

Christian Evidences I

Study Pack 14 – Lecture 14

The Prophetic Fulfillment

1. _____ prophecy has long been considered one of the most powerful Christian Evidences.

Bernard Ramm in *Revelation in the Bible* wrote: “An unbroken belief stretches from earliest Hebrew times to the _____ century that supernatural knowledge in the form of a _____ prophetic utterance, and supernatural power in the form of a miracle are indicia of a divinely given revelation. The Biblical appeal to this type of evidence is clear; the Church Fathers wrote extensively on the subject; and the witness of the fulfilled prophetic word and the accomplished miracle has been _____ in Christian apologetics in the subsequent Catholic and Protestant centuries. Few convictions in Christendom have such a sustained historical continuity.”

John R. Rice wrote, “There are many evidences that the Bible is the Word of God. But there is one evidence which stands above all others as the very obvious one: the proof that every person, sinner and believer, from the student to the scholar, can use: the Bible proves itself. What it _____ comes to pass. What it says proves true to all who will try it out.”

W. A. Criswell: “Where there is a God or gods, there is, therefore, the founder of religion such as Confucius, Buddha, or Mohammed. Is there any other who could with such certainty _____ the future? Or is there a statesmen who in these times can foretell what will be the condition of things in Europe or in America 100 years from now or even [a few] years from now—or can tell any man how he can become a multi-millionaire within a relatively short time. If he can predict what will happen in a short time, even in the course of an hour, he could make himself fabulously rich by playing the New York Stock Exchange. We do not know the future, it is the prerogative of God to know what tomorrow will bring.

The fulfilled prophecies of the Bible speak of the _____ of its Author.”

Isaiah 46:9–11 –

Remember the former things of old: For I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times the things that are not yet done, Saying, My counsel shall stand, And I will do all my pleasure: Calling a ravenous bird from the east, The man that executeth my counsel from a far country: Yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

2. God alone can declare the _____ from the _____. Man is powerless to find out things to come.

3. None of the so-called ‘sacred books’ of the nations can predict the future.
4. There is only one book that contains prophecy; that is the Bible. Only in the Bible will you find the _____ of prophecy.
5. The Bible is unique among all books in that it does not contain a few vague forecasts. No other book can compare to the vast number of _____ prophecies that came to pass.

2 Peter 1:19 –

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:

6. In Isaiah 46:9-10 and 2 Peter 1:19, there is a claim made: that the Bible would have prophecy and be unique.

Augustine said: “The Scripture which proves the truth of its historical statements by the accomplishments of its prophecies gives no false information.”

7. The Old Testament prophets were individuals chosen by God to receive _____ revelation from Him. When speaking as a prophet, the prophet’s message was divine and infallible. Whether they were speaking about things in the past, in their present time frame, the near future, or the distant future were inspired of God. Those things were spoken with authority.
8. Prophecy is the message that comes from the prophets under _____ inspiration.
9. _____ Prophecy refers to the statement about events still in the future when that prophecy is uttered.
10. Roughly _____ % of the Bible was predictive prophecy when originally given.
11. The Marks of a Prophet are the characteristics that were important for them to have as they spoke the truth that was given from God.

Deuteronomy 13:1–3 –

If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

12. There was a doctrine that they were to follow. Miraculous signs were given to validate the prophet’s word and then _____ fulfillment of the prophecy was the standard.
13. Their _____ character had to be unquestionable.

14. In many areas, biblical prophecy has been fulfilled.
15. The Bible contains 11,817 _____ predictions concerning 737 subjects.
16. Prophecies involving the _____ of the Nations provide specific prophecies regarding, for example, Tyra, Samaria, Gaza, Petra, Ninevah, Babylon, Jerusalem, and Palestine that have already been fulfilled.

Josh McDowell writes in *Evidence that Demands a Verdict*: “No human being ever made predictions which hold any comparison to those we have considered and have had them accurately come true. The span of _____ between the writing of these prophecies and the fulfillment is so _____ that the most severe critic cannot claim that the predictions were made after events happen.

“Others may say that these accounts in the Bible are not prophecies but historical accounts written _____ events happened. This is absurd, for all these prophecies are found in the Old Testament and every one will date its writings before Christ. One of these prophecies were completely fulfilled before Christ, two had small parts fulfilled _____ Christ, and remaining parts _____ Christ.

“All of these prophecies considered were completely fulfilled _____ Christ. If we were to strike out all the estimates given where the parts of the prophecies fulfilled before Christ, our probability number would still be so large that the strength of its argument could not be comprehended.”

17. In Daniel 2, we see prophecies about the _____ of Empires. Daniel foretells the different empires that would come to be.
18. We see prophecies about the _____ of Israel. God made a promise in Genesis 12:3 that Israel would be a great nation. God promised that they would come from Abraham. It came to pass.
19. The nation of Israel was predicted that they would come from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
20. God warned that those who blessed Israel would be _____ and those that cursed Israel would be _____.
21. God warned the Jews that if they would not follow Him then they would be punished and that there would be judgment. Israel _____ to exist as a nation and were dispersed across the world.
22. God promised to _____ the Jewish people to the nation of Israel. We have the nation of Israel today.
23. We also have the Messianic Prophecies. Over _____ prophecies were fulfilled during the First Coming of Jesus Christ.

Peter Stoner, in his book *Science Speaks*, writes: “A prophecy has a 50/50 chance of happening. Either it will happen or it won’t. Add one detail that will have a 50/50 change of happening, now we have multiple details in one basic prophecy. The chances are now 4 to 1 that it will come to pass. According to the Law of basic Compound Probability, 10 details would give a prophecy a 1,023 to 1 chance of happening. _____ - _____ details of prophecy have a 33,554,432 to 1 chance of happening.”

24. The book of Psalms was written over _____ years before Christ; in it is contained the prophecy of the Lord’s first coming, companioned with _____ details which come to pass.
25. There are over _____ details in the prophecies of Christ’s First Coming in the Old Testament.
26. Mathematics doesn’t lie.
27. We can conclude that it is mathematically _____ for the Bible not to be supernaturally, divinely inspired. The Bible is what God wanted you to know.
28. The Bible proves itself not only through prophecy and mathematics, but in its life-changing power manifest in _____ as well.

Memorize Hebrews 2:3-4 –

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

Memorize for Test 9:

The marks of a true prophet:

- a) Doctrine
- b) Miraculous Signs
- c) 100% fulfillment
- d) Moral character

Already fulfilled prophecies include the following four things:

- a) Histories of the Nations
- b) Sequence of Empires
- c) The Miracle of Israel
- d) Messianic Prophecy

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