

The Spiritual Realm - Lesson 4: Cross-Dimensional Communication From God

I. God reveals Himself through creation

God created the three-dimensional realm and the spiritual realm: **Colossians 1:16–17, Nehemiah 9:6**

God reveals Himself to humanity in His creation: **Romans 1:19–20**

II. God Reveals Himself through the Bible

1. Archaeology
2. Manuscript Evidence
3. Early Church Fathers' Writings
4. An Integrated Message
5. Prophecy — God Authenticates His Word

Prophecies about the Messiah:

1. Line of David: God promised that the Messiah would come from the line of David, Israel's greatest king.

Prophecies: **2 Samuel 7:12–13, Isaiah 11:1, Jeremiah 23:5** Fulfillment: **Matthew 1:1, Luke 1:32–33, Romans 1:3**

2. Virgin birth: The Messiah would be born of a virgin—an unmistakable supernatural sign.

Prophecy: **Isaiah 7:14** Fulfillment: **Matthew 1:22–23, Luke 1:34–35**

3. Birth in Bethlehem: The Messiah's birthplace was prophesied centuries before Jesus was born.

Prophecy: **Micah 5:2** Fulfillment: **Matthew 2:1, Luke 2:4–7**

4. Sojourning in Egypt: The Messiah would temporarily dwell in Egypt, then return.

Prophecy: **Hosea 11:1** Fulfillment: **Matthew 2:14–15**

5. Ministry in Galilee: The Messiah's ministry would shine brightly in Galilee of the nations.

Prophecy: **Isaiah 9:1–2** Fulfillment: **Matthew 4:12–16**

6. Betrayed: Even the price of His betrayal was foretold.

Prophecy: **Psalms 41:9, Zechariah 11:12–13** Fulfillment: **Matthew 26:14–16, 47–50, Matthew 27:3–10**

7. Pierced: Hundreds of years before crucifixion was invented, Scripture foretold the Messiah being pierced.

Prophecies: **Psalms 22:16, Zechariah 12:10, Isaiah 53:5** Fulfillment: **John 19:34–37, Luke 24:39–40**

8. Buried in a rich man's tomb: Despite dying among criminals, the Messiah would be buried with the wealthy.

Prophecy: **Isaiah 53:9** Fulfillment: **Matthew 27:57–60 (Joseph of Arimathea—a wealthy man)**

9. Raised on the third day: The resurrection was also foreshadowed in the Old Testament.

Prophecies: **Psalms 16:10, Hosea 6:2, Jonah 1:17 (Matthew 12:40)** Fulfillment: **Matthew 28:1–10, Luke 24:5–7, 1 Corinthians 15:3–4**

Prophecies of Daniel:

1. Daniel's Prophecy of Four Kingdoms (Daniel 2 & 7)

Prophecy: In Daniel 2 (Nebuchadnezzar's dream) and Daniel 7 (Daniel's vision), he predicts four empires: **Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome**

Fulfillment: All four unfolded in exact sequence. **Babylon:** Daniel lived in this empire, **Medo-Persia:** conquered Babylon in 539 BC, **Greece:** conquered Persia in 331 BC, **Rome:** the final dominant world empire.

2. The Rise of the Medo-Persian Empire (Daniel 8:3–4; 8:20)

Prophecy: Daniel describes a ram with two horns, one higher than the other—it represents the Medes and Persians, with Persia eventually becoming dominant. He even says: "The ram that you saw... they are the kings of Media and Persia." (**Dan. 8:20**)

Fulfillment: The Persians overtook the Medes, becoming the stronger partner. In 539 BC, Persia conquered Babylon exactly as Daniel predicted.

3. The Rise of Greece and Alexander the Great (Daniel 8:5–8, 21–22)

Prophecy: Daniel sees a goat representing Greece, with a notable horn representing its first great king—Alexander the Great.

Fulfillment: Alexander conquered Persia swiftly, exactly as described. He died suddenly at age 32. His empire split into four kingdoms (Macedon, Thrace, Egypt, Syria).

4. Antiochus Epiphanes (the “Little Horn”) — Daniel 8:9–14, 23–25

Prophecy: Daniel predicts a ruler who will arise from one of the four Greek divisions, attack Israel, stop sacrifices, desecrate the temple, exalt himself as god, persecute the Jews.

Fulfillment: Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175–164 BC). Emerged from the Seleucid kingdom (one of the four), invaded Jerusalem, stopped sacrifices, set up an image of Zeus in the Temple, sacrificed a pig on the altar (abomination of desolation), ruthlessly persecuted Jews. Exactly as Daniel prophesied.

5. The Exact Timeline to the Messiah (Daniel 9:24–27)

Prophecy: Daniel gives a timeline of 70 weeks (70 “sevens”) from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem to the coming of Messiah the Prince, who would then be “cut off” (killed) before Jerusalem and the Temple are destroyed again.

Fulfillment: The decree to rebuild Jerusalem was given in 445 BC. Counting forward the 69 “weeks” (483 years), using Jewish prophetic years (360 days), leads straight into the time of Jesus’ ministry and crucifixion. Jesus was “cut off” (crucified) exactly in this window. The Temple was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70—after the Messiah’s death, just as Daniel said.

6. The Death of Antiochus and Deliverance of the Jews (Daniel 11)

Daniel 11 contains many precise prophecies: Kings of Persia, the rise of Greece, war between the Ptolemies and Seleucids, Antiochus Epiphanes’ persecutions, his campaigns in Egypt, his desecration of the Temple, his sudden end.

Fulfillment: Every detail was fulfilled in the intertestamental period and recorded by historians like Josephus.

III. God Reveals Himself through Jesus the Messiah

John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

John 1:18 *No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*

Matthew 1:23 *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel.*

IV. God reveals Himself through the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit and Unbelievers

The Holy Spirit convicts unbelievers of their sin and need for salvation. **John 16:7–11**

The Holy Spirit and Believers:

The Holy Spirit indwells the believer at salvation. **1 Corinthians 6:19**

The Holy Spirit strengthens the inner man. **Ephesians 3:16**

The Holy Spirit assures believers of their identity as God’s children. **Romans 8:16**

The Holy Spirit guides into truth. **John 16:13**

The Holy Spirit calls believers to serve. **Acts 13:2–3**

The Holy Spirit gives guidance. **Acts 16:6–8**

Application:

Trust God’s Word as supernatural communication and timeless truth

Listen to God through His Word

Listen the Holy Spirit’s leading and prompting through God’s Word

Respond to God’s Word with submission and obedience