

JESUS IN BIBLE PROPHECY

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INTRODUCTION

For many thousands of years people from all walks of life have been fascinated with bible prophecy. The very idea that some one's life could have been fore told completely in advance just boggles the mind. Just imagine if your life was fore told long before you ever were born. Facts like: when you would be born, where you would be born, who you would be born to, the purpose of your life, the things that you would do, the trials you would face, even how you would die, where you would be buried, and what your life would be like after your death. These are just a few of the things that were prophesied of the Messiah (anointed one).

There is no other record of any one's life ever being predicted as Christ's life was. Even more interesting is the fact that over 300 of the prophecies spoken of by Moses and the Prophets has already come to pass. That's right over 300. That's amazing. The odds of anyone fulfilling only 8 of the Messianic prophecies is 1 out of 1 followed by 17 zeros¹

We shall begin to explore these facts and others in this paper in the hope that the reader will be enlightened to the uniqueness of the life of Christ, and the extreme importance of His mission here on earth. Of all the men born on earth and of all the accomplishment achieved by them none can say that they alone are responsible for saving humanity from certain destruction. Jesus alone is responsible for redeeming mankind from his fallen state and presenting us faultless before the all mighty God. He alone is worthy of our praise. He alone is worthy of honor. As we shall see He is the one that God spoke of in Genesis 3:15 concerning the seed of the woman. He is the redeemer Jesus Christ the Son of the living God.

1. "www.faithfacts.org," [http://Retrieved from http://www.faithfacts.org](http://www.faithfacts.org).

What is Bible Prophecy?

There are many sources of prophecy. We are only interested in one. That source is God. He is the divine creator of all things. He alone “upholds all things by the word of his power” in Heb.1:3. Myles Monroe Says “The purpose of a thing cannot be known by asking anyone other than the designer or the manufacturer.”¹ God is the creator of all life and He is the head of the Trinity. That is why Jesus said “ I only do the will of my Father” and “I only say that the Father has said” John 17:8 God know exactly why He was sending His Son and what He wanted Jesus to accomplish here on this earth. This all makes a lot of sense when you understand what bible prophecy is. Bible prophecy is simply Gods plans or history revealed in advance.

Dr. Tim Lahaye, noted bible scholar and author of the Left Behind series, says that bible prophecy “Is Gods history in advance”. It was spoken by “A prophet, one who speaks on behalf of another and a prophecy is the message that it conveys. Bible prophecy is Gods infallible message to man, spoken or written by prophets especially chosen by God²”.

Notice the word Infallibility. God’s word is not like the word of a man or a created being. Our words can and do fail, but the word of the Lord is sure and stead fast. The bible says that “heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” in Matt. 24:35. In 2 Peter 1:19 the bible says “ And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the day star arises in your hearts”. We can be confident in the word of the Lord. For His word will not return unto Him void. Rev.

1. Myles Monroe, “How to Release Your Potential,” in *Releasing Your Potential* (n.p.: Destiny Imagothe, 1992).

2. Dr. Tim Lahaye, “What Is Bible Prophecy?” in *Charting The End Times* (Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House, 2001).

Clarence Larkin in his book "The Book of Daniel" tells us that "Prophecy is HISTORY WRITTEN IN ADVANCE, and PROVES the FOREKNOWLEDGE of God". He goes on to say that "Prophecy is two fold, "Descriptive" and "Predictive" The Prophets were both "Forth-Tellers" and "Fore-Tellers." They had both "insight" and "foresight". Their prophetic utterances were not the deductions of reason, but were imparted to them by the Holy Spirit."³ The bible says in 2 Peter 1:21 "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but Holy Men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost". Many people today even many church going believers say that all bible prophecy does is scare them. To that I answer God did not give bible prophecy to scare us but to prepare us. Bible prophecy demonstrates Gods love for man by letting us know what will happen in the future so we can prepare ourselves and know what we should do. In I Chron. 12:32 the bible say's "And the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do. Today it is know different. God want us to know his plans for man and be ready at "The Coming of the Lord".

Why Did God Give Us Prophecy?

God has always desired to have a Personal relationship with man. God wanted to be more than just our creator He wanted to be our friend. This is evidenced as early as the Garden of Eden. The bible says that in the cool of the day (evening) God would come down into the garden to walk or fellowship with His man Adam. On one occasion the bible says "And the Lord Spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend" in Ex. 33:11. In the New Testament Jesus calls us friends and not servants. He says "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have

3. Clarence Larkin, "Introduction," in *The Book of Daniel* (Glenside, Pa. 19038, U.S.A.: Rev. Clarence Larkin Estate, 1929).

heard of my father I have made known unto you” in John 15:15. God wanted relationship with us as SON’S and not servants. God had plenty of servants called angels. That’s not to say that we don’t serve God. We serve Him as an obedient son or daughter would serve their parent. We are God’s children and as obedient children we want to help our Father with His work. Jesus put it this way, “my Father works therefore the son must work also”. Jesus said “I must work the works of God”. God wanted friends, sons, daughters, and children, people He could share His life and plans with. It has always been in the mind of God to inform man of His plans so He could understand God’s heart know His thoughts and know His ways.

