

THE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE (Part 3) 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Evidences of Inspiration. Fulfilled Prophecies

1. Prophecy is not a guess, a forecast, a calculation, a mere conjecture, a vague generalization, or an educated analysis of a forthcoming situation.
 - a. Weather forecasters predict with about 60% accuracy.
 - b. In Bible prophecy 100% must come to pass. Fulfillment is the acid test. (Deuteronomy 18:9-22; Isaiah 41:22-23)
2. What is prophecy? A forth teller as well as a foreteller. cf. Exodus 7:1; 4:16

CHRIST IN PROPHECY

The prophecies of Christ may be categorized as follows:

- Prophecies of His birth ... fulfillment.
- Prophecies of His character ... fulfillment.
- Prophecies of His ministry ... fulfillment.
- Prophecies of His betrayal, trial, and crucifixion ... fulfillment.
- Prophecies of His resurrection and exaltation ... fulfillment.

PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S BIRTH AND THEIR FULFILLMENT.

- Born of the "*seed of woman*." (Genesis 3:15; cf. Galatians 4:4; 3:16)
- *The seed of Abraham*. (Genesis 12:1-3; 22:17-18)
- Of the "*tribe of Judah*." (Genesis 49:8-9)
- *Of the lineage of David*. (Psalms 132:11; 2 Samuel 7:11-14)
- "*A son is given*." (Isaiah 9:6)
- Born of "*a virgin*" (Isaiah 7:14; cf. Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1:26-35)
- Born in Bethlehem Ephrathah. (Micah 5:2; cf. Joshua 19:5; cf. Matthew. 2:1-6)

PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S CHARACTER AND FULFILLMENT

- Described as "*lowly*." Isaiah 42:1-4; 53:7; Zechariah 9:9; cf. Matthew 21:1-5
- "*I am meek and lowly in heart*." Matthew 11:29; cf. Philippians 2:5; 2 Corinthians 8:9