

**Learn What God
Wants You to Know**

God is Real!

Part 8



*Bible
Prophecies
are
God's
Promises!*

OUR DAILY BREAD

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

What is a PROMISE? Let's take a moment to look at what the word PROMISE means. A promise is

A VOW: to assure somebody that something will certainly happen or be done.

A PLEDGE: to pledge to somebody to provide or do something.

As you think about our last few lessons, do those definitions sound like the definition of another word that we have been studying? Those definitions for the word PROMISE sure sound very similar to the definitions for the word PROPHECY!

We have been studying BIBLE PROPHECY. We have learned that BIBLE PROPHECY is God's 100% sure to happen prediction of future events. We learned that God is the ONLY ONE who knows ALL THINGS COMPLETELY—past, present, future! And God is the ONLY ONE who can tell the future 100% accurately since HE alone is the One who KNOWS EVERYTHING & HE ALONE as the BOSS OF THE UNIVERSE has ALREADY determined & planned every event in ALL of HISTORY!

He's determined the tiniest event such as when & how even a tiny sparrow will fall. See Matthew 10:29 KJB He's determined huge events such as when & how this present world will end! See 2 Peter 3:10-11 KJB.



We've learned that God has chosen to tell mankind certain things concerning future events. We've learned that God has spoken His prophecies through certain people—mostly men, but there were some women like Deborah, Miriam & Anna—whom He chose. These were called prophets & prophetesses. Some of them were chosen by God to SPEAK to the people of

their time the prophecies or predictions which God spoke to them. Others were chosen by God to WRITE down what God spoke to them so that they would be SAVED for others like you & I to read for the rest of history! The bible is the book in which all these WRITTEN PROPHECIES are saved for us to READ! God told these prophets EXACTLY what to say about future events. Some of these events were things that were to happen shortly after the prophets spoke them. Many of them were things that were to happen a LONG TIME—even THOUSANDS of YEARS—AFTER the prophets spoke them. These prophecies were NOT things that these men & women made up on their own. They were not their thoughts about things. What these people spoke and wrote were things that ONLY GOD had told them to say & write! 2Peter 1:20-21 KJB

“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 Ghost.”



And so far up to this point in history, what God told them to say, GOD HIMSELF HAS MADE HAPPEN! God’s PROPHECIES are PROMISES! They WILL happen EXACTLY as He has said!

And as we have learned, the MOST IMPORTANT REASON for BIBLE PROPHECY is to PROVE that Jesus Christ is

“... the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.”

1Timothy 4:10b KJB

The MOST IMPORTANT REASON for BIBLE PROPHECY

is to PROVE that Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to receive God's eternal life. Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to be saved from the eternal Lake of Fire & instead live for all eternity with God in heaven! God said that is the REASON He has given us WRITTEN BIBLE PROPHECY!



“... for the testimony (the evidence, the proof) of Jesus is the spirit (the main point) of prophecy.” Revelation 29:10c KJB

And WHY is PROVING that Jesus is “the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe” so important? Here is why:

“And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” 1John 5:11-13 KJB

All God's prophecies are HIS PROMISES of what will happen for 100% certain! Why are God's PROPHECIES so important! Because they PROVE to us BEYOND A DOUBT that Jesus is God our Savior. Also, they PROVE to us that we can 100% depend upon God to keep ALL the promises He's made to us. And that is REAL important to realize, especially when we are having lot's of TROUBLES that seem to be IMPOSSIBLE to fix! In those TROUBLED TIMES, we can REMEMBER that

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES! God will ALWAYS do what He has promised for us! All the bible prophecies that have ALREADY COME TRUE PROVE that to us! The man named Job knew this about God. That is why when LOTS OF HARD TROUBLES came Job's way & things seemed IMPOSSIBLE to fix, Job said this about God:

"But he (The Lord) *is* in one *mind*, and who can turn him? And *what* his soul desireth, even *that* he doith.

