

THE PURPOSE OF PROPHECY

TEXT: *John 13:19: Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am He.*

It is only natural that people wish to look into the future. We are curious of the unknown that lies ahead and want to know what is going to happen. Many people have allowed their desire to see ahead take them to fortune tellers, which **the Bible strictly forbids and condemns**. Others have taken the time to read a varied assortment of books on the subject.



The best, largest and only accurate book on prophecy is the Holy Bible. It goes into daring details, foretelling events that are going to happen as though they had already taken place. Surprisingly enough, at least to those who are unacquainted with the Lord and His precious Word, they have found these prophecies already fulfilled. Others are in the process of being fulfilled, and some with a longer range in view are yet to be fulfilled. Prophecy is God's proof to an honest heart that His Word is true.

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These Bible Prophecies are not given by the Lord to entertain the minds of the curious, nor are they written as a novel to answer the peoples' desire to pass the time away. **Jesus told us very plainly that Prophecy is given to us for a holy and divine purpose. This definite purpose is to build our faith and to destroy unbelief from our hearts.** Read below what Jesus said in ***John 13:19***. Again, our Lord repeats this Prophecy principle in ***John 14:29***, in case we missed the plan of God in the previous chapter.

John 13:19: Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am He.

John 14:29: And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

Once again, Jesus tries to establish this truth in our minds in:

John 16:4-5:

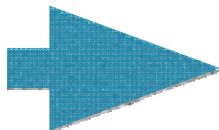
⁴ But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

⁵ But now I go My way to Him Who sent Me; and none of you asketh Me, Wither goest Thou?

Then, after 2 more chapters, in **John 18:32**, many of those prophecies Jesus had foretold were coming to pass when He was either in the hands of Pilate, Herod, or religious leaders.

Prophecy fills one-fourth of the Bible and was designed by God not only to show His knowledge of the future, but to let us know that He, being Almighty God, knows the end from the beginning. Nothing is hidden from Him. That is why the Bible is the most amazing book in the entire world, and there is none like it. The Bible teaches us that the Holy Scriptures are the holy inspired Word of God. It contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of Salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable.

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We should read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. For, it contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and

the Christian's charter. Here, Heaven is opened, and the gates of Hell are disclosed.

Christ is the Bible's grand Subject, for our good, for its design, and for the Glory of God – which is its End. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read the Bible slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given to help you in this life. It will be opened at the Judgment and will be remembered forever. The Word of God involves the highest responsibilities. It will reward the greatest labor and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

The fulfilled Prophecies alone are enough to convince any honest heart that this is truly the Word of the Living God. Jesus told us that the purpose of these Prophecies He has given were to build their faith as they saw them unfold in fulfillment. So, the main purpose behind Jesus' prophecies is to strengthen faith and to destroy unbelief. Fulfilled prophecy also shows us the Lord's faithfulness to His Word that He will do what He says. This is the unanswerable proof of the divine inspiration of the Scriptures.



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The very first Prophecy ever made was given by the Lord in **Genesis 3:15**. It declares the coming of the world's only Savior, the Messiah, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Genesis 3:15: 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.

Paul speaks in **Galatians 4:4-5**:

4 But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the Law,

5 To redeem them that were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Jesus is the Seed of the woman whom God said would bruise the serpent's head, meaning satan. Isaiah Prophesied that a Son would be "given" and a child born. This one sentence has a double meaning. A careful reader will see the difference in these two meanings. **A child born** speaks of Jesus' humanity, being born of a virgin as foretold by Isaiah over 700 years before Jesus came into the world. **And they shall call His Name Immanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.** **Matthew 1:23.** This **Son "given"** speaks of the deity of Jesus Christ; that He actually left Heaven, and His Spirit entered the body that was in preparing in Mary's womb.

John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life.

The Prophet Jeremiah foretold an amazing Prophecy about the Lord Jesus saying: ***The Lord hath created a new thing in the earth*** (which means something never done before), ***a woman shall compass a man.*** What could that mean in this 31st chapter, verse 22?

