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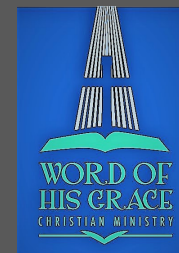
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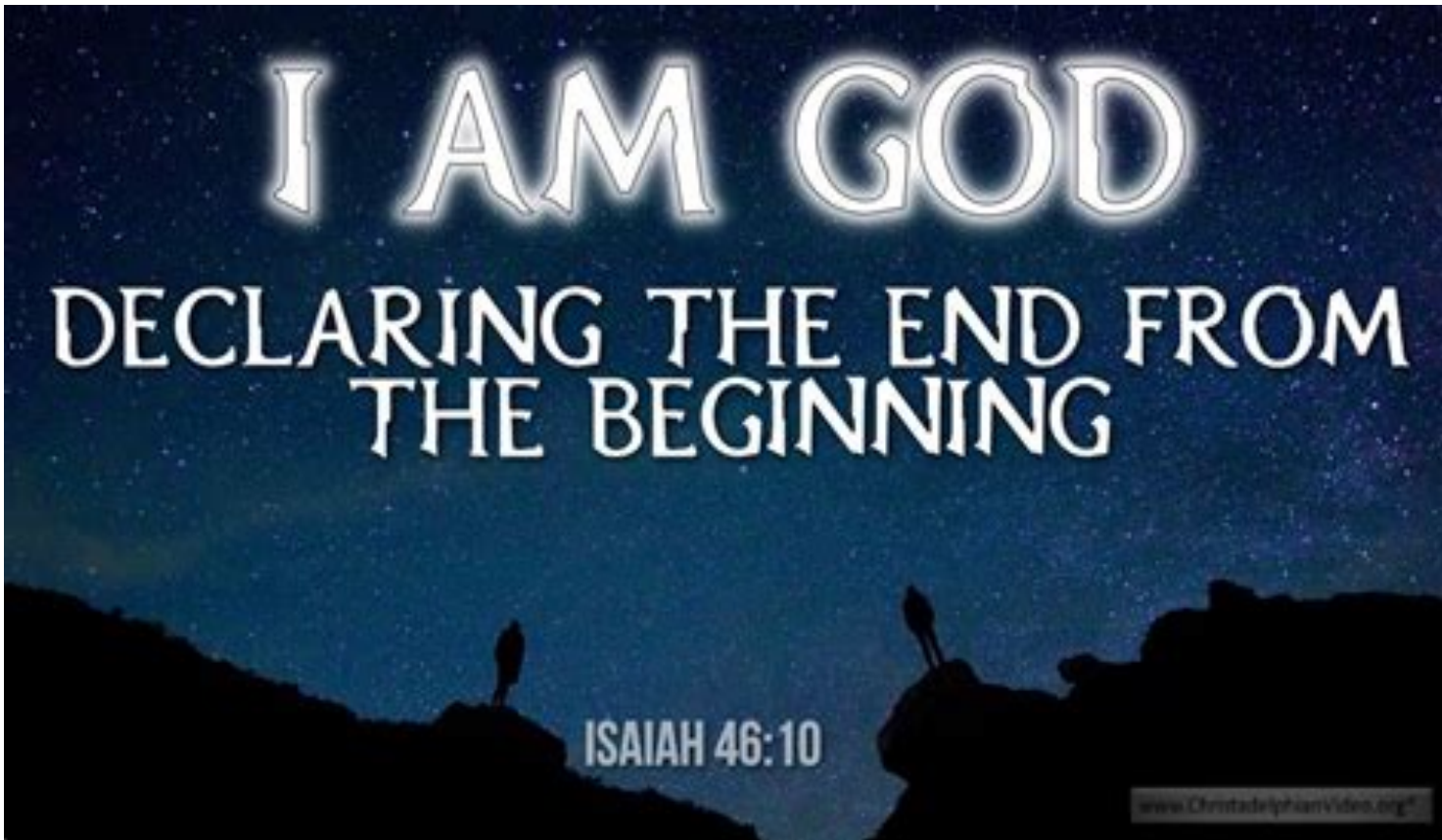
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Biblical Prophecy is God's declarations of things yet to come. The Bible is unique when it comes to verifiable prophetic revelation. There are a various specific prophecies concerning the Messiah, other individuals, the nation of Israel, other world powers, and those concerning the end of time. Is biblical prophecy reliable? What should the people of God be expecting before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ? Let us review some of these fascinating prophecies found in God's Word.

