens

Elisha traps blinded Arameans

Elisha born

Elijah born

Samuel raised in temple

Amos calls for

Samuel goes

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Ezek. 26:4, “ ‘And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers; I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock.

Ezek. 26:5, “ ‘It shall be a place for spreading nets in the midst of the sea, for I have spoken,’ says the Lord GOD; ‘it shall become plunder for the nations.

Ezek. 26:6, “ ‘Also her daughter villages which are in the fields shall be slain by the sword. Then they shall know that I am the LORD.’ ”

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Pour le temps de l'expédition d'Alexandre

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Ezek. 26:12, “ ‘They will plunder your riches and pillage your merchandise; they will break down your walls and destroy your pleasant houses; they will lay your stones, your timber, and your soil in the midst of the water.

Ezek. 26:13, “ ‘I will put an end to the sound of your songs, and the sound of your harps shall be heard no more.

Ezek. 26:14, “ ‘I will make you like the top of a rock; you shall be a place for spreading nets, and you shall never be rebuilt, for I the LORD have spoken,’ says the Lord GOD.”



Ezek. 26:7, “For thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Behold, I will bring against Tyre from the north Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, with horses, with chariots, and with horsemen, and an army with many people.

Ezek. 26:8, “He will slay with the sword your daughter villages in the fields; he will heap up a siege mound against you, build a wall against you, and raise a defense against you.”

Ezek. 26:9, “He will direct his battering rams against your walls, and with his axes he will break down your towers.

Ezek. 26:10, “Because of the abundance of his horses, their dust will cover you; your walls will shake at the noise of the horsemen, the wagons, and the chariots, when he enters your gates, as men enter a city that has been breached.”

Ezek. 26:11, “With the hooves of his horses he will trample all your streets; he will slay your people by the sword, and your strong pillars will fall to the ground.

Ezek. 26:12, “They will plunder your riches and pillage your merchandise; they will break down your walls and destroy your pleasant houses; they will lay your stones, your timber, and your soil in the midst of the water.”

Tyre (Ezek. 26:3–6; 12–14)

- 1. Nebuchadnezzar will destroy the city of Tyre.**
- 2. Many nations would come against Tyre.**
- 3. Tyre will become like the top of a flat rock.**
- 4. Fishermen will spread their nets over the site.**
- 5. Tyre will be thrown into the water and never be rebuilt.**

Tyre (Ezek. 26:3–6; 12–14)

- 1. The rubble from Tyre would be put into the sea. This was fulfilled in 332 BC by Alexander the Great's army, 250 years after Ezekiel was written.**
- 2. The passage does not state that Nebuchadnezzar would capture the island city and get its wealth. On the other hand, it does not say Nebuchadnezzar would not conquer Tyre at all—he conquered “Old Tyre.” It simply states he did not get anything of value from it. This is exactly what Ezekiel 29:17ff states. There is no contradiction.**
- 3. The total destruction of Tyre would be accomplished gradually by one nation after another.**
- 4. In the end, Tyre would be destroyed down to the bare rock and never rebuilt. The final destruction took place in AD 1291, almost 2,000 years after Ezekiel was written.**

~Conclusions from *Bible and Spade, 2006*



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Crusader cathedral

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**The Prophecy
About Nineveh
(Nahum 1:15–3:19)**



Nineveh

- 1. One of the most significant and populous cities in the ancient world.**

The Bible depicts Nineveh as one of the most evil cities in the ancient world, and an implacable enemy of Israel. In almost every biblical reference to Nineveh, her judgment is in view. (Jonah 1:2; Nah. 2:8; 3:7; Zeph. 2:13)

Nineveh

- 2. Located on the eastern bank of the Tigris River opposite the modern city of Mosul in N. Iraq. Originally founded by Nimrod (Gen. 10:8–11).**





Nineveh

- 3. The ancient city was walled, three miles long and about a mile and half wide. The wall was eight miles long.**

Nineveh

- 4. Nineveh is most often thought of in connection with Jonah and his prophecy of its destruction, which was postponed. Jonah's ministry was during the reign of Jeroboam II (793–753 BC) about a hundred years before Nineveh's golden age.**

