

FULFILLED PROPHECY

THE DIVINE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE

"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"

- Isa 46:9-10

1. Description of Prophecy

- a. Prophecy is significant evidence of divine inspiration
- b. Prophecy was needed when we knew in part; we have the complete mystery – 1Cor 13
- c. It must be accurate! – Deut 18:20-22
- d. A foretelling; not a prediction – Acts 21:10
- e. Declaring the end from the beginning... Isa 42:9, 46:9-10
- f. The open challenge to foretell events - Isa 41:22-23
- g. Estimated 2500 prophecies ~ hundreds about Jesus ~ est. 500 yet future

2. Ancient Prophecies

- a. The first prophecy: the seed of the woman will bruise his head - Gen 3:15 ffd.- Mat 1:20
- b. The Garden restored – Gen 1:31 - Rev 22:1-3
- c. Prophecy of Josiah – 1 Kings 13:2 and 2 Kings 23:15-18
- d. The rebuilding of Jericho centuries prior – Joshua 6:26 fulfilled in 1 Kings 16:33-34
- e. Daniel's prophecy of the great world empires: Persia, Greece, Rome – Dan 2:32-33
- f. Destruction of Babylon hundreds of years before – Isa 13:17-22, Jer 51:26
- g. God revisiting his people after 70 years of captivity – Jer 29:10; Dan 9:2
- h. Cyrus and rebuilding Israel prophesied 150 years before – Isa 44:28; 45:1, Ezra1, 7
- i. The Destruction of Tyre predicted by Ezekiel – Ezekiel 26:2-12
- j. Destruction of Samaria replaced with vineyards – Micah 1:6
- k. The beginning of Jesus public ministry prophesied 483 years prior – Dan 9:25-26

3. Messianic Prophecies

- a. Preceded by a messenger – Isa 40:3 and Mat 3:1-2
- b. His birthplace in Bethlehem – Micah 5:2 and Mat 2:1
- c. Born of a virgin – Isa 7:14 and Mt 1:18,25 (not through Joseph's line – Jer 22:30)
- d. He would be a Prophet – Deut 18:18 vs. Mat 21:11
- e. Seed of Abraham, Isaac, house of David – Gen 22:18, Jer 23:5, and Mat 1:1
- f. His betrayal price as being the same price of a slave – Zech 11:12-13, Mat 27:3-10
- g. His rejection by his own people – Isa 53:3 ffd. ~ John 1:11, 7:5, 49
- h. His crucifixion prophesied in the 5th century BC– Psalm 22:12, 34:10, Zech 12:10
- i. The casting of lots for his clothes – Psalm 22:18 and John 19:23-24
- j. He would be buried with the rich – Isa 53:9 vs Mat 27:57-60
- k. His resurrection – Psalm 16:10 vs. John 2:19, 20
- l. Peter Stoner's probability of finding a marked coin in Texas piled 2 ft deep

4. Future Prophecies

- a. Jesus will return - Titus 2:13, 2 Tim 4:1
- b. Israel will be saved in their kingdom – Rom 11:26 (Isa 59:20)