



“Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet...” - Matt. 2:17





The Importance of Biblical Prophecies

Introduction

- Christ fulfilled more than 350 prophecies in His coming, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension.
- We can find hope and peace in the prophecies in Scripture
- Why are biblical prophecies important?

1. Confirms Biblical Authority

- The Bible contains detailed descriptions of coming events and their fulfillment
- “...for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.” (2 Pet. 1:21)
- The words of scripture and be trusted and therefore lived by.



2. Confirms Biblical Accuracy

- Scripture is not merely man's account of historical events
- “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person...”
(Heb. 1:1-3)





2. Confirms Biblical Accuracy

- “But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? (Matt. 22:31-32; Exodus 3:6,15)

3. Reveals God's Wisdom

- Only God, the Almighty, in His infinite capacity can inspire some 75 books written by 40+ authors, in 3 languages, and over 1400 years to speak about the same person.
- The authors were of different backgrounds



4. Confirms God's Power



- “Who is he who speaks and it comes to pass, when the Lord has not commanded it?” (Lam. 3:37)
- “By His word the waters stood as a heap and the reservoirs of the waters by the word of His mouth. By His command all His good pleasure is done, and no one will diminish His salvation.” (Sir. 39:17-18)

5. Confidence or trust in God's promises

- Fulfilled prophecies should confirm our trust in God's words
- “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” (Matt. 16:18)

6. Confirms the truth of His Warnings

- “Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.” (Matt. 24:42)
- “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.” (Matt. 17:13-14)



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Parable of the 10 Virgins

Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming. (Matt. 25:11-13)

7. Gives us His Peace

- When the Lord spoke to His disciples of His approaching death and resurrection, they naturally were troubled.
- “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.” (Jn. 14:1-4)



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