Nineveh

- 5. From the 12th century BC on Nineveh was one of the royal residences of the Assyrian Empire and from the time of Sargon II (722–702 BC) it was the capital of the Assyrian Empire.**

Nineveh

- 6. Nineveh was a center for the worship of Ishtar, one of the many nature goddesses in the ancient world, the Assyrian goddess of love and war.**

Nineveh

- 7. Sennacherib (704–681 BC) greatly beautified and adorned the capital city. Splendid temples, palaces, and fortifications made it the chief city of the empire (2 Kings 19:36). Sennacherib built a massive wall forty to fifty feet high that extended for two-and-a-half miles along the Tigris and eight miles around the inner city. The defenses of the capital can still be traced. Sennacherib also built a water system containing the oldest aqueduct in history at Jerwan, across the Gomer River.**

Nineveh

8. The city was destroyed by an alliance of Medes, Babylonians, and Scythians in August 612 BC, after a two-month siege. This great victory was due in part to the releasing of the city's water supply and the inundation of the Koser River, dissolving the sun-dried brick of which much of the city was built. Nahum prophesied the fall of the "bloody city" (Nah. 2:1–3:19; cf. Zeph. 2:13–15).^[1]

[1]Unger, Merrill Frederick, R. K. Harrison, Howard Frederic Vos, et al. *The New Unger's Bible Dictionary*. Revision of: Unger's Bible dictionary. 3rd ed. c1966. Rev. and updated ed.

Nahum wrote around 655–660 BC.

He mentions the sack of Thebes (*No Amon*) in Nah. 3:8, which was in 663 BC.

Thebes was rebuilt in 654 BC.

Nineveh was destroyed in August 612 BC, at least 43 years later.

1. Nahum predicted that the outer ring of fortresses would be easily destroyed.

Nah. 3:12, “All your strongholds are fig trees with ripened figs: If they are shaken, they fall into the mouth of the eater.”

2. The Ninevites would attempt to strengthen their fortification by making bricks and mortar.

Nah. 3:14, “Draw your water for the siege! Fortify your strongholds! Go into the clay and tread the mortar! Make strong the brick kiln!”

3. Nahum predicted that the gates would be destroyed.

**Nah. 3:13, “Surely, your people in your midst are women!
The gates of your land are wide open for your enemies;
Fire shall devour the bars of your gates.”**

4. Nahum predicted that the city would be destroyed by fire (Nah. 1:10; 2:13; 3:15).

Nah. 1:10, “For while tangled like thorns, and while drunken like drunkards, they shall be devoured like stubble fully dried.”

Nah. 2:13, “ ‘Behold, I am against you,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘I will burn your chariots in smoke, and the sword shall devour your young lions; I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers shall be heard no more.’ ”

Nah. 3:15, “There the fire will devour you, the sword will cut you off; It will eat you up like a locust. Make yourself many—like the locust! Make yourself many—like the swarming locusts!”

5. Nahum also predicted the city would be destroyed by flood.

Nah. 1:8, “But with an overflowing flood He will make an utter end of its place, and darkness will pursue His enemies.”

Nah. 2:6, “The gates of the rivers are opened, and the palace is dissolved.”

Nah. 2:8, “Though Nineveh of old was like a pool of water, now they flee away. ‘Halt! Halt!’ ”

Nahum 1:8, “But with an overflowing flood He will make an utter end of its place, and darkness will pursue His enemies.

Nahum 1:9, “What do you conspire against the LORD? He will make an utter end of it. Affliction will not rise up a second time.”

Nahum 2:6, “The gates of the rivers are opened, and the palace is dissolved.”

Nahum 3:9, “Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and it was boundless; Put and Lubim were your helpers.

Nahum 3:10, “Yet she was carried away, She went into captivity; Her young children also were dashed to pieces at the head of every street; They cast lots for her honorable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.”



