

## THE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE (Part 4) 2 Timothy 3:16-17

### Evidences of Inspiration.

#### Review 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 a prophet? A forth teller as well as a foreteller. cf. Exodus 7:1; 4:16

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#### Review

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- 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.

#### Review

- 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)

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### 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 11:28-29; cf. Philippians 2:5; 2 Corinthians 8:9

### PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S MINISTRY ... AND FULFILLMENT

- The forerunner, John the Baptist, was set forth as one "*that crieth in the wilderness,*" preparing "*the way of the Lord.*" (Isaiah 40:3-5; Matthew 3:3)
- Before the Savior comes, one will come who will tell you that He shortly will come. (cf. Malachi 3:1; 4:5; Matthew 11:7-15; Mark 9:11-13; Luke 1:17)
- Specific prophecies of His ministry.
  - Jesus' service to the down trodden. (Isaiah 42:5-7; Luke 4:18)
  - His ministry to the Gentiles. (Isaiah 42:1-4; Matthew 12:21)
  - He would teach in parables. (Psalms 78:2; Mark 4:33-34)

### PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S BETRAYAL, TRIAL, AND CRUCIFIXION ... AND FULFILLMENT.

Dates: David, circa 1,000 BC; Isaiah, 740-700 BC; Zechariah, circa 520 BC

- He was to be betrayed by a friend. Psalms 41:9; 55:13.
- Sold for 30 pieces of silver. Zechariah 11:12-13; Matthew 27:3-10
  - Even this money would be cast to the potter. Zechariah 11:13; Matthew 27:3-10
- He would be deserted by His disciples. Zechariah 13:7; Matthew 26:56
- He would be mocked and insulted. Psalms 35:15-16 and yet through it all He would remain silent. Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 27:12-14,39,41,43

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- His hands and feet were to be pierced. Psalms 22:16; Luke 23:33; John 21:25, 27
- He was to be given vinegar and gall to drink. Psalms 69:21; Matthew 27:34
- He was to die with the wicked. Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:38
- He was to be nailed to the cross, but no bones were to be broken. Psalms. 22:16; 34:20; John 19:36

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- His garments to be parted and lots cast. Psalms 22:18; John 19:24
- He was to cry, "*My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?*" Psalms 22:1; Matthew 27:46
- His side to be pierced. Zechariah 12:10; John 19:34, 37
- To be buried in a rich man's tomb. Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-60

### HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN WITHOUT INSPIRATION?

NOTE: There are numerous prophecies fulfilled in one 24 hour period surrounding the death of Christ.

- These prophecies were written up to 1,000 years or more before the time of their fulfillment.
- They had all been translated from Hebrew into Greek nearly 300 years before their fulfillment.
- Many of them were fulfilled by the enemies of Christ who would not knowingly fulfill a single verse of Scripture.

### Evidences of Inspiration. The Unity of the Scriptures.

1. Sixty-six books of the Bible, (39 OT, 27 NT) written by about 40 different men, over a period of nearly 1,600 years.
2. Men from different countries, speaking different languages, from different backgrounds, yet they present one central theme, without variation or contradiction.
  - a. Many of these had no access to the other books of the Bible dealing with events of their own time, yet they wrote in perfect unity, each complementing what the others had written.
  - b. Compare this to the writings of other religious writers ... (Book of Mormon, Writings of the Watchtower, etc.)

**Unguided men could not have written with this degree of unity.**