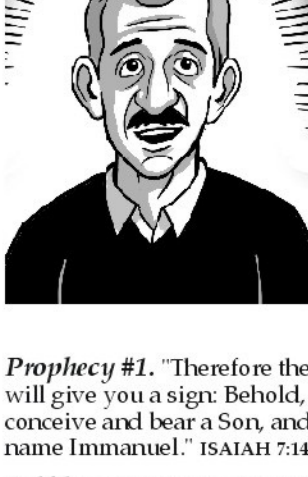
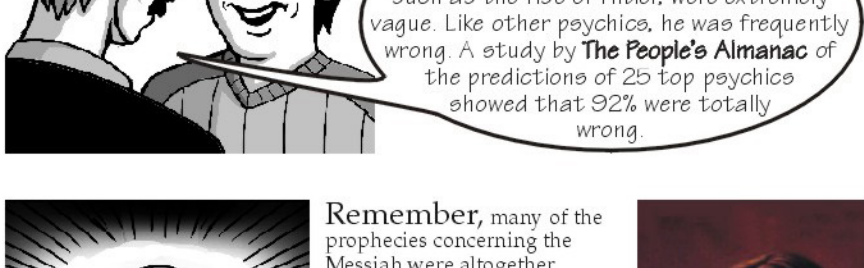
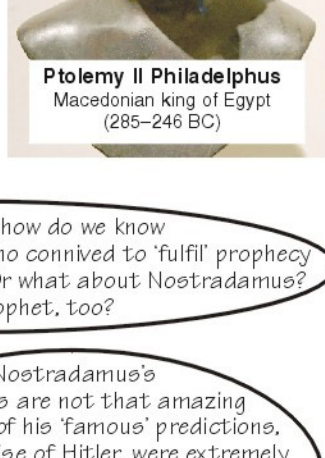




Guess you're not happy with 450 BC as the historic date for the completion of the Old Testament (and all the prophecies about Christ).

It's a fact that the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Hebrew scriptures, was initiated in the reign of Ptolemy Philadelphus (285-246 BC).

♦So logically, if the Greek translation was initiated in 250 BC, the Hebrew text on which the translation was based, must already have existed!



Remember, many of the prophecies concerning the Messiah were altogether beyond the human control of Jesus. For example, His place and time of birth as prophesied in Micah 5:2 and Daniel 9:25.

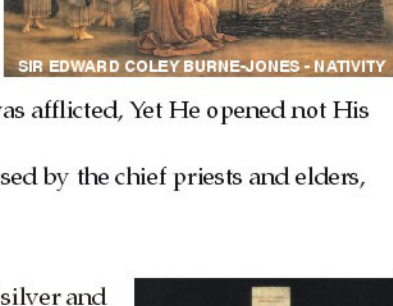
Just plain logic tells us we must accept the credentials of Jesus as the Messiah through fulfilled prophecy.

I have listed another eight of the prophecies from the Old Testament that relate to Jesus as the Messiah.



Prophecy #1: "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." ISAIAH 7:14

Fulfillment: "She was found with child of the Holy Spirit... Then Joseph... did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus." MATTHEW 1:18,24,25; see also LUKE 1:26-35



Prophecy #2: "He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth." ISAIAH 53:7

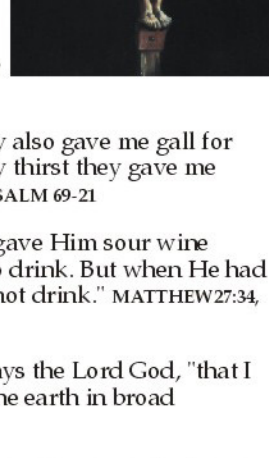
Fulfillment: "And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing." MATTHEW 27:12

Prophecy #3: "So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord for the potter." ZECHARIAH 11:13

Fulfillment: "And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in." MATTHEW 27:7

Prophecy #4: "He guards all His bones; not one of them is broken." PSALM 34:20

Fulfillment: "But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs." JOHN 19:33



Fran Zurbaran - Crucifixion 1627

Prophecy #5: "They also gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink." PSALM 69:21

Fulfillment: "They gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it He would not drink." MATTHEW 27:34, JOHN 19:28, 29

Prophecy #6: "And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord God, "that I will make the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight." AMOS 8:9

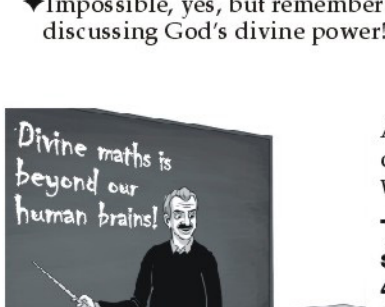
Fulfillment: "Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land." MATTHEW 27:45

Prophecy #7: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?" PSALM 22:1

Fulfillment: "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice saying, *Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?*" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?" MATTHEW 27:46

Prophecy #8: "And they made His grave with the wicked - but with the rich at His death." ISAIAH 53:9

Fulfillment: "There came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph... and asked for the body of Jesus. When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his new tomb." MATTHEW 27:57-60



WHAT ARE THE CHANCES?

In 1956 Fred John Meldau of the Christian Victory Publishing Company offered a reward of a thousand dollars to anyone that could find someone living or dead who fulfilled just half of the prophecies concerning the Messiah.

A grand amount, yet no one was able to claim the prize!