New Testament Prophecy

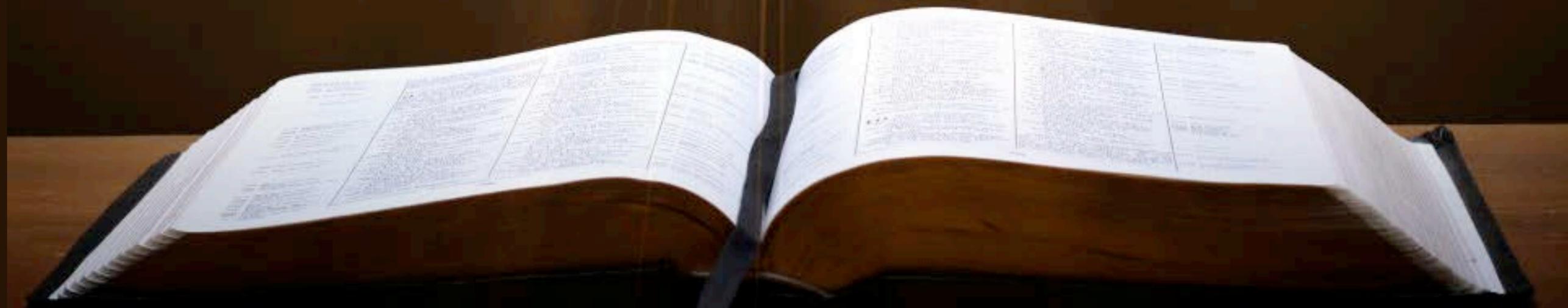
Matthew 24:2, “And Jesus said to them, ‘Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.’ ”

Fulfillment AD 70

The Romans under Titus destroyed the city of Jerusalem and the Temple.

**What the Bible Teaches
About**

**Prophecies About the
Messiah**



מָשִׁיחַ *mashiach* **anointed, appointed one**

1. Luke 4:16–20 with Isa. 61:1–3

Luke 4:17, “And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

Luke 4:18, “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed;*

Luke 4:19, “*To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.*”

Luke 4:20, “Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

Luke 4:21, “And He began to say to them, ‘Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.’ ”

Isa. 61:1, “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed [מָשַׁח *māšah*] Me to proclaim good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ~RD

Isa. 61:2, “To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

Isa. 61:3, “To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”

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2. The Seed of the Woman

PROPHECY:

Gen. 3:15, “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.”

Genesis was written approximately 1405 BC. But the recording of the prophecy was made much earlier in the records Moses used. The prophecy was made at the time of Adam’s sin.

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PROPHECY FULFILLED *ca.* 2 BC:

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FULFILLMENT

Gal. 4:4, “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,”

3. Seed of Abraham

PROPHECY [*ca.* 2100 BC]

Gen. 22:18, “In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

(See also Gen. 12:2, 3.)

[Further promises are made to Abraham’s son Isaac, and his son Jacob, that the seed will come through their descendants]

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FULFILLMENT [*ca.* 2 BC]

Matthew 1:1, “The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham.”

Galatians 3:16, “Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, ‘And the seeds,’ as of many, but as of one, ‘And to your Seed,’ who is Christ.”—

4. Tribe of Judah

PROPHECY [*ca.* 2100 BC]

Gen. 49:10, “The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until He whose right it is comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.”

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FULFILLMENT [*ca.* 2 BC]

Luke 3:23, “Now Jesus Himself ... being ... the son of Joseph, the son of Heli,”

Luke 3:33, “... the son of Perez, the son of Judah,”

5. House of David, Jer. 23:5/Luke 3:23, 31

PROPHECY [*ca.* 600 BC]

Jer. 23:5, “ ‘Behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.’ ”

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FULFILLMENT [*ca.* 2 BC]

Luke 3:23, “Now Jesus ..., being ... the son of Joseph, the son of Heli,”

Luke 3:31, “... the son of Nathan, the son of David,” (cf., 2 Sam. 7:12–16, *ca.* 1000 BC)

6. Born of a virgin, Isa. 7:14

PROPHECY [*ca.* 735 BC]

**Isa. 7:14, “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign:
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will call His name Immanuel.”**

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Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will
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FULFILLMENT [*ca.* 2 BC]

**Matt. 1:18, “... After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,
before they came together, she was found with child of the
Holy Spirit.”**

**Matt. 1:20, “But while he thought about these things, behold,
an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying,
‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary
your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy
Spirit.’ ”**

Matt. 1:21, “ ‘And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.’

