



Faith's Foundation Series
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Lesson 4, Prophetic Evidence

The Bible is the Inspired Word of God...God Breathed!

“God breathed” because that is exactly what the Word of God in text and in living color is...the breath of God, a message to His created world. To help one understand the validity of the Word of God (the HOLY Bible), one must see the truth and absolute miraculous power of God Almighty as to helping to preserve the “Wonderful Words of Life” of which we are blessed. The Bible can be verified by external events such as archeology, geography, customs, politics, culture, known world history and writings in other ancient texts. In all aspects of these external event verification, the Bible has been proved to be accurate in all respects. New discoveries always support it, never vice versa. It has never once been proven faulty on single detail or fact, although many have mightily tried and failed.

These 66 separate books were written by about 40 different writers: Kings, such as David and Solomon; Statesmen, such as Daniel and Nehemiah; and Priests, such as Ezra, men taught in the wisdom of Egypt, such as Moses; men taught in the Jewish Law, such as Paul; herdsmen, such as Amos; tax collectors, such as Matthew; unlearned and ignorant fishermen, such as Peter and John; a physician, such as Luke; and mighty overseers, such as Isaiah, Ezekiel and Zechariah.

Where were these books written? Different parts of the world, such as: The desert of the Sinai, in Arabia, in the hills and towns of Israel, in the courts of the Temple, in the schools of the prophets at Bethel and Jericho, in the palace of Shushan in Persia, on the banks of the Chebar River in Babylonia, in the dungeons of Rome, and on the lonely island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea.

Yet one of the most amazing and miraculous things about all this, is that after 1600 years and 40 plus different writers, they all talked about the same thing,

with no contradictions and no errors (in the original languages of the Hebrew and Greek). They all spoke about the plan of God for man. Most of these men never even read the writings of the others. Everything recorded between the opening pages of the book of Genesis and the closing pages of Revelation was divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:14-16, "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

If you have placed your faith in Christ Jesus as Savior, you have access to the greatest tool and friend ever placed in man's hands and heart!

What are they?

(1) The Bible—The Word of God.

(2) The Holy Spirit providing you access to God's nuggets of truth.

(3) The ability given by the Holy Spirit to understand the Holy Scriptures.

Prophetic Evidence - The Bible is Authentic with Fulfilled Prophecies and Forthcoming Prophecies

Fulfilled Prophecies –

- Among the many amazing evidences that confirm the Bible's divine origin, surely the wealth of fulfilled prophecies is near the top. Just a few examples should suffice to dumbfound all but the most hardened critics.
- Accurate predictions of future events that have virtually no probability of occurring by coincidence are spectacular precisely because they seem so superhuman. Popular prognosticators like Nostradamus have entertained generations with their elaborate fortune-telling, despite their pitiful track records of inaccuracy.
- Biblical prophecy is different from all other predictions. With incredible detail, forthright clarity, and impeccable accuracy, the Bible has consistently unveiled the future for centuries.

Daniel's Prophetic Accuracy

- With eye-opening precision, Daniel interpreted two sets of dreams, one by a pagan ruler (chapter 2) and the other by the prophet himself

(chapter 7), thereby forecasting the entire course of Middle East history over the next five centuries.

- Daniel describes the exact ebb and flow of four empires from Babylon to Medo-Persia to Greece to Rome.
- Daniel even foresaw the meteoric rise to power of the Greek conqueror Alexander the Great, as well as the final division of his Greek empire by four of his surviving generals ([Daniel 7:6](#), [8:5–8](#), [11:2–4](#)).

