

## ~PROPHECY (1774)

[Hebrew, *na-va '* , Greek, *pro-phe-teu'o*]

- The Bearing Witness To Jesus Inspire Prophesying
- Purpose And Time Of Fulfillment
- Multiple Fulfillment
- Forms Of Prophecy
- And Many Others
- Testing Prophecy And Its Interpretation

• An inspired message, a revelation of divine will and purpose or the proclamation thereof. Prophecy may be an inspired moral teaching, an expression of a divine command or judgment, or a declaration of something to come.

• As shown under **PROPHET**, **prediction**, or **foretelling**, is not the basic thought conveyed by the root verbs in the original languages Hebrew, *na-va '* , Greek, *pro-phe-teu'o*, yet it forms an outstanding feature of Bible prophecy.

### See Also **PROPHET**

• Illustrating the sense of the original words are these examples. When Ezekiel in a vision was told to **prophecy to the wind**, he simply **expressed God's command to the wind**.

• And he went on saying to me; **Prophecy** to the wind. **Prophecy**, O son of man, and you must say to the wind, This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; From the four winds come in, O wind, and blow upon these killed people, that they may come to life. (**Ezekiel 37:9**)

• And I **prophesied** just as he had commanded me, and the breath proceeded to come into them, and they began to live and stand upon their feet, a very, very great military force. (**Ezekiel 37:10**)

• When individuals at Jesus trial covered him, slapped him, and then said; **Prophecy** to us, you Christ. Who is it that struck you? They were not calling for prediction but for Jesus to identify the slappers by divine revelation.

• Then they spit into his face and hit him with their fists. Others slapped him in the face. (**Matthew 26:67**)

- Saying; **Prophecy** to us, you Christ. Who is it that struck you? (**Matthew 26:68**)
- Now the men that had him in custody began to make fun of him, hitting him. (**Luke 22:63**)
- And after covering him over they would ask and say; **Prophecy**. Who is it that struck you? (**Luke 22:64**)
- The Samaritan woman at the well recognized Jesus as a **prophet** because **he revealed things about her past** that he could not have known except by divine power.
- In answer the woman said; I do not have a husband. Jesus said to her; You said well; A husband I do not have. (**John 4:17**)
- For you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. This you have said truthfully. (**John 4:18**)
- The woman said to him; Sir, I perceive you are a **prophet**. (**John 4:19**)
- At the sight the Pharisee that invited him said within himself; This man, if he were a **prophet**, would know who and what kind of woman it is that is touching him, that she is a sinner. (**Luke 7:39**)
- So, too, such Scriptural portions as Jesus Sermon on the Mount and his denunciation of the scribes and Pharisees
- Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying; (**Matthew 23:1**)
- The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the seat of Moses. (**Matthew 23:2**)
- Therefore all the things they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds, for they say but do not perform. (**Matthew 23:3**)
- They bind up heavy loads and put them upon the shoulders of men, but they themselves are not willing to budge them with their finger. (**Matthew 23:4**)

- **All the works they do they do to be viewed by men, for they broaden the scripture-containing cases that they wear as safeguards, and enlarge the fringes of their garments. (Matthew 23:5)**
- **They like the most prominent place at evening meals and the front seats in the synagogues. (Matthew 23:6)**
- **And the greetings in the marketplaces and to be called Rabbi by men. (Matthew 23:7)**
- **But you, do not you be called Rabbi, for one is your teacher, whereas all you are brothers. (Matthew 23:8)**
- **Moreover, do not call anyone your father on earth, for one is your Father, the heavenly One. (Matthew 23:9)**
- **Neither be called leaders, for your Leader is one, the Christ. (Matthew 23:10)**
- **But the greatest one among you must be your minister. (Matthew 23:11)**
- **Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. (Matthew 23:12)**
- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you shut up the kingdom of the heavens before men, for you yourselves do not go in, neither do you permit those on their way in to go in. (Matthew 23:13)**
- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you traverse sea and dry land to make one proselyte, and when he becomes one you make him a subject for Gehenna twice as much so as yourselves. (Matthew 23:15)**
- **Woe to you, blind guides, who say; If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is under obligation. (Matthew 23:16)**
- **Fools and blind ones! Which, in fact, is greater, the gold or the temple that has sanctified the gold? (Matthew 23:17)**

- **Also, If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift on it, he is under obligation. (Matthew 23:18)**
- **Blind ones! Which, in fact, is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift? (Matthew 23:19)**
- **Therefore he that swears by the altar is swearing by it and by all the things on it. (Matthew 23:20)**
- **And he that swears by the temple is swearing by it and by him that is inhabiting it. (Matthew 23:21)**
- **And he that swears by heaven is swearing by the throne of God and by him that is sitting on it. (Matthew 23:22)**
- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you give the tenth of the mint and the dill and the cumin, but you have disregarded the weightier matters of the Law, namely, justice and mercy and faithfulness. These things it was binding to do, yet not to disregard the other things. (Matthew 23:23)**
- **Blind guides, who strain out the gnat but gulp down the camel! (Matthew 23:24)**
- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of plunder and immoderateness. (Matthew 23:25)**
- **Blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup and of the dish, that the outside of it also may become clean. (Matthew 23:26)**
- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you resemble whitewashed graves, which outwardly indeed appear beautiful but inside are full of dead mens bones and of every sort of uncleanness. (Matthew 23:27)**
- **In that way you also, outwardly indeed, appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. (Matthew 23:28)**
- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the graves of the prophets and decorate the memorial tombs of the righteous ones. (Matthew 23:29)**

- **And you say; If we were in the days of our forefathers, we would not be sharers with them in the blood of the prophets. (Matthew 23:30)**
- **Therefore you are bearing witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. (Matthew 23:31)**
- **Well, then, fill up the measure of your forefathers. (Matthew 23:32)**
- **Serpents, offspring of vipers, how are you to flee from the judgment of Gehenna? (Matthew 23:33)**
- **For this reason, here I am sending forth to you prophets and wise men and public instructors. Some of them you will kill and impale, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city. (Matthew 23:34)**
- **That there may come upon you all the righteous blood spilled on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. (Matthew 23:35)**
- **Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation. (Matthew 23:36)**
- **May properly be defined as **prophecy**, for these were an inspired **telling forth** of God's mind on matters, even as were the **pronouncements** by Isaiah, Jeremiah, and other earlier **prophets**.**
- **Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Look! My own servants will eat, but you yourselves will go hungry. Look! My own servants will drink, but you yourselves will go thirsty. Look! My own servants will rejoice, but you yourselves will suffer shame. (Isaiah 65:13)**
- **Look! My own servants will cry out joyfully because of the good condition of the heart, but you yourselves will make outcries because of the pain of heart and you will howl because of sheer breakdown of spirit. (Isaiah 65:14)**
- **And you men will certainly lay up your name for an oath by my chosen ones, and the Sovereign Lord Yehowah will actually put you individually to death, but his own servants he will call by**

another name. (Isaiah 65:15)

- So that anyone blessing himself in the earth will bless himself by the God of faith, and anyone making a sworn statement in the earth will swear by the God of faith, because the former distresses will actually be forgotten and because they will actually be concealed from my eyes. (Isaiah 65:16)
- And he lifted up his eyes upon his disciples and began to say; Happy are you poor, because yours is the kingdom of God. (Luke 6:20)
- Happy are you who hunger now, because you will be filled. Happy are you who weep now, because you will laugh. (Luke 6:21)
- Happy are you whenever men hate you, and whenever they exclude you and reproach you and cast out your name as wicked for the sake of the Son of man. (Luke 6:22)
- Rejoice in that day and leap, for, look! Your reward is great in heaven, for those are the same things their forefathers used to do to the prophets. (Luke 6:23)
- But woe to you rich persons, because you are having your consolation in full. (Luke 6:24)
- Woe to you who are filled up now, because you will go hungry. Woe, you who are laughing now, because you will mourn and weep. (Luke 6:25)
- Examples of **foretelling**, or **prediction**, are, of course, very numerous throughout the entire Bible, some earlier examples being found at;
  - And God went on to say; Let luminaries come to be in the expanse of the heavens to make a division between the day and the night, and **they must serve as signs** and for seasons and for days and years. (Genesis 1:14)
  - And Yehowah God proceeded to say to the serpent; Because you have done this thing, you are the cursed one out of all the domestic animals and out of all the wild beasts of the field. Upon your belly you will go and dust is what you will eat all the days of

- your life. (**Genesis 3:14**)
- **And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (**Genesis 3:15**)**
  - **To the woman he said; I shall greatly increase the pain of your pregnancy, in birth pangs you will bring forth children, and your craving will be for your husband, and he will dominate you. (**Genesis 3:16**)**
  - **And to Adam he said; Because you listened to your wifes voice and took to eating from the tree concerning which I gave you this command, You must not eat from it, cursed is the ground on your account. In pain you will eat its produce all the days of your life. (**Genesis 3:17**)**
  - **And thorns and thistles it will grow for you, and you must eat the vegetation of the field. (**Genesis 3:18**)**
  - **In the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For dust you are and to dust you will return. (**Genesis 3:19**)**
  - **Finally Noah awoke from his wine and got to know what his youngest son had done to him. (**Genesis 9:24**)**
  - **At this he said; Cursed be Canaan. Let him become the lowest slave to his brothers. (**Genesis 9:25**)**
  - **And he added; Blessed be Yehowah, Shem's God, and let Canaan become a slave to him. (**Genesis 9:26**)**
  - **Let God grant ample space to Japheth, and let him reside in the tents of Shem. Let Canaan become a slave to him also. (**Genesis 9:27**)**
  - **So he came near and kissed him, and he could smell the scent of his garments. And he proceeded to bless him and to say;**
  - **So he came near and kissed him, and he could smell the scent of his garments. And he proceeded to bless him and to say; See, the scent of my son is like the scent of the field which Yehowah has blessed. (**Genesis 27:27**)**

- **And may the true God give you the dews of the heavens and the fertile soils of the earth and an abundance of grain and new wine. (Genesis 27:28)**
- **Let peoples serve you and let national groups bow low to you. Become master over your brothers, and let the sons of your mother bow low to you. Cursed be each one of those cursing you, and blessed be each one of those blessing you. (Genesis 27:29)**
- **Now it came about as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, yes, it indeed came about when Jacob had barely come out from before the face of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came back from his hunting. (Genesis 27:30)**
- **And he too went about making a tasty dish. Then he brought it to his father and said to his father; Let my father get up and eat some of his sons game, in order, that your soul may bless me. (Genesis 27:31)**
- **At this Isaac his father said to him; Who are you? To which he said; I am your son, your firstborn, Esau. (Genesis 27:32)**
- **And Isaac began to shake with a great trembling in extreme measure, and so he said; Who, then, was it that hunted for game and came bringing it to me, so that I ate of everything before you could come in and I blessed him? Blessed too he will become! (Genesis 27:33)**
- **On hearing his fathers words Esau began to cry out in an extremely loud and bitter manner and to say to his father; Bless me, even me too, my father! (Genesis 27:34)**
- **But he went on to say; Your brother came with deception that he might get the blessing meant for you. (Genesis 27:35)**
- **At this he said; Is that not why his name is called Jacob, in that he should supplant me these two times? My birthright he has already taken, and here at this time he has taken my blessing! Then he added; Have you not reserved a blessing for me? (Genesis 27:36)**
- **But in answer to Esau Isaac continued; Here I have appointed**



him master over you, and all his brothers I have given to him as servants, and grain and new wine I have bestowed for his support, and where is there anything I can do for you, my son? (**Genesis 27:37**)

- Then Esau said to his father; Is there just one blessing that you have, my father? Bless me, even me too, my father! With that Esau raised his voice and burst into tears. (**Genesis 27:38**)
- So in answer Isaac his father said to him; Behold, away from the fertile soils of the earth your dwelling will be found, and away from the dew of the heavens above. (**Genesis 27:39**)
- And by your sword you will live, and your brother you will serve. But it will certainly occur that, when you grow restless, you will indeed break his yoke off your neck. (**Genesis 27:40**)
- **Examples being found at;**
- Later on Jacob called his sons and said; Gather yourselves together that I may tell you what will happen to you in the final part of the days. (**Genesis 49:1**)
- Assemble yourselves and listen, you sons of Jacob, yes, listen to Israel your father. (**Genesis 49:2**)
- Reuben, you are my firstborn, my vigor and the beginning of my generative power, the excellence of dignity and the excellence of strength. (**Genesis 49:3**)
- With reckless license like waters, do not you excel, because you have gone up to your fathers bed. At that time you profaned my lounge. He went up to it! (**Genesis 49:4**)
- Simeon and Levi are brothers. Instruments of violence are their slaughter weapons. (**Genesis 49:5**)
- Into their intimate group do not come, O my soul. With their congregation do not become united, O my disposition, because in their anger they killed men, and in their arbitrariness they hamstrung bulls. (**Genesis 49:6**)
- Cursed be their anger, because it is cruel, and their fury, because it acts harshly. Let me parcel them out in Jacob and let me

scatter them in Israel. (**Genesis 49:7**)

- **As for you, Judah, your brothers will laud you. Your hand will be on the back of the neck of your enemies. The sons of your father will prostrate themselves to you. (**Genesis 49:8**)**
- **A lion cub Judah is. From the prey, my son, you will certainly go up. He bowed down, he stretched himself out like a lion and, like a lion, who dares rouse him? (**Genesis 49:9**)**
- **The scepter will not turn aside from Judah, neither the commander's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him the obedience of the peoples will belong. (**Genesis 49:10**)**
- **Tying his full-grown ass to a vine and the descendant of his own she-ass to a choice vine, he will certainly wash his clothing in wine and his garment in the blood of grapes. (**Genesis 49:11**)**
- **Dark red are his eyes from wine, and the whiteness of his teeth is from milk. (**Genesis 49:12**)**
- **Zebulun will reside by the seashore, and he will be by the shore where the ships lie anchored, and his remote side will be toward Sidon. (**Genesis 49:13**)**
- **Issachar is a strong-boned ass, lying down between the two saddlebags. (**Genesis 49:14**)**
- **And he will see that the resting-place is good and that the land is pleasant, and he will bend down his shoulder to bear burdens and he will become subject to slavish forced labor. (**Genesis 49:15**)**
- **Dan will judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel. (**Genesis 49:16**)**
- **Let Dan prove to be a serpent by the roadside, a horned snake at the wayside, that bites the heels of the horse so that its rider falls backward. (**Genesis 49:17**)**
- **I shall indeed wait for salvation from you, O Yehowah. (**Genesis 49:18**)**
- **As for Gad, a marauder band will raid him, but he will raid the**

extreme rear. (**Genesis 49:19**)

- **Out of Asher his bread will be fat, and he will give the dainties of a king. (Genesis 49:20)**
- **Naphtali is a slender hind. He is giving words of elegance. (Genesis 49:21)**
- **Offshoot of a fruit bearing tree, Joseph is the offshoot of a fruit bearing tree by the fountain, that propels its branches up over a wall. (Genesis 49:22)**
- **But the archers kept harassing him and shot at him and kept harboring animosity against him. (Genesis 49:23)**
- **And yet his bow was dwelling in a permanent place, and the strength of his hands was supple. From the hands of the powerful one of Jacob, from there is the shepherd, the stone of Israel. (Genesis 49:24)**
- **He is from the God of your father, and he will help you, and he is with the Almighty, and he will bless you with the blessings of the heavens above, with the blessings of the watery deep lying down below, with the blessings of the breasts and womb. (Genesis 49:25)**
- **The blessings of your father will indeed be superior to the blessings of the eternal mountains, to the ornament of the indefinitely lasting hills. They will continue upon the head of Joseph, even upon the crown of the head of the one singled out from his brothers. (Genesis 49:26)**
- **Benjamin will keep on tearing like a wolf. In the morning he will eat the animal seized and at evening he will divide spoil. (Genesis 49:27)**
- **All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father spoke to them when he was blessing them. He blessed them each one according to his own blessing. (Genesis 49:28)**
- **A prophet from your own midst, from your brothers, like me, is what Yehowah your God will raise up for you, to him you people should listen. (Deuteronomy 18:15)**

