

## THE BIBLE (Part 6 of 6)

The evidence for prophetic accuracy is overwhelming, and if one will be honest when researching this matter they too will be overwhelmed. It has been said, that one will search in vain through the pages of other so claimed sacred writings to find even a single line of accurate prophecy. Isaiah the prophet wrote: “Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together” (Isaiah 41:22-23). This is what God has done in His Word and no other writings have even come close to accuracy of this magnitude.

First, let us consider the nation of Israel: Israel would become a great nation (Genesis 12:1-3); Israel would spend four hundred years in Egypt (Genesis 15:13); Israel’s kings would come out of tribes of Judah (Genesis 49:10); Israel would be scattered among the nations of the world (Leviticus 26:33); Deuteronomy 28:25, 64); Israel would be persecuted (Deuteronomy 28:65-67); Israel would reject her Messiah (Isaiah 53); Israel would, in spite of all these things, endure forever (Genesis 17:7; Isaiah 66:22). Concerning the nation of Israel, all of these scriptures have and will come to pass. (For more information, study these scriptures and their chain references.)

Second, let us consider God’s dealing with certain cities: The overthrow of Tyre mentioned in Ezekiel 26. To some this is the greatest fulfilled prophecy in the Old Testament. Ezekiel predicted: Tyre would be captured by the king of Babylon, whose name was Nebuchadnezzar (Ezekiel 26:7); other nations would participate in Tyre’s destruction (Ezekiel 26:3); the city would be scrapped and made flat, like the top of a rock (Ezekiel 26:4); and it would become a place for spreading of nets (Ezekiel 26:5).

Four years after Ezekiel’s prophecy, Nebuchadnezzar surrounded the city and the siege lasted thirteen years. Nebuchadnezzar did destroy the coastal city of Tyre (Ezekiel 29:18), but by the time he breached the walls of the city, Tyre had relocated to a small island a half mile offshore. Nebuchadnezzar had no naval fleet, so he was unable to attack the offshore city. For the next 240 or 250 years the offshore city of Tyre dwelt in safety. But one day there arrived on the grounds

of the destroyed coastal city of Tyre a man by the name of Alexander the Great; his siege against this offshore city of Tyre lasted seven months, but he conquered this city that sat in safety. He took the debris of the coastal city and built a causeway; he did this by throwing the debris into the ocean, building this causeway a half mile out to this offshore city. What God said concerning this city, did come to pass.

Jericho the fallen city: Joshua stated, “And Joshua adjured them at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it (Joshua 6:26). This prophecy consists of three elements: First, Jericho would be rebuilt again by one man. Second, the builder’s oldest son would die when the work began. Third, the builder’s youngest son would die when the work was complete. Five centuries later this prophecy was fulfilled. “In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun (1 Kings 16:34).

Jerusalem and fulfilled prophecy: Jesus said, “And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down” (Matthew 24:1-2). Also, Jesus said, “And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, if thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the thing which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation” (Luke 19:41-44). These words are sad words to say the least, but they did come true. In 70 A.D., less than forty years after the words spoken by Jesus, Rome under the rule of Titus surrounded Jerusalem – the siege lasted for months, and the conditions within the city became desperate – women ate their own children, and men would fight to the death for a piece of bird’s dung. Finally, the walls of this great city fell and the slaughter began. Over a half-million Jews lay dead and the temple leveled. History and fulfillment of prophecy speaks volumes

concerning the trustworthiness and accuracy of God's Word. It is true, regardless what men think, or say!

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