Other Prophecies Spoken Through the Prophets

- **The Bible is filled with other amazing, supernatural predictions that can be verified by historical records.** Historical prophecies that spoke about the future at the time of writing but later came true are particularly effective as an evidence of Scripture’s trustworthiness.
- **Ezekiel’s prophecy of the destruction of the Phoenician city Tyre** (Ezekiel 26).
- **Isaiah’s amazing prediction** concerning the coming reign of the Persian King Cyrus—two hundred years before his birth ([Isaiah 44:28](#))
- **Only the true God can so consistently predict such distant events, as God Himself asserts:**
 - **Isaiah 41:21-23.** *“Present your case,” says the LORD. “Set forth your arguments,” says Jacob’s King. “Tell us, you idols, what is going to happen. Tell us what the former things were, so that we may consider them and know their final outcome. Or declare to us the things to come, tell us what the future holds, so we may know that you are gods. Do something, whether good or bad, so that we will be dismayed and filled with fear.*
 - **Isaiah 48:3-5,** *“I foretold the former things long ago, my mouth announced them and I made them known; then suddenly I acted, and they came to pass. For I knew how stubborn you were; your neck muscles were iron, your forehead was bronze. Therefore I told you these things long ago; before they happened I announced them to you so that you could not say, ‘My images brought them about; my wooden image and metal god ordained them.’*

Just Some Thoughts about Biblical Prophecies

- 2,000 prophecies, including some 300 prophecies and implications about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, is in the Word of God.
- There have been and are no prophetic failures from the Word of God.
- While there are both obvious and subtle prophecies, most are very detailed and specific.
- No other religion has specific, repeated, and unfailing fulfillment of predictions many years in advance of contingent events over which the predictor had no control.

- Studies of “so-called” psychics show only around 8% of their predictions come true and virtually all of these can be attributed to chance and a general knowledge of the circumstances.
- Mathematicians have calculated the odds of Jesus fulfilling only 8 of the Messianic prophecies as 1 out of 10^{17} (a 1 followed by 17 zeros). This is equivalent to covering the entire state of Texas with silver dollars 2 feet deep, marking one of them, mixing them all up and having a blindfolded person select the marked one at random the first time.
- Fulfilled prophecy is powerful evidence that the Bible is divine rather than human in origin.

Jesus

Examples of Messianic Prophecies

Topic	Old Testament	New Testament
Messiah to be the seed of the Woman	<u>Genesis 3:15</u>	<u>Luke 2:5-7</u> <u>Galatians 4:4</u>
Messiah to be the seed of Abraham	<u>Genesis 12:2-3, 18:18</u>	<u>Matthew 1:1-2</u> <u>Luke 3:34</u> <u>Acts 3:25</u> <u>Galatians 3:16</u>
Messiah to be of the tribe of Judah	<u>Genesis 49:10</u>	<u>Matthew 1:1-2</u>
Messiah to be of the seed of David	<u>2 Samuel 7:16</u> <u>Psalms 132:11</u> <u>Jeremiah 23:5, 33:15</u>	<u>Matthew 1:6, 22:42-45</u> <u>Luke 1:31-33</u> <u>Acts 2:29-30</u> <u>Romans 1:3</u>
Messiah to be born of a virgin	<u>Isaiah 7:14</u>	<u>Matthew 1:18-25</u> <u>Luke 1:26-38</u>
Messiah to be born in Bethlehem	<u>Micah 5:2</u>	<u>Matthew 2:1-6</u> <u>Luke 2:4-6</u>
Tribute paid to Messiah by great kings	<u>Psalms 72:10-11</u>	<u>Matthew 2:1-11</u>
Messiah to be heralded by a messenger	<u>Isaiah 40:3</u> <u>Malachi 3:1</u>	<u>Matthew 3:1-3</u>
Messiah to be the Son of God	<u>Psalms 2:2,7</u>	<u>Matthew 3:17</u> <u>Luke 1:32-33</u>