- In response to all that you asked of Yehowah your God in Horeb on the day of the congregation, saying; Do not let me hear again the voice of Yehowah my God, and this great fire do not let me see anymore, that I may not die. ([Deuteronomy 18:16](#))
- At that Yehowah said to me; They have done well in speaking what they did. ([Deuteronomy 18:17](#))
- A prophet I shall raise up for them from the midst of their brothers, like you, and I shall indeed put my words in his mouth, and he will certainly speak to them all that I shall command him. ([Deuteronomy 18:18](#))
- And it must occur that the man who will not listen to my words that he will speak in my name, I shall myself require an account from him. ([Deuteronomy 18:19](#))
- The Source of all true **prophecy** is Yehowah God. He transmits it by means of his Holy Spirit or, occasionally, by spirit-directed angelic messengers.
- For you know this first, that no **prophecy** of Scripture springs from any private interpretation. ([2 Peter 1:20](#))
- For **prophecy** was at no time brought by man's will, but men spoke from God as they were borne along by Holy Spirit. ([2 Peter 1:21](#))
- That is why it is necessary for us to pay more than the usual attention to the things heard by us, that we may never drift away. ([Hebrews 2:1](#))
- For if the word spoken through angels proved to be firm, and every transgression and disobedient act received a retribution in harmony with justice. ([Hebrews 2:2](#))
- The Hebrew prophecies frequently begin, Hear the word of Yehowah.
- Hear the word of Yehowah, you dictators of Sodom. Give ear to the Law of our God, you people of Gomorrah. ([Isaiah 1:10](#))
- Hear the word of Yehowah, O house of Jacob, and all you families of the house of Israel. ([Jeremiah 2:4](#))

- **And by the expression, the word, is often meant an inspired message, or **prophecy**.**
- **The One making the word of his servant come true, and the One that carries out completely the counsel of his own messengers, the One saying of Jerusalem, She will be inhabited, and of the cities of Judah, They will be rebuilt, and her desolated places I shall raise up. (**Isaiah 44:26**)**
- **The word that occurred to Jeremiah from Yehowah, when King Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur the son of Malchiah and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, saying; (**Jeremiah 21:1**)**
- **And as for you, O son of man, the sons of your people are speaking with one another about you beside the walls and in the entrances of the houses, and the one has spoken with the other, each one with his brother, saying; Come, please, and hear what the word is that is going forth from Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 33:30**)**
- **And they will come in to you, like the coming in of people, and sit before you as my people, and they will certainly hear your words but these they will not do, for with their mouth they are expressing lustful desires and after their unjust gain is where their heart is going. (**Ezekiel 33:31**)**
- **And, look! You are to them like a song of sensuous loves, like one with a pretty voice and playing a stringed instrument well. And they will certainly hear your words, but there are none doing them. (**Ezekiel 33:32**)**
- **And when it comes true, look! It must come true, they will also have to know that a prophet himself had proved to be in the midst of them. (**Ezekiel 33:33**)**
- **Without fail the land will be emptied, and without fail it will be plundered, for Yehowah himself has spoken this word. (**Isaiah 24:3**)**

### **.. The Bearing Witness To Jesus Inspire Prophesying**

- **In the apostle John's vision he was told by an angel that the bearing witness to Jesus is what **inspires**, literally, **is the spirit of prophesying**.**

- At that I fell down before his feet to worship him. But he tells me; Be careful! Do not do that! All I am is a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who have the work of witnessing to Jesus. Worship God, **for the bearing witness to Jesus is what inspires prophesying.** (**Revelation 19:10**)
- The apostle Paul calls Christ the sacred secret of God and says that carefully concealed in him are all the treasures of wisdom and of knowledge.
- That their hearts may be comforted, that they may be harmoniously joined together in love and with a view to all the riches of the full assurance of their understanding, with a view to an accurate knowledge of the sacred secret of God, namely, Christ. (**Colossians 2:2**)
- Carefully concealed in him are all the treasures of wisdom and of knowledge. (**Colossians 2:3**)
- This is because Yehowah God assigned to his Son the key role in the outworking of God's grand purpose to sanctify His name and restore earth and its inhabitants to their proper place in His arrangement of things, doing this by means of an administration at the full limit of the appointed times, namely, to gather all things together again in the Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth.
- In that he made known to us the sacred secret of his will. It is according to his good pleasure which he purposed in himself (**Ephesians 1:9**)
- For an administration at the full limit of the appointed times, namely, to gather all things together again in the Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth. Yes, in him. (**Ephesians 1:10**)
- Next, the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has brought to nothing all government and all authority and power. (**1 Corinthians 15:24**)
- For he must rule as king until God has put all enemies under his feet (**1 Corinthians 15:25**)

- Since the fulfillment of God's great purpose is all bound up in Jesus.
- Because God saw good for all fullness to dwell in him. (Colossians 1:19)
- And through him to reconcile again to himself all other things by making peace through the blood he shed on the torture stake, no matter whether they are the things upon the earth or the things in the heavens. (Colossians 1:20)
- Then all **prophecy**, that is, all inspired messages from God proclaimed by his servants, pointed toward his Son. Thus, as,
  - At that I fell down before his feet to worship him. But he tells me; Be careful! Do not do that! All I am is a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who have the work of witnessing to Jesus. Worship God, for the bearing witness to Jesus is what inspires prophesying. (Revelation 19:10)
  - States, the entire **spirit**, the whole inclination, intent, and purpose, of **prophecy** was to bear witness to Jesus, the one Yehowah would make the way and the truth and the life.
    - Jesus said to him; I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)
    - This would be true not only of **prophecy** that preceded Jesus earthly ministry but also of **prophecy** subsequent thereto.
      - On the contrary, this is what was said through the prophet Joel. (Acts of Apostles 2:16)
      - And in the last days, God says, I shall pour out some of my spirit upon every sort of flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams. (Acts of Apostles 2:17)
      - And even upon my men slaves and upon my women slaves I will pour out some of my spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. (Acts of Apostles 2:18)
      - And I will give portents in heaven above and signs on earth below, blood and fire and smoke mist. (Acts of Apostles 2:19)

- **The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and illustrious day of Yehowah arrives. (Acts of Apostles 2:20)**
- **And everyone who calls on the name of Yehowah will be saved. (Acts of Apostles 2:21)**
- **Men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus the Nazarene, a man publicly shown by God to you through powerful works and portents and signs that God did through him in your midst, just as you yourselves know. (Acts of Apostles 2:22)**
- **This man, as one delivered up by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you fastened to a stake by the hand of lawless men and did away with. (Acts of Apostles 2:23)**
- **But God resurrected him by loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to continue to be held fast by it. (Acts of Apostles 2:24)**
- **For David says respecting him, I had Yehowah constantly before my eyes, because he is at my right hand that I may never be shaken. (Acts of Apostles 2:25)**
- **On this account my heart became cheerful and my tongue rejoiced greatly. Moreover, even my flesh will reside in hope. (Acts of Apostles 2:26)**
- **Because you will not leave my soul in Hades, neither will you allow your loyal one to see corruption. (Acts of Apostles 2:27)**
- **You have made lifes ways known to me, you will fill me with good cheer with your face. (Acts of Apostles 2:28)**
- **Men, brothers, it is allowable to speak with freeness of speech to you concerning the family head David, that he both deceased and was buried and his tomb is among us to this day. (Acts of Apostles 2:29)**
- **Therefore, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that he would seat one from the fruitage of his loins upon his throne. (Acts of Apostles 2:30)**



- He saw beforehand and spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he forsaken in Hades nor did his flesh see corruption. (**Acts of Apostles 2:31**)
- This Jesus God resurrected, of which fact we are all witnesses. (**Acts of Apostles 2:32**)
- Therefore because he was exalted to the right hand of God and received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he has poured out this which you see and hear. (**Acts of Apostles 2:33**)
- Actually David did not ascend to the heavens, but he himself says, Yehowah said to my Lord; Sit at my right hand. (**Acts of Apostles 2:34**)
- Until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet. (**Acts of Apostles 2:35**)
- Therefore let all the house of Israel know for a certainty that God made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you impaled. (**Acts of Apostles 2:36**)
- At the very time rebellion arose in Eden, Yehowah God started off this witness to Jesus by his **prophecy** regarding the **seed** that would eventually crush the head of the serpent, God's Adversary.
- And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (**Genesis 3:15**)
- The Abrahamic covenant was prophetic of that Seed, of its blessing all the families of earth, and of its victory over the Adversary and his **seed**.
- And to say; By myself I do swear, is the utterance of Yehowah, that by reason of the fact that you have done this thing and you have not withheld your son, your only one. (**Genesis 22:16**)
- I shall surely bless you and I shall surely multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens and like the grains of sand that are on the seashore, and your seed will take possession of the gate of his enemies. (**Genesis 22:17**)
- And by means of your seed all nations of the earth will certainly

- bless themselves due to the fact that you have listened to my voice. ([Genesis 22:18](#))
- Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. It says, not, and to seeds, as in the case of many such, but as in the case of one; And to your seed, who is Christ. ([Galatians 3:16](#))
  - It was foretold that the promised Seed, called, Shiloh, meaning **He Whose It Is, He To Whom It Belongs**, would come from the tribe of Judah.
  - The scepter will not turn aside from Judah, neither the commander's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him the obedience of the peoples will belong. ([Genesis 49:10](#))
  - By means of the nation of Israel, Yehowah revealed his purpose to have a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.
  - And you yourselves will become to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you are to say to the sons of Israel. ([Exodus 19:6](#))
  - But you are, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for special possession, that you should declare abroad the excellencies, of the one that called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ([1 Peter 2:9](#))
  - For you were once not a people, but are now God's people. You were those who had not been shown mercy, but are now those who have been shown mercy. ([1 Peter 2:10](#))
  - The sacrifices of the Law given to Israel foreshadowed the sacrifice of God's Son, and its priesthood pictures his royal heavenly priesthood, with associate priests, during his Thousand Year Reign.
  - Therefore it was necessary that the typical representations of the things in the heavens should be cleansed by these means, but the heavenly things themselves with sacrifices that are better than such sacrifices. ([Hebrews 9:23](#))
  - For Christ entered, not into a holy place made with hands, which is a copy of the reality, but into heaven itself, now to appear before the person of God for us. ([Hebrews 9:24](#))

- For since the Law has a shadow of the good things to come, but not the very substance of the things, men can never with the same sacrifices from year to year which they offer continually make those who approach perfect. (**Hebrews 10:1**)
- And they sing a new song, saying; You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, because you were slaughtered and with your blood you bought persons for God out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation. (**Revelation 5:9**)
- And you made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God, and they are to rule as kings over the earth. (**Revelation 5:10**)
- Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. (**Revelation 20:6**)
- **Consequently the Law became a tutor leading to Christ.**
- However, before the faith arrived, we were being guarded under law, being delivered up together into custody, looking to the faith that was destined to be revealed. (**Galatians 3:23**)
- Consequently the Law has become our tutor leading to Christ, that we might be declared righteous due to faith. (**Galatians 3:24**)
- **Of events marking the history of the nation of Israel, the apostle says;**
- Now these things went on befalling them as examples, and they were written for a warning to us upon whom the ends of the systems of things have arrived. (**1 Corinthians 10:11**)
- **David, the nations most prominent king, became a prophetic figure of God's Son, and God's covenant with David for an everlasting kingdom was inherited by Jesus Christ.**
- For there has been a child born to us, there has been a son given to us. The princely rule will come to be upon his shoulder. His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. (**Isaiah 9:6**)

- **To the abundance of the princely rule and to peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom in order to establish it firmly and to sustain it by means of justice and by means of righteousness, from now on and to time indefinite. The very zeal of Yehowah of armies will do this. (Isaiah 9:7)**
- **And I will raise up over them one shepherd, and he must feed them, even my servant David. He himself will feed them, and he himself will become their shepherd. (Ezekiel 34:23)**
- **And I myself, Yehowah, will become their God, and my servant David a chieftain in the midst of them. I myself, Yehowah, have spoken. (Ezekiel 34:24)**
- **This one will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and Yehowah God will give him the throne of David his father. (Luke 1:32)**
- **And so we are declaring to you the Good News about the promise made to the forefathers. (Acts of Apostles 13:32)**
- **That God has entirely fulfilled it to us their children in that he resurrected Jesus, even as it is written in the second psalm; You are my son, I have become your Father this day. (Acts of Apostles 13:33)**
- **And that fact that he resurrected him from the dead destined no more to return to corruption, he has stated in this way; I will give you people the loving-kindnesses to David that are faithful. (Acts of Apostles 13:34)**
- **Hence he also says in another psalm; You will not allow your loyal one to see corruption. (Acts of Apostles 13:35)**
- **For David, on the one hand, served the express will of God in his own generation and fell asleep in death and was laid with his forefathers and did see corruption. (Acts of Apostles 13:36)**
- **On the other hand, he whom God raised up did not see corruption. (Acts of Apostles 13:37)**
- **And he said to me; These words are faithful and true, yes, Yehowah the God of the inspired expressions of the prophets sent his angel forth to show his slaves the things that must**

shortly take place. ([Revelation 22:6](#))

- **The various battles fought by faithful kings, usually guided and encouraged by God's prophets, prefigured the war to be waged by God's Son against enemies of his Kingdom, and the victories God gave them thus prefigured Christ's victory over all of Satan's forces, bringing deliverance to God's people.**
- **The utterance of Yehowah to my Lord is; Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet. ([Psalms 110:1](#))**
- **The rod of your strength Yehowah will send out of Zion, saying; Go subduing in the midst of your enemies. ([Psalms 110:2](#))**
- **Your people will offer themselves willingly on the day of your military force. In the splendors of holiness, from the womb of the dawn, you have your company of young men just like dewdrops. ([Psalms 110:3](#))**
- **Yehowah has sworn, and he will feel no regret; You are a priest to time indefinite according to the manner of Melchizedek! ([Psalms 110:4](#))**
- **Yehowah himself at your right hand will certainly break kings to pieces on the day of his anger. ([Psalms 110:5](#))**
- **And you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, the one too little to get to be among the thousands of Judah, from you there will come out to me the one who is to become ruler in Israel, whose origin is from early times, from the days of time indefinite. ([Micah 5:2](#))**
- **Therefore he will give them up until the time that she who is giving birth actually gives birth. And the rest of his brothers will return to the sons of Israel. ([Micah 5:3](#))**
- **And he will certainly stand and do shepherding in the strength of Yehowah, in the superiority of the name of Yehowah his God. And they will certainly keep dwelling, for now he will be great as far as the ends of the earth. ([Micah 5:4](#))**
- **And this one must become peace. As for the Assyrian, when he comes into our land and when he treads upon our dwelling towers, we shall also have to raise up against him seven shepherds, yes, eight dukes of mankind. ([Micah 5:5](#))**

- **And they will actually shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in its entrances. And he will certainly bring about deliverance from the Assyrian, when he comes into our land and when he treads upon our territory. (Micah 5:6)**
- **Upon hearing this they with one accord raised their voices to God and said; Sovereign Lord, you are the One who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all the things in them. (Acts of Apostles 4:24)**
- **And who through Holy Spirit said by the mouth of our forefather David, your servant, Why did nations become tumultuous and peoples meditate upon empty things? (Acts of Apostles 4:25)**
- **The kings of the earth took their stand and the rulers massed together as one against Yehowah and against his anointed one. (Acts of Apostles 4:26)**
- **Even so, both Herod and Pontius Pilate with men of nations and with peoples of Israel were in actuality gathered together in this city against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. (Acts of Apostles 4:27)**
- **In order to do what things your hand and counsel had foreordained to occur. (Acts of Apostles 4:28)**
- **They are, in fact, expressions inspired by demons and perform signs, and they go forth to the kings of the entire inhabited earth, to gather them together to the war of the great day of God the Almighty. (Revelation 16:14)**
- **And they gathered them together to the place that is called in Hebrew Har–Magedon. (Revelation 16:16)**
- **And I saw the heaven opened, and, look! A white horse. And the one seated upon it is called Faithful and True, and he judges and carries on war in righteousness. (Revelation 19:11)**
- **His eyes are a fiery flame, and upon his head are many diadems. He has a name written that no one knows but he himself. (Revelation 19:12)**

- **And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood, and the name he is called is, **The Word of God**. (**Revelation 19:13**)**
- **Also, the armies that were in heaven were following him on white horses, and they were clothed in white, clean, fine linen. (**Revelation 19:14**)**
- **And out of his mouth there protrudes a sharp long sword, that he may strike the nations with it, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. He treads too the winepress of the anger of the wrath of God the Almighty. (**Revelation 19:15**)**
- **And upon his outer garment, even upon his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. (**Revelation 19:16**)**
- **I saw also an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice and said to all the birds that fly in midheaven; Come here, be gathered together to the great evening meal of God. (**Revelation 19:17**)**
- **That you may eat the fleshy parts of kings and the fleshy parts of military commanders and the fleshy parts of strong men and the fleshy parts of horses and of those seated upon them, and the fleshy parts of all, of freemen as well as of slaves and of small ones and great. (**Revelation 19:18**)**
- **And I saw the wild beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage the war with the one seated on the horse and with his army. (**Revelation 19:19**)**
- **And the wild beast was caught, and along with it the false prophet that performed in front of it the signs with which he misled those who received the mark of the wild beast and those who render worship to its image. While still alive, they both were hurled into the fiery lake that burns with sulphur. (**Revelation 19:20**)**
- **But the rest were killed off with the long sword of the one seated on the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth. And all the birds were filled from the fleshy parts of them. (**Revelation 19:21**)**
- **Many of the prophecies during this period described the reign of God's Anointed One, Messiah, or Christ, and the blessings of his rule.**