God's plans if we obey them always lead to life. If we don't obey them they lead many times to death. In the Law of Moses in Deut.30:19 God tells Moses that He has set before the children of Israel "Life and death, and blessing, and cursing ". Then God does something that really shows His heart and compassion for man. Gods says "Choose Life" God wants to bless His children so much and give us long life that He couldn't wait to give us the answer to His own question.

In J.M. Powis Smith's book "The Prophets And Their Times" Smith says that "The prophet Gad was a contemporary and an adviser of David, both before and after he became king"¹. Again this shows the heart of God reaching out towards David both awhile he was running from king Saul, and at the end of him rein when his enemy's were trying to destroy him. God want David to know that He was with him and for him, and sent the prophet Gad to be there with prophetic insight and advice to David in every phases of David's rein over Israel. Amos 3:3 says "Surly the Lord will do nothing, but He revealeth His secrets unto His servants the prophets."

God's Plan Revealed

After the fall of man God wasted no time putting into action His master plan to redeem man back to Himself and restore man to his rightful position of authority in the earth. In Genesis chapter 3 we are given the account of the fall and how God dealt with it. First He makes contact with man by coming down into the garden. I love the fact that even after Adam messed up God still came to see His friend. This should give us all hope that even when we don't get it right we can still count on God to be there with love, correction, and encouragement.

1. J.M. Powis Smith, "Prophetic Leaders And The United Kingdom," in *The Prophets And Their Times* (Chicago Illinois: university Of Chicago Press, 3/1925).

Upon finding out what has happened through the mouth of Adam and Eve God addresses the situation and sets the stage for the Messiah to come forth and redeem mankind from his fall.

In Gen. 3:15 God begins to reveal His master plan to Adam and Eve for the future. I like the fact that the first two prophecies that were given to man were spoken by God himself. The first was Gods prophetic warning about what would happen if Adam or Eve ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The second prophecy was the promise of the redemption of man. Since both of these prophecies have already come to pass exactly as God said they would along with 300 other prophecies about Christ it gives much validity to bible prophecy.

In Gen. 3:15 He said “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel”. Genesis chapter 3:15 foresees the coming of the Messiah, born of a woman, who will defeat Satan. This earliest and foundational messianic prophecy is found a mere three chapters into the bible. This prophecy provides hope for the redemption of the fallen human race. It proclaims the coming of a Savior who will enter the human race and defeat satan¹.”

In Herbert Lockyer’s book “All The Messianic Prophecies of the Bible” He writes “ Then came the precious prophecy of redemption through the seed of the woman who had sinned first. This second prophecy was the promise of life. Thus there started the stream of bible prophecy, continuing ever wider, fuller, and deeper through out the thirty nine sacred books of the Old Testament, until Jesus came born of a woman ².”

1. Ed Hindson, “Genesis,” in *The Popular Bible Prophecy Commentary* (Eugene, Oregon: Harveat House Publisher, 2006).

2. Herbert Lockyer, “Prophecies of His Brith,” in *All The Messianic Prophecies of the Bible* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, 1973).

Now just as God made known His will for man in redemption, He also begins to make His will known for the future of the human race through out eternity. God through His prophets shares His plan for the nations, empires, and the coming rule the anti-christ. God tells us of the seven years of tribulation, Jesus second coming, and the battle of armegedion. God reveals His plans for the milliniual rein of Christ, the new Jerusalem, and the new heave and the new earth. God even reveals His planed judgments and rewards. From eternity present to eternity past to eternity future God wants us well informed so we can make good decisions and be ready to meet the lord in the air.

The Lineage of the Messiah

Another important aspect of the messiahs coming was that He is to be born of a certain lineage. That meant He could not just be born to, or through any woman but that He had to come through the lineage of David. This Christ the messiah had to be able to legally sit on the throne of David and rule. Hence the bible has many records of the lineage of David. The messiah also had to be of the seed of Abraham in order to fulfill the covenant God made with him so there are also lineages concerning Abraham. This not only is important to David and Abraham, but to us as we are called Abrahams seed if we are in Christ Gal.3:13. In Genesis 12:3 God made a promise to Abraham saying “ In you will all the families of the earth will be blessed”. In Genesis 17:19 and Genesis 21:12 “God makes it clear who was to carry the bloodline. God states in Isaac son of Abraham and Jacob son of Isaac, and in Judah son of Jacob (or Israel) in 49:10 shall the messiah come forth¹”.

As to being the heir to the throne of David Charles Larkin says that Jesus being born of a virgin didn't make Jesus heir to the throne. It was only when Joseph and Mary were wed that Jesus became the legal heir to David's throne². “Building on the specificity of Messiah's lineage, God promised King David, through Nathan the prophet in 2 Samuel 7:12-13, that Messiah will not only come from his own bloodline, but will also inherit his throne¹”. Thus one see the real importance of all the genealogies in the scriptures.

1. Bible Prophecy Resource Center, “www.bprc.org/topic/fulfill.html,” Prophecies fulfilled by Jesus, [http://Retrieved from http://www.bprc.org/topic/fulfill.html](http://www.bprc.org/topic/fulfill.html).

2. Charles Larkin, “The King,” in *The Greatest Book of Dispensational Truth in the World* (Glenside Pa. 19038: Rev. Charles Larkin, 1918).

Born of a Virgin

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