

Introduction

What is a prophecy?

Many people have many ideas about what a prophecy is. Merriam-Webster gives this definition:

1. an inspired utterance of a prophet
2. the function or vocation of a prophet
specifically: the inspired declaration of divine will and purpose
3. a divinely inspired utterance or revelation: oracular prophecies a prediction of something to come

This document covers prophecies that fall under the third definition, "a prediction of something to come." Of course most these prophecies have already occurred but when they were written they were "predictions of something to come."

The word prediction, however, is a false word to use for biblical prophecies. With biblical prophecies, the word "prediction" can be eliminated. As you'll be able to see with the sections of this document that cover prophecies that have occurred, biblical prophecies aren't predictions; they are descriptions of events, most have taken place; others haven't -- yet. .

It is commonly estimated that over 1/3 of the bible is prophecy. Most sources state that over 300 of them have been fulfilled. .

All the Bible quotes in this document are from the New King James Version of the Bible.

The remainder of this introduction is an excerpt from Josh McDowell in his book, **Evidence That Demands A Verdict**.

"The following probabilities are taken from Peter Stoner in *Science Speaks* to show that coincidence is ruled out by the science of probability. Stoner says that by using the modern science of probability in reference to eight prophecies ... We find that the chance that any man might have lived down to the present time and fulfilled all eight prophecies is 1 in 10 to the 17th power. That would be 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000.

In order to help us comprehend this staggering probability, Stoner illustrates it by supposing that we take this many silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all of the state two feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly, all over the state. Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and say that this is the right one.

Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing these eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one man, from their day to the present time."

Despite these staggering odds, Jesus Christ fulfilled 300 while on earth (with 200 more yet to be fulfilled). This leaves no doubt that He is truly the Messiah, God the Son!