**Other Messianic prophecies pointed to persecution of God's Servant and his suffering.**

- **And there must go forth a twig out of the stump of Jesse, and out of his roots a sprout will be fruitful. (Isaiah 11:1)**
- **And upon him the spirit of Yehowah must settle down, the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of mightiness, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yehowah. (Isaiah 11:2)**
- **And there will be enjoyment by him in the fear of Yehowah. And he will not judge by any mere appearance to his eyes, nor reprove simply according to the thing heard by his ears. (Isaiah 11:3)**
- **And with righteousness he must judge the lowly ones, and with uprightness he must give reproof in behalf of the meek ones of the earth. And he must strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the spirit of his lips he will put the wicked one to death. (Isaiah 11:4)**
- **And righteousness must prove to be the belt of his hips, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. (Isaiah 11:5)**
- **And the wolf will actually reside for a while with the male lamb, and with the kid the leopard itself will lie down, and the calf and the maned young lion and the well-fed animal all together, and a mere little boy will be leader over them. (Isaiah 11:6)**
- **And the cow and the bear themselves will feed, together their young ones will lie down. And even the lion will eat straw just like the bull. (Isaiah 11:7)**
- **And the sucking child will certainly play upon the hole of the cobra, and upon the light aperture of a poisonous snake will a weaned child actually put his own hand. (Isaiah 11:8)**
- **They will not do any harm or cause any ruin in all my holy mountain, because the earth will certainly be filled with the knowledge of Yehowah as the waters are covering the very sea. (Isaiah 11:9)**
- **And it must occur in that day that there will be the root of Jesse**



- that will be standing up as a signal for the peoples. To him even the nations will turn inquiringly, and his resting-place must become glorious. (**Isaiah 11:10**)
- **Who has put faith in the thing heard by us? And as for the arm of Yehowah, to whom has it been revealed? (**Isaiah 53:1**)**
  - **And he will come up like a twig before one, and like a root out of waterless land. No stately form does he have, nor any splendor, and when we shall see him, there is not the appearance so that we should desire him. (**Isaiah 53:2**)**
  - **He was despised and was avoided by men, a man meant for pains and for having acquaintance with sickness. And there was as if the concealing of ones face from us. He was despised, and we held him as of no account. (**Isaiah 53:3**)**
  - **Truly our sicknesses were what he himself carried, and as for our pains, he bore them. But we ourselves accounted him as plagued, stricken by God and afflicted. (**Isaiah 53:4**)**
  - **But he was being pierced for our transgression, he was being crushed for our errors. The chastisement meant for our peace was upon him, and because of his wounds there has been a healing for us. (**Isaiah 53:5**)**
  - **Like sheep we have all of us wandered about, it was each one to his own way that we have turned, and Yehowah himself has caused the error of us all to meet up with that one. (**Isaiah 53:6**)**
  - **He was hard pressed, and he was letting himself be afflicted, yet he would not open his mouth. He was being brought just like a sheep to the slaughtering, and like a ewe, that before her shearers has become mute, he also would not open his mouth. (**Isaiah 53:7**)**
  - **Because of restraint and of judgment he was taken away, and who will concern himself even with the details of his generation? For he was severed from the land of the living ones. Because of the transgression of my people he had the stroke. (**Isaiah 53:8**)**
  - **And he will make his burial place even with the wicked ones, and with the rich class in his death, despite the fact that he had done no violence and there was no deception in his mouth. (**Isaiah****

**53:9)**

- **But Yehowah himself took delight in crushing him, he made him sick. If you will set his soul as a guilt offering, he will see his offspring, he will prolong his days, and in his hand what is the delight of Yehowah will succeed. (Isaiah 53:10)**
- **Because of the trouble of his soul he will see, he will be satisfied. By means of his knowledge the righteous one, my servant, will bring a righteous standing to many people, and their errors he himself will bear. (Isaiah 53:11)**
- **For that reason I shall deal him a portion among the many, and it will be with the mighty ones that he will apportion the spoil, due to the fact that he poured out his soul to the very death, and it was with the transgressors that he was counted in, and he himself carried the very sin of many people, and for the transgressors he proceeded to interpose. (Isaiah 53:12)**
- **So the spirit said to Philip; Approach and join yourself to this chariot. (Acts of Apostles 8:29)**
- **Philip ran alongside and heard him reading aloud Isaiah the prophet, and he said; Do you actually know what you are reading? (Acts of Apostles 8:30)**
- **He said; Really, how could I ever do so, unless someone guided me? And he entreated Philip to get on and sit down with him. (Acts of Apostles 8:31)**
- **Now the passage of Scripture that he was reading aloud was this; As a sheep he was brought to the slaughter, and as a lamb that is voiceless before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. (Acts of Apostles 8:32)**
- **During his humiliation the judgment was taken away from him. Who will tell the details of his generation? Because his life is taken away from the earth. (Acts of Apostles 8:33)**
- **In answer the eunuch said to Philip; I beg you, about whom does the prophet say this? About himself or about some other man? (Acts of Apostles 8:34)**
- **Philip opened his mouth and, starting with this Scripture, he**

declared to him the Good News about Jesus. ([Acts of Apostles 8:35](#))

- **As the apostle Peter states, the ancient prophets themselves kept investigating what particular season or what sort of season the spirit in them was indicating concerning Christ, or the Messiah, when it was bearing witness beforehand about the sufferings for Christ and about the glories to follow these. It was revealed to them that these things were to have a future fulfillment beyond their own time.**
- **Concerning this very salvation a diligent inquiry and a careful search were made by the prophets who prophesied about the undeserved kindness meant for you. ([1 Peter 1:10](#))**
- **They kept on investigating what particular season or what sort of season the spirit in them was indicating concerning Christ when it was bearing witness beforehand about the sufferings for Christ and about the glories to follow these. ([1 Peter 1:11](#))**
- **It was revealed to them that, not to themselves, but to you, they were ministering the things that have now been announced to you through those who have declared the Good News to you with Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven. Into these very things angels are desiring to peer. ([1 Peter 1:12](#))**
- **There are seventy weeks that have been determined upon your people and upon your holy city, in order to terminate the transgression, and to finish off sin, and to make atonement for error, and to bring in righteousness for times indefinite, and to imprint a seal upon vision and prophet, and to anoint the Holy of Holies. ([Daniel 9:24](#))**
- **And you should know and have the insight that from the going forth of the word to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Leader, there will be seven weeks, also sixty-two weeks. She will return and be actually rebuilt, with a public square and moat, but in the straits of the times. ([Daniel 9:25](#))**
- **And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah will be cut off, with nothing for himself. And the city and the holy place the people of a leader that is coming will bring to their ruin. And the end of it will be by the flood. And until the end there will be war, what is decided upon is desolations. ([Daniel 9:26](#))**

- **And he must keep the covenant in force for the many for one week, and at the half of the week he will cause sacrifice and gift offering to cease. And upon the wing of disgusting things there will be the one causing desolation, and until an extermination, the very thing decided upon will go pouring out also upon the one lying desolate. (Daniel 9:27)**
- **And during that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who is standing in behalf of the sons of your people. And there will certainly occur a time of distress such as has not been made to occur since there came to be a nation until that time. And during that time your people will escape, every one who is found written down in the book. (Daniel 12:1)**
- **And there will be many of those asleep in the ground of dust who will wake up, these to indefinitely lasting life and those to reproaches and to indefinitely lasting abhorrence. (Daniel 12:2)**
- **And the ones having insight will shine like the brightness of the expanse, and those who are bringing the many to righteousness, like the stars to time indefinite, even forever. (Daniel 12:3)**
- **And as for you, O Daniel, make secret the words and seal up the book, until the time of the end. Many will rove about, and the true knowledge will become abundant. (Daniel 12:4)**
- **And I saw, I Daniel, and, look! There were two others standing, one on the bank here of the stream and the other on the bank there of the stream. (Daniel 12:5)**
- **Then one said to the man clothed with the linen, who was up above the waters of the stream; How long will it be to the end of the wonderful things? (Daniel 12:6)**
- **And I began to hear the man clothed with the linen, who was up above the waters of the stream, as he proceeded to raise his right hand and his left hand to the heavens and to swear by the One who is alive for time indefinite. It will be for an appointed time, appointed times and a half. And as soon as there will have been a finishing of the dashing of the power of the holy people to pieces, all these things will come to their finish. (Daniel 12:7)**
- **Now as for me, I heard, but I could not understand. So that I said; O my lord, what will be the final part of these things?**

**(Daniel 12:8)**

- **And he went on to say; Go, Daniel, because the words are made secret and sealed up until the time of the end. (Daniel 12:9)**
- **Many will cleanse themselves and whiten themselves and will be refined. And the wicked ones will certainly act wickedly, and no wicked ones at all will understand, but the ones having insight will understand. (Daniel 12:10)**
- **Since Christ Jesus is the One in whom all these prophecies see realization, marking them all as true, it can be seen how the truth came to be through Jesus Christ. For no matter how many the promises of God are, they have become Yes by means of him.**
- **Because the Law was given through Moses, the undeserved kindness and the truth came to be through Jesus Christ. (John 1:17)**
- **For no matter how many the promises of God are, they have become Yes by means of him. Therefore also through him is the Amen said to God for glory through us. (2 Corinthians 1:20)**
- **Then he took the twelve aside and said to them; Look! We are going up to Jerusalem, and all the things written by means of the prophets as to the Son of man will be completed. (Luke 18:31)**
- **So he said to them; O senseless ones and slow in heart to believe on all the things the prophets spoke! (Luke 24:25)**
- **Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into his glory? (Luke 24:26)**
- **He now said to them; These are my words which I spoke to you while I was yet with you, that all the things written in the Law of Moses and in the Prophets and Psalms about me must be fulfilled. (Luke 24:44)**
- **Then he opened up their minds fully to grasp the meaning of the Scriptures. (Luke 24:45)**
- **And he said to them; In this way it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from among the dead on the third day. (Luke 24:46)**

- Peter could rightly say of Jesus that all the prophets bear witness to him.
- And that he may send forth the Christ appointed for you, Jesus. (**Acts of Apostles 3:20**)
- Whom heaven, indeed, must hold within itself until the times of restoration of all things of which God spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets of old time. (**Acts of Apostles 3:21**)
- In fact, Moses said; Yehowah God will raise up for you from among your brothers a prophet like me. You must listen to him according to all the things he speaks to you. (**Acts of Apostles 3:22**)
- Indeed, any soul that does not listen to that Prophet will be completely destroyed from among the people. (**Acts of Apostles 3:23**)
- And all the prophets, in fact, from Samuel on and those in succession, just as many as have spoken, have also plainly declared these days. (**Acts of Apostles 3:24**)
- To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone putting faith in him gets forgiveness of sins through his name. (**Acts of Apostles 10:43**)

#### •• Purpose And Time Of Fulfillment

- **Prophecy**, whether prediction, simply inspired instruction, or reproof, served for the benefit of both those initially hearing it and those in all future periods who would put faith in God's **promises**.
- For the original receivers, the **prophecies** assured them that the passing of years or centuries had not caused God to waver in his purpose, that he was holding firm to his covenant terms and **promises**.
- I have thought upon the days of long ago, on the years in the indefinite past. (**Psalms 77:5**)
- I will remember my string music in the night, with my heart I will show concern, and my spirit will carefully search. (**Psalms 77:6**)

- Will it be to times indefinite that Yehowah keeps casting off, and will he no more be pleased again? (**Psalms 77:7**)
- Has his loving-kindness terminated forever? Has his saying come to nothing for generation after generation? (**Psalms 77:8**)
- Has God forgotten to be favorable, or has he shut off his mercies in anger? (**Psalms 77:9**)
- Remember these things, O Jacob, and you, O Israel, because you are my servant. I have formed you. You are a servant belonging to me. O Israel, you will not be forgotten on my part. (**Isaiah 44:21**)
- But Zion kept saying; Yehowah has left me, and Yehowah himself has forgotten me. (**Isaiah 49:14**)
- Can a wife forget her suckling so that she should not pity the son of her belly? Even these women can forget, yet I myself shall not forget you. (**Isaiah 49:15**)
- Look! Upon my palms I have engraved you. Your walls are in front of me constantly. (**Isaiah 49:16**)
- To Zion they will keep asking the way, with their faces in that direction, saying; Come and let us join ourselves to Yehowah in an indefinitely lasting covenant that will not be forgotten. (**Jeremiah 50:5**)
- Daniel's **prophecy**, for example, provided information that constituted an invaluable link between the close of the writing of the Hebrew or pre-Christian Scriptures and Messiah's coming.
- Its forecast of world events, including the rise and fall of successive world powers, gave assurance to Jews living during the centuries of Persian, Greek, and Roman dominance, as well as to Christians thereafter, that there was no blind spot in God's forevision, that their own times were indeed foreseen and that Yehowah's sovereign purpose was still certain of fulfillment.
- It protected them against putting faith and hope in such passing world regimes with their transient power of control and enabled those faithful ones to direct their course with wisdom.

- **The ram that you saw possessing the two horns stands for the kings of Media and Persia. (Daniel 8:20)**
- **And the hairy he-goat stands for the king of Greece, and as for the great horn that was between its eyes, it stands for the first king. (Daniel 8:21)**
- **And that one having been broken, so that there were four that finally stood up instead of it, there are four kingdoms from his nation that will stand up, but not with his power. (Daniel 8:22)**
- **And in the final part of their kingdom, as the transgressors act to a completion, there will stand up a king fierce in countenance and understanding ambiguous sayings. (Daniel 8:23)**
- **And his power must become mighty, but not by his own power. And in a wonderful way he will cause ruin, and he will certainly prove successful and do effectively. And he will actually bring mighty ones to ruin, also the people made up of the holy ones. (Daniel 8:24)**
- **And according to his insight he will also certainly cause deception to succeed in his hand. And in his heart he will put on great airs, and during a freedom from care he will bring many to ruin. And against the Prince of princes he will stand up, but it will be without hand that he will be broken. (Daniel 8:25)**
- **And the thing seen concerning the evening and the morning, which has been said. It is true. And you, for your part, keep secret the vision, because it is yet for many days. (Daniel 8:26)**
- **And as for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede I stood up as a strengthener and as a fortress to him. (Daniel 11:1)**
- **And now what is truth I shall tell to you; Look! There will yet be three kings standing up for Persia, and the fourth one will amass greater riches than all others. And as soon as he has become strong in his riches, he will rouse up everything against the kingdom of Greece. (Daniel 11:2)**
- **And a mighty king will certainly stand up and rule with extensive dominion and do according to his will. (Daniel 11:3)**
- **And when he will have stood up, his kingdom will be broken and**



be divided toward the four winds of the heavens, but not to his posterity and not according to his dominion with which he had ruled, because his kingdom will be uprooted, even for others than these. ([Daniel 11:4](#))

- And the king of the south will become strong, even one of his princes, and he will prevail against him and will certainly rule with extensive dominion greater than that ones ruling power. ([Daniel 11:5](#))
- And at the end of some years they will ally themselves with each other, and the very daughter of the king of the south will come to the king of the north in order to make an equitable arrangement. But she will not retain the power of her arm, and he will not stand, neither his arm, and she will be given up, she herself, and those bringing her in, and he who caused her birth, and the one making her strong in those times. ([Daniel 11:6](#))
- And one from the sprout of her roots will certainly stand up in his position, and he will come to the military force and come against the fortress of the king of the north and will certainly act against them and prevail. ([Daniel 11:7](#))
- And also with their gods, with their molten images, with their desirable articles of silver and of gold, and with the captives he will come to Egypt. And he himself will for some years stand off from the king of the north. ([Daniel 11:8](#))
- And he will actually come into the kingdom of the king of the south and go back to his own soil. ([Daniel 11:9](#))
- Now as for his sons, they will excite themselves and actually gather together a crowd of large military forces. And in coming he will certainly come and flood over and pass through. But he will go back, and he will excite himself all the way to his fortress. ([Daniel 11:10](#))
- And the king of the south will embitter himself and will have to go forth and fight with him, that is, with the king of the north, and he will certainly have a large crowd stand up, and the crowd will actually be given into the hand of that one. ([Daniel 11:11](#))
- And the crowd will certainly be carried away. His heart will become exalted, and he will actually cause tens of thousands to

