


Proving The God Of The Bible Is The True God


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Evidence For The God Of The Bible

How do we know the biblical claims are true?

- Miracles
- Predictive Prophecy
- Perfection of God's Word
- Historical and Archaeological evidence
- Predicated on: The reliability of the biblical manuscripts



Prophecy In The Bible

1. Forth telling prophecy: The calling of God's people to repentance, faith, and obedience to the true living God.
Isaiah 1:16 "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to do evil..."
2. Foretelling prophecy: Predictions of future events that come to be accurately fulfilled. This type of prophecy is only possible by God who knows the future.
1817 predictions in the Bible
 1239 Old Testament
 578 New Testament
 - Non Messianic
 - Messianic

Accurate Predictions In The Bible

Biblical prophecies are:

1. Not merely conjectural guesses.
2. Not merely the “reading” of the trends in cultures.
3. Predictions of human contingencies that are completely unknowable through natural means.
4. Made before the event occurs.
5. Often very unusual events being predicted.

Isaiah's Amazing Prediction of Cyrus

➤ Isaiah 44:26-45:4 "It is I who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited!' and of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be built.' And I will raise up her ruins again..." "It is I who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd! And he will perform all My desire.' And declare to Jerusalem, 'She will be built,' And of the temple, 'Your foundation will be laid. Thus says the LORD to Cyrus His anointed...For the sake of Jacob My servant, and Israel My chosen one, I have also called you by your name."

- Isaiah wrote this around 690 B.C.
- Cyrus was not even born until 599 B.C.
- Cyrus was not ruler until 559
- Cyrus makes his decree in 538 B.C.

Jeremiah's Prediction Of Edom's Doom

- Jeremiah 49:10, 17-19 "But I have stripped Esau bare, I have uncovered his hiding places...O you who live in the clefts of the rock, who occupy the height of the hill, though you make your nest as high as an eagle's, I will bring you down from there declares the LORD...Edom will become an object of horror...like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah with its neighbors," says the LORD, "No one will live there, nor will a man reside in it."
- Edom attacks Jerusalem with Babylonians in 586 B.C.
- By 515 B.C. Nomadic tribes (Nabateans) attack them pushing Edom into Idumea.
- By 636 A.D. Muslim assault leaves not a person left in Petra and surrounding cities!

Ezekiel's Prophecy of Tyre's Doom

- Ezekiel 26:3-4 "...thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I am against you O Tyre, and I will bring up many nations against you, as the sea brings up its waves. They will destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers; and I will scrape her debris from her and make her a bare rock.'
- Ezekiel 26:7 "Behold, I will bring upon Tyre from the north Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon..."
- Ezekiel 26:11-12 "With the hoofs of horses he will trample all your streets. He will slay your people with the sword; and your strong pillars will come down to the ground. Also they will make a spoil of your riches...break down your walls and destroy your pleasant houses, and throw your stones and your timbers and your debris into the water."

Ezekiel's Prophecy of Tyre's Doom

- Ezekiel's prophecy written 586 B.C. (Ezekiel 26:1)
- Babylon laid siege to Tyre from 585 – 573 B.C.
- Alexander's army finished off Tyre in 332 B.C. by building a causeway to an island fortress Tyre had built. Alexander's army literally "scraped" Tyre's debris into the sea!
- "...and I will scrape her debris from her and make her a bare rock." Ezekiel 26:4
- "...and throw your stones and your timbers and your debris into the water." Ezekiel 26:12

Ezekiel's Prophecy Concerning Egypt

Ezekiel 30:13 "Thus says the Lord GOD, I will also destroy the idols and make the images cease from Memphis, and there will no longer be a prince in the land of Egypt...."

- This prophecy was written in 571 B.C.
- 568 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar invades Egypt takes images from Memphis!
- 343 B.C. The last native Pharaoh (Nectanebo II) loses in battle to the Persians.
- Macedonians and Romans ensure that Egypt never again has an Egyptian prince for more than 2,000 years!

