PROPHECIES THAT CONFIRM THE BIBLE

Great Indicators for the Last Days!



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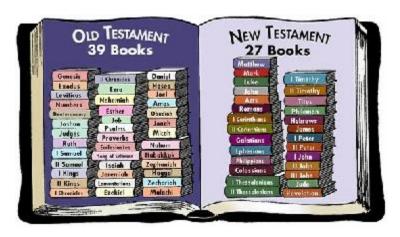
Predicting the future is big business. Millions of people begin each day by reading their horoscope. Yet the predictions are so general that anything that happens could fulfill them. One of the most famous at making predictions before she died was Jean Dixon. But she was right only five percent of the time, and still she was able to make a living at predicting future events. So why do people continue to read all these so-called prophecies? Because it is human nature to want to know the future.



The Bible is God's book about the future. It is history written in advance, it is guaranteed by the Creator of the Universe, and it is never wrong! In the Old Testament, the prophets had to be 100% accurate. If someone claimed to be a prophet but got one prediction wrong, it was gruesome. They would strip him naked, tie his hands behind him, parade him outside the city and walk him onto a platform. Then once the crowd had gathered, they would push him off the platform, and the people would stone him to death. His grave was then marked as one who claimed to be prophet, but lied. What if we had the same standards today? Many people would be out of business, wouldn't they?

Christianity is unique from every other world religion in at least two aspects: the first is resurrection and the second is **prophecy!** Think about it...Hinduism or Buddhism, they don't have prophecy. Only God can accurately predict the future.

The Bible has sixty-six sections. It was written by thirty different writers in three languages over a period of sixteen hundred years. There are over 7000 promises or predictions given in Scripture, which is equivalent to one-fifth of the whole Bible. The Apostle Paul states several times that God has guaranteed every one.



"For all the promises of God in Him are yes, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us." 2 Corinthians 1:20

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." 2 Peter 1:19

Every section or chapter agrees and brings together God's plan for mankind. The accuracy of it marks God's Word as uniquely different from any other book. It is the revelation of a God who has been in control from the very beginning and will be until the very end. Isn't that comforting?

Now, let's look at some of the predictions made by the Bible and how they have come true...

Let's start with Noah. By the time of Noah, the earth had become a wicked place. You can read about it in Genesis, beginning with chapter six. God pronounces judgment upon mankind and commands Noah to build an ark. You see, at this time in history it had never rained. How could they understand the concept of a flood, if they had never seen rain? Hebrews says that "Noah believed things not yet seen." God gave him 120 years to complete his project. The Bible says that the people mocked and harassed him the whole time he was building, but Noah trusted God. Once the rain began, the people pounded on the door for Noah to let them into the ark, but it was too late. God had shut the door.

This is a good lesson for us today. If we are trusting in the certainty of God's Word, there will be people that will mock us. Each of us has to make a personal decision to either cave in to criticism and persecution or to trust God.

Another example is Joshua. Of all the cities in the Promised Land, Jericho was the most frightening. It had a huge wall, a fierce king and a mighty army. But God tells Joshua that He will deliver the city into Joshua's hand. You can read this story in the book of Joshua chapters three through six. The people of Israel had been slaves in Egypt for 400 years and marching in the desert for 40 more years. Now they have to fight a battle with the strongest city around. God assures Joshua that he will defeat Jericho and to begin by taking the Ark of the Covenant and leading the people to walk once around the entire city without talking. They did this every day for seven days. After the seventh time around, God tells them to stand and yell and the walls will collapse. And it happened just that way!

Recently, those who had doubted or mocked the story of Jericho were silenced with a new archaeological discovery that things happened just the way the Bible said they did. By seeing how God made promises throughout history and then fulfilled them exactly as

He said He would, we can now look at events that are taking place today and know with certainty that God will fulfill each one. We can trust that He is in control and that not one event will take place that is not a part of His plan.

