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How To Study the Bible



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God is Eternal

- ▶ The word eternal means everlasting, having no beginning and no end.
 - ▶ **Psalm 90:2 ESV** - Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
 - ▶ Before there was a universe and before there was time, God always existed.
 - ▶ **Genesis 1:1 ESV** - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
 - Since humans measure everything in time, it is very hard for us to conceive or understand something that had no beginning, but has always been, and will continue forever.

God's Prophetic Declarations or prophecies are what separate Him from ever false god or idol

- ▶ **Isaiah 44:6-8 NIV** - "This is what the Lord says—Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. 7 Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come—yes, let them foretell what will come. 8 Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."
- ▶ **Isaiah 46:9-10 NLT** - Remember the things I have done in the past. For I alone am God! I am God, and there is none like me. 10 Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I desire.
- ▶ **Isaiah 48:5-6 NLT** - That is why I told you what would happen; I told you beforehand what I was going to do. Then you could never say, 'My idols did it. My wooden image and metal god commanded it to happen!' 6 You have heard my predictions and seen them fulfilled, but you refuse to admit it. Now I will tell you new things, secrets you have not yet heard.

Question: What is Prophecy?

Prophecy is the divine communication of God's will, often foretelling future events or conveying messages of moral and spiritual significance

Question: What is the purpose of prophecy?

The Purpose of Biblical Prophecy is for everyone to know the who, what, when, where, why, and how about Jesus.

- ▶ **Revelation 19:10 NLT** - Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said, "No, don't worship me. I am a servant of God, just like you and your brothers and sisters who testify about their faith in Jesus. Worship only God. For the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus."
 - ▶ **Revelation 19:10 NIV** - For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.
 - ▶ **Revelation 19:10 KJV** - for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
 - ▶ **Revelation 19:10 AMP** - For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy [His life and teaching are the heart of prophecy].

So, Biblical Prophecy is the means by which God decided to reveal His Plan of Redemption for humanity through His Son, Jesus Christ.

- ▶ **2 Peter 1:21 NIV** - For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit continue forever.

Question: Why can we believe that Jesus is who He said He is?

Christians believe that Jesus is who He Says He is by the clear teaching of Scripture which contains ¼ Biblical Prophecies of Jesus.

- ▶ The Old Testament instructs believers concerning the person and work of Jesus, the promised Messiah. His birth, His death, His resurrection, His return and His kingdom are all revealed in the Hebrew Bible.
 - ▶ **Old Testament Prophecy— Isaiah 7:14 NIV** - Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
 - ▶ **New Testament Fulfillment—Matthew 1:22-23 NIV** - All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

SURPRISING FACTS

- ▶ Roughly 1/4 of the Bible is made up of prophecies, including many about the promised Messiah, which predicted various things about his identity and actions. There are 8352 verses that are prophetic prophecies; 6312 already happened. There are 2040 still to happen - 215 about Christ Return.
- ▶ Scholars believe there are more than 365 prophecies Jesus fulfilled personally when He came. (19 in Genesis alone & 46 in the books of the Law 100 in the Psalms and the Writings, and 200 in the Prophets) about Jesus in the Old Testament." This further highlights Jesus' central role in the Old Testament. This solidifies Jesus in Luke 24:44-46.
- ▶ There are 40 different records or sources that refer to Jesus' life in antiquity
- ▶ Tiberius Julius Caesar Augustus only has 10 sources

What is the probability that Jesus could fulfill these prophecies?

- ▶ The 300+ prophecies about Jesus mentioned in the Bible were written between 500 and 1000 years before Jesus was even born.
- ▶ The mathematical chances that any one person could fulfill all of them is one chance in a trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion!

Moment of Reflection: How did this lesson impact you today?