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Jeremiah 31:22: How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man.

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Matthew 1:18: Now the Birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with Child of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 1:35: And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Bible Prophecies are mainly in two channels, and the Messiah (Redeemer of the world) is either announced that HE IS COMING or HE IS COMING AGAIN. Jesus is the fulfillment of many Prophecies spoken by the Lord God through the Prophets of the Old Testament. They were God's secretaries, taking dictation. There are over 2,500 instances of these Words found throughout the Bible: ***“Thus saith the Lord”***; ***“The Lord said”***; or ***“God spake”*** the most amazing proof the Scriptures are inspired by God, and they are found in these 33 Prophecies fulfilled in one day.

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33 PROPHECIES FULFILLED IN ONE DAY

1. Prophecy: of the betrayal of the Lord Jesus by Judas in 1000 BC

Psalms 41:9: Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

John 13:18: I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, he that eateth bread with Me hath lifted up his heel against Me.

Fulfillment:

Mark 14:10: And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray Him [Jesus] unto them.



2. Prophecy: predicted 500 years before that Jesus would be forsaken by His disciples

Zechariah 13:7: *Awake, O sword, against My shepherd, and against the Man Who is My fellow, saith the LORD of Hosts: smite the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn Mine hand upon the little ones.*

Fulfillment: *Mark 14:50: And they all forsook Him, and fled.*

3. Prophecy: the price paid for Jesus' betrayal was foretold by Zechariah



Zechariah 11:12: *And I said unto them, If ye think good, give Me My price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for My price thirty pieces of silver.*

Fulfillment:

Matthew 26:15: *And [Judas] said unto them [chief priests], What will ye give me, and I will deliver Him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.*

4. Prophecy: What would be done with the Money? How would Judas use the betrayal loot?

Zechariah 11:13: *And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prized at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the House of the LORD.*

Fulfillment:

Matthew 27:3-7:

³ *Then Judas, which had betrayed Him, when he saw that He was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,*

⁴ *Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.*



⁵ And he cast down the pieces of silver in the Temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

⁶ And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

⁷ And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

5. Prophecy: the Prophecy of His scourging written about 700 BC

Isaiah 50:6: I gave My back to the smiters, and My cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not My face from shame and spitting.

Fulfillment: written between 60 and 75 AD

Matthew 27:26, 30: Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

³⁰ And they spit upon Him, and took the reed, and smote Him on the head.

6. Prophecy: Prophecy of shame, reproach, and dishonor

Psalms 69:19: Thou hast known My reproach, and My shame, and My dishonor: Mine adversaries are all before Thee.

Fulfillment:

Matthew 27:28: And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet robe.



7. Prophecy: of false witnesses against Christ at His trial

Psalms 35:11: False witnesses did rise up; they laid to My charge things that I knew not.

Fulfillment: written between 55 and 70 AD

Mark 14:56: *For many bare false witness against Him, but their witness agreed not together.*

8. Prophecy: of the smitten Shepherd

Zechariah 13:7: *Awake, O sword, against My shepherd, and against the Man that is My fellow, saith the Lord of Hosts: smite the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn Mine hand upon the little ones.*

Fulfillment:

Matthew 26:31, 56:

³¹*Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of Me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.*

⁵⁶*But all this was done, that the Scriptures of the Prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook Him, and fled.*

9. Prophecy: concerning the parting of His garments

Psalms 22:18: *They part My garments among them, and cast lots upon My vesture.*



Fulfillment:

John 19:24: *They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted My raiment among them, and for My vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.*

10. Prophecy: the foretelling that the Lord Jesus would not open His mouth at the trial

Isaiah 53:7: *He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter,*

and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth.

Fulfillment:

Matthew 27:13-14: Then said Pilate unto Him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against Thee?

¹⁴ And He answered him to never a word: insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.



11. Prophecy: of our Savior's crucifixion

Isaiah 53:5-6, 10:

⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

¹⁰ Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when Thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.

Fulfillment:

John 19:16: Then delivered he Him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led Him away.