- fall, but he will not use his strong position. ([Daniel 11:12](#))
- **And the king of the north must return and set up a crowd larger than the first, and at the end of the times, some years, he will come, doing so with a great military force and with a great deal of goods. ([Daniel 11:13](#))**
  - **And in those times there will be many who will stand up against the king of the south. And the sons of the robbers belonging to your people will, for their part, be carried along to try making a vision come true, and they will have to stumble. ([Daniel 11:14](#))**
  - **And the king of the north will come and throw up a siege rampart and actually capture a city with fortifications. And as for the arms of the south, they will not stand, neither the people of his picked ones, and there will be no power to keep standing. ([Daniel 11:15](#))**
  - **And the one coming against him will do according to his will, and there will be no one standing before him. And he will stand in the land of the Decoration, and there will be extermination in his hand. ([Daniel 11:16](#))**
  - **And he will set his face to come with the forcefulness of his entire kingdom, and there will be equitable terms with him, and he will act effectively. And as regards the daughter of womankind, it will be granted to him to bring her to ruin. And she will not stand, and she will not continue to be his. ([Daniel 11:17](#))**
  - **And he will turn his face back to the coastlands and will actually capture many. And a commander will have to make the reproach from him cease for himself, so that his reproach will not be. He will make it turn back upon that one. ([Daniel 11:18](#))**
  - **And he will turn his face back to the fortresses of his own land, and he will certainly stumble and fall, and he will not be found. ([Daniel 11:19](#))**
  - **And there must stand up in his position one who is causing an exactor to pass through the splendid kingdom, and in a few days he will be broken, but not in anger nor in warfare. ([Daniel 11:20](#))**

- **The fact that many prophecies were fulfilled in their own times convinced sincere ones of God's power to carry out his purpose despite all opposition. It was proof of his unique godship that he, and he alone, could foretell such events and bring them to pass.**
- **Bring your controversial case forward, says Yehowah. Produce your arguments, says the King of Jacob. (Isaiah 41:21)**
- **Produce and tell to us the things that are going to happen. The first things, what they were, do tell, that we may apply our heart and know the future of them. Or cause us to hear even the things that are coming. (Isaiah 41:22)**
- **Tell the things that are to come afterward, that we may know that you are gods. Yes, you ought to do good or do bad, that we may gaze about and see it at the same time. (Isaiah 41:23)**
- **Look! you are something nonexistent, and your achievement is nothing. A detestable thing is anyone that chooses you. (Isaiah 41:24)**
- **I have roused up someone from the north, and he will come. From the rising of the sun he will call upon my name. And he will come upon deputy rulers as if they were clay and just as a potter that tramples down the moist material. (Isaiah 41:25)**
- **Who has told anything from the start, that we may know, or from times past, that we may say; He is right? Really there is no one telling. Really there is no one causing one to hear. Really there is no one that is hearing any sayings of you men. (Isaiah 41:26)**
- **Remember the first things of a long time ago, that I am the Divine One and there is no other God, nor anyone like me. (Isaiah 46:9)**
- **The One telling from the beginning the finale, and from long ago the things that have not been done. The One saying; My own counsel will stand, and everything that is my delight I shall do. (Isaiah 46:10)**
- **The One calling from the sunrising a bird of prey, from a distant land the man to execute my counsel. I have even spoken it, I shall also bring it in. I have formed it, I shall also do it. (Isaiah 46:11)**

- **These prophecies also enabled them to become better acquainted with God, understanding more clearly his will and the moral standards by which he acts and judges, so that they might harmonize their lives with these.**

- **Come, now, you people, and let us set matters straight between us, says Yehowah. Though the sins of you people should prove to be as scarlet, they will be made white just like snow, though they should be red like crimson cloth, they will become even like wool. (Isaiah 1:18)**

- **If you people show willingness and do listen, the good of the land you will eat. (Isaiah 1:19)**

- **But if you people refuse and are actually rebellious, with a sword you will be eaten up, for the very mouth of Yehowah has spoken it. (Isaiah 1:20)**

- **For the thoughts of you people are not my thoughts, nor are my ways your ways, is the utterance of Yehowah. (Isaiah 55:8)**

- **For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:9)**

- **For just as the pouring rain descends, and the snow, from the heavens and does not return to that place, unless it actually saturates the earth and makes it produce and sprout, and seed is actually given to the sower and bread to the eater. (Isaiah 55:10)**

- **So my word that goes forth from my mouth will prove to be. It will not return to me without results, but it will certainly do that in which I have delighted, and it will have certain success in that for which I have sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)**

- **A large number of **prophecies** had their initial application or fulfillment on the contemporary people, many **prophecies** expressing God's judgment on fleshly Israel and surrounding nations and foretelling Israel and Judah's overthrow and subsequent restoration.**

- **Yet these **prophecies** did not lose their value for later generations, as for the Christian congregation, either in the **First Century C.E.** or in our own time.**

- **The apostle says;**
- **For all the things that were written aforetime were written for our instruction, that through our endurance and through the comfort from the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)**
- **Since God is unchangeable in his moral standards and purpose.**
- **For I am Yehowah. I have not changed. And you are sons of Jacob; You have not come to your finish. (Malachi 3:6)**
- **In this manner God, when he purposed to demonstrate more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of his counsel, stepped in with an oath. (Hebrews 6:17)**
- **In order, that, through two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to the refuge may have strong encouragement to lay hold on the hope set before us. (Hebrews 6:18)**
- **His dealings with Israel shed light on how he will deal with similar situations at any given time. Hence Jesus and his disciples were warranted in using prophetic statements applying centuries earlier as also applicable in their day.**
- **You hypocrites, Isaiah aptly prophesied about you, when he said; (Matthew 15:7)**
- **This people honors me with their lips, yet their heart is far removed from me. (Matthew 15:8)**
- **So, because they were at disagreement with one another, they began to depart, while Paul made this one comment; The Holy Spirit aptly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your forefathers. (Acts of Apostles 28:25)**
- **Saying; Go to this people and say; By hearing, you will hear but by no means understand, and, looking, you will look but by no means see. (Acts of Apostles 28:26)**
- **For the heart of this people has grown unreceptive, and with their ears they have heard without response, and they have shut their eyes, that they should never see with their eyes and hear**

- with their ears and understand with their heart and turn back, and I should heal them. ([Acts of Apostles 28:27](#))
- **Other prophecies were clearly predictive, some relating specifically and uniquely to Jesus earthly ministry and subsequent events.**
  - **Who has put faith in the thing heard by us? And as for the arm of Yehowah, to whom has it been revealed? ([Isaiah 53:1](#))**
  - **There are seventy weeks that have been determined upon your people and upon your holy city, in order to terminate the transgression, and to finish off sin, and to make atonement for error, and to bring in righteousness for times indefinite, and to imprint a seal upon vision and prophet, and to anoint the Holy of Holies. ([Daniel 9:24](#))**
  - **And you should know and have the insight that from the going forth of the word to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Leader, there will be seven weeks, also sixty-two weeks. She will return and be actually rebuilt, with a public square and moat, but in the straits of the times. ([Daniel 9:25](#))**
  - **And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah will be cut off, with nothing for himself. And the city and the holy place the people of a leader that is coming will bring to their ruin. And the end of it will be by the flood. And until the end there will be war, what is decided upon is desolations. ([Daniel 9:26](#))**
  - **And he must keep the covenant in force for the many for one week, and at the half of the week he will cause sacrifice and gift offering to cease. And upon the wing of disgusting things there will be the one causing desolation, and until an extermination, the very thing decided upon will go pouring out also upon the one lying desolate. ([Daniel 9:27](#))**
  - **For those living at the time of Messiah's appearance, the **prophecies** supplied the means for identifying him and authenticating his commission and message.**

### **See Also MESSIAH**

- **After Jesus departure from earth, the Hebrew Scriptures and their **prophecies** supplemented Jesus teachings in supplying the vital**

**background against which his Christian followers could view succeeding events, fit them in, and learn their meaning and significance. This gave validity and strength to their preaching and teaching, and it gave them confidence and courage as they faced opposition.**

- **But Peter stood up with the eleven and raised his voice and made this utterance to them; Men of Judea and all you inhabitants of Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give ear to my sayings. (Acts of Apostles 2:14)**
- **These people are, in fact, not drunk, as you suppose, for it is the third hour of the day. (Acts of Apostles 2:15)**
- **On the contrary, this is what was said through the prophet Joel. (Acts of Apostles 2:16)**
- **And in the last days, God says, I shall pour out some of my spirit upon every sort of flesh, and your sons and your daughters will **prophecy** and your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams. (Acts of Apostles 2:17)**
- **And even upon my men slaves and upon my women slaves I will pour out some of my spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. (Acts of Apostles 2:18)**
- **And I will give portents in heaven above and signs on earth below, blood and fire and smoke mist. (Acts of Apostles 2:19)**
- **The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and illustrious day of Yehowah arrives. (Acts of Apostles 2:20)**
- **And everyone who calls on the name of Yehowah will be saved. (Acts of Apostles 2:21)**
- **Men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus the Nazarene, a man publicly shown by God to you through powerful works and portents and signs that God did through him in your midst, just as you yourselves know. (Acts of Apostles 2:22)**
- **This man, as one delivered up by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you fastened to a stake by the hand of lawless men and did away with. (Acts of Apostles 2:23)**

- **But God resurrected him by loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to continue to be held fast by it. (Acts of Apostles 2:24)**
- **For David says respecting him, I had Yehowah constantly before my eyes, because he is at my right hand that I may never be shaken. (Acts of Apostles 2:25)**
- **On this account my heart became cheerful and my tongue rejoiced greatly. Moreover, even my flesh will reside in hope. (Acts of Apostles 2:26)**
- **Because you will not leave my soul in Hades, neither will you allow your loyal one to see corruption. (Acts of Apostles 2:27)**
- **You have made lifes ways known to me, you will fill me with good cheer with your face. (Acts of Apostles 2:28)**
- **Men, brothers, it is allowable to speak with freeness of speech to you concerning the family head David, that he both deceased and was buried and his tomb is among us to this day. (Acts of Apostles 2:29)**
- **Therefore, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that he would seat one from the fruitage of his loins upon his throne. (Acts of Apostles 2:30)**
- **He saw beforehand and spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he forsaken in Hades nor did his flesh see corruption. (Acts of Apostles 2:31)**
- **This Jesus God resurrected, of which fact we are all witnesses. (Acts of Apostles 2:32)**
- **Therefore because he was exalted to the right hand of God and received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he has poured out this which you see and hear. (Acts of Apostles 2:33)**
- **Actually David did not ascend to the heavens, but he himself says; Yehowah said to my Lord; Sit at my right hand. (Acts of Apostles 2:34)**
- **Until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet. (Acts of**



## **Apostles 2:35)**

- **Therefore let all the house of Israel know for a certainty that God made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you impaled. (Acts of Apostles 2:36)**
- **When Peter saw this, he said to the people; Men of Israel, why are you wondering over this, or why are you gazing at us as though by personal power or godly devotion we have made him walk? (Acts of Apostles 3:12)**
- **The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our forefathers, has glorified his Servant, Jesus, whom you, for your part, delivered up and disowned before Pilates face, when he had decided to release him. (Acts of Apostles 3:13)**
- **Yes, you disowned that holy and righteous one, and you asked for a man, a murderer, to be freely granted to you. (Acts of Apostles 3:14)**
- **Whereas you killed the Chief Agent of life. But God raised him up from the dead, of which fact we are witnesses. (Acts of Apostles 3:15)**
- **Consequently his name, by our faith in his name, has made this man strong whom you behold and know, and the faith that is through him has given the man this complete soundness in the sight of all of you. (Acts of Apostles 3:16)**
- **And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers also did. (Acts of Apostles 3:17)**
- **But in this way God has fulfilled the things he announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. (Acts of Apostles 3:18)**
- **Repent, therefore, and turn around so as to get your sins blotted out, that seasons of refreshing may come from the person of Yehowah. (Acts of Apostles 3:19)**
- **And that he may send forth the Christ appointed for you, Jesus. (Acts of Apostles 3:20)**
- **Whom heaven, indeed, must hold within itself until the times of**

restoration of all things of which God spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets of old time. ([Acts of Apostles 3:21](#))

- In fact, Moses said; Yehowah God will raise up for you from among your brothers a prophet like me. You must listen to him according to all the things he speaks to you. ([Acts of Apostles 3:22](#))
- Indeed, any soul that does not listen to that Prophet will be completely destroyed from among the people. ([Acts of Apostles 3:23](#))
- And all the prophets, in fact, from Samuel on and those in succession, just as many as have spoken, have also plainly declared these days. ([Acts of Apostles 3:24](#))
- You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God covenanted with your forefathers, saying to Abraham, And in your seed all the families of the earth will be blessed. ([Acts of Apostles 3:25](#))
- To you first God, after raising up his Servant, sent him forth to bless you by turning each one away from your wicked deeds. ([Acts of Apostles 3:26](#))
- And they stood them in their midst and began to inquire; By what power or in whose name did you do this? ([Acts of Apostles 4:7](#))
- Then Peter, filled with Holy Spirit, said to them; Rulers of the people and older men. ([Acts of Apostles 4:8](#))
- If we are this day being examined, on the basis of a good deed to an ailing man, as to by whom this man has been made well. ([Acts of Apostles 4:9](#))
- Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you impaled but whom God raised up from the dead, by this one does this man stand here sound in front of you. ([Acts of Apostles 4:10](#))
- This is the stone that was treated by you builders as of no account that has become the head of the corner. ([Acts of Apostles 4:11](#))

- **Furthermore, there is no salvation in anyone else, for there is not another name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must get saved. (Acts of Apostles 4:12)**
- **Upon hearing this they with one accord raised their voices to God and said; Sovereign Lord, you are the One who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all the things in them. (Acts of Apostles 4:24)**
- **And who through Holy Spirit said by the mouth of our forefather David, your servant, Why did nations become tumultuous and peoples meditate upon empty things? (Acts of Apostles 4:25)**
- **The kings of the earth took their stand and the rulers massed together as one against Yehowah and against his anointed one. (Acts of Apostles 4:26)**
- **Even so, both Herod and Pontius Pilate with men of nations and with peoples of Israel were in actuality gathered together in this city against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. (Acts of Apostles 4:27)**
- **In order to do what things your hand and counsel had foreordained to occur. (Acts of Apostles 4:28)**
- **And now, Yehowah, give attention to their threats, and grant your slaves to keep speaking your word with all boldness. (Acts of Apostles 4:29)**
- **While you stretch out your hand for healing and while signs and portents occur through the name of your holy servant Jesus. (Acts of Apostles 4:30)**
- **Nevertheless, the Most High does not dwell in houses made with hands, just as the prophet says. (Acts of Apostles 7:48)**
- **The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What sort of house will you build for me? Yehowah says. Or what is the place for my resting? (Acts of Apostles 7:49)**
- **My hand made all these things, did it not? (Acts of Apostles 7:50)**
- **Therefore see to it that what is said in the Prophets does not**

come upon you. (**Acts of Apostles 13:40**)

- Behold it, you scorners, and wonder at it, and vanish away, because I am working a work in your days, a work that you will by no means believe even if anyone relates it to you in detail. (**Acts of Apostles 13:41**)
- In fact, Yehowah has laid commandment upon us in these words, I have appointed you as a light of nations, for you to be a salvation to the extremity of the earth. (**Acts of Apostles 13:47**)
- They found in the early inspired revelations a great body of moral instruction to draw on for teaching, for reproof, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness.
- All Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for teaching, for reproof, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness. (**2 Timothy 3:16**)
- That the man of God may be fully competent, completely equipped for every good work. (**2 Timothy 3:17**)
- However, it is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all who spring from Israel are really Israel. (**Romans 9:6**)
- Neither because they are Abraham's seed are they all children, but; What will be called **your seed** will be through Isaac. (**Romans 9:7**)
- That is, the children in the flesh are not really the children of God, but the children by the promise are counted as the seed. (**Romans 9:8**)
- For the word of promise was as follows; At this time I will come and Sarah will have a son. (**Romans 9:9**)
- Yet not that case alone, but also when Rebekah conceived twins from the one man, Isaac our forefather: (**Romans 9:10**)
- For when they had not yet been born nor had practiced anything good or vile, in order, that the purpose of God respecting the choosing might continue dependent, not upon works, but upon the One who calls. (**Romans 9:11**)

