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Bible Reading: MALACHI 3:1-5 NLT

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MALACHI 3:1-5 NLT



² “But who will be able to endure it when he comes? Who will be able to stand and face him when he appears? For he will be like a blazing fire that refines metal, or like a strong soap that bleaches clothes.

MALACHI 3:1-5 NLT



³ He will sit like a refiner of silver, burning away the dross. He will purify the Levites, refining them like gold and silver, so that they may once again offer acceptable sacrifices to the LORD.

⁴ Then once more the LORD will accept the offerings brought to him by the people of Judah and Jerusalem, as he did in the past.

MALACHI 3:1-5 NLT



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Professor Peter Stoner



“What is the chance
any man might have lived
from the day of these prophecies
down to the present
and have fulfilled 8 of the prophecies?”

Peter Stoner (1888-1980)



Professor and Chair of Science
Westmont College,
Santa Barbara, CA
1953-57

Professor and Chair of
Mathematics and Astronomy
Pasadena City College, CA
1912-1953

Micah 5:2 TNIV

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
... out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel”



One man in how many, the world over,
has been born in Bethlehem?

= The avg. population of Bethlehem,
From Micah's time to the present,
Divided by the avg. population
of the earth for the same period.

= 1 man in 280,000

Psalm 22:16 TNIV

They have pierced my hands
and my feet.



One man in how many,
From the time of David to now,
Has been crucified?

= 1 man in 10,000

Malachi 3:1 NLT

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One man in how many,
The world over, has had
A forerunner to prepare his way?

= 1 man in 1000

Multiplying all 8 prophecy probabilities,
Then simplifying and reducing down,
The chance that one man might have
Fulfilled them all equals

1 in 10^{17}

1 in 100 quadrillion

1 in one hundred million billion

1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000



“That number is millions of times greater than the total of people who’ve ever walked the planet.”

-- Louis Lapidés

Take 48 OT prophecies and assume
the same chances of fulfillment
as the first 8 prophecies.

The chance that one man might have
Fulfilled all 48 equals

1 in 10^{157}

1 in 1,000 Quinquagintillion

1 in Let's use YOUR zeroes to show it!



The number of Old Testament prophecies dealing with Messiah are estimated to be up to 456, according to the late Jewish convert to Christianity, Alfred Edersheim

To illustrate the zeroes in that one
...NOT!

“The Fingerprint Evidence”



Did Jesus – and Jesus Alone –
Match the Identity of the Messiah?



“No two fingerprints
have ever been found identical
in many billions of human and
automated computer comparisons.”

Lee Strobel, *The Case for Christ*

DNA Evidence Compared



STRs power of discrimination
(1 in 10^{13} for unrelated individuals
if using a full SGM+ profile)

= 10,000,000,000,000

or 1 in 10 trillion

The odds that one man would fulfill
48 prophecies of Hebrew Scripture
= 1 in 1,000 Quinquagintillion



“The odds alone say
it would be impossible
for anyone to fulfill
the Old Testament prophecies.



Yet Jesus – and only Jesus
throughout history –
managed to do it.”

-- Louis Lapidès,
Jewish convert to Christianity
and Christian pastor



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ACTION STEP #1



Read the New Testament part
of the Bible with us!

ACTION STEP #2



Realize that Jesus
fulfills all that came before
in the Old Testament!

ACTION STEP #3



Realize that Jesus
fulfills all that came before
in your life!

ACTION STEP #4



Realize that Jesus fulfills
all that is yet to come
in your life.

ACTION STEP #5



Realize that Jesus fulfills
what the world needs now
through your life!

In Remembrance of Him...





Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee



Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

In Remembrance of Him...



