The Truth About Prophecy

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INTRODUCTION

- Even within what America deems the Christian community, there are those who are enemies of the Word of God.
- Because if the Bible is from God, what it says goes. I think one of the strongest proofs of the Bible being the will of God is prophecy.
- For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

1 Only God Can Possibly Know the Future

Isaiah 41:21–23; Isaiah 45:1

- Tell us what is to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods.
- An omniscient God can tell and know the future.
- Cyrus would be the one who would let God's people out of the captivity that he had yet to lead them into.

2 Is That Truly Circular Reasoning?

- When the Jesus came, not only had the scriptures already been written, they had been translated into Greek for at least over a century before Jesus was born.
- If the Old Testament prophets declare that something were to happen, and the New Testament give the fulfillment, we know that it is from the mind of God.
- To see that it's not circular reasoning, we are simply testing what the Bible claims to be true.

3 Where He Would Be Born and From What Lineage

Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1–6; Matthew 1:1–16

- Nobody except God could decide where they would be born.
- He could not have done this unless he was God.
- There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

4 Born of a Virgin, a Great Light in Galilee

Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:1–2; Matthew 4:12–16

- We see in Isaiah chapter 7 and verse 14 that Jesus would be born of a virgin.
- The Bible is so meticulous, it gives such little details that it must be so, unless it could be proven false.
- The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

- He withdrew into Galilee, and leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali.

5 Who Would Choose to Be Crucified?

Isaiah 53:2–11

- He would not choose to be crucified on the cross for the sins of the world unless he was.
- Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.
- Isaiah writes a prophecy that there would be one sent by God, crushed by him on whom our iniquity would be laid upon.
- Who among us would do that for a lie? Who would do that for a sham?

6 Sit at My Right Hand

Psalm 110:1; Hebrews 1:1–3; Hebrews 1:13

- The Lord says to my Lord, sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.
- After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.
- Our Lord reigns. Jesus is King. Just as was foretold in the Psalm.

THE CHALLENGE

Take advantage of God's great plan. Take advantage of the prophesied and risen Savior today. Be washed in the blood of Jesus.

MY NOTES