- **It was said to her: The older will be the slave of the younger. (Romans 9:12)**
- **Just as it is written: I loved Jacob, but Esau I hated. (Romans 9:13)**
- **What shall we say; then? Is there injustice with God? Never may that become so! (Romans 9:14)**
- **For he says to Moses; I will have mercy upon whomever I do have mercy, and I will show compassion to whomever I do show compassion. (Romans 9:15)**
- **So, then, it depends, not upon the one wishing nor upon the one running, but upon God, who has mercy. (Romans 9:16)**
- **For the Scripture says to Pharaoh; For this very cause I have let you remain, that in connection with you I may show my power, and that my name may be declared in all the earth. (Romans 9:17)**
- **So, then, upon whom he wishes he has mercy, but whom he wishes he lets become obstinate. (Romans 9:18)**
- **You will therefore say to me; Why does he yet find fault? For who has withstood his express will? (Romans 9:19)**
- **O man, who, then, really are you to be answering back to God? Shall the thing molded say to him that molded it, Why did you make me this way? (Romans 9:20)**
- **What? Does not the potter have authority over the clay to make from the same lump one vessel for an honorable use, another for a dishonorable use? (Romans 9:21)**
- **If, now, God, although having the will to demonstrate his wrath and to make his power known, tolerated with much long-suffering vessels of wrath made fit for destruction. (Romans 9:22)**
- **In order, that he might make known the riches of his glory upon vessels of mercy, which he prepared beforehand for glory. (Romans 9:23)**

- Namely, us, whom he called not only from among Jews but also from among nations, what of it? (**Romans 9:24**)
- It is as he says also in Hosea; Those not my people I will call my people, and her who was not beloved beloved. (**Romans 9:25**)
- And in the place where it was said to them, you are not my people, there they will be called sons of the living God. (**Romans 9:26**)
- Moreover, Isaiah cries out concerning Israel; Although the number of the sons of Israel may be as the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved. (**Romans 9:27**)
- For Yehowah will make an accounting on the earth, concluding it and cutting it short. (**Romans 9:28**)
- Also, just as Isaiah had said aforetime; Unless Yehowah of armies had left a seed to us, we should have become just like Sodom, and we should have been made just like Gomorrah. (**Romans 9:29**)
- What shall we say, then? That people of the nations, although not pursuing righteousness, caught up with righteousness, the righteousness that results from faith. (**Romans 9:30**)
- But Israel, although pursuing a Law of righteousness, did not attain to the Law. (**Romans 9:31**)
- For what reason? Because he pursued it, not by faith, but as by works. They stumbled on the stone of stumbling. (**Romans 9:32**)
- As it is written: Look! I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock-mass of offense, but he that rests his faith on it will not come to disappointment. (**Romans 9:33**)
- Am I speaking these things by human standards? Or does not the Law also say these things? (**1 Corinthians 9:8**)
- For in the Law of Moses it is written: You must not muzzle a bull when it is threshing out the grain. Is it bulls God is caring for? (**1 Corinthians 9:9**)
- Or is it altogether for our sakes he says it? Really for our sakes it

was written, because the man who plows ought to plow in hope and the man who threshes ought to do so in hope of being a partaker. (**1 Corinthians 9:10**)

- Now I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea. (**1 Corinthians 10:1**)
- And all got baptized into Moses by means of the cloud and of the sea. (**1 Corinthians 10:2**)
- And all ate the same spiritual food. (**1 Corinthians 10:3**)
- And all drank the same spiritual drink. For they used to drink from the spiritual rock-mass that followed them, and that rock-mass meant the Christ. (**1 Corinthians 10:4**)
- Nevertheless, on most of them God did not express his approval, for they were laid low in the wilderness. (**1 Corinthians 10:5**)
- Now these things became our examples, for us not to be persons desiring injurious things, even as they desired them. (**1 Corinthians 10:6**)
- Neither become idolaters, as some of them did, just as it is written: The people sat down to eat and drink, and they got up to have a good time. (**1 Corinthians 10:7**)
- Neither let us practice fornication, as some of them committed fornication, only to fall, twenty-three thousand of them in one day. (**1 Corinthians 10:8**)
- Neither let us put Yehowah to the test, as some of them put him to the test, only to perish by the serpents. (**1 Corinthians 10:9**)
- Neither be murmurers, just as some of them murmured, only to perish by the destroyer. (**1 Corinthians 10:10**)
- Now these things went on befalling them as examples, and they were written for a warning to us upon whom the ends of the systems of things have arrived. (**1 Corinthians 10:11**)
- Consequently let him that thinks he is standing beware that he does not fall. (**1 Corinthians 10:12**)

- **No temptation has taken you except what is common to men. But God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear, but along with the temptation he will also make the way out in order for you to be able to endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)**
- **Therefore, my beloved ones, flee from idolatry. (1 Corinthians 10:14)**
- **I speak as to men with discernment. Judge for yourselves what I say. (1 Corinthians 10:15)**
- **The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of the Christ? The loaf which we break, is it not a sharing in the body of the Christ? (1 Corinthians 10:16)**
- **Because there is one loaf, we, although many, are one body, for we are all partaking of that one loaf. (1 Corinthians 10:17)**
- **Look at that which is Israel in a fleshly way. Are not those who eat the sacrifices sharers with the altar? (1 Corinthians 10:18)**
- **What, then, am I to say? That what is sacrificed to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? (1 Corinthians 10:19)**
- **No, but I say that the things which the nations sacrifice they sacrifice to demons, and not to God, and I do not want you to become sharers with the demons. (1 Corinthians 10:20)**
- **You cannot be drinking the cup of Yehowah and the cup of demons. You cannot be partaking of the table of Yehowah and the table of demons. (1 Corinthians 10:21)**
- **Or are we inciting Yehowah to jealousy? We are not stronger than he is, are we? (1 Corinthians 10:22)**
- **Peter, who had had the prophecies confirmed by his seeing the transfiguration vision, said;**
- **No, it was not by following artfully contrived false stories that we acquainted you with the power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, but it was by having become eyewitnesses of his magnificence. (2 Peter 1:16)**



- For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when words such as these were borne to him by the magnificent glory; This is my son, my beloved, whom I myself have approved. (**2 Peter 1:17**)
- Yes, these words we heard borne from heaven while we were with him in the holy mountain. (**2 Peter 1:18**)
- Consequently we have the prophetic word made more sure, and you are doing well in paying attention to it as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and a daystar rises, in your hearts. (**2 Peter 1:19**)
- Truly I say to you that there are some of those standing here that will not taste death at all until first they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom. (**Matthew 16:28**)
- And as they were descending from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying; Tell the vision to no one until the Son of man is raised up from the dead. (**Matthew 17:9**)
- So, the pre-Christian **prophecy** supplemented Jesus instruction and was God's means to guide the Christian congregation in important decisions, as in regard to Gentile believers.
- At that the entire multitude became silent, and they began to listen to Barnabas and Paul relate the many signs and portents that God did through them among the nations. (**Acts of Apostles 15:12**)
- After they quit speaking, James answered, saying; Men, brothers, hear me. (**Acts of Apostles 15:13**)
- Symeon has related thoroughly how God for the first time turned his attention to the nations to take out of them a people for his name. (**Acts of Apostles 15:14**)
- And with this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written: (**Acts of Apostles 15:15**)
- After these things I shall return and rebuild the booth of David that is fallen down, and I shall rebuild its ruins and erect it again. (**Acts of Apostles 15:16**)

- In order, that those who remain of the men may earnestly seek Yehowah, together with people of all the nations, people who are called by my name, says Yehowah, who is doing these things. **(Acts of Apostles 15:17)**
- Known from of old. **(Acts of Apostles 15:18)**
- Hence my decision is not to trouble those from the nations who are turning to God. **(Acts of Apostles 15:19)**
- But to write them to abstain from things polluted by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood. **(Acts of Apostles 15:20)**
- For from ancient times Moses has had in city after city those who preach him, because he is read aloud in the synagogues on every Sabbath. **(Acts of Apostles 15:21)**
- Therefore welcome one another, just as the Christ also welcomed us, with glory to God in view. **(Romans 15:7)**
- For I say that Christ actually became a minister of those who are circumcised in behalf of God's truthfulness, so as to verify the promises He made to their forefathers. **(Romans 15:8)**
- And that the nations might glorify God for his mercy. Just as it is written: That is why I will openly acknowledge you among the nations and to your name I will make melody. **(Romans 15:9)**
- And again he says: Be glad, you nations, with his people. **(Romans 15:10)**
- And again; Praise Yehowah, all you nations, and let all the peoples praise him. **(Romans 15:11)**
- And again Isaiah says: There will be the root of Jesse, and there will be one arising to rule nations, on him nations will rest their hope. **(Romans 15:12)**
- **Prophecies** also served to warn, advising when urgent action was needed. A forceful example of this is Jesus warning of Jerusalem's coming destruction and the situation that would signal the time for his followers to flee from her to a place of safety.

- **And when he got nearby, he viewed the city and wept over it. (Luke 19:41)**
- **Saying; If you, even you, had discerned in this day the things having to do with peace, but now they have been hid from your eyes. (Luke 19:42)**
- **Because the days will come upon you when your enemies will build around you a fortification with pointed stakes and will encircle you and distress you from every side. (Luke 19:43)**
- **And they will dash you and your children within you to the ground, and they will not leave a stone upon a stone in you, because you did not discern the time of your being inspected. (Luke 19:44)**
- **Then they questioned him, saying; Teacher, when will these things actually be, and what will be the sign when these things are destined to occur? (Luke 21:7)**
- **He said; Look out that you are not misled, for many will come on the basis of my name, saying; I am he; And, The due time has approached. Do not go after them. (Luke 21:8)**
- **Furthermore, when you hear of wars and disorders, do not be terrified. For these things must occur first, but the end does not occur immediately. (Luke 21:9)**
- **Then he went on to say to them; Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. (Luke 21:10)**
- **And there will be great earthquakes, and in one place after another pestilences and food shortages, and there will be fearful sights and from heaven great signs. (Luke 21:11)**
- **But before all these things people will lay their hands upon you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, you being haled before kings and governor's for the sake of my name. (Luke 21:12)**
- **It will turn out to you for a witness. (Luke 21:13)**
- **Therefore settle it in your hearts not to rehearse beforehand how**

- to make your defense. ([Luke 21:14](#))
- For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your opposers together will not be able to resist or dispute. ([Luke 21:15](#))
  - Moreover, you will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ([Luke 21:16](#))
  - And you will be objects of hatred by all people because of my name. ([Luke 21:17](#))
  - And yet not a hair of your heads will by any means perish. ([Luke 21:18](#))
  - By endurance on your part you will acquire your souls. ([Luke 21:19](#))
  - Furthermore, when you see Jerusalem surrounded by encamped armies, then know that the desolating of her has drawn near. ([Luke 21:20](#))
  - Then let those in Judea begin fleeing to the mountains, and let those in the midst of her withdraw, and let those in the country places not enter into her. ([Luke 21:21](#))
  - **Similar prophetic warnings apply to Christ's presence.**
  - Concerning that day and hour nobody knows, neither the angels of the heavens nor the Son, but only the Father. ([Matthew 24:36](#))
  - For just as the days of Noah were, so the presence of the Son of man will be. ([Matthew 24:37](#))
  - For as they were in those days before the flood, eating and drinking, men marrying and women being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. ([Matthew 24:38](#))
  - And they took no note until the flood came and swept them all away, so the presence of the Son of man will be. ([Matthew 24:39](#))
  - Then two men will be in the field, one will be taken along and the other be abandoned. ([Matthew 24:40](#))

- Two women will be grinding at the hand mill, one will be taken along and the other be abandoned. (**Matthew 24:41**)
- Keep on the watch, therefore, because you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. (**Matthew 24:42**)
- **By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Christians were granted such miraculous gifts as prophesying and the ability to speak in tongues they had not studied. In some, but not necessarily all cases, the gift of **prophesying** produced predictions, as those of Agabus.**
- Now in these days **prophets** came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. (**Acts of Apostles 11:27**)
- One of them named Agabus rose and proceeded to indicate through the spirit that a great famine was about to come upon the entire inhabited earth, which, for that matter, did take place in the time of Claudius. (**Acts of Apostles 11:28**)
- The next day we set out and arrived in Caesarea, and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelizer, who was one of the seven men, and we stayed with him. (**Acts of Apostles 21:8**)
- This man had four daughters, virgins, that **prophesied**. (**Acts of Apostles 21:9**)
- But while we were remaining quite a number of days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. (**Acts of Apostles 21:10**)
- And he came to us and took up the girdle of Paul, bound his own feet and hands and said; Thus says the Holy Spirit; The man to whom this girdle belongs the Jews will bind in this manner in Jerusalem and deliver into the hands of people of the nations. (**Acts of Apostles 21:11**)
- **Enabling the Christian congregation or individuals thereof to gird for certain emergencies or trials. The canonical letters of the apostles and disciples also contain inspired forecasts of the future, these warned of the coming apostasy, told the form it would take, warned of God's judgment and the future execution thereof, and revealed doctrinal truths not before understood or amplified and clarified those already given.**

- **I know that after my going away oppressive wolves will enter in among you and will not treat the flock with tenderness. ([Acts of Apostles 20:29](#))**
- **And from among you yourselves men will rise and speak twisted things to draw away the disciples after themselves. ([Acts of Apostles 20:30](#))**
- **For just as in Adam all are dying, so also in the Christ all will be made alive. ([1 Corinthians 15:22](#))**
- **But each one in his own rank. Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who belong to the Christ during his presence. ([1 Corinthians 15:23](#))**
- **Next, the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has brought to nothing all government and all authority and power. ([1 Corinthians 15:24](#))**
- **For he must rule as king until God has put all enemies under his feet. ([1 Corinthians 15:25](#))**
- **As the last enemy, death is to be brought to nothing. ([1 Corinthians 15:26](#))**
- **For God subjected all things under his feet. But when he says that all things have been subjected, it is evident that it is with the exception of the one who subjected all things to him. ([1 Corinthians 15:27](#))**
- **But when all things will have been subjected to him, then the Son himself will also subject himself to the One who subjected all things to him, that God may be all things to everyone. ([1 Corinthians 15:28](#))**
- **Look! I tell you a sacred secret. We shall not all fall asleep in death, but we shall all be changed. ([1 Corinthians 15:51](#))**
- **In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, during the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised up incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ([1 Corinthians 15:52](#))**
- **For this which is corruptible must put on incorruption, and this**

- which is mortal must put on immortality. (**1 Corinthians 15:53**)
- **But when this which is corruptible puts on incorruption and this which is mortal puts on immortality, then the saying will take place that is written: Death is swallowed up forever. (1 Corinthians 15:54)**
  - **Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? (1 Corinthians 15:55)**
  - **The sting producing death is sin, but the power for sin is the Law. (1 Corinthians 15:56)**
  - **But thanks to God, for he gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! (1 Corinthians 15:57)**
  - **For this is what we tell you by Yehowah's word, that we the living who survive to the presence of the Lord shall in no way precede those who have fallen asleep in death. (1 Thessalonians 4:15)**
  - **Because the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a commanding call, with an archangel's voice and with God's trumpet, and those who are dead in union with Christ will rise first. (1 Thessalonians 4:16)**
  - **Afterward we the living who are surviving will, together with them, be caught away in clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:17)**
  - **Consequently keep comforting one another with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:18)**
  - **Let no one seduce you in any manner, because it will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness gets revealed, the son of destruction. (2 Thessalonians 2:3)**
  - **He is set in opposition and lifts himself up over everyone who is called god or an object of reverence, so that he sits down in the temple of The God, publicly showing himself to be a god. (2 Thessalonians 2:4)**
  - **Do you not remember that, while I was yet with you, I used to tell you these things? (2 Thessalonians 2:5)**

- **And so now you know the thing that acts as a restraint, with a view to his being revealed in his own due time. (2 Thessalonians 2:6)**
- **True, the mystery of this lawlessness is already at work, but only till he who is right now acting as a restraint gets to be out of the way. (2 Thessalonians 2:7)**
- **Then, indeed, the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will do away with by the spirit of his mouth and bring to nothing by the manifestation of his presence. (2 Thessalonians 2:8)**
- **But the lawless one's presence is according to the operation of Satan with every powerful work and lying signs and portents. (2 Thessalonians 2:9)**
- **And with every unrighteous deception for those who are perishing, as a retribution because they did not accept the love of the truth that they might be saved. (2 Thessalonians 2:10)**
- **So that is why God lets an operation of error go to them, that they may get to believing the lie. (2 Thessalonians 2:11)**
- **In order, that they all may be judged because they did not believe the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness. (2 Thessalonians 2:12)**
- **However, the inspired utterance says definitely that in later periods of time some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to misleading inspired utterances and teachings of demons. (1 Timothy 4:1)**
- **By the hypocrisy of men who speak lies, marked in their conscience as with a branding iron. (1 Timothy 4:2)**
- **Forbidding to marry, commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be partaken of with thanksgiving by those who have faith and accurately know the truth. (1 Timothy 4:3)**
- **But know this, that in the last days critical times hard to deal with will be here. (2 Timothy 3:1)**



