

Keavy Church Of Christ Beacon

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Why Should We Believe That The Bible Is The Word Of God? (Prophecy And Fulfillment)

Throughout time, God has provided ample evidence to document when a Prophet has truly been sent from Him. For example, in the Book of Isaiah, there was a time when the people of Israel were worshiping false gods (i.e., fallen angels and demons who were pretending to be Divine). God issued the challenge for them to prove that they were truly Divine by showing detailed knowledge of the future.

Isaiah 41:21-24 (ERV)-The LORD, the king of Jacob, says, "Come, present your arguments. Show me your proof. **22** Let your idols come in and tell us what will happen. Idols, tell us what happened in the beginning. We will listen closely so that we can make a decision. Tell us what will happen in the future. **23** What signs did you give in the past to prove that you really are gods? Do something! Do anything, good or bad, so that we can see that you are alive. Then we might fear and respect you. **24** "Look, you false gods are worthless. You cannot do anything. Only some horrible fool would want to worship you."

Isaiah 42:9 (ERV)-In the past, I told you what would happen, and it happened! Now I am telling you something new, and I am telling you now, before it happens."

Isaiah 45:21 (ERV)-Tell them to come to me. Let them present their case and discuss these things.) "Who told you about this before it happened? Who told you this so long ago? I, the LORD, am the one who said these things. I am the only God, the one who does what is right. I am the one who saves, and there is no other!

There are many examples of Bible prophecy which demonstrate that the Bible is the Word of God.

But what constitutes legitimate prophecy?

“Only God can know the future. If, then, we are able to establish the fact that the prophets announced—many years in advance—truths regarding the desolation of Babylon, it would amount to a demonstration that ultimately the biblical record was given by God Himself. These matters never could have been known by mere chance. There is an interesting passage in the book of Jeremiah that illustrates this point. On a certain occasion in the prophet’s ministry to Judah, Jeremiah was told by the Lord that his cousin, Hanamel, would arrive soon, offering to sell him a parcel of land in the town of Anathoth. Presently, Hanamel came to the prophet and made that very offer. Jeremiah subsequently uttered this significant statement: “Then I knew that this was the word of Jehovah” (Jeremiah 32: 8, emp. added). When a prophecy is made—and the prediction comes to pass—one can know that God has spoken, provided other prophetic guidelines are in place.

PROPHETIC PRINCIPLES In this chapter, we will survey some of the prophecies that focus upon Babylon’s demise. First, though, let us remind ourselves of several principles that govern the validity of genuine prophecy.

- (1) True prophecies are stated emphatically; they are not couched in the jargon of contingency (unless, of course, contextual evidence suggests that one is dealing with a conditional prophecy).
- (2) Generally, a significant time frame must lapse between the prophetic utterance and the fulfillment, so as to exclude the possibility of “educated speculation.”
- (3) The prophecy must involve specific details, not vague generalities.
- (4) The predictive declarations must be fulfilled precisely and completely. No mere substantial percentage will suffice. One should recognize, though, that occasionally a prophecy may contain figurative terminology; this does not, however, militate against its evidential validity.” (Wayne Jackson, quoted in Kyle Butt,

Behold! The Word Of God, 591-1606 (Kindle Edition): Montgomery, AL: Apologetics Press, Inc.)

In the next few articles, we will indicate many examples of Bible prophecy and fulfillment which document that the Bible is the Word of God. We shall also see how the Bible record in this category of prophecy and fulfillment is drastically different from other realigns (modern and ancient). Also, we want to invite you to our Vacation Bible School (VBS), which will be July 7-11. It will be from 6:00-8:00 each evening. Our theme is, "Cool Critters From The Creator's Creation." We will look at dinosaurs, eagles, lions, and sheep. Food and activities will be made available for all children and adults! Please make plans to come out and join us.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.