

“Is the Bible from God?” (Psalm 119: Part 1)

Verses to Remember: “The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces” (Psalm 119:72).

Is the Bible from God?

- The Bible makes the claim that it is inspired (breathed-out) by God (2 Tim 3:16; Ps 119:13, 72, 88), and it backs that claim up with the fingerprints of prophecies made hundreds of years in advance of their fulfillments (Is 46:9).

Some of the amazing prophecies of the Bible center around specific details of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of the Messiah.

1. Birth:

- Jesus the Messiah was born of a virgin (Is 7:14 cf. Matt 1:18), of the lineage of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Jesse, David, and Zerubbabel (Gen 12:3; 26:4; 28:14; 49:10; Is 9:7; 11:1; Jer 23:5-6; Hag 2:23 cf. Matthew 1:1-16). He was born in Bethlehem (Mic 5:2 cf. Matt 2:1). He was born human, but also fully God (Is 7:14; Mic 5:2; Is 9:6; Dan 7:13-14 cf. John 8:58; Ez 34 cf. John 10).

2. Life:

- Jesus himself spoke of how his life and ministry of healing, freeing, and bringing the Good News fulfilled Scripture (Is 61:1; 29:18; 35:5-6 cf. Luke 4:16-21; 7:22).

3. Death and Resurrection:

- Jesus entered Jerusalem humbly on a donkey (Zech 9:9 cf. Matt 21:1-5) with the crowd praising him (Ps 118:26 cf. Matt 21:9) and the religious leaders rejecting him (Ps 118:22 cf. Matt 21:42). He shared the Passover meal with his disciples and demonstrated he was the fulfillment of the Passover Lamb whose blood brought mercy and freedom (Ex 12:21; Matt 26:26-28; 1 Cor 5:7). He was betrayed (Ps 41:9 cf. Luke 22:21, 48), and when he was arrested his followers scattered (Zech 13:7 cf. Mark 14:51-52). He was beaten and led to the cross (Is 53:5-6 cf. Matt 27:26-31) where they divided his clothes and cast lots for his garment (Ps 22:17 cf. John 19:24). He was crucified with criminals (Is 53:12 cf. Matt 27:38). Incredibly, crucifixion was prophesied and described in Psalm 22 before it was even invented (Ps 22:14-15). Jesus was crucified in the same location (Moriah) where God promised Abraham that he would provide for himself the substitutionary sacrifice that would bless the whole world (Gen 22:8, 14, 18). Jesus was crucified according to the timeline written in Daniel (Dan 9:24-27). Jesus' legs were not broken like the others crucified next to him, instead they pierced him in the side to make sure of his death (Ps 34:20; Zech 12:10 cf. John 19:33-37). He was buried in a rich man's tomb (Is 53:9 cf. Matt 27:57-60). Jesus was not abandoned to the grave, but rather rose from the dead to new life (Ps 16:10; Is 53:11 cf. Matt 28:5-10).