- **For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, self-assuming, haughty, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, disloyal. (2 Timothy 3:2)**
- **Having no natural affection, not open to any agreement, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, without love of goodness. (2 Timothy 3:3)**
- **Betrayers, headstrong, puffed up with pride, lovers of pleasures rather than lovers of God. (2 Timothy 3:4)**
- **Having a form of godly devotion but proving false to its power, and from these turn away. (2 Timothy 3:5)**
- **For from these arise those men who slyly work their way into households and lead as their captives weak women loaded down with sins, led by various desires. (2 Timothy 3:6)**
- **Always learning and yet never able to come to an accurate knowledge of truth. (2 Timothy 3:7)**
- **Now in the way that Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so these also go on resisting the truth, men completely corrupted in mind, disapproved as regards the faith. (2 Timothy 3:8)**
- **Nevertheless, they will make no further progress, for their madness will be very plain to all, even as the madness of those two men became. (2 Timothy 3:9)**
- **But you have closely followed my teaching, my course of life, my purpose, my faith, my long-suffering, my love, my endurance. (2 Timothy 3:10)**
- **My persecutions, my sufferings, the sort of things that happened to me in Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra, the sort of persecutions I have borne, and yet out of them all the Lord delivered me. (2 Timothy 3:11)**
- **In fact, all those desiring to live with godly devotion in association with Christ Jesus will also be persecuted. (2 Timothy 3:12)**
- **But wicked men and impostors will advance from bad to worse, misleading and being misled. (2 Timothy 3:13)**

- **For there will be a period of time when they will not put up with the healthful teaching, but, in accord with their own desires, they will accumulate teachers for themselves to have their ears tickled. (2 Timothy 4:3)**
- **And they will turn their ears away from the truth, whereas they will be turned aside to false stories. (2 Timothy 4:4)**
- **As for you, beloved ones, call to mind the sayings that have been previously spoken by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 1:17)**
- **How they used to say to you; In the last time there will be ridiculers, proceeding according to their own desires for ungodly things. (Jude 1:18)**
- **These are the ones that make separations, animalistic men, not having spirituality. (Jude 1:19)**
- **But you, beloved ones, by building up yourselves on your most holy faith, and praying with Holy Spirit. (Jude 1:20)**
- **Keep yourselves in God's love, while you are waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ with everlasting life in view. (Jude 1:21)**
- **The book of Revelation is filled with prophetic information enabling persons to be warned, so they can discern the signs of the times.**
- **And at morning, It will be wintry, rainy weather today, for the sky is fire-red, but gloomy-looking. You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but the signs of the times you cannot interpret. (Matthew 16:3)**
- **And take urgent action.**
- **A revelation by Jesus Christ, which God gave him, to show his slaves the things that must shortly take place. And he sent forth his angel and presented it in signs through him to his slave John. (Revelation 1:1)**
- **Who bore witness to the word God gave and to the witness Jesus**

Christ gave, even to all the things he saw. (**Revelation 1:2**)

- Happy is he who reads aloud and those who hear the words of this **prophecy**, and who observe the things written in it, for the appointed time is near. (**Revelation 1:3**)
- And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice as of thunder; Come! (**Revelation 6:1**)
- And I saw, and, look! A white horse, and the one seated upon it had a bow, and a crown was given him, and he went forth conquering and to complete his conquest. (**Revelation 6:2**)
- And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say; Come! (**Revelation 6:3**)
- And another came forth, a fiery-colored horse, and to the one seated upon it there was granted to take peace away from the earth so that they should slaughter one another, and a great sword was given him. (**Revelation 6:4**)
- And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say; Come! And I saw, and, look! A black horse, and the one seated upon it had a pair of scales in his hand. (**Revelation 6:5**)
- And I heard a voice as if in the midst of the four living creatures say; A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the olive oil and the wine. (**Revelation 6:6**)
- And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say; Come! (**Revelation 6:7**)
- And I saw, and, look! A pale horse, and the one seated upon it had the name Death. And Hades was closely following him. And authority was given them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with a long sword and with food shortage and with deadly plague and by the wild beasts of the earth. (**Revelation 6:8**)
- And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those slaughtered because of the word of God and because of the witness work that they used to have. (**Revelation**

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- **And they cried with a loud voice, saying; Until when, Sovereign Lord holy and true, are you refraining from judging and avenging our blood upon those who dwell on the earth? (Revelation 6:10)**
- **And a white robe was given to each of them, and they were told to rest a little while longer, until the number was filled also of their fellow slaves and their brothers who were about to be killed as they also had been. (Revelation 6:11)**
- **And I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and a great earthquake occurred, and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the entire moon became as blood. (Revelation 6:12)**
- **And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as when a fig tree shaken by a high wind casts its unripe figs. (Revelation 6:13)**
- **And the heaven departed as a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and every island were removed from their places. (Revelation 6:14)**
- **And the kings of the earth and the top-ranking ones and the military commanders and the rich and the strong ones and every slave and every free person hid themselves in the caves and in the rock-masses of the mountains. (Revelation 6:15)**
- **And they keep saying to the mountains and to the rock-masses; Fall over us and hide us from the face of the One seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb. (Revelation 6:16)**
- **Because the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand? (Revelation 6:17)**
- **And war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels battled with the dragon, and the dragon and its angels battled (Revelation 12:7)**
- **But it did not prevail, neither was a place found for them any longer in heaven. (Revelation 12:8)**
- **So down the great dragon was hurled, the original serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth, he was hurled down to the earth, and his angels**

- were hurled down with him. ([Revelation 12:9](#))
- **And I heard a loud voice in heaven say; Now have come to pass the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ, because the accuser of our brothers has been hurled down, who accuses them day and night before our God! ([Revelation 12:10](#))**
  - **And they conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their witnessing, and they did not love their souls even in the face of death. ([Revelation 12:11](#))**
  - **On this account be glad, you heavens and you who reside in them! Woe for the earth and for the sea, because the Devil has come down to you, having great anger, knowing he has a short period of time. ([Revelation 12:12](#))**
  - **Now when the dragon saw that it was hurled down to the earth, it persecuted the woman that gave birth to the male child. ([Revelation 12:13](#))**
  - **But the two wings of the great eagle were given the woman, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, there is where she is fed for a time and times and half a time away from the face of the serpent. ([Revelation 12:14](#))**
  - **And the serpent disgorged water like a river from its mouth after the woman, to cause her to be drowned by the river. ([Revelation 12:15](#))**
  - **But the earth came to the woman's help, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river that the dragon disgorged from its mouth. ([Revelation 12:16](#))**
  - **And the dragon grew wrathful at the woman, and went off to wage war with the remaining ones of her seed, who observe the commandments of God and have the work of bearing witness to Jesus. ([Revelation 12:17](#))**
  - **And I saw another wild beast ascending out of the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, but it began speaking as a dragon. ([Revelation 13:11](#))**
  - **And it exercises all the authority of the first wild beast in its**

- sight. And it makes the earth and those who dwell in it worship the first wild beast, whose death-stroke got healed. (**Revelation 13:12**)
- And it performs great signs, so that it should even make fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the sight of mankind. (**Revelation 13:13**)
  - And it misleads those who dwell on the earth, because of the signs that were granted it to perform in the sight of the wild beast, while it tells those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the wild beast that had the sword-stroke and yet revived. (**Revelation 13:14**)
  - And there was granted it to give breath to the image of the wild beast, so that the image of the wild beast should both speak and cause to be killed all those who would not in any way worship the image of the wild beast. (**Revelation 13:15**)
  - And it puts under compulsion all persons, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the slaves, that they should give these a mark in their right hand or upon their forehead. (**Revelation 13:16**)
  - And that nobody might be able to buy or sell except a person having the mark, the name of the wild beast or the number of its name. (**Revelation 13:17**)
  - Here is where wisdom comes in. Let the one that has intelligence calculate the number of the wild beast, for it is a man's number, and its number is six hundred and sixty-six. (**Revelation 13:18**)
  - And one of the seven angels that had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying; Come, I will show you the judgment upon the great harlot who sits on many waters. (**Revelation 17:1**)
  - With whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, whereas those who inhabit the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication. (**Revelation 17:2**)
  - And he carried me away in the power of the spirit into a wilderness. And I caught sight of a woman sitting upon a scarlet-colored wild beast that was full of blasphemous names

and that had seven heads and ten horns. (**Revelation 17:3**)

- **And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and was adorned with gold and precious stone and pearls and had in her hand a golden cup that was full of disgusting things and the unclean things of her fornication. (**Revelation 17:4**)**
- **And upon her forehead was written a name, a mystery. Babylon the Great, the mother of the harlots and of the disgusting things of the earth. (**Revelation 17:5**)**
- **And I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the holy ones and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. Well, on catching sight of her I wondered with great wonderment. (**Revelation 17:6**)**
- **And so the angel said to me; Why is it you wondered? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the wild beast that is carrying her and that has the seven heads and the ten horns. (**Revelation 17:7**)**
- **The wild beast that you saw was, but is not, and yet is about to ascend out of the abyss, and it is to go off into destruction. And when they see how the wild beast was, but is not, and yet will be present, those who dwell on the earth will wonder admiringly, but their names have not been written upon the scroll of life from the founding of the world. (**Revelation 17:8**)**
- **Here is where the intelligence that has wisdom comes in. The seven heads mean seven mountains, where the woman sits on top. (**Revelation 17:9**)**
- **And there are seven kings, five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet arrived, but when he does arrive he must remain a short while. (**Revelation 17:10**)**
- **And the wild beast that was but is not, it is also itself an eighth king, but springs from the seven, and it goes off into destruction. (**Revelation 17:11**)**
- **And the ten horns that you saw mean ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they do receive authority as kings one hour with the wild beast. (**Revelation 17:12**)**

- **After these things I saw another angel descending from heaven, with great authority, and the earth was lighted up from his glory. (Revelation 18:1)**
- **And he cried out with a strong voice, saying; She has fallen! Babylon the Great has fallen, and she has become a dwelling place of demons and a lurking place of every unclean exhalation and a lurking place of every unclean and hated bird! (Revelation 18:2)**
- **For because of the wine of the anger of her fornication all the nations have fallen victim, and the kings of the earth committed fornication with her, and the traveling merchants of the earth became rich due to the power of her shameless luxury. (Revelation 18:3)**
- **And I heard another voice out of heaven say; Get out of her, my people, if you do not want to share with her in her sins, and if you do not want to receive part of her plagues. (Revelation 18:4)**
- **For her sins have massed together clear up to heaven, and God has called her acts of injustice to mind. (Revelation 18:5)**
- **Render to her even as she herself rendered, and do to her twice as much, yes, twice the number of the things she did, in the cup in which she put a mixture put twice as much of the mixture for her. (Revelation 18:6)**
- **To the extent that she glorified herself and lived in shameless luxury, to that extent give her torment and mourning. For in her heart she keeps saying; I sit a queen, and I am no widow, and I shall never see mourning. (Revelation 18:7)**
- **That is why in one day her plagues will come, death and mourning and famine, and she will be completely burned with fire, because Yehowah God, who judged her, is strong. (Revelation 18:8)**
- **However, in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians he shows that the miraculous gifts, including that of inspired **prophesying**, were due to be done away with.**
- **And if I have the gift of **prophesying** and am acquainted with all the sacred secrets and all knowledge, and if I have all the faith so**



as to transplant mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.  
(1 Corinthians 13:2)

- Love never fails. But whether there are gifts of prophesying, they will be done away with, whether there are tongues, they will cease, whether there is knowledge, it will be done away with. (1 Corinthians 13:8)
- For we have partial knowledge and we prophesy partially. (1 Corinthians 13:9)
- But when that which is complete arrives, that which is partial will be done away with. (1 Corinthians 13:10)
- The evidence is that with the death of the apostles these gifts ceased to be transmitted and thereafter passed off the Christian scene, having served their purpose. By that time, of course, the Bible canon was complete.
- Jesus illustrations, or parables, were similar in form to some of the allegorical pronouncements of the earlier prophets.
- And the word of Yehowah continued to occur to me, saying;  
(Ezekiel 17:1)
- Son of man, propound a riddle and compose a proverbial saying toward the house of Israel. (Ezekiel 17:2)
- And you must say; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; The great eagle, having great wings, with long pinions, full of plumage, which had color variety, came to Lebanon and proceeded to take the treetop of the cedar. (Ezekiel 17:3)
- He plucked off the very top of its young shoots and came bringing it to the land of Canaan, in a city of traders he placed it. (Ezekiel 17:4)
- Furthermore, he took some of the seed of the land and put it in a field for seed. As a willow by vast waters, as a willow tree he placed it. (Ezekiel 17:5)
- And it began to sprout and gradually became a luxuriantly growing vine low in height, inclined to turn its foliage inward, and as for its roots, they gradually came to be under it. And it

- finally became a vine and produced shoots and sent forth branches. ([Ezekiel 17:6](#))
- **And there came to be another great eagle, having great wings, and having large pinions, and, look! This very vine stretched its roots hungrily toward him. And its foliage it thrust out to him in order for him to irrigate it, away from the garden beds where it was planted. ([Ezekiel 17:7](#))**
  - **To a good field, by vast waters, it was already transplanted, in order to produce boughs and to bear fruit, to become a majestic vine. ([Ezekiel 17:8](#))**
  - **Say; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Will it have success? Will not someone tear out its very roots and make its very fruit scaly? And must not all its freshly plucked sprouts become dry? It will become dry. Neither by a great arm nor by a multitudinous people will it have to be lifted up from its roots. ([Ezekiel 17:9](#))**
  - **And, look! Although transplanted, will it have success? Will it not dry up completely, even as when the east wind touches it? In the garden beds of its sprout it will dry up. ([Ezekiel 17:10](#))**
  - **And the word of Yehowah continued to occur to me, saying; ([Ezekiel 17:11](#))**
  - **Say, please, to the rebellious house, Do you people actually not know what these things mean? say; Look! The king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and proceeded to take its king and its princes and bring them to himself at Babylon. ([Ezekiel 17:12](#))**
  - **Furthermore, he took one of the royal seed and concluded a covenant with him and brought him into an oath, and the foremost men of the land he took away. ([Ezekiel 17:13](#))**
  - **In order, that the kingdom might become low, unable to lift itself up, that by keeping his covenant it might stand. ([Ezekiel 17:14](#))**
  - **But he finally rebelled against him in sending his messengers to Egypt, for it to give him horses and a multitudinous people. Will he have success? Will he escape, he who is doing these things, and who has broken a covenant? And will he actually escape? ([Ezekiel 17:15](#))**

- **As I am alive, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, in the place of the king who put in as king the one that despised his oath and that broke his covenant, with him in the midst of Babylon he will die. (Ezekiel 17:16)**
- **And by a great military force and by a multitudinous congregation Pharaoh will not make him effective in the war, by throwing up a siege rampart and by building a siege wall, in order to cut off many souls. (Ezekiel 17:17)**
- **And he has despised an oath in breaking a covenant, and, look! He had given his hand and has done even all these things. He will not make his escape. (Ezekiel 17:18)**
- **And as for you, raise a dirge concerning the chieftains of Israel. (Ezekiel 19:1)**
- **And you must say; What was your mother? A lioness among lions. She lay down in among maned young lions. She reared her cubs. (Ezekiel 19:2)**
- **And gradually she brought up one of her cubs. A maned young lion is what he became, and he began to learn how to tear apart prey. He devoured even earthling man. (Ezekiel 19:3)**
- **And nations kept hearing about him. In their pit he was caught, and they proceeded to bring him by means of hooks to the land of Egypt. (Ezekiel 19:4)**
- **When she got to see that she had waited and her hope had perished, then she took another of her cubs. As a maned young lion she put him forth. (Ezekiel 19:5)**
- **And he began to walk about in the midst of lions. A maned young lion is what he became. And he gradually learned how to tear apart prey. He devoured even earthling man. (Ezekiel 19:6)**
- **And he got to know his dwelling towers, and he devastated even their cities, so that the land was laid desolate and he filled it with the sound of his roaring. (Ezekiel 19:7)**
- **And nations all around from the jurisdictional districts began to set against him and got to spread over him their net. In their pit**

he was caught. ([Ezekiel 19:8](#))

