

The Case for the Bible

Part 3: In Prophecy

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A. Prophecies concerning Events

Event	Prophecy Foretold	Approx Years	Prophecy Fulfilled
Cyrus, King of Persia	Isaiah 44:28 (written about 700 B.C.)	200	Cyrus ruled from 550-539 B.C. and allowed the Jews to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 36:22-23)
Jewish Nation: exile and return	2 Kings 17:5-6; 2 Kings 25:10-11; Ezekiel 37:21-22; Isaiah 11:11	2500	In 1948 Israel became a nation again.

B. Prophecies concerning Jesus

Topic	O.T. Prophecy	Approx. Years	N.T. Prophecy
Virgin Birth	Isaiah 7:14	700	Matthew 1:18
Crucifixion	Psalms 22:16-18	1000	John 19:23-24
Birth in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	700	Luke 2:4-7
Time in Egypt	Hosea 11:1	745	Matthew 2:13-15
Ride into Jerusalem on Donkey	Zechariah 9:9	450	Matthew 21:2-4
Jesus offered no defense	Isaiah 53:5	700	Mark 14:60-61

The Bible is the only volume ever produced by man, or a group of men, in which is to be found a large body of prophecies relating to individual nations, to Israel, to all the peoples of the earth, to certain cities, and to the coming of One who was to be the Messiah.

Other books claim divine inspiration, such as the Koran, the Book of Mormon, and parts of the Hindu Veda. But none of those books contains predictive prophecy. Mohammedanism cannot point to any prophecies of the coming of Mohammed uttered hundreds of years before his birth. Neither can the founders of any cult in this country rightly identify any ancient text specifically foretelling their appearance. As a result, fulfilled prophecy is a strong indication of the unique, divine authority of the Bible