Matt. 1:22, “So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

Matt. 1:23, “ ‘*Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,*’ which is translated, ‘*God with us.*’

Matt. 1:24, “Then Joseph, ... took to him his wife,

Matt. 1:25, “and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.”

7. Born at Bethlehem, Micah 5:2/Matt. 2:1

PROPHECY [*ca.* 720 BC]

Mic. 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.”

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PROPHECY

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FULFILLMENT [*ca.* 2 BC]

Matt. 2:1, “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king,”

FULFILLMENT [*ca.* 2 BC]

Luke 2:4, “Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

Luke 2:5, “to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

Luke 2:6, “So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.

Luke 2:7, “And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” [upper room].

8. Ministry in Galilee

Isaiah 9:1, “Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, as when at first He lightly esteemed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward more heavily oppressed her, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles.”

FULFILLMENT [*ca.* AD 30]

Matt. 4:12, “Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee.

Matt. 4:13, “And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,”

Matt. 4:17, “From that time Jesus began to proclaim and to say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ”

9. Enter Jerusalem on a donkey

Zechariah 9:9, “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

FULFILLMENT [*ca.* AD 33]

Luke 19:35, “Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him.

Luke 19:36, “And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road.

Luke 19:37, “Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen,”

10. Silence before His accusers

Isaiah 53:7, “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.”

FULFILLMENT [*ca.* AD 33]

Matt. 27:13, “Then Pilate said to Him, ‘Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?’”

Matt. 27:14, “But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly.”

11. Buried in a rich man's tomb

**Isaiah 53:9, “And they made His grave with the wicked
– But with the rich at His death, because He had done
no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.”**

FULFILLMENT [*ca.* AD 33]

Matt. 27:57, “Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.

Matt. 27:58, “This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him.

Matt. 27:59, “When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

Matt. 27:60, “and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.”

12. Resurrection

**Psalm 16:10, “For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,
nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.”**

FULFILLMENT [*ca.* AD 33]

Acts 2:29, “Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Acts 2:30, “Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,

Acts 2:31, “he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.”

1 Cor. 15:4, “and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

1 Cor. 15:5, “and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

1 Cor. 15:6, “After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

1 Cor. 15:7, “After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

1 Cor. 15:8, “Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.”

13. Betrayed by a friend

Psalm 41:9, “Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.”

FULFILLMENT [*ca.* AD 33]

Matt. 26:49, “Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, ‘Greetings, Rabbi!’ and kissed Him.

Matt. 26:50, “But Jesus said to him, ‘Friend, why have you come?’ Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.”

14. Sold for 30 pieces of silver

Zechariah 11:12, “Then I said to them, ‘If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain.’ So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.”

FULFILLMENT [*ca.* AD 33]

Matt. 26:15, “and said, ‘What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?’ And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.

Matt. 26:16, “So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.”

What are the probabilities?

The probabilities of only 8 of these coming true.

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**~H. Harold Hartzler, of the American Scientific Affiliation,
Goshen College**

“We find that the chance that any man might have lived down to the present time and fulfilled all eight prophecies is 1 in 10^{17} ” (10 to the 17th power). That would be 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 (17 zeros after the one).

~Stoner, *Science Speaks*.

“Now these prophecies were either given by inspiration of God or the prophets just wrote them as they thought they should be. In such a case the prophets had just one chance in 10^{17} of having them come true in any man, but they all came true in Christ. This means that the fulfillment of these eight prophecies alone proves that God inspired the writing of those prophecies to a definiteness which lacks only one chance in 10^{17} of being absolute.”

~Stoner, *Science Speaks*, 100–107

We find the chance that any one man fulfilled all 48 prophecies to be 1 in 10^{157} . This is really a large number and it represents an extremely small chance.

John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’ ”
~NKJV

John 11:25, “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

John 11:26, “ ‘And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?’ ” ~NKJV