- Finally they put him in the cage by means of hooks and brought him to the king of Babylon. They got to bring him by means of hunting nets, in order, that his voice might no more be heard on the mountains of Israel. ([Ezekiel 19:9](#))
- Your mother was like a vine in your blood, planted by waters. A bearer of fruit and full of branches she became because of abundant water. ([Ezekiel 19:10](#))
- And they came to be for her strong rods, meant for the scepters of rulers. And its height gradually became tall up among branches, and it got to be visible because of its tallness, because of the abundance of its foliage. ([Ezekiel 19:11](#))
- But she was finally uprooted in fury. To the earth she was thrown, and there was an east wind that dried up her fruit. Her strong rod was torn off and became dry. Fire itself devoured it. ([Ezekiel 19:12](#))
- And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a waterless and thirsty land. ([Ezekiel 19:13](#))
- And fire proceeded to come forth from her rod. It devoured her very shoots, her very fruit, and there proved to be in her no strong rod, no scepter for ruling. That is a dirge, and it will become a dirge. ([Ezekiel 19:14](#))
- Therefore everyone that hears these sayings of mine and does them will be likened to a discreet man, who built his house upon the rock-mass. ([Matthew 7:24](#))
- And the rain poured down and the floods came and the winds blew and lashed against that house, but it did not cave in, for it had been founded upon the rock-mass. ([Matthew 7:25](#))
- Furthermore, everyone hearing these sayings of mine and not doing them will be likened to a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand. ([Matthew 7:26](#))
- And the rain poured down and the floods came and the winds blew and struck against that house and it caved in, and its collapse was great. ([Matthew 7:27](#))

- **Hear another illustration; There was a man, a householder, who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and erected a tower, and let it out to cultivators, and traveled abroad. (Matthew 21:33)**
- **When the season of the fruits came around, he dispatched his slaves to the cultivators to get his fruits. (Matthew 21:34)**
- **However, the cultivators took his slaves, and one they beat up, another they killed, another they stoned. (Matthew 21:35)**
- **Again he dispatched other slaves, more than the first, but they did the same to these. (Matthew 21:36)**
- **Lastly he dispatched his son to them, saying; They will respect my son. (Matthew 21:37)**
- **On seeing the son the cultivators said among themselves; This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and get his inheritance! (Matthew 21:38)**
- **So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. (Matthew 21:39)**
- **Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those cultivators? (Matthew 21:40)**
- **They said to him; Because they are evil, he will bring an evil destruction upon them and will let out the vineyard to other cultivators, who will render him the fruits when they become due. (Matthew 21:41)**
- **Jesus said to them; Did you never read in the Scriptures, The stone that the builders rejected is the one that has become the chief cornerstone. From Yehowah this has come to be, and it is marvelous in our eyes? (Matthew 21:42)**
- **This is why I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and be given to a nation producing its fruits. (Matthew 21:43)**
- **Also, the person falling upon this stone will be shattered. As for anyone upon whom it falls, it will pulverize him. (Matthew 21:44)**

- **Almost all of them had some fulfillment in that time. Some basically set forth moral principles.**
- **Then Peter came up and said to him; Lord, how many times is my brother to sin against me and am I to forgive him? Up to seven times? ([Matthew 18:21](#))**
- **Jesus said to him; I say to you, not, up to seven times, but, up to seventy-seven times. ([Matthew 18:22](#))**
- **That is why the kingdom of the heavens has become like a man, a king, that wanted to settle accounts with his slaves. ([Matthew 18:23](#))**
- **When he started to settle them, there was brought in a man who owed him ten thousand talents equaling sixty-million denarii. ([Matthew 18:24](#))**
- **But because he did not have the means to pay it back, his master ordered him and his wife and his children and all the things he had to be sold and payment to be made. ([Matthew 18:25](#))**
- **Therefore the slave fell down and began to do obeisance to him, saying; Be patient with me and I will pay back everything to you. ([Matthew 18:26](#))**
- **Moved to pity at this, the master of that slave let him off and canceled his debt. ([Matthew 18:27](#))**
- **But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves that was owing him a hundred denarii, and, grabbing him, he began to choke him, saying; Pay back whatever you owe. ([Matthew 18:28](#))**
- **Therefore his fellow slave fell down and began to entreat him, saying; Be patient with me and I will pay you back. ([Matthew 18:29](#))**
- **However, he was not willing, but went off and had him thrown into prison until he should pay back what was owing. ([Matthew 18:30](#))**
- **When, therefore, his fellow slaves saw the things that had**

happened, they became very much grieved, and they went and made clear to their master all the things that had happened. **(Matthew 18:31)**

- Then his master summoned him and said to him; Wicked slave, I canceled all that debt for you, when you entreated me. **(Matthew 18:32)**
- Ought you not, in turn, to have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I also had mercy on you? **(Matthew 18:33)**
- With that his master, provoked to wrath, delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay back all that was owing. **(Matthew 18:34)**
- In like manner my heavenly Father will also deal with you if you do not forgive each one his brother from your hearts. **(Matthew 18:35)**
- But he spoke this illustration also to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and who considered the rest as nothing. **(Luke 18:9)**
- Two men went up into the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **(Luke 18:10)**
- The Pharisee stood and began to pray these things to himself, O God, I thank you I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unrighteous, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. **(Luke 18:11)**
- I fast twice a week, I give the tenth of all things I acquire. **(Luke 18:12)**
- But the tax collector standing at a distance was not willing even to raise his eyes heavenward, but kept beating his breast, saying; O God, be gracious to me a sinner. **(Luke 18:13)**
- I tell you, this man went down to his home proved more righteous than that man, because everyone that exalts himself will be humiliated, but he that humbles himself will be exalted. **(Luke 18:14)**

- **Others had time features that extended down to Jesus presence and the conclusion of the system of things.**
- **Another illustration he set before them, saying; The kingdom of the heavens has become like a man that sowed fine seed in his field. ([Matthew 13:24](#))**
- **While men were sleeping, his enemy came and oversowed weeds in among the wheat, and left. ([Matthew 13:25](#))**
- **When the blade sprouted and produced fruit, then the weeds appeared also. ([Matthew 13:26](#))**
- **So the slaves of the householder came up and said to him, Master, did you not sow fine seed in your field? How, then, does it come to have weeds? ([Matthew 13:27](#))**
- **He said to them, An enemy, a man, did this. They said to him, Do you want us, then, to go out and collect them? ([Matthew 13:28](#))**
- **He said; No, that by no chance, while collecting the weeds, you uproot the wheat with them. ([Matthew 13:29](#))**
- **Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the harvest season I will tell the reapers, First collect the weeds and bind them in bundles to burn them up, then go to gathering the wheat into my storehouse. ([Matthew 13:30](#))**
- **Then after dismissing the crowds he went into the house. And his disciples came to him and said; Explain to us the illustration of the weeds in the field. ([Matthew 13:36](#))**
- **In response he said; The sower of the fine seed is the Son of man. ([Matthew 13:37](#))**
- **The field is the world, as for the fine seed, these are the sons of the kingdom, but the weeds are the sons of the wicked one. ([Matthew 13:38](#))**
- **And the enemy that sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is a conclusion of a system of things, and the reapers are angels. ([Matthew 13:39](#))**
- **Therefore, just as the weeds are collected and burned with fire,**



so it will be in the conclusion of the system of things. (**Matthew 13:40**)

- The Son of man will send forth his angels, and they will collect out from his kingdom all things that cause stumbling and persons who are doing lawlessness. (**Matthew 13:41**)
- And they will pitch them into the fiery furnace. There is where their weeping and the gnashing of their teeth will be. (**Matthew 13:42**)
- At that time the righteous ones will shine as brightly as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let him that has ears listen. (**Matthew 13:43**)
- Then the kingdom of the heavens will become like ten virgins that took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. (**Matthew 25:1**)
- Five of them were foolish, and five were discreet. (**Matthew 25:2**)
- For the foolish took their lamps but took no oil with them. (**Matthew 25:3**)
- Whereas the discreet took oil in their receptacles with their lamps. (**Matthew 25:4**)
- While the bridegroom was delaying, they all nodded and went to sleep. (**Matthew 25:5**)
- Right in the middle of the night there arose a cry, Here is the bridegroom! Be on your way out to meet him. (**Matthew 25:6**)
- Then all those virgins rose and put their lamps in order. (**Matthew 25:7**)
- The foolish said to the discreet, Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are about to go out. (**Matthew 25:8**)
- The discreet answered with the words; Perhaps there may not be quite enough for us and you. Be on your way, instead, to those who sell it and buy for yourselves. (**Matthew 25:9**)
- While they were going off to buy, the bridegroom arrived, and

- the virgins that were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. (**Matthew 25:10**)
- Afterwards the rest of the virgins also came, saying; Sir, sir, open to us! (**Matthew 25:11**)
  - In answer he said; I tell you the truth, I do not know you. (**Matthew 25:12**)
  - Keep on the watch, therefore, because you know neither the day nor the hour. (**Matthew 25:13**)
  - For it is just as when a man, about to travel abroad, summoned slaves of his and committed to them his belongings. (**Matthew 25:14**)
  - And to one he gave five talents, to another two, to still another one, to each one according to his own ability, and he went abroad. (**Matthew 25:15**)
  - Immediately the one that received the five talents went his way and did business with them and gained five more. (**Matthew 25:16**)
  - In the same way the one that received the two gained two more. (**Matthew 25:17**)
  - But the one that received just one went off, and dug in the ground and hid the silver money of his master. (**Matthew 25:18**)
  - After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. (**Matthew 25:19**)
  - So the one that had received five talents came forward and brought five additional talents, saying; Master, you committed five talents to me, see, I gained five talents more. (**Matthew 25:20**)
  - His master said to him; Well done, good and faithful slave! You were faithful over a few things. I will appoint you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master. (**Matthew 25:21**)
  - Next the one that had received the two talents came forward and said; Master, you committed to me two talents, see, I gained

- two talents more. ([Matthew 25:22](#))
- His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave! You were faithful over a few things. I will appoint you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master. ([Matthew 25:23](#))
  - Finally the one that had received the one talent came forward and said; Master, I knew you to be an exacting man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not winnow. ([Matthew 25:24](#))
  - So I grew afraid and went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours. ([Matthew 25:25](#))
  - In reply his master said to him; Wicked and sluggish slave, you knew, did you, that I reaped where I did not sow and gathered where I did not winnow? ([Matthew 25:26](#))
  - Well, then, you ought to have deposited my silver monies with the bankers, and on my arrival I would be receiving what is mine with interest. ([Matthew 25:27](#))
  - Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to him that has the ten talents. ([Matthew 25:28](#))
  - For to everyone that has, more will be given and he will have abundance, but as for him that does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ([Matthew 25:29](#))
  - And throw the good-for-nothing slave out into the darkness outside. There is where his weeping and the gnashing of his teeth will be. ([Matthew 25:30](#))
  - When the Son of man arrives in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit down on his glorious throne. ([Matthew 25:31](#))
  - And all the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ([Matthew 25:32](#))
  - And he will put the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on his left. ([Matthew 25:33](#))

- **Then the king will say to those on his right; Come, you who have been blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the founding of the world. (Matthew 25:34)**
- **For I became hungry and you gave me something to eat. I got thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you received me hospitably. (Matthew 25:35)**
- **Naked, and you clothed me. I fell sick and you looked after me. I was in prison and you came to me. (Matthew 25:36)**
- **Then the righteous ones will answer him with the words; Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty, and give you something to drink? (Matthew 25:37)**
- **When did we see you a stranger and receive you hospitably, or naked, and clothe you? (Matthew 25:38)**
- **When did we see you sick or in prison and go to you? (Matthew 25:39)**
- **And in reply the king will say to them; Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. (Matthew 25:40)**
- **Then he will say, in turn, to those on his left; Be on your way from me, you who have been cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels. (Matthew 25:41)**
- **For I became hungry, but you gave me nothing to eat, and I got thirsty, but you gave me nothing to drink. (Matthew 25:42)**
- **I was a stranger, but you did not receive me hospitably, naked, but you did not clothe me, sick and in prison, but you did not look after me. (Matthew 25:43)**
- **Then they also will answer with the words; Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not minister to you? (Matthew 25:44)**
- **Then he will answer them with the words; Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of these least ones, you did not do it to me. (Matthew 25:45)**

- And these will depart into everlasting cutting-off, but the righteous ones into everlasting life. ([Matthew 25:46](#))

## •• Multiple Fulfillment

- The use made of **prophecy** by Jesus and his disciples shows that a predictive prophecy may have more than one fulfillment, as when Paul referred to Habakkuk's prophecy, originally fulfilled in Babylon's desolation of Judah, and applied it in his day.

- See, you people, among the nations, and look on, and stare in amazement at one another. Be amazed, for there is an activity that one is carrying on in your days, which you people will not believe although it is related. ([Habakkuk 1:5](#))

- For here I am raising up the Chaldeans, the nation bitter and impetuous, which is going to the wide-open places of earth in order to take possession of residences not belonging to it. ([Habakkuk 1:6](#))

- Therefore see to it that what is said in the Prophets does not come upon you. ([Acts of Apostles 13:40](#))

- Behold it, you scorers, and wonder at it, and vanish away, because I am working a work in your days, a work that you will by no means believe even if anyone relates it to you in detail. ([Acts of Apostles 13:41](#))

- Jesus showed that Daniel's **prophecy** concerning the disgusting thing that is causing desolation was due for fulfillment in the generation then living, yet Daniel's prophecy also connects the disgusting thing causing desolation with the time of the end.

- And he must keep the covenant in force for the many for one week, and at the half of the week he will cause sacrifice and gift offering to cease. And upon the wing of disgusting things there will be the one causing desolation, and until an extermination, the very thing decided upon will go pouring out also upon the one lying desolate. ([Daniel 9:27](#))

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- the very thing decided upon will go pouring out also upon the one lying desolate. ([Daniel 9:27](#))
- In the third year of Cyrus the king of Persia there was a matter revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar, and the matter was true, and there was a great military service. And he understood the matter, and he had understanding in the thing seen. ([Daniel 10:1](#))
  - In those days I myself, Daniel, happened to be mourning for three full weeks. ([Daniel 10:2](#))
  - Dainty bread I did not eat, and no flesh or wine entered into my mouth, and in no way did I grease myself until the completing of the three full weeks. ([Daniel 10:3](#))
  - Therefore, when you catch sight of the disgusting thing that causes desolation, as spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in a holy place, let the reader use discernment. ([Matthew 24:15](#))
  - Then let those in Judea begin fleeing to the mountains. ([Matthew 24:16](#))
  - **Biblical evidence shows that when Michael stands up, this signifies that Jesus Christ takes action as king on behalf of Yehowah's servants.**
  - And during that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who is standing in behalf of the sons of your people. And there will certainly occur a time of distress such as has not been made to occur since there came to be a nation until that time. And during that time your people will escape, every one who is found written down in the book. ([Daniel 12:1](#))
  - Jesus own **prophecy** regarding the conclusion of the system of things likewise includes mention of his coming in Kingdom power, which did not take place in the **First Century C.E.**
  - Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ([Matthew 24:29](#))

- **And then the sign of the Son of man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will beat themselves in lamentation, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. (Matthew 24:30)**
- **Also, there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth anguish of nations, not knowing the way out because of the roaring of the sea and its agitation. (Luke 21:25)**
- **While men become faint out of fear and expectation of the things coming upon the inhabited earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. (Luke 21:26)**
- **And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. (Luke 21:27)**
- **But as these things start to occur, raise yourselves erect and lift your heads up, because your deliverance is getting near. (Luke 21:28)**
- **With that he spoke an illustration to them. Note the fig tree and all the other trees. (Luke 21:29)**
- **When they are already in the bud, by observing it you know for yourselves that now the summer is near. (Luke 21:30)**
- **In this way you also, when you see these things occurring, know that the kingdom of God is near. (Luke 21:31)**
- **Truly I say to you, This generation will by no means pass away until all things occur. (Luke 21:32)**
- **This indicates a dual fulfillment. Hence, in discussing the matter of double fulfillment of **prophecy**, MClintock and Strong's Cyclopaedia [1894, Vol. VIII, p. 635] comments:**
- **This view of the fulfilment of **prophecy** seems necessary for the explanation of our Lords prediction on the Mount, relating at once to the fall of Jerusalem and to the end of the Christian dispensation.**

