

The Reliability of The Bible – Part II

Introduction

MAPS = Manuscripts, Archeology, Prophecy, Science

I The Prophetic Evidence

- A. The **prevalence** of prophecy
 - 1. There are 737 separate predictive topics in the Bible
 - 2. There are 1,817 predictions in the Bible
 - 3. There are 8,362 predictive verses in the Bible
- B. The **purpose** of prophecy
 - 1. To reveal His plans to mankind - Amos 3:7
 - 2. To authenticate His claim to **deity**
 - Is 42:8-9; 41:21-23; Jn 13:19
 - 3. To express friendship - Am 4:13; Jn 15:15
 - 4. To authenticate the **Bible** as God-inspired - 2 Pt 1:20-21
- C. The **persuasiveness** of prophecy
 - 1. The probability of 8 prophecies being **fulfilled**
 - a. His place of birth - Micah 5:2; Matt 2:1
 - b. **Time** of birth - Dan 9:25, Gen 49:10
 - c. Manner of birth - Isa 7:14; Matt 1:18-25
 - d. Price of his **betrayal** - Zech 11:11-13; Mat 26:15
 - e. Manner of death - Ps 22:16; Lk 23:33
 - f. Piercing of his **side** - Zech 12:10; Jn 19:34
 - g. People mocking - Psalm 22:7-8; Matt 27:29
 - h. **Burial** - Is 53:9; Matt 27:57-60
 - 2. The probability of 16 prophecies being fulfilled
 - a. There are over **332** fulfilled Messianic prophecies

II The Scientific Evidence

- A. **Time**, space and matter - Gen 1:1; 2 Tim 1:9; Titus 1:2
- B. Atomic structure - Hebrews 11:3
- C. Earth **suspended** in space - Job 26:7
- D. Round earth - Isa 40:22
- E. **Ocean** currents - Ps 8:8; Is 43:16
- F. Wind patterns - Eccl 1:6
- G. Water **cycles** - Amos 9:6; Eccl 1:7
- H. The vast number of **stars** - Jer 33:22
- I. The expanding universe - Ps 104:1-2; Is 42:5
- J. The **orbit** of the sun - Psalm 19:6
- K. The Laws of Thermodynamics
 - 1. The Law of Conservation - Gen 2:2; Eccl 3:14
 - 2. The Law Of Entropy - Ps 102:25-26; Matt 24:35

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