Daniel's Amazing Prophecies

- Daniel 8:20-22 (written 551 B.C.) "The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia. The shaggy goat represents the kingdom of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king. The broken horn and the four horns that arose in its place represent four kingdoms which will arise from his nation, although not with his power."
- First King = Alexander the Great reigns from 336-323 B.C. Dies at age 33. (Daniel 8:8 "...but as soon as he was mighty, the large horn was broken...")
- Four Kingdoms:
 1. Cassander – Macedonia
 2. Lysimachus – Thrace and Asia Minor
 3. Seleucus – Syria and Babylonia
 4. Ptolemy – Egypt and Arabia

Messianic Prophecies

Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecies:

- 191 literally fulfilled prophecies in the life of Jesus of Nazareth.
- Peter Stoner (mathematician) calculated the odds of fulfillment of just 48 of these prophecies in any one individual to be 1 in 10 to the 157th power!

Prophecies Jesus Could Not Manipulate if He Were Not God:

Micah 5:2 "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity."

John 6:35 "I Am the bread of life"

John 12:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone, but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Daniel Predicts "Lamb Selection Day"

- Daniel 9:24-26 "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness...So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks...Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing..."

70 x 7 = 490 years

- 69 x 7 = 483 years until Messiah is "cut off"
- Starting point: Decree by Artaxerxes March 5th 444 B.C.
- 483 lunar years of 360 days (Gen 7:11; 8:3-4; Dan 7:24-25; Rev 11:3; 12:6; 13:5)
- End point: 10th Nisan 33 A.D. "Lamb Selection Day"

Jesus Fulfills The Jewish Feasts

Exodus 12:1-3 Each family selects unblemished lamb	10 th Nisan
Exodus 12:6-7 Each family slays "Passover lamb"	14 th Nisan
Exodus 12:15-20 Feast of unleavened bread	15 th Nisan
Leviticus 23:9-14 Feast of first fruits	16 th Nisan
Monday	10 th Nisan Dan 9:24-26; Lk 19:41-44 Lamb Selection
Tuesday	11 th
Wednesday	12 th
Thursday	13 th
Friday	14 th Passover Lamb slain Mt 27:50; Jn 19:33
Saturday	15 th Feast of Unleavened Bread
Sunday	16 th Feast of First Fruits 1 st Cor 15:20 Resurrection
First Pentecost Ex 32:28	New Covenant Pentecost Ac 2:41
Giving of Law- 3,000 perish!	Giving of the Spirit- 3,000 saved!

More Amazing Prophecies

Ex 12:46; Ps 34:20	Psalm 69:21
None of His bones are broken	Messiah given gall and vinegar
<u>Zechariah 11:12</u>	<u>Psalm 132:11; 2nd Samuel 7:14</u>
Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver	Messiah is descendant of David
<u>Zechariah 13:7</u>	<u>Isaiah 50:6</u>
Forsaken by disciples	Messiah beaten, spat upon
<u>Psalm 16:10</u>	<u>Isaiah 53:3</u>
Messiah raised from the dead	Messiah will be rejected
<u>Psalm 22</u>	<u>Isaiah 53:5-8</u>
Messiah sneered and mocked	Messiah will be killed
Hands and feet pierced	<u>Isaiah 53:9</u>
Clothing gambled for	Messiah buried with a rich man.
<u>Psalm 41:9</u>	<u>Isaiah 53:12</u>
Betrayed by a friend	Messiah crucified with criminals

Messiah In Isaiah 52:13-53:12

- 52:13 "My Servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up..."
- 52:14 "His appearance was marred more than any man..."
- Jewish Challenge: This Suffering Servant is Israel
- 53:5-6; 9 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him...
- Yet He was with a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth.
- 53:10 "He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days..."
- 53:12 "Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, and He will divide the booty with the strong..."

Conclusion: Prophecy Teaches Messianic Doctrine

- 1st Peter 1:10-12 "As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow."
- Revelation 19:10 "Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, 'Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'"