**See Also MICHAEL 1**

**.. Forms Of Prophecy**

- In addition to direct statements issued through his **prophets** perhaps accompanied by symbolic acts.
- And it came about at that particular time that Jeroboam himself went out from Jerusalem, and Ahijah the Shilonite the prophet got to find him on the road, and Ahijah was covering himself with a new garment, and the two of them were by themselves in the field. (**1 Kings 11:29**)
- Ahijah now took hold of the new garment that was on him and ripped it into twelve pieces. (**1 Kings 11:30**)
- And he went on to say to Jeroboam; Take for yourself ten pieces, for this is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; Here I am ripping the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and I shall certainly give you ten tribes. (**1 Kings 11:31**)
- In allegorical form, Yehowah used other forms. **Prophetic characters** prefigured the Messiah, Christ Jesus. Besides David, already mentioned, these included the priest-king Melchizedek.
- And it is still more abundantly clear that with a similarity to Melchizedek there arises another priest. (**Hebrews 7:15**)
- Who has become such, not according to the Law of a commandment depending upon the flesh, but according to the power of an indestructible life. (**Hebrews 7:16**)
- For in witness it is said: You are a priest forever according to the manner of Melchizedek. (**Hebrews 7:17**)
- **The prophet Moses**
- And that he may send forth the Christ appointed for you, Jesus. (**Acts of Apostles 3:20**)
- Whom heaven, indeed, must hold within itself until the times of restoration of all things of which God spoke through the mouth of his holy **prophets** of old time. (**Acts of Apostles 3:21**)
- In fact, Moses said; Yehowah God will raise up for you from among your brothers a **prophet** like me. You must listen to him according to all the things he speaks to you. (**Acts of Apostles 3:22**)



## · And Many Others

- It should be noted that, with regard to **prophetic** characters, the individual is not to be viewed as typical or **prophetic** in every aspect.
- Thus Jonah's three days in the belly of the great fish prefigured Jesus time in Sheol, but Jonah's reluctance to accept his assignment and other aspects did not prefigure the course of God's Son.
- Jesus spoke of himself as something more than Solomon, for Jesus wisdom and the peace of his Kingdom rule are like that of Solomon but superior to it. However, Jesus does not become spiritually delinquent as Solomon did.
- In reply he said to them; A wicked and adulterous generation keeps on seeking for a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. (**Matthew 12:39**)
- For just as Jonah was in the belly of the huge fish three days and three nights, so the Son of man will be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. (**Matthew 12:40**)
- Men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they repented at what Jonah preached, but, look! Something more than Jonah is here. (**Matthew 12:41**)
- The queen of the south will be raised up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, but, look! Something more than Solomon is here. (**Matthew 12:42**)
- **Prophetic dramas** were also used by God, details from the lives of individuals and nations being recorded as a pattern of future events in the outworking of Yehowah's purpose.
- Paul speaks of such a **symbolic drama** involving Abraham's two sons by Sarah and the slave girl Hagar. He shows that the two women mean two covenant relationships. They did not personally typify, or picture, such covenants.
- But in the prophetic drama those women corresponded to symbolic women who produced children under those covenants. Thus

**Hagar corresponded to earthly Jerusalem, which failed to accept the Deliverer to whom the Law covenant pointed and clung to that Law even after God had terminated it, earthly Jerusalem and its children were thus in slavery to the Law.**

- **On the other hand, Sarah, the free woman, corresponded to the Jerusalem above, God's heavenly wifelike organization, which produces sons in accord with what was foretold in the Abrahamic covenant. For a full discussion of this prophetic drama see the book, "Revealing The Sons Of God, Chapter 3"**
- **Tell me, you who want to be under Law, do you not hear the Law? (Galatians 4:21)**
- **For example, it is written that Abraham acquired two sons, one by the servant girl and one by the free woman. (Galatians 4:22)**
- **But the one by the servant girl was actually born in the manner of flesh, the other by the free woman through a promise. (Galatians 4:23)**
- **These things stand as a symbolic drama, for these women mean two covenants, the one from Mount Sinai, which brings forth children for slavery, and which is Hagar. (Galatians 4:24)**
- **Now this Hagar means Sinai, a mountain in Arabia, and she corresponds with the Jerusalem today, for she is in slavery with her children. (Galatians 4:25)**
- **But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. (Galatians 4:26)**
- **For it is written: Be glad, you barren woman who does not give birth, break out and cry aloud, you woman who does not have childbirth pains, for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than those of her who has the husband. (Galatians 4:27)**
- **Now we, brothers, are children belonging to the promise the same as Isaac was. (Galatians 4:28)**
- **But just as then the one born in the manner of flesh began persecuting the one born in the manner of spirit, so also now. (Galatians 4:29)**

- **Nevertheless, what does the Scripture say: Drive out the servant girl and her son, for by no means shall the son of the servant girl be an heir with the son of the free woman. (Galatians 4:30)**
- **Wherefore, brothers, we are children, not of a servant girl, but of the free woman. (Galatians 4:31)**
- **And so Jesus went on to say to the Jews that had believed him; If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. (John 8:31)**
- **And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (John 8:32)**
- **They replied to him; We are Abraham's offspring and never have we been slaves to anybody. How is it you say; You will become free? (John 8:33)**
- **Jesus answered them; Most truly I say to you, every doer of sin is a slave of sin. (John 8:34)**
- **Moreover, the slave does not remain in the household forever, the son remains forever. (John 8:35)**
- **Therefore if the Son sets you free, you will be actually free. (John 8:36)**
- **The Flood of Noah's day and the conditions precedent to it were prophetic of conditions at the time of Christ's future presence and of the result to those rejecting God's way.**
- **Concerning that day and hour nobody knows, neither the angels of the heavens nor the Son, but only the Father. (Matthew 24:36)**
- **For just as the days of Noah were, so the presence of the Son of man will be. (Matthew 24:37)**
- **For as they were in those days before the flood, eating and drinking, men marrying and women being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. (Matthew 24:38)**
- **And they took no note until the flood came and swept them all away, so the presence of the Son of man will be. (Matthew**

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- Now I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea. (1 Corinthians 10:1)
- And all got baptized into Moses by means of the cloud and of the sea. (1 Corinthians 10:2)
- And all ate the same spiritual food. (1 Corinthians 10:3)
- And all drank the same spiritual drink. For they used to drink from the spiritual rock-mass that followed them, and that rock-mass meant the Christ. (1 Corinthians 10:4)
- Nevertheless, on most of them God did not express his approval, for they were laid low in the wilderness. (1 Corinthians 10:5)
- Now these things became our examples, for us not to be persons desiring injurious things, even as they desired them. (1 Corinthians 10:6)
- Neither become idolaters, as some of them did, just as it is written: The people sat down to eat and drink, and they got up to have a good time. (1 Corinthians 10:7)
- Neither let us practice fornication, as some of them committed fornication, only to fall, twenty-three thousand of them in one day. (1 Corinthians 10:8)
- Neither let us put Yehowah to the test, as some of them put him to the test, only to perish by the serpents. (1 Corinthians 10:9)
- Neither be murmurers, just as some of them murmured, only to perish by the destroyer. (1 Corinthians 10:10)
- Now these things went on befalling them as examples, and they were written for a warning to us upon whom the ends of the systems of things have arrived. (1 Corinthians 10:11)
- **Places** were used **prophetically**, the city of Jerusalem on Mount Zion at times being used to represent a heavenly organization that is the mother of spirit-anointed Christians.

- **But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. (Galatians 4:26)**
- **New Jerusalem symbolized Christ's heavenly bride, made up of members of the glorified Christian congregation.**
- **I saw also the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God and prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21:2)**
- **And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls which were full of the seven last plagues, and he spoke with me and said; Come here, I will show you the bride, the Lambs wife. (Revelation 21:9)**
- **So he carried me away in the power of the spirit to a great and lofty mountain, and he showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. (Revelation 21:10)**
- **And having the glory of God. Its radiance was like a most precious stone, as a jasper stone shining crystal-clear. (Revelation 21:11)**
- **It had a great and lofty wall and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names were inscribed which are those of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. (Revelation 21:12)**
- **On the east were three gates, and on the north three gates, and on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. (Revelation 21:13)**
- **The wall of the city also had twelve foundation stones, and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (Revelation 21:14)**
- **Because a husband is head of his wife as the Christ also is head of the congregation, he being a savior of this body. (Ephesians 5:23)**
- **In fact, as the congregation is in subjection to the Christ, so let wives also be to their husbands in everything. (Ephesians 5:24)**
- **Husbands, continue loving your wives, just as the Christ also loved the congregation and delivered up himself for it.**

**(Ephesians 5:25)**

- That he might sanctify it, cleansing it with the bath of water by means of the word. **(Ephesians 5:26)**
- That he might present the congregation to himself in its splendor, not having a spot or a wrinkle or any of such things, but that it should be holy and without blemish. **(Ephesians 5:27)**
- This sacred secret is great. Now I am speaking with respect to Christ and the congregation. **(Ephesians 5:32)**
- Nevertheless, also, let each one of you individually so love his wife as he does himself, on the other hand, the wife should have deep respect for her husband. **(Ephesians 5:33)**
- And I saw, and, look! The Lamb standing upon the Mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand having his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads. **(Revelation 14:1)**
- And I heard a sound out of heaven as the sound of many waters and as the sound of loud thunder, and the sound that I heard was as of singers who accompany themselves on the harp playing on their harps. **(Revelation 14:2)**
- And they are singing as if a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders, and no one was able to master that song but the hundred and forty-four thousand, who have been bought from the earth. **(Revelation 14:3)**
- These are the ones that did not defile themselves with women, in fact, they are virgins. These are the ones that keep following the Lamb no matter where he goes. These were bought from among mankind as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. **(Revelation 14:4)**
- However, Jerusalem, because of the general unfaithfulness of its inhabitants, may be used in an unfavorable way as well.
- Now this Hagar means Sinai, a mountain in Arabia, and she corresponds with the Jerusalem today, for she is in slavery with her children. **(Galatians 4:25)**

- **And the word of Yehowah came further to me, saying; (Ezekiel 16:1)**
- **Son of man, make known to Jerusalem her detestable things. (Ezekiel 16:2)**
- **And you must say; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said to Jerusalem; Your origin and your birth were from the land of the Canaanite. Your father was the Amorite, and your mother was a Hittite. (Ezekiel 16:3)**
- **And I came passing along by you and got to see you, and, look! Your time was the time for loves expressions. So I proceeded to spread my skirt over you and to cover your nakedness and to make a sworn statement to you and enter into a covenant with you, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, and so you became mine. (Ezekiel 16:8)**
- **Furthermore, I washed you with water and rinsed away your blood from off you and greased you with oil. (Ezekiel 16:9)**
- **And I went on to clothe you with an embroidered garment and to shoe you with sealskin and to wrap you in fine linen and to cover you with costly material. (Ezekiel 16:10)**
- **And I went on to deck you with ornaments and to put bracelets upon your hands and a necklace about your throat. (Ezekiel 16:11)**
- **Furthermore, I put a nose ring in your nostril and earrings on your ears and a beautiful crown on your head. (Ezekiel 16:12)**
- **And you kept decking yourself with gold and silver, and your attire was fine linen and costly material and an embroidered garment. Fine flour and honey and oil were what you ate, and you grew to be very, very pretty, and gradually you became fit for royal position. (Ezekiel 16:13)**
- **And for you a name began to go forth among the nations because of your prettiness, for it was perfect because of my splendor that I placed upon you, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (Ezekiel 16:14)**
- **But you began to trust in your prettiness and become a prostitute**

on account of your name and to pour out your acts of prostitution on every passerby, his it came to be. (**Ezekiel 16:15**)

- **Other places obviously used with prophetic significance are Sodom, Egypt, Megiddo, Babylon, and the Valley of Hinnom, or Gehenna.**
- **And their corpses will be on the broad way of the great city which is in a spiritual sense called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was also impaled. (**Revelation 11:8**)**
- **And they gathered them together to the place that is called in Hebrew Har–Magedon. (**Revelation 16:16**)**
- **And he cried out with a strong voice, saying; She has fallen! Babylon the Great has fallen, and she has become a dwelling place of demons and a lurking place of every unclean exhalation and a lurking place of every unclean and hated bird! (**Revelation 18:2**)**
- **Serpents, offspring of vipers, how are you to flee from the judgment of Gehenna? (**Matthew 23:33**)**

### **See Also JERUSALEM (The City's Significance)**

- **A **prophetic pattern**, involving objects and procedures, is found in the case of the tabernacle. The apostle shows that its equipment, functions, and sacrifices were a pattern of heavenly realities, **a typical representation and a shadow of the heavenly things**.**
- **But which men are rendering sacred service in a typical representation and a shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses, when about to make the tent in completion, was given the divine command. For says he; See that you make all things after their pattern that was shown to you in the mountain. (**Hebrews 8:5**)**
- **Therefore it was necessary that the **typical representations of the things in the heavens** should be cleansed by these means, but the heavenly things themselves with sacrifices that are better than such sacrifices. (**Hebrews 9:23**)**
- **For Christ entered, not into a holy place made with hands, which is a copy of the reality, but into heaven itself, now to appear**



before the person of God for us. (**Hebrews 9:24**)

## · Testing Prophecy And Its Interpretation

- In view of the activity of false prophets, John warned against believing every **inspired expression**, which is basically what **prophecies** are. Instead, he admonished Christians to **test the inspired expressions** to see whether they originate with God.
- Beloved ones, do not believe every inspired expression, but test the inspired expressions to see whether they originate with God, because many false prophets have gone forth into the world. (**1 John 4:1**)
- John cites one doctrine as a means for determining divine origin of the inspired expression, namely, Christ's having come in the flesh. Obviously, however, he was not saying that this was the sole criterion but evidently was citing an example of something currently, perhaps predominantly, in dispute then.
- You gain the knowledge of the inspired expression from God by this: Every inspired expression that confesses Jesus Christ as having come in the flesh originates with God. (**1 John 4:2**)
- But every inspired expression that does not confess Jesus does not originate with God. Furthermore, this is the antichrists inspired expression which you have heard was coming, and now it is already in the world. (**1 John 4:3**)
- A vital factor is the **prophecy's** harmony with God's revealed word and will.
- In case a **prophet** or a dreamer of a dream arises in your midst and does give you a sign or a portent. (**Deuteronomy 13:1**)
- And the sign or the portent does come true of which he spoke to you, saying; Let us walk after other gods, whom you have not known, and let us serve them. (**Deuteronomy 13:2**)
- You must not listen to the words of that prophet or to the dreamer of that dream, because Yehowah your God is testing you to know whether you are loving Yehowah your God with all your heart and all your soul. (**Deuteronomy 13:3**)

- After Yehowah your God you should walk, and him you should fear, and his commandments you should keep, and to his voice you should listen, and him you should serve, and to him you should cling. (**Deuteronomy 13:4**)
- And that prophet or that dreamer of the dream should be put to death, because he has spoken of revolt against Yehowah your God, who has brought you out of the land of Egypt and has redeemed you from the house of slaves, to turn you from the way in which Yehowah your God has commanded you to walk, and you must clear out what is evil from your midst. (**Deuteronomy 13:5**)
- However, the **prophet** who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet must die. (**Deuteronomy 18:20**)
- And in case you should say in your heart; How shall we know the word that Yehowah has not spoken? (**Deuteronomy 18:21**)
- When the **prophet** speaks in the name of Yehowah and the word does not occur or come true, that is the word that Yehowah did not speak. With presumptuousness the **prophet** spoke it. You must not get frightened at him. (**Deuteronomy 18:22**)
- And this harmony could not be partial but must be complete for the **prophecy** or an interpretation of prophecy to be correct. In the **First-Century Christian** congregation some were granted the gift of discernment of inspired utterances.
- To yet another operations of powerful works, to another prophesying, to another **discernment of inspired utterances**, to another different tongues, and to another interpretation of tongues. (**1 Corinthians 12:10**)
- Making possible the authentication of **prophecies**. Though this miraculous ability also ceased, it is reasonable that correct understanding of **prophecy** would still be made available by God through the congregation, particularly in the foretold time of the end.
- And as for you, O Daniel, make secret the words and seal up the book, until the time of the end. Many will rove about, and the true knowledge will become abundant. (**Daniel 12:4**)

- **And he went on to say; Go, Daniel, because the words are made secret and sealed up until the time of the end. (Daniel 12:9)**
- **Many will cleanse themselves and whiten themselves and will be refined. And the wicked ones will certainly act wickedly, and no wicked ones at all will understand, but the ones having insight will understand. (Daniel 12:10)**
- **Therefore, when you catch sight of the disgusting thing that causes desolation, as spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in a holy place, let the reader use discernment. (Matthew 24:15)**
- **Then let those in Judea begin fleeing to the mountains. (Matthew 24:16)**
- **Now we received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is from God, that we might know the things that have been kindly given us by God. (1 Corinthians 2:12)**
- **These things we also speak, not with words taught by human wisdom, but with those taught by the spirit, as we combine spiritual matters with spiritual words. (1 Corinthians 2:13)**
- **But a physical man does not receive the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot get to know them, because they are examined spiritually. (1 Corinthians 2:14)**
- **We originate with God. He that gains the knowledge of God listens to us, he that does not originate with God does not listen to us. This is how we take note of the inspired expression of truth and the inspired expression of error. (1 John 4:6)**

**See Also INTERPRETATION**

**See Also PROPHET [Distinguishing the True From the False]**