Prophecies About Israel

1. Israel returns as a nation. Matthew 24:32-35

Israel as a nation became a "barren fig tree" in 70 AD and remained that way until 1948. For 1878 years, there was no nation of Israel, no land to call their own. However, Jesus had promised that there would be a time when the fig tree (Israel) would once again bloom and bear leaves and branches. I believe that the rebirth of the nation of Israel on May 14, 1948 fulfilled this exciting prophecy! Surrounded by 120 million enemies that swore if they tried to become a nation, "They would drive them into the sea," four million Jews with no weapons became a nation. It was truly a miracle of God!



The East Gate Ezekiel 43-44, Zechariah 14:4

The Bible makes it clear in these two chapters of Ezekiel that the East Gate will not be opened until Messiah comes through it again. I think that when He returns to the earth, He will put His feet upon the Mount of Olives. The earth will quake and the East Gate will open and Christ will march through it into Jerusalem.



There have been two attempts in history to open the East Gate. The first was in 1917 when the Turks controlled Israel. Because the British were closing in to capture the city and they had a new weapon called the tank, the Turks decided to close all of the gates to the city which were open at the time to keep the tanks from driving in. Because the East Gate was on a steep hill the tanks could not climb, they decided to open it for their use. But the Bible is clear that this gate will not be opened. Just before the Turks could open the gate and break the promise in God's Word, another new weapon of war, called an airplane, flew over Jerusalem for the first time. From the plane, the British dropped a message that said, "Surrender the city," and it was signed by their leader General Allenby. To the Turks the word Allenby is very close to "Allah bey" which means Son of God in their language. Now, if you had never seen an airplane and one flew over very low and dropped a message that said to surrender and was signed by the Son of God, what would you do? You would do just what the Turks did - surrender the city! On the very day, the promise of God was to be broken, Jerusalem changed hands!

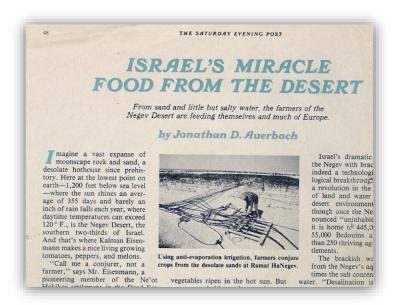
The second attempt to open the gate was by the madman named Hussein. He had decided to build a hotel using the Wailing Wall as one side of it, but to do this he would have to open the East Gate to allow a flow of traffic into the Temple area. So in 1967, Hussein brought together a force of air hammers and heavy equipment together to hollow out the East Gate. But on that very day, the Six-Day War broke out and again the city of Jerusalem changed hands. God is firm in protecting His promises!

3. How the people will return to their land. Isaiah 43:5-6

In these verses, Isaiah states that the people would regather from the east, the west, the south and the north. Several years ago I was talking to a military leader in Israel. He indicated that it was clear to him that we were living in the last days because of this passage. He told how that the very first people who returned to the land of Israel were from China, out of the east. The second group came out of Europe, from the west. The next were the Russian Jews out of the north and not too long ago, we watched what was called "Operation Moses" where Ethiopian Jews were lifted out of Ethiopia in the south and brought to settle in Israel. To this Jewish man it was clear that we had watched the people of Israel regather just as God said they would!

4. Israel, once desolate, blooms. Ezekiel 36:26-35, Isaiah 27:6

The Negev Desert, once pronounced uninhabitable, has now become home to over half a million people. It has also become a lush farmland. The farmers, through an amazing process, are able to grow their crops with the only water available to them, salt water! The farms are producing four to six times what an average farmer could normally grow. Israel is now known as the "breadbasket" of the world. They provide fruit to Europe and flowers to many countries including Holland. Israel's reputation as a fruit producer is second to none and it is clear that the land, once desolate, now blooms!



5. The plowman will overtake the reaper. Amos 9:13-14

Not only did the Bible say that the desert would bloom, but in these verses God predicted that "the plowman would overtake the reaper." Several years ago, while visiting Israel, to my surprise, I saw a farmer planting his seventh crop of the year while still harvesting his sixth crop and this was happening all over the land. What an exact fulfillment of this prophecy!

