

**Class # 10**  
**“Prophecy: History in Advance”**

That the Bible is a book of accurate prophecy sets it apart from other books and other religions. We'll take a general overview and look at prophecy in the Bible today. Over the next two weeks we'll look further in to Bible prophecy and its fulfillment. We'll be using our Bibles this morning to look up these scriptures and see them for ourselves.

The prophecies of the Bible concern Jesus, nations, people, events and all of them have been accurate.

Let's look at a variety and overview of scriptures and next week we'll look at some more specific ones.

**(I) BIRTH PROPHECIES**

A) John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. John said so himself. In the Old Testament, the prophecy shows John preparing the way for Yahweh God.

**Isaiah 40:3**

**Isaiah 40:3 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.

**Malachi 3:1**

**Malachi 3:1 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> "See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

**Matthew 3:3**

**Matthew 3:3 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

**Mark 1:2-3,7-8**

**Mark 1:2-3 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"--

<sup>3</sup> "a voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

B) In the familiar prophecy of the naming of Jesus, Jesus is called Immanuel ("God With Us").

**Isaiah 7:14**

**Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)**

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

**Genesis 3:15**

**Genesis 3:15 (NIV)**

<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

**Jeremiah 31:22**

**Jeremiah 31:22 (NIV)**

<sup>22</sup> How long will you wander, O unfaithful daughter? The LORD will create a new thing on earth-- a woman will surround a man."

**Matthew 1:23**

**Matthew 1:23 (NIV)**

<sup>23</sup> "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"-- which means, "God with us."

C )In this prophecy of Jesus' birth, Jesus is called God.

**Isaiah 9:6**

**Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Psalms 72:18**

**Psalms 72:18 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup> Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

D) Jesus comes in the Spirit to the temple.

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**Luke 2:27-32**

**Luke 2:27-32 (NIV)**

<sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child

Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required,

<sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

<sup>29</sup> "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace.

<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all people,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

## **(II) REDEEMER / SAVIOR PROPHECIES**

A) God Himself will redeem Israel from all of their sins and the Messiah will suffer and pay the price for our sins. So the Messiah is God.

### **Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

#### **Isaiah 52:13-15 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

<sup>14</sup> Just as there were many who were appalled at him-- his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness--

<sup>15</sup> so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

#### **Isaiah 53:1-12 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

<sup>9</sup> He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

<sup>11</sup> After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the

strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

### **Psalm 22:1-31**

### **Psalm 130:3-4,7-8**

#### **Psalm 130:3 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

#### **Psalm 130:4 (NIV)**

<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

#### **Psalm 130:7-8 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

<sup>8</sup> He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

### **Acts 20:28**

#### **Acts 20:28 (NIV)**

<sup>28</sup> Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

### **Revelation 5:9**

#### **Revelation 5:9 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

B) Yahweh / Jesus, the Truth and the Life.

### **Jeremiah 10:10**

#### **Jeremiah 10:10 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King. When he is angry, the earth trembles; the nations cannot endure his wrath.

### **John 14:6**

#### **John 14:6 (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

### **1 Jo 5:11-12**

### **1 John 5:11-12 (NIV)**

<sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

<sup>12</sup> He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

### **(III) TO BE TRUSTED IN PROPHECIES**

A) The New Testament terminology that calls Jesus a Rock that causes men to stumble and an offence and a snare, is originally used in the Old Testament of God.

#### **Psalm 18:2**

#### **Psalm 18:2 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

#### **Isaiah 8:11-15, 44:6-8**

#### **Isaiah 8:11-15 (NIV)**

<sup>11</sup> The LORD spoke to me with his strong hand upon me, warning me not to follow the way of this people. He said:

<sup>12</sup> "Do not call conspiracy everything that these people call conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it.

<sup>13</sup> The LORD Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread,

<sup>14</sup> and he will be a sanctuary; but for both houses of Israel he will be a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall. And for the people of Jerusalem he will be a trap and a snare.

<sup>15</sup> Many of them will stumble; they will fall and be broken, they will be snared and captured."

#### **1Corinthians 10:4**

#### **1 Corinthians 10:4 (NIV)**

<sup>4</sup> and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

#### **Ephesians 2:20**

#### **Ephesians 2:20 (NIV)**

<sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

## **1Peter 2:4-8**

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<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him--

<sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,

<sup>8</sup> and, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message--which is also what they were destined for.

## **(IV) GOD / JESUS UNCHANGING PROPHECIES**

### **Malachi 3:6**

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<sup>6</sup> "I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.

### **Psalm 102:27**

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<sup>27</sup> But you remain the same, and your years will never end.

### **James 1:17**

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<sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

### **Hebrews 1:12, 13:8**

#### **Hebrews 1:12**

<sup>12</sup> You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."

#### **Hebrews 13:8**

<sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

### **Exodus 3:14**

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<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

**John 8:58****John 8:58**

<sup>58</sup> "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"

**(V) RETURN TO EARTH / JUDGEMENT PROPHECIES**

In Acts, after Jesus ascended back into heaven from the Mount of Olives, an angel appeared saying that Jesus would come back in the same way. The Old Testament states the same thing, saying that that person will be Yahweh God.

**Zechariah 14:3-5****Zechariah 14:3-5**

<sup>3</sup> Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle.

<sup>4</sup> On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

<sup>5</sup> You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

**Job 19:25-27****Job 19:25-27**

<sup>25</sup> I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

<sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God;

<sup>27</sup> I myself will see him with my own eyes--I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

**Acts 1:11****Acts 1:11**

<sup>11</sup> "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

**Matthew 25:31,24:30****Matthew 25:31**

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his

throne in heavenly glory.

**Matthew 24:30**

<sup>30</sup> "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.

**Mark 13:26**

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<sup>26</sup> "At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

**Luke 21:27**

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<sup>27</sup> At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

**Zechariah 12:10**

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<sup>10</sup> "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

**Revelation 1:7**

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<sup>7</sup> Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.