### What is the purpose of Biblical Prophecy?

"I am the *LORD*: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do *I declare*: before they spring forth *I tell you of them*" (Isaiah 42:8-9).

"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" (Isaiah 46:9-10).

"Now I tell you *before* it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may *believe* that I am he" (John 13:19).

**NOTE:** The purpose of biblical prophecy is to reveal God given messages that guide, warn, encourage, and prepare the people of God.

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## Did Jesus fulfill the Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming Messiah?

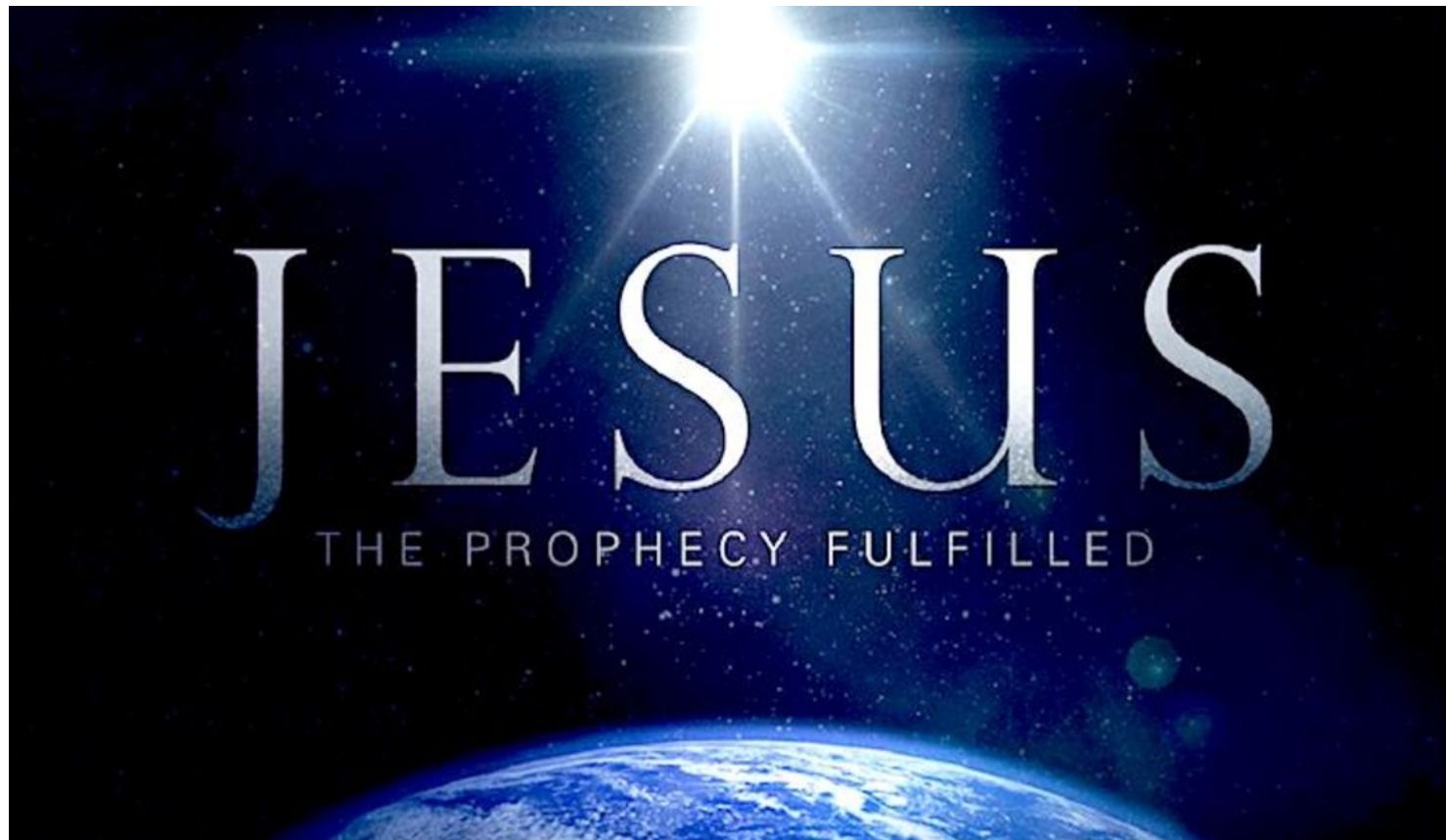
**NOTE:** There are over 300 prophecies concerning the coming of the Messiah (*the **anointed** or **promised one***) that were fulfilled in the person and life of Jesus. Consider a few notable prophecies about the coming of MESSIAH or CHRIST:

1. Prophecy: the *Messiah* would be that promised *Seed* of the Woman - [Genesis 3:15](#).  
*Fulfillment:* [Galatians 4:4](#); [Matthew 1:20](#).
2. Prophecy: the Messiah would be born of a *virgin* – [Isaiah 7:14](#).  
*Fulfillment:* [Matthew 1:22-23](#); [Luke 1:31-35](#).
3. Prophecy: the Messiah would be a descendant of *Abraham* – [Genesis 12:3](#).  
*Fulfillment:* [Acts 3:24-26](#).
4. Prophecy: the Messiah would also be a descendant of *David* – [2 Samuel 7:12-16](#).  
*Fulfillment:* [Matthew 1:1](#); [Luke 1:32-33](#); [Acts 15:15-16](#).
5. Prophecy: the Messiah would be called the *Son of God* – [Psalms 2:1-12](#).  
*Fulfillment:* [Mark 1:11](#); [Acts 4:25-28](#); [Acts 13:33](#); [Hebrews 1:5](#).

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6. Prophecy: the Messiah would be the rejected *cornerstone* – Psalms 118:22-24.  
*Fulfillment:* Matthew 21:42; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:6-8.

7. Prophecy: the Messiah would be born in *Bethlehem* - Micah 5:2.  
*Fulfillment:* Matthew 2:1-6; Luke 2:1-20.

8. Prophecy: the Messiah would also be a *Prophet* - Deuteronomy 18:18; Matthew 21:11.  
*Fulfillment:* Matthew 13:57; Luke 13:33; Acts 3:22-23.

9. Prophecy: the Messiah would be also a *Priest* - Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 3:1, 5:5-6.  
*Fulfillment:* Ephesians 5:2; Hebrews 6:20, 9:26-27, 10:12; 1 Timothy 2:5.