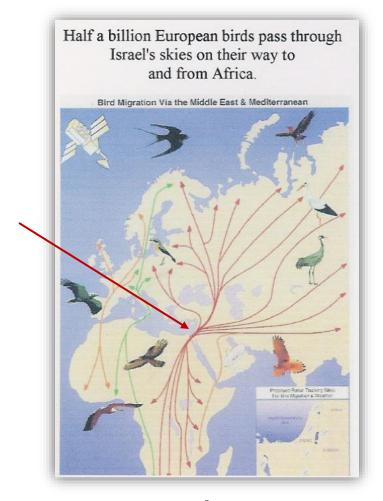
6. Birds in Israel in the last days. Revelation 19:17-18, Ezekiel 39:4, 17-18

Along with the increase of crops in Israel, another interesting development has come about. With the planting of trees and the increase of crops, there has been a change of climate that has resulted in 20% more rainfall. With more rain and more crops, there has been an increase in bugs. With more bugs, naturally there has been an increase in birds. You can see how many birds now gather in Israel, just as the Bible predicted in the following illustration.

Picture from the Israeli Government's official web site.

Revelation 19:17-18 "And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses..."

As shown below, these birds pass **right through Megiddo Valley**, the place of the future battle of Armageddon!



7. Rebuilt cities. Amos 9:14, Zephaniah 2:4-7, Ezekiel 36:38

These verses predict that in the last days, cities that had been ruined and deserted will be rebuilt and revitalized. We can actually visit these cities in Israel today. Ashdod has been rebuilt and is Israel's largest deep-sea port. Beer-sheba's population now exceeds 200,000. Other restored cities include: Bethany, Bethel, Bethlehem, Cana, En-Gedi, Hebron, Jericho and Nazareth. What a testimony to the fulfillment of God's Word.

8. Israel as a nation, a united stick! Ezekiel 37:16-17

In the Old Testament, we are told that 2700 years ago, Israel divided into two parts, Judah and Israel. This was after the reigns of King David and Solomon. All the way from 70 AD until recently, there were two sticks or nations. But the Bible predicted that when the nation would be reborn, it would unite to become one stick. In 1948, the leaders of Israel debated whether to remain as Judah and Israel or to join as one, and just as God's Word predicted they reunited to become one nation!

9. Israel's desire to sacrifice. Hosea 3:4-5, Daniel 9:27

No sign concerning the last days could be clearer or more exciting than the sign of Israel returning to the sacrifices. Israel has been without a king and without a sacrifice for many years! When the Romans destroyed the Temple in 70 AD, the Jews were scattered and forced to stop sacrificing. They hid the many artifacts from the Temple as they fled. When Israel returned as a nation in 1948, archaeologists attempted to retrieve these hidden artifacts, but have been unable to find them all. Organizations in Israel today, such as The Temple Institute are dedicated to rebuilding the Temple and all of its artifacts and sacred vessels. These Jews believe that one-third of the 613 of their laws are dependent upon the presence of a Temple in Jerusalem. How can they obey God and please a coming Messiah with no Temple and no sacrifice? This is a very serious matter for the religious Jew in Israel today!



The religious Jews have also been searching for, and even trying to breed, a perfect red heifer. This work has drawn excitement from Jews, Arabs and others around the world. Once a **perfect** red heifer is found, they will cremate it as found in Numbers, chapter 19. These ashes will be used to purify the priesthood so they can begin sacrificing in these last days... just as the Bible says they will do! Pictured above is me feeding one of these red heifers. On one of my many trips to Israel, we were allowed to visit the Kibbutz where this work is being done.

World Government in the Last Days

When George Bush coined the term, "The New World Order" many years ago, I don't think most people realized the significance of his statements! But those of us, who have studied Bible prophecy for many years, were stunned! We knew that for the first time in a public forum, the government of the Anti-Christ had been revealed, exactly as the Bible predicted hundreds of years ago!

