

## ***Prophecies about Jesus***

Welcome to the God Solution where we discuss answers to humanity's questions about God and God's answers for humanity's questions.

I'm Nate Herbst and I'm excited about the show today! Thanks for tuning in.

This show may blow your mind...

We've all heard the argument that you can't know truth ...

### **1. Divine Revelation:**

- a. Finite minds.
- b. Can't figure out and fully know objective truth on our own.
- c. Must have revelation.
  - i. Ex. Calculus.
- d. **Scripture:** Accurately preserved, Author agreement, History, science, prophecy and more.

### **2. Start with a hypothetical.**

- a. Would you be convinced a prophecy was accurate if it accurately foretold 8 characteristics about an individual hundreds of years before that individual existed?
- b. Here's an example:
  - i. What if I told you one of the Founding Fathers wrote that in <sup>1</sup> 2008 an <sup>2</sup> African American man, <sup>3</sup> a husband and father of 2 daughters, <sup>4</sup> a senator, <sup>5</sup> born in Hawaii, <sup>6</sup> raised in Indonesia, <sup>7</sup> living in Chicago would <sup>8</sup> become president.
- c. Coincidence or Barak Obama?
- d. What if it continued saying he would be re-elected and serve 2 terms? Would you believe it?
- e. What if I told you Jesus fulfilled between 100 and 300+ prophecies?
- f. Coincidence or something more?

i. Could you honestly just right it off?

g. Divine revelation?

### 3. **Stats:**

a. Chance of 1 person fulfilling 8.

i. 1 in  $10^{17}$ .

ii. World population in all of History = 100,000,000,000 ( $10^{11}$ ).

### 4. **Specifics:**

a. **(1) Descendant of David: 2 Sam.7:12-16, Jer.23:5, Ps.89:3-4.**

i. **2 Sam.7:12-16** - When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. **13** He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. **14** I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. **15** But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. **16** Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.' "

ii. **Jer.23:5** - "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land."

iii. **Ps.89:3-4** - You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, 'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.'"

b. **(2) Time of His arrival: Daniel 9:24-27**

i. **Dan.9:24-27** - "Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy. **25** "Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. **26** After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been

decreed. [27](#) He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

- ii. Josh McDowell's book, "The New Evidence that Demands a Verdict", pages 197-201 and More info at: <http://www.aboutbibleprophecy.com/weeks.htm>
  - iii. Artaxerxes decrees the rebuilding of Jerusalem in 444 BC (Neh.2:1-8) and the 70 7's begin.
  - iv. **Dan.9:25** - 69 7's (483 Hebrew calendar years) from the decree till the Messiah.
  - v. 483 Hebrew Calendar years = 173,880 days (483 x 360) = 476 solar years (173,880 / 365.25).
  - vi. 476 years beginning at 444 BC = 443 till 0 AD and then 33 after, meaning the Messiah was prophesied to be cut off in 33 AD.
  - vii. Some would claim the exact date Christ rode into Jerusalem was on April 6th of 32 or 33 AD, exactly 173,880 days from the decree on either March 5th of 444 BC or 445 BC.
  - viii. Christian scholars claim the prophecy pinpoints Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the very day, as fulfilled in **Mt.21:1-11** and **John 12:12-16**.
    1. Secular scholars would say, at worst, this prophecy is confusing because there were other possible start dates and the possible range would be 95 years - either way, the accuracy is unfathomable.
  - ix. Then a break before last 7 years, during which Messiah is killed.
  - x. The last 7 years culminate with the destruction of the temple.
    1. This part of the prophecy was fulfilled in **AD 70**.
  - xi. No other Messianic figure after that time could fulfill this prophecy.
- c. **(3) Virgin Birth: Is.7:14**
- i. **Is.7:14** - "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."
- d. **(4) Born in Bethlehem: Micah 5:1-2**

i. **Micah 5:1-2** - Marshal your troops, O city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek with a rod. "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

e. **(5) Preceded by John the Baptist: *Is.40:3, Mal.3:1***

i. **Is.40:3** - A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God."

ii. **Mal.3:1** - "See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

f. **(6) Miracles: *Is.35:5-6***

i. **Is.35:5-6** - Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

g. **(7) Crucifixion: *Ps.22:16, Zechariah 12:10***

i. **500 BC.**

ii. **Ps.22:16** - Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

iii. **Zechariah 12:10** - "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

h. **(8) Resurrection: *Ps.16:10***

i. **Ps.16:10** - "...you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay."

ii. **Is.53:10-11** also says the Messiah will be raised back to life after paying for our sins.

1. We'll get to that in a minute.

5. **A Few Others:**

- a. Those were just 8.
- b. There are many more, here are just a few: Tribe of Judah (Gen.49:10), Herod's slaughter of the innocents (Jer.31:15), Jesus' time in Egypt (Hos.11:1), Galilee (Is. 9:1-2), parables (Is.6:9-10), betrayal for 30 pieces of silver (Zech.11:12-13), no broken bones (Ps.34:20), dying alongside sinners (Is.53:9-12), soldiers casting lots for his clothing (Ps.22:18), burial in a rich man's tomb (Is.53:9), resurrection on 3rd day (Hos.6:2).
- c. Jesus even prophesied this -
  - i. **Mt.16:21** - Jesus told his disciples "that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

d. ***One other incredible example (a bit long):***

- i. **Is.53** - Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? **2** He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. **3** He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. **4** Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. **5** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. **6** We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. **7** He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. **8** By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. **9** He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. **10** Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. **11** After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. **12** Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

## 6. Coincidence or something more?

- a. We were just mentioning a few of the prophecies about Jesus.
  - i. There are many more about other people, places and events as well and these are just as accurate.
    - 1. We'll have to get into those at a later date.
- b. Can you just write this off OR must you conclude, this is divine revelation?
  - i. The statistics tell you you can't just call it coincidence and you can't just write it off.
- c. How does the evidence impact how you view Jesus?

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Thanks so much for listening. Have a GREAT Sunday!