The following is from an article by H Harold Hartzler of the American Scientific Affiliation: "We find that the chance that any man might have lived down to the present time and fulfilled all of just eight prophecies is 1 in 10¹⁷ (10 to the 17th power).

That would be 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 (17 zeros after the 1)."

To get some perspective on this huge number, I quote an image by Peter Stoner of the American Scientific Affiliation:

Imagine taking 100,000,000,000,000,000 five rand coins, marking one and laying all of them over the entire Free State to a depth of about 600 mm. Then blindfold a man and tell him to go and pick out the marked coin.

What chance would he have of finding the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing these eight prophecies and having them all come true in one man!

♦Impossible, yes, but remember: we are discussing God's divine power!



Again we are considering the accuracy of 300 prophecies fulfilled in Jesus Christ. What if we look at only 48 prophecies?

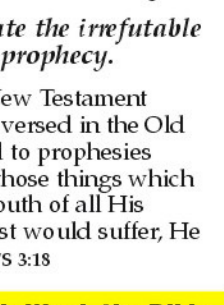
The mathematical chance of any single individual fulfilling even only 48 of the Old Testament prophecies is beyond human comprehension!

Peter Stoner writes in Science Speaks that this means the fulfilment of these eight prophecies alone proves that God inspired the writing of them to a finality which allows only one chance in 10¹⁷ of being absolute.

The mathematical probability is 1 in 10¹⁵⁷. Write the number 1 and follow it with 157 zeroes. That's a lot of zeros!

The only way these prophecies could be fulfilled is by divine inspiration and the fact that Jesus is the Messiah.

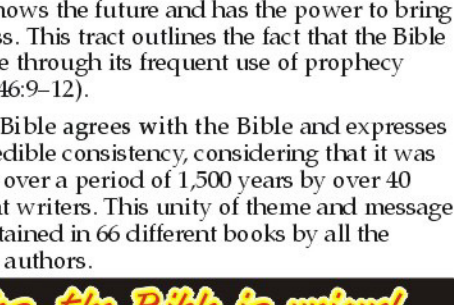
No one can deny this proof - it's mathematical!



I'm sure you remember in Matthew 2:5 when Herod summoned the Magi, asking them where the Messiah was to be born. Their reply was: "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet."

Yes, we all know that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Yet that prophesy was written 700 years previously by the prophet Micah!

♦There is only one conclusion: The prophet Micah was inspired by God!



Herod consults the Magi

Yet there is more!

In the work and person of Christ there is a fulfilment of the Levitical Feasts. The Menorah, the most enduring symbol of Judaism, has several layers of symbolism, from the Tree of Life to being a representation of the coming of Christ.

♦Again: The Coming of Christ foretold.

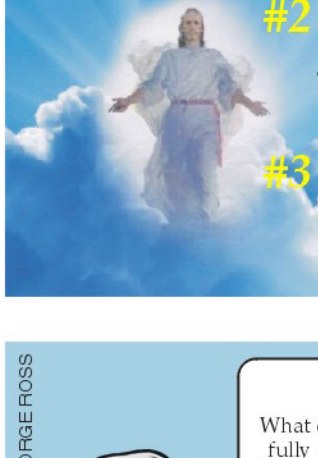


You may well ask why I went to the trouble to create this tract in the first place.

My aim is to illustrate the irrefutable accuracy of Biblical prophecy.

This is shown by the New Testament writers who were well versed in the Old Testament and referred to prophecies fulfilled in Jesus: "But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled." ACTS 3:18

Here are three reasons why we should believe God's Word, the Bible.



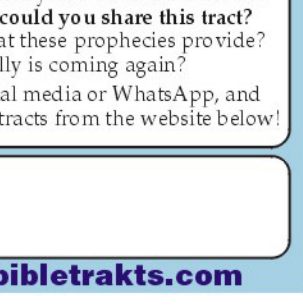
#1 No book but the Bible contains accurate, predictive prophecy, because only the God of the Bible knows the future and has the power to bring it to pass. This tract outlines the fact that the Bible is divine through its frequent use of prophecy (Isaiah 46:9-12).

#2 The Bible agrees with the Bible and expresses an incredible consistency, considering that it was written over a period of 1,500 years by over 40 different writers. This unity of theme and message is maintained in 66 different books by all the various authors.

Yes, the Bible is unique!

#3 Yet the Bible is God's Word. We know this, because it is self-evident that the Holy Spirit guided the authors of the text as they wrote.

The math discussed earlier in this tract proves an unassailable accuracy of prophecy that could only be achieved by the will and power of the Almighty Creator, infinitely beyond the reach of human skills.



On the right is an example of a complete scroll of the Hebrew Bible manuscript of Isaiah, found in the Qumran caves in 1947.

This scroll, dated to the first century BC, is considered to be the earliest Old Testament manuscript in existence.

#1 We can have complete confidence in Christ's return!

#2 Why? Because His first arrival fulfilled perfectly the Bible's predictions of His life, death, and resurrection. (Check Tract # 24!)

#3 Furthermore, the Bible contains eight times as many references to the Second Coming as to the first!

Dear friend!

What do the words in this tract mean for you today? Are you fully confident that the prophecies you read in the Bible are truly from God? **With whom could you share this tract?** Who needs to hear the hope that these prophecies provide? To know that Jesus really is coming again?

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