The Bible says that there will come a time when there will be a one-world government with one economic system under the control of one man. We are watching this unfold TODAY before our very eyes. These predictions were given to the prophet Daniel some 2,500 years ago and also to the Apostle John over 1,900 years ago. Both predicted a revived Roman Empire that will rule for a short time. Out of this empire will come the antichrist.

On December 31, 1992, the European Economic Community (EEC) took power, and on January 1, 1993, its policies went into effect. Today, the EEC is vying to be the dominant power of the entire world.

Following are 2 slides from one of my PowerPoint Presentations...



We do not want another committee. We have too many already. What we want is a man of sufficient stature to hold the allegiance of all people... and to lift us out of the economic morass in which we are Send us such a man

and, be he God or the devil. we will receive



Religion in the Last Days

Revelation 17 says that in the last days there will be a prostitute, a harlot, and she will commit fornication. She (religion) will sell herself to the kings of the world. In other words, religion and politics will join together. Why? To bring all men under one single government and one single religion.



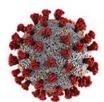
The present unity movement, deceiving people under the guise of "tolerance," is none other than the plan of Satan. The harlot (the end-time religious system) will sit on the beast (the antichrist and his end-time dictatorship), and she will ride around the world collecting all peoples into one. One of the first official symbols of the EEC showed a Roman Goddess riding on a beast. This is an exact fulfillment of Revelation 17! The Bible says that when Europe finally gets to the position where it has all the power – economically, politically and religiously – it will be ready to hand its power over to the beast.

Other Predictions for the Last Days

- 1. False Messiahs. Matthew 24:5
- 2. War and Rumors of Wars. Matthew 24:6

 There are more wars going on now than at any other time in the history of man.
- 3. Famines, Diseases and Earthquakes. Matthew 24:6-8
 One of the World Food Bank's estimations is that a huge percentage of the world's population is starving and even more are malnourished!
- 4. An increase in the depravity of man. Matthew 24:36-37
- 5. An explosion of technology. Daniel 12:4

If you look at any one of the fields of medicine, communications, transportation or many other, you can see that this prophecy is being fulfilled today! Do you realize that the Class of 2000 was exposed to more information in one year than their grandparents encountered in their entire lives and it has only increased since then! In Revelation 11, the Bible says the whole world will watch as the two witnesses are killed in Jerusalem and then after three days everyone will also see them resurrect and ascend to heaven. When the Bible was written, no one could have comprehended that kind of technology.



Note: Because of Covid-19, we are seeing just how easy it will be to use technology to track or trace and control every single person. Just a reminder that the technology itself is not bad, but eventually the antichrist will use it for his evil purposes and you will not be able to buy or sell without worshipping him and taking the mark. What we are seeing is a precursor of this and how technology will be used.

Are You Ready?

may We see Israel preparing to begin sacrifice and we already see Europe trying to be a part of Middle East peace, before these events take place. the trumpet is going to sound! How do I know? Because the Bible says that is exactly



what is going to happen! There is <u>not one</u> prediction or prophecy left to be fulfilled before the Rapture can take place! We may see this last political system forming, but it cannot take complete power until the church is gone. **Are you ready?**

One question I am frequently asked is, "Why would a loving God send people to hell?"

Yes, God is loving, but He is also holy and righteous! He cannot allow sin into Heaven and because "<u>all</u> have sinned" (Romans 3:10), then <u>all</u> deserve to go to hell. But in John 3:16, we see that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus)," so we can have our sins forgiven! **This is how God showed His love!**

2 Corinthians 5:21 describes the act of payment for sin. "For He (God the Father) hath made Him (Jesus Christ), who knew no sin (Jesus was perfect) to be sin FOR US, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (Jesus)." Jesus took my sin and your sin and died on the cross to pay the price for us to be forgiven by a Holy God!

What are you counting on to get to Heaven? If it is not the finished work of Christ on the Cross, His shed blood, His burial and His resurrection, then you are not ready! Why not put your faith in Him today?



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