For he performeth *the thing that is* appointed for me: and many such *things are* with him." Job 23:13-14 KJB



Job knew that God is REAL. Job knew that God had GOOD REASONS for allowing all his troubles. And Job knew that God would bring GOOD out of them all. Job trusted God to keep all His promises! Read Job 23:8-12 KJB 2Corinthians 1:20 tells us that all God's promises in Christ are YES! Bible prophecy that has already come true ABOUT Jesus proves His promises are YES! This FACT helps us to trust God too!

And so, to help us KNOW for sure that Jesus is God our Savior & to help us trust Him more, today we will learn some of the PROPHECIES about Jesus that have ALREADY COME TRUE EXACTLY as God has said they would. Hundreds of God's prophecies have ALREADY COME TRUE exactly as God's written word said they would. How do we know they have come true? The bible itself records

when & how these things came true. But also many of the records of these events can be found in ancient history books (especially those written by the ancient historian Josephus. Your local library may have a copy of Josephus' books) Here are just a few prophecies about the birth & death of Jesus Christ that were given **HUNDREDS OF YEARS BEFORE JESUS CAME TO EARTH** the first time:

1. 700 years BEFORE Christ was born, the ancient prophet named Micah told the EXACT place where Christ would be born. Here is what the ancient prophet Micah SPOKE & WROTE about WHERE Jesus would be born: Micah 5:2 KJB



"But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be the ruler in Israel: whose goings forth *have been* from old, from everlasting."

Now how could a man predict the exact place of one man's birth 700 years BEFORE that man was born? Micah could foretell the place of Jesus' birth ONLY because the God who is REAL told him to write it down!

And then 700 years LATER, EXACTLY as God had PROPHECIED—PROMISED— the apostle named Matthew wrote this about Jesus' birth:

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, "

Matthew 2:1 KJB

Recorded history both in the bible as well as ancient history books tell us that JESUS was BORN IN BETHLEHEM OF JUDAEA just as Micah said He would be 700 years earlier!

2. About 1000 years BEFORE Jesus was crucified for the sins of the whole world, King David (King of Israel at that time) wrote Psalm 22. This Psalm describes some of the horrible things that were done to Jesus at His crucifixion.

King David wrote this at a time of history when people were NEVER CRUCIFIED! Here is what King David wrote concerning Jesus' crucifixion which would not happen until 1000 years LATER!

"For dogs have compassed me:
the assembly of the wicked have
inclosed me: they pierced my
hands and my feet."

Psalm 22:16 KJB

So how could King David know how Jesus would be crucified? The GOD WHO IS REAL told him to write it down so that WHEN IT HAPPENED, people would realize that JESUS IS GOD, THE SAVIOR. They would KNOW GOD IS REAL. They would realize that should BELIEVE



what He says!

Read the entire Psalm 22 & you will see there many other prophecies that Jesus fulfilled when He went to the cross. Now read Isaiah 53, Luke 23:33-49 & John 19:25-31. Jesus fulfilled them EXACTLY as God had King David write them 1000 years before it happened! The Bible & history books tell us Jesus Christ was CRUCIFIED! What God said would happen, HAPPENED! Jesus died on the cross!

3. Now this next prophecy is for the FUTURE! It has NOT happened yet. But God had it written down for us to KNOW. And just like all the HUNDREDS & HUNDREDS of other prophecies about nations, & people, especially those about Jesus have already come true EXACTLY as God's word said they would, this will come true too! JESUS gave this prophecy about HIMSELF: "*And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*" Rev 22:12 I sure hope you are READY to meet Jesus Christ when He comes again! How can you be ready? Accept Him NOW as your Savior. God PROMISES that all who simply believe in Jesus will spend ALL ETERNITY with Him! On top of that if you go on to LEARN HIS WORD & by FAITH, OBEY IT while you are here on earth, God has LOTS of REWARDS for you!

Bible Prophecy PROVES this is TRUE!

BIBLE STUDY: Read what Jesus said about ALL THINGS concerning Him in Luke 24:44 & BELIEVE it! ALL His PROMISES are YES!

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Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:00-7:20 P.M.

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- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.

From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
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