

**Rooted and Grounded
Online Bible Study**

Lesson 10

Scripture:

The Fountain of Truth – Part 4

**Five Reasons we can
Trust the Bible.**

1. Direct Claims of the Bible
2. Perfect Unity of the Bible
3. Reliable Transmission of the Bible
4. Historical Accuracy of the Bible.

**Fulfilled Prophecy of the
Bible**

**God Announced His Messiah in
Scripture.**

“The former things I declared of old; they went out from my mouth, and I announced them; then suddenly I did them, and they came to pass. . . . I declared them to you from of old, before they came to pass I announced them to you, lest you should say, ‘My idol did them, my carved image and my metal image commanded them’ ”
Isaiah 48:3, 5 ESV

“Which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”

Romans 1:2–4

Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled in Jesus Christ

5. Fulfilled Prophecy of the Bible

- 27% of Bible prophetic (when written)
- About 2000 of 2500 fulfilled
- About 300 prophecies about Messiah fulfilled in His 1st Coming
- Prophecies on people, places
 - Destruction of Tyre
 - Cyrus as ruler
- Prophecies on Jews
 - Dispersion and regathering

Isaiah 53:2–12 - All Fulfilled. Jesus...

1. was rejected;
2. was a man of sorrow;
3. lived a life of suffering;
4. was despised by others;
5. carried our sorrow;
6. was smitten and afflicted by God;
7. was pierced for our transgressions;
8. was wounded for our sins;
9. suffered like a lamb;
10. died with the wicked;
11. was sinless; and
12. prayed for others.

Predictions elsewhere about Christ's death include:

13. Betrayed by a Friend (Psalm 41:9; cf. Matthew 26:14-25.) 1000 yrs
14. The piercing of his hands and feet (Ps. 22:16; cf. Luke 23:33);
15. The piercing of his side (Zech. 12:10; cf. John 19:34); and
16. The casting of lots for his garments (Ps. 22:18; cf. John 19:23–24).

Predictions elsewhere about Christ's Birth and Ministry include:

17. Virgin Born (Isaiah 7:14; cf. Luke 1:26-35) 600 – 700 yrs
18. Birth in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1) 700 yrs
19. Called Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14; cf. Matthew 1:23) 600 – 700 yrs
20. Ministry in Galilee (Isaiah 9:1,2; cf. Matthew 4:12-16.) 600-700yrs

“It is unlikely that all these events would have converged in the life of one man. Mathematicians have calculated the probability of sixteen predictions being fulfilled in one man (e.g., Jesus) at 1 in 10^{45} . That forty-eight predictions might meet in one person, the probability is 1 in 10^{157} . It is almost impossible to conceive of a number that large.”

Norman L. Geisler, *Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics*

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Earthquakes



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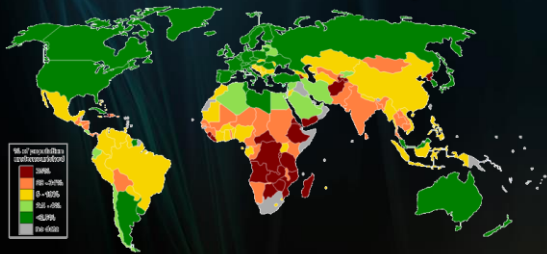
Wars



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Famines



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Disease epidemics



“Pile them, if you will, on the left side of your study table; but place your own Holy Bible on the right side – all by itself, all alone – and with a wide gap between them. For,...there is a gulf between it and the so-called sacred books of the East which severs the one from the other utterly, hopelessly, and forever... a veritable gulf which cannot be bridged over by any science of religious thought.”

Professor M. Monteiro-Williams – Former Boden Professor of Sanskrit. Spent 42 years studying Eastern books and, in comparing them with the Bible.

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