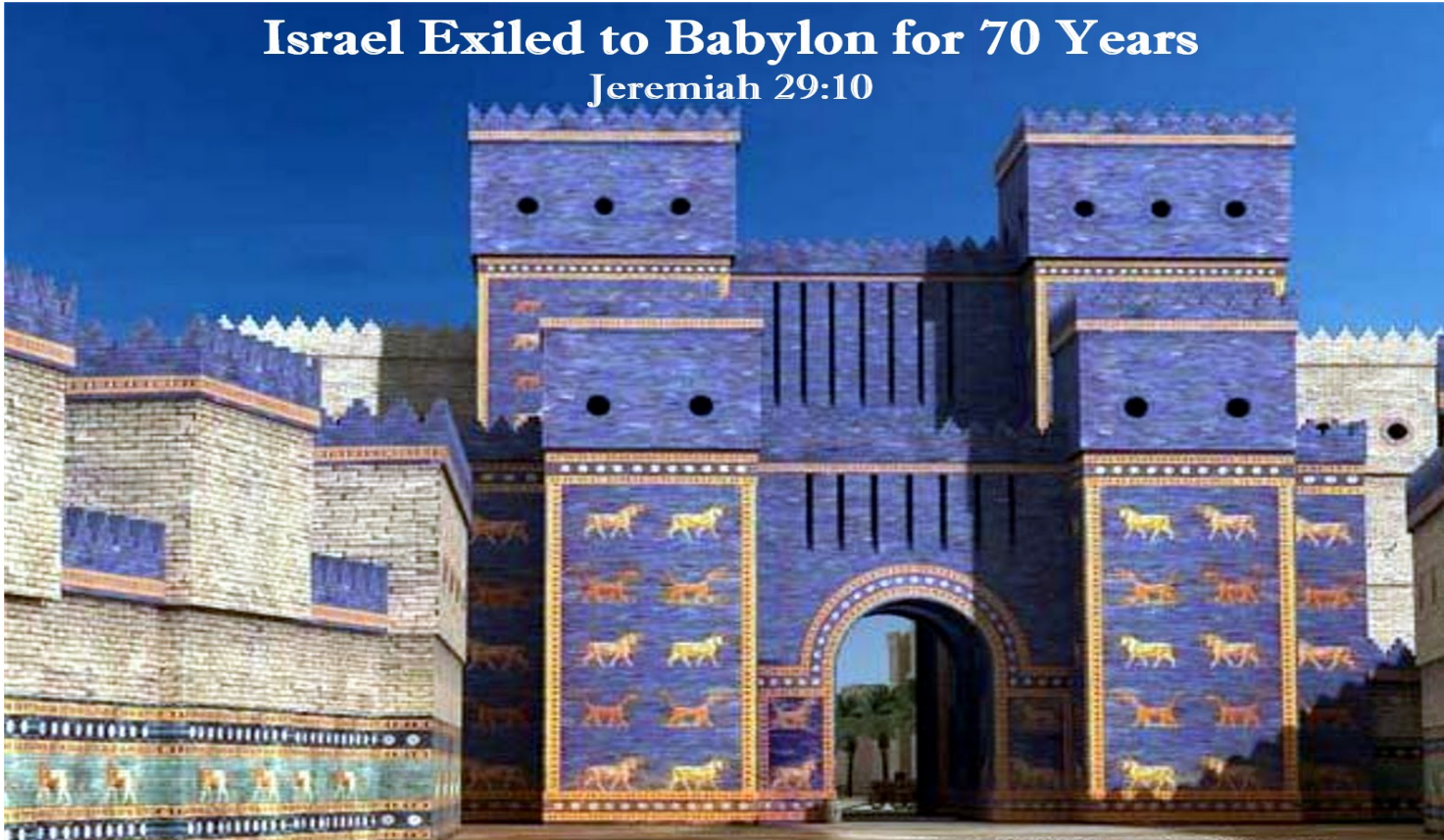
10. Prophecy: the Messiah would also be a *King* - Psalm 2:6; Matthew 27:37.  
*Fulfillment:* Matthew 2:2, 21:5, 27:11; Revelation 17:14, 19:16.

11. Prophecy: the Messiah would be the *Passover Lamb* – Exodus 12:1-51.  
*Fulfillment:* John 1:29, 33, 36; 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 1:19.

12. Prophecy: the Messiah would be *resurrected* – Psalms 16:8-11.  
*Fulfillment:* Acts 2:22-31, 13:35-37.

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**Israel Exiled to Babylon for 70 Years**  
Jeremiah 29:10



Were there specific prophecies relating to the nation of Israel?