12. Prophecy: It was seen in Prophetic panorama that He would be weakened physically.

Psalms 109:24: My knees are weak through fasting; and My flesh faileth of fatness.

Fulfillment:

Matthew 27:32: And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear [carry] His Cross.



13. Prophecy: of His thirst

Psalms 69:3: I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

Fulfillment:

John 19:28: After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

14. Prophecy: giving Him something to drink

Psalms 69:21: They gave Me also gall for My meat; and in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink.

Fulfillment:

John 19:29: Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to His mouth.

15. Prophecy: The Scriptures even note how people would view Jesus, showing the minutest details.

Psalms 22:17: I may tell all My bones: they look and stare upon Me.

Fulfillment:

Matthew 27:36: And sitting down they watched Him there;

16. Prophecy: The piercings of His hands and His feet are described.

Psalms 22:16: For dogs have compassed Me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed Me: they pierced My hands and My feet.

Fulfillment:

Matthew 27:35: And they crucified Him, and parted His garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophet, They parted My garments among them, and upon My vesture did they cast lots.

John 20:25: The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe.

17. Prophecy: the pierced side of the Redeemer

Zechariah 12:10: And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon Me Whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

Fulfillment:

John 19:34: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

18. Prophecy: His heart was to be broken.

Psalms 22:14: I am poured out like water and all My bones are out of joint: My heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of My bowels.

Fulfillment:

Hebrews 5:7: Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him Who [The Lord God] was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared;

19. Prophecy: our Lord's mother and friends in Prophecy

Psalms 38:11: My lovers and My friends stand aloof from My sore; and My kinsmen stand afar off.

Fulfillment:

Luke 23:49: And all His acquaintances, and the women that followed Him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things.

20. Prophecy: the mockery of the people

Psalms 109:25: I became also a reproach unto them: when they looked upon Me they shook their heads.

Fulfillment:

Matthew 27:30, 31a, 39:

³⁰ And they spit upon Him, and took the reed, and smote Him on the head.

^{31a} And after that they had mocked Him,

³⁹ And they that passed by reviled Him, wagging their heads,

21. Prophecy: The railing, hatred, and taunting of the mob

Psalms 22:8: He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

Fulfillment:

Matthew 27:43: He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him: for He said, *I am the Son of God.*

22. Prophecy: The Prophecy of the Lamb of God

Isaiah 53:7: He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth.

Fulfillment:

John 1:29: The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

23. Prophecy: The Prophecy of His intercession for the transgressors

Isaiah 53:12: Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Fulfillment:

Luke 23:34: Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted His raiment, and cast lots.

24. Prophecy: the intense lonely cry in the midnight hour of His suffering

Psalms 22:1: My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? Why art Thou so far from helping Me, and from the Words of My roaring?



Fulfillment:

Matthew 27:46: And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?

25. Prophecy: The Prophecy of His marred visage, due to the brutality of the soldiers

Isaiah 52:14: As many were astonished at Thee; His visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men.

Fulfillment:

John 19:5, 14:

⁵ Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the Man!

¹⁴ And it was the preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!

26. Prophecy: The cry of victory and triumph

Psalms 22:31: They shall come, and shall declare His Righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that He hath done this.

Fulfillment: on the Cross

John 19:30: When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, "It is finished": and He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit.

27. Prophecy: He dismissed His spirit to His Father

Psalms 31:5: Into Thine hand I commit My spirit: Thou hast redeemed Me, O LORD God of truth.

Fulfillment: on the Cross

Luke 23:46: And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit: and having said thus, He gave up His spirit.

28. Prophecy: A wonderful Prophecy uttered 1490 years before its fulfillment – no bones of His body would be broken

Exodus 12:46: In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof.

