

How do you know where you are going after you die?



How do you know Jesus was raised from the dead?

How do you know anything in the Bible is true?

The way Satan got Eve to sin was to ask the question “did God really say.....”. Genesis 3:1.

For sure, human beings on this planet called Earth are the object of spiritual warfare. Satan has no new weapons to use, just old ones with new wrappers. He still causes us to ask the question "did God really say."

Now ask yourself the question, how do you know for sure where you are going after you die? Do you think you are going to heaven because your parents told you or your pastor or Sunday School teacher said so? Do you think it is wise to trust another person's word with something as important as where you will spend eternity?

We need to be able to trust the Bible no matter what comes our way!

If there is one thing the Bible dares to do that no other book in the world does it is to accurately predict the future.

This proves beyond argument that only God could have written the Bible.

God arranges the situations of history to bring about His glory in the lives of those who respond to His call. Working with the moral choices of men He directs circumstances together into a pre-planned series of patterns laid down before the foundation of the world. The outline of many of these patterns is revealed in the Bible.

There are 8,352 verses directly or indirectly concerned with prophecy in Scripture - about one verse in six tells of future events. God's challenge to the world is that we might prove Him. “I am the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass” (Ezekiel 12:25). Jeremiah 28:9, Ezekiel 24:14 and Luke 21:22 also indicate the same idea.

Buddhists, Confucianists and the followers of Mohammed have their sacred writings but in them the element of prophecy is conspicuous by its absence. The destruction of Tyre, the invasion of Jerusalem, the fall of Babylon and Rome, each of these events was accurately predicted and fulfilled to the smallest of details.

The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem was foretold over hundreds of years earlier by the prophet Daniel - TO THE VERY DAY.

The forming of Israel as a new state in 1948 was foretold to the day and month in the Old Testament.

In the life of the Lord Jesus himself there are over 300 fulfilled prophecies. It is ridiculous to imagine that these prophecies would all be fulfilled by accident by one person. Statistically there is only one chance in a number followed by 181 zeros that they could have been fulfilled by accident!

To give you some idea of the size of this immense figure think of a ball that is packed solidly with electrons (two and a half million billion make a line about one inch long). Now in your mind imagine this ball expanded to the size of the universe, some four billion light-years in diameter (a light-year being the distance that light travels in a year at the speed of over 186,000 miles per second). Multiply this by 500 quadrillion. Out of this vast container of electrons, remove just **one** electron, and “color” it red, return it to the container, and stir it with the other electrons for a hundred years. Then blindfold a man and send him in to pick it out the first time. Impossible? With the same chance Jesus the Christ lived and died was resurrected and is now alive according to the Scriptures by “accident!”

Other Old Testament prophecies too numerous to list include the destruction of certain cities like Tyre and others and they all took place as foretold in the Bible. There are 1,817 individual prophecies concerning 737 separate subjects found in 8,352 verses. These comprise 27% of the whole of Scriptures.

Isaiah 42:9 says, "Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they happen, I cause you to hear. Only God knows the end from the beginning!"

Some prophecies in the Old Testament

Genesis 3:15 says, "And I will put enmity (strife) between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; it shall bruise your head, and you shalt bruise his heel."

This is a clear prophecy that Satan will cause Jesus to be crucified yet Jesus will ultimately crush Satan.

God spoke to Abraham in Genesis 15 about Israel. God told Abraham, (the first Jew) thousands of years before Jesus, that he would be the father of a great group of people who would bless all the other peoples of the earth. He told him that they would be taken slaves for 400 years before they came back to their own land. This happened. Abraham became the first Jew and the Jews went into Egyptian slavery for 400 years.

Isaiah 53. This is where God prophesied that the Messiah would come as a suffering savior who would die for our sins. The Jews were looking for a conquering King and when Jesus came they did not recognize Him. This was spoken about 500 years before it happened. Isaiah also told that the Messiah would be born of a virgin.

Daniel told of the coming of the Messiah to be crucified and His entering Jerusalem to the very date, over 400 years before it happened.

Daniel saw the prophecies of the kingdoms of the earth in history before they happened. They were to be Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome and finally the anti-Christ's rule. He also saw the Kingdom of God finally becoming the world victor.

Ezekiel saw the re-gathering of Israel in May of 1948. He saw this over 2,000 years before it happened and prophesied it to the date.

Prophecies about Jesus.

There are over 300 prophecies about Jesus but consider only the 17 most prominent ones.

The combined probability against these 17 predictions occurring is equal to:

1 chance in 480,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000

Or 480 Billion X 1 Billion X 1 Trillion.

If God left this Book for you then you should read it and see what He says

1. See what He says about how He feels about you.



He loves you even if it does not feel like it.

John 3:16-17 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him."

2. See what He says about what you should be doing to obey Him. See what He says about how to live your life, how to treat people, how to relate to Him, to conduct your personal habits, your personal speech, your giving and forgiving.

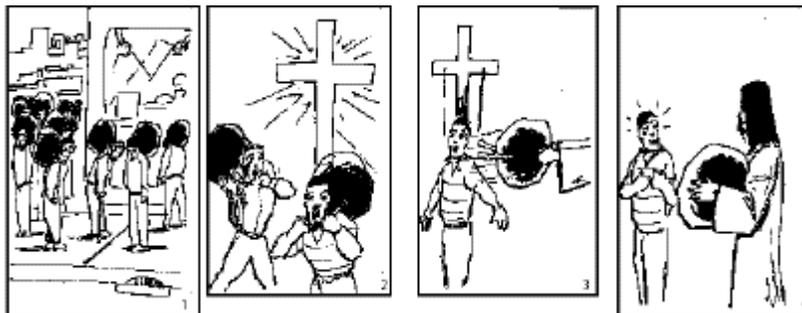
He bought you with a high price and now asks for obedience, and that you lay down your life to allow His Spirit to live in you.

1 Corinthians 6:20 says, "for you are bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

2 Timothy 2:22 says, "But flee **youthful lusts**, and follow righteousness, faith, love, peace, with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

3. See what He says to you regarding the promises He wants you to inherit.

2 Peter 1:4 says, "through which He has given to us exceedingly great and precious **promises**, so that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."



4. See what He says about where you are going when you die.

John 11:25 says, "Jesus said to her, I am the Resurrection and the Life! He who believes in Me, though he **die**, yet he shall **live**."

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:1-6).

5. See what He says to you about being His disciple.

Luke 14:27 says, "And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me, he cannot be My **disciple**."

Luke 14:33 says. "**So then, everyone of you who does not forsake all his possessions, he cannot be My disciple.**"

Eternity is not a long time it is forever!

Where you spend it is important!