THE BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY

“For thus saith the LORD, That after *seventy years* be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you *to return* to this place” (Jeremiah 29:10).

“And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this *city*, whereof ye say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence; Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have *driven them* in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely” (Jeremiah 32:36-37).

“In the first year of his reign I Daniel *understood by books* the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to *Jeremiah the prophet*, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of *Jerusalem*” (Daniel 9:2).

THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM IN 70 AD

“And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with *armies*, then know that the *desolation* thereof is *nigh*” (Luke 21:20).

“And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one

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stone upon another, *that shall not be thrown down*” (Mark 13:2).

“And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away *captive* into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the *Gentiles*, until the times of the Gentiles be *fulfilled*” (Luke 21:24). See also (Romans 11:25; Matthew 23:39).

**NOTE:** Jesus predicted the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, which came to pass by in 70 A.D. by the Romans under the leadership of Titus.

### Are there prophecies mentioning other nations?

1. **Nineveh**, capital of Assyria would be permanently destroyed - (Nahum 1:9).
2. **Tyre**, capital of Phoenicia stones and timber would be cast in the sea - (Ezekiel 26:12).
3. **Babylon** would be permanently destroyed - (Isaiah 13:19).
4. **Edom** would be a desolation - (Jeremiah 49:16-18).
5. **Egypt** would never again rule over the nations - (Ezekiel 29:15).

The rise of four world empires that would rule over the Jews - **Babylon**, **Medo-Persia**, **Greece**, **Rome**, the division of Rome, & the rise of Antichrist - (Daniel 2 & 7; Revelation 13, 17, & 18).

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**“Many skeptics misconstrue Bible prophecy as too vague or too big. But God provides many specific details about His plan for the ages.”**

## What about prophecies concerning individuals?

**Abraham** would become the father of many nations - “As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a *father* of many nations” (**Genesis 17:4**).

**Jacob** speaks of the future of his sons – “And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which *shall befall you* in the last days” (**Genesis 49:1**) See entire chapter.

**Cyrus** mentioned by name 150 years before his birth - “That saith of **Cyrus**, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation *shall be laid*” (**Isaiah 44:28**).

Alexander the Great is referenced before his birth – “And the rough goat is the *king of Grecia*: and the *great horn* that is between his eyes is the first *king*” (**Daniel 8:21**).

## Does the Bible have anything to say about the end times?

“*This know* also, that in the *last days* perilous times shall come. For men shall be *lovers of their own selves*, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent,

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fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having *a form of godliness*, but denying *the power thereof*: from such turn away” (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

“For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the *beginning of sorrows*” (Mark 13:8).

“Let *no man deceive you* by any means: for *that day* shall not come, except there come *a falling away first*, and that *man of sin* be revealed, the son of perdition; Who *opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God*, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God” (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).

**NOTE:** There is not enough room here to go into every specific detail; however, the Bible does address the last days in terms of the world’s moral decline, a great falling away in the church from God and His truth, to political-financial-religious globalism, to the rise of Antichrist and persecution of the saints, to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Many critics of Bible prophecy highlight the generalization of things such as war, famine, and pestilence; however, Jesus’ words implies these

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will continue in frequency and intensity.

What has the LORD Jesus promised his people?

“Let not your *heart be troubled*: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are *many mansions*: if it were not so, I would have told you. And if I go and prepare a place for *you*. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive *you* unto *myself*; that where I am, there ye may be also” (John 14:1-3).

What is in store for the people of God?

“Nevertheless we, according to *his promise*, look for *new heavens* and a new *earth*, wherein dwelleth *righteousness*” (2 Peter 3:13).

Is biblical prophecy reliable?

“Knowing this first, that *no prophecy* of the scripture is of any *private interpretation*. For 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*” (2 Peter 1:20-21).

**NOTE:** Many prophecies have come to pass, others are unfolding before our very eyes. May the LORD keep us as we await His glorious return. Amen!