Fulfillment:

John 19:33, 36:

³³But when they came to Jesus and found that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

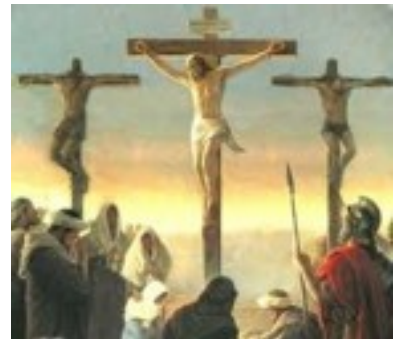
³⁶ These things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled: *Not one of His bones will be broken,*

29. Prophecy: It was foretold 700 years before that He was to be numbered with the transgressors.

Isaiah 53:12: Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Fulfillment:

Luke 23:33: And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the malefactors [2 criminals], one on the right hand, and the other on the left.



30. Prophecy: The Messiah was to be cut off, but not for Himself.

Daniel 9:26: And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for Himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Fulfillment:

John 11:50-53

⁵⁰ Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man [being Jesus] should die for the people, and that the whole Nation perish not.

⁵¹ And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he Prophesied that Jesus should die for that Nation;

⁵² And not for that Nation only, but that also He should gather together in one [body consisting of both Jews and Gentiles] the children of God who were scattered abroad.

⁵³ Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put Him to death.

31. Prophecy: The oldest Prophecy of all, uttered by the Lord Himself, at least 4,000 years before — the conflict of the Cross

Genesis 3:15: 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.

Fulfillment: The heel of the Lord Jesus Christ was bruised when He was crucified, as the nails were driven through His Feet, which bruised His Heel.

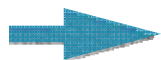
John 12:31-33:

³¹Now is the Judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world [satan] be cast out.

³²And I, if I [Jesus] be lifted up [onto a tree] from the earth, will draw all men unto Me.

³³This He said, signifying what death He should die.

John 19:18: Where they crucified Him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.



The fulfillment of the following verse will take place when Jesus Christ, the Messiah, returns.

Romans 16:20: And the God of Peace shall bruise satan under your feet shortly. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

32. Prophecy: The place of burial of the body of the Lord Jesus Christ is predicted.

Isaiah 53:9: And He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death; because He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth.

Fulfillment:

Matthew 27:57-60:

⁵⁷ When the evening was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

⁵⁸ He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

⁵⁹ And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

⁵⁹ And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

33. Prophecy: A great Calvary Miracle Prophecy, which is wonderful and uttered about 800 years before. It is one of the most profound Prophecies of the Word of God; on the day that the Savior is to be crucified, there will be darkness at noon day.

Amos 8:9: And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the Earth in the clear day.

Fulfillment: The day and hour of the death of Jesus on the Cross

Matthew 27:45: Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

Do we realize we are hearing or reading a miracle of impossible proportion? If a sinner were betting on horses or sports, and his chances of winning were one in a trillion, he would be a fool to try. The chances of these Prophecies being fulfilled or even Prophesied by mere mortal men are a greater proportion than even a trillion to one. For in these Prophecies there is more than one detail, thus making it absolutely

impossible for man to do.

If we could even see into the future of one day accurately, we could be wealthy overnight, either by way of the stock market or by betting on sports. A sinner would give his eye tooth to be smart enough to know what only one day of events holds in advance. Yet, the Almighty God is here declaring the events of history in advance, as much as 4,000 years into the future.

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The purpose of Prophecy is for your eternal benefit and welfare. God had you in mind when He ordered the Bible to be written. Have you benefited by all the expense and effort on the Lord's part? The Lord wants to bring you to faith and salvation. Look into this closing Scripture which finalizes the purpose for why the Bible was written.

John 20:31: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His Name.

Many other signs truly were shown by Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in the Books of the Bible. These signs were written in the Bible so that we might believe that: Jesus is the Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, and in believing, we might have life through His Name.

I am asking you: What will you do with Jesus Who is called the Christ? You cannot be neutral concerning Him. *The only right way to answer this question is: **I believe that Jesus, Son of the Living God, loved me and died for my sins according to the Scriptures. I believe in and rely on Him and accept Him as my only Savior from sin. I will live for Him now and confess Him to the world.***

Do it today and please do not delay for the hour is near!

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