

## God is powerful July 20, 2025

**Introduction:** John 3:16-17 <sup>16</sup> For God so LOVED the **world** that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever** believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the **world**, but that the **world** through Him might be saved. NKJV

John 14 :1-6 “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. <sup>2</sup> There is more than enough room in my Father’s home.<sup>[a]</sup> **If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?**<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>3</sup> When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.”

<sup>5</sup> “No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup> Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

**The Bible** 1 Peter 1:20-21. Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet’s own understanding,[a] 21 or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

Isaiah 46:9-10 Remember the things I have done in the past. For I alone am God! I am God, and there is none like me.<sup>10</sup> Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.

**Isaiah Prophecies** **Isaiah 37-** When King Hezekiah heard their report, he tore his clothes and put on burlap and went into the Temple of the Lord. <sup>2</sup> And he sent Eliakim the palace administrator, Shebna the court secretary, and the leading priests, all dressed in burlap, to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz. <sup>3</sup> They told him..... who are left!” <sup>5</sup> After King Hezekiah’s officials delivered the king’s message to Isaiah, <sup>6</sup> the prophet replied, “Say to your master, ‘This is what the Lord says: Do not be disturbed by this blasphemous speech against me from the Assyrian king’s messengers. <sup>7</sup> Listen! I myself will move against him,<sup>[b]</sup> and the king will receive a message that he is needed at home. So he will return to his land, where I will have him killed with a sword.’”

Isaiah 44:28-45:12<sup>28</sup> When I say of Cyrus, ‘He is my shepherd,’ he will certainly do as I say. He will command, ‘Rebuild Jerusalem’; he will say, ‘Restore the Temple.’” 45 This is what the Lord says to Cyrus, his anointed one, whose right hand he will empower. Before him, mighty kings will be paralyzed with fear. Their fortress gates will be opened, never to shut again.

Isaiah 45:3: "And I will give you the treasures of darkness and the riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the Lord, who call you by your name, am the God of Israel."

Isaiah 13 Isaiah son of Amoz received this message concerning the destruction of Babylon<sup>2</sup> “Raise a signal flag on a bare hilltop. Call up an army against Babylon....

Isaiah 7:14 <sup>14</sup> All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin<sup>[a]</sup> will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’)

Isaiah 9:6-7 <sup>6</sup> For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor,<sup>[a]</sup> Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.<sup>7</sup> His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies will make this happen

**Isaiah 53:1-9** <sup>13</sup> See, my servant will prosper; he will be highly exalted. <sup>14</sup> But many were amazed when they saw him.<sup>[a]</sup> His face was so disfigured he seemed hardly human, and from his appearance, one would scarcely know he was a man. <sup>15</sup> And he will startle<sup>[b]</sup> many nations. Kings will stand speechless in his presence. For they will see what they had not been told; they will understand what they had not heard about

Isaiah 53:3-12 He was **despised and rejected**— a man of sorrows,..... <sup>4</sup> **Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows<sup>[a]</sup> that weighed him down. ....But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. <sup>6</sup>. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all. He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup> Unjustly condemned,** he was led away.<sup>[b]</sup> No one cared that he died without descendants, that his life was cut short in midstream.<sup>[c]</sup> But he was struck down for the rebellion of my people. <sup>9</sup> He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. **But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man’s grave.** <sup>10</sup> But it was the Lord’s good plan to crush him and cause him grief. <sup>10</sup> **Yet when his life is made an offering for sin he will have many descendants.** He will enjoy a long life, and the Lord’s good plan will prosper in his hands. <sup>11</sup> When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, he will be satisfied. And because of his experience, **my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous,** for he will bear all their sins. <sup>12</sup> I will give him the honors of a victorious soldier, because he exposed himself to death He was counted among the rebels. He bore the sins of many and interceded for rebels.

**James the skeptic** (brothers James and Joseph and Judas and Simon)

John 7:2-5 <sup>2</sup> But soon it was time for the Jewish Festival of Shelters, <sup>3</sup> and Jesus’ brothers said to him, “Leave here and go to Judea, where your followers can see your miracles! <sup>4</sup> You can’t become famous if you hide like this! If you can do such wonderful things, show yourself to the world!” <sup>5</sup> For even his brothers didn’t believe in him

**James the believer** James **1** This letter is from James, a **slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ**. I am writing to the “twelve tribes”—Jewish believers scattered abroad. Greetings.

