The Importance of Biblical Prophecies

Greg Kline · Isaiah 41:21–23

INTRODUCTION

- First of all, only God can truly know the future.
- Tell us what is to come hereafter that we may know that you are gods.
- If God has identified what is to come, we can trust him.

1 Jesus Born in Bethlehem

Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1–6

- But you, O Bethlehem, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me, one who is to be ruler in Israel.
- The Old Testament Hebrew scripture was translated into Greek. That's critical because that means it could not be changed or made up as we go.
- Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem.
- Jesus, if he was just a man, could not have chosen where he was born.

2 Jesus Is the Son of God

Psalm 2:7; Matthew 3:13–17

- I will tell of the decree. The Lord said to me, You are my son. Today I have begotten you.
- And behold, a voice from heaven came saying, This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.
- Who would know about Jesus? Who would know that this would come to pass unless they were from God?

3 Born in a Particular Lineage

Genesis 12:1–3; Isaiah 11:1; Matthew 1:1

- Not only could Jesus not choose unless he was God where he could be born, he also couldn't choose whose lineage he would be in.
- The Jews kept incredibly diligent records.
- In you, Abraham, all families of the earth will be blessed.
- It will be the shoot from the stump of Jesse, who was David's father.
- The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the son of Abraham.

4 Where Jesus Would Speak

Isaiah 9:1–2; Matthew 4:12–17

- But in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

- This is where Jesus would speak. We expect to find him the exact place that Isaiah said he would, or he is not the Christ, or this is not inspired by God.
- He went and lived in Capernaum by the sea in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.
- From that time Jesus began to preach Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

5 Jesus Would Be Crucified for Our Sins

Isaiah 53:4–12; Matthew 27; Romans 5:6–10

- He was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities. Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.
- Would anybody do this for a hoax?
- He would not have chosen to be crucified for the sins of the people who hated and despised him most, even if he could, unless he was God and from God.
- God demonstrates his own love towards us and that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

6 Seated at the Right Hand of God

Psalm 110:1; Acts 2:29–36

- The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.
- This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God.
- Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain. Know for sure this Jesus whom you saw crucified.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Choose to submit to him today. Believe. Repent of your sins of rejection of him. Confess him as Lord and Christ, and be baptized into his kingdom, submitting to our King, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

MY NOTES