

PROPHECY

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Four keys to understanding how predictive prophecy proves the Bible is reliable.

I. BIBLICAL PROPHECY IS _____.

A. Definition of prophecy: _____ meanings...

1. _____.
2. _____.

B. Source of prophecy: _____.

2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV84) All scripture is **God-breathed**...
2 Peter 1:20-21 (NIV84) Above all, you must understand that no **prophecy of Scripture** came about by the prophet's own interpretation.
21 For **prophecy** never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were **carried along** by the Holy Spirit.

C. What verifies a true prophet? _____.

Deuteronomy 18:22 (NIV84) If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken.

II. FALSE PROPHECY IS _____.

- A. _____ . (French pharmacist, 1503-1566)
- B. _____ . (Secret messages encoded w/in Torah)
- C. _____ . (World renowned 'psychic' mid-1900s)
- D. Failed _____ predictions.

III. BIBLICAL PROPHECY IS _____.

A. _____ - Destruction: 7 Prophecies about it...

1. **Tyre's mainland would be destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar.**
Prophecy (587 BC): **Ezekiel 26:7-8**
Fulfilled: **17 years later** (573 BC):

2. **Tyre would be attacked by many nations.**

Prophecy (587 BC): **Ezekiel 26:3**
Fulfilled: **255 years later** (332 BC):

3. **Tyre's stones, timber and soil would be cast into the sea.**

Prophecy (587 BC): **Ezekiel 26:12**
Fulfilled: **255 years later** (333 BC)

4. **Tyre would be scraped and made bare.**

Prophecy (587 BC): **Ezekiel 26:4**
Fulfilled: **255 years later** (333 BC):

5. **Tyre would lose its power over the sea**

Prophecy (520 BC): **Zechariah 9:3-4**
Fulfilled: **188 years later** (332 BC):

6. **Phoenician Tyre would never again be found.**

Prophecy (587 BC): **Ezekiel 26:21**
Fulfilled: **55 years later** (after 332 BC):

7. **Phoenician Tyre would never be rebuilt.**

Prophecy (587 BC): **Ezekiel 26:14**
Fulfilled: **255 years later** (332 BC):

B. " _____ " will decree Jerusalem be rebuilt!

Prophecy (718 BC): **Isaiah 44:24-26, 28; 45:1; 45:3-5 (NIV84)**
Fulfilled: **180 years later** (538 BC, w/ decree) **Ezra 1:1-4**

C. " _____ " will slaughter priests on Bethel altar.

Prophecy (905 BC): **1 Kings 13:1-2**
Fulfilled (611 BC) **~300 years later: 2 Kings 23:15-16; 23:20**

D. _____ prediction.

IV. MESSIANIC PROPHECY IS FULFILLED IN _____.

A. _____ of Bible Prophecy.

1. Chance of One man fulfilling **8 prophecies: 1 in _____.**
2. Chance of One man fulfilling **48 prophecies: 1 in _____.**

B. Jesus fulfilled (not 8 or 48) but more than _____ individual prophecies that the Prophets wrote concerning the Messiah!

Good reference books:

1. Josh McDowell, *Evidence That Demands a Verdict*
2. Peter Stoner, *Science Speaks*