Messiah to be anointed by the Holy Spirit	<u>Isaiah 11:2</u>	<u>Matthew 3:16-17</u>
Galilee to be the first area of Messiah's ministry	<u>Isaiah 9:1-7</u>	<u>Matthew 4:12-16</u>
Messiah to be meek and mild	<u>Isaiah 40:11, 42:2-3, 53:7</u>	<u>Matthew 12:18-20, 26:62-68</u>
Messiah to minister to the Gentiles	<u>Isaiah 42:1, 49:6-8</u>	<u>Matthew 12:21</u> <u>Luke 2:28-32</u>
Messiah will perform miracles	<u>Isaiah 35:5-6</u>	<u>Matthew 9:35, 11:3-6</u> <u>John 9:6-7</u>
Messiah to be a prophet like Moses	<u>Deuteronomy 18:15-19</u>	<u>Matthew 21:11, 24:1-35</u> <u>John 1:45, 6:14</u> <u>Acts 3:20-23</u>
Messiah to enter the temple with authority	<u>Malachi 3:1-2</u>	<u>Matthew 21:12</u>
Messiah will enter Jerusalem on a donkey	<u>Zechariah 9:9-10</u>	<u>Matthew 21:1-11</u>
Messiah to be betrayed by a friend	<u>Psalms 41:9</u>	<u>John 13:18-21</u>
Messiah to be forsaken by his disciples	<u>Zechariah 13:7</u>	<u>Matthew 26:31, 56</u>
Messiah will be smitten	<u>Isaiah 50:6</u>	<u>Matthew 26:67, 27:26,30</u>
Messiah to experience crucifixion (long before crucifixion was invented)	<u>Psalms 22:15-17</u>	<u>Matthew 27:34-50</u> <u>John 19:28-30</u>
Messiah will be pierced	<u>Zechariah 12:10</u>	<u>John 19:34-37</u>
Details of Messiah's suffering and death and resulting salvation (hundreds of years before Christ!)	<u>Psalms 69:21</u> <u>Isaiah 53:2-12,</u>	<u>Matthew 26-27</u> <u>Mark 15-16</u> <u>Luke 22-23</u> <u>John 18-19</u>
Messiah to die in 33 AD	<u>Daniel 9:24-26</u>	33 AD is the widely accepted historical date of the crucifixion
Casting of lots for His garments	<u>Psalms 22:18</u>	<u>John 19:23-24</u>
Messiah to be raised from the dead	<u>Psalms 16:10</u>	<u>Acts 2:25-31, 13:32-37, 17:2-3</u>

Messiah's resurrection	<u>Job 19:25</u> <u>Psalm 16:10</u>	<u>Acts 2:30-31, 13:32-35,</u> <u>17:2-3</u> <u>1 Corinthians 15:20-22</u>
Messiah to ascend to heaven	<u>Psalm 68:18</u>	<u>Luke 24:51</u> <u>Acts 1:9</u> <u>Ephesians 4:8-13</u>
Messiah to be at the right hand of God	<u>Psalm 110:1</u>	<u>Matthew 26:64</u> <u>Mark 14:62</u> <u>Romans 8:34</u> <u>Hebrews 1:3</u>
Messiah, the stone which the builders rejected, to become the head cornerstone	<u>Psalm 118:22-23</u> <u>Isaiah 8:14-15,</u> <u>28:16</u>	<u>Acts 4:11</u> <u>Romans 9:32-33</u> <u>Ephesians 2:20</u> <u>1 Peter 2:6-8</u>

SUMMARY OF FAITH'S FOUNDATION SERIES

WHY I BELIEVE THE BIBLE TO BE THE WORD OF GOD

- **The Bible's Proof of Its Authenticity...Faith Placed Within True Believers**
- **Only God can place within man a reckoning (spiritual illumination) in which we know the Bible is "God's Inspired Word."**
- **We have historical proof, scientific proof, and prophetic proof that the Bible is the True Word of God.**

Just as there are choices to be made as to what you like, believe or support; Tea or Coffee, who to root for in the Super Bowl, Ford or Chevrolet (other manufacturers)...there is a choice to believe:

IS THE BIBLE TRULY GOD'S WORD OR NOT?

Study to show yourself approved...



