

II. Looking from the outside in through history—what about fulfilled prophecy?

Isa. 44:26ff Isaiah prophesied Cyrus as founder & ruler of Persia 100 years before Cyrus was born—150 years before he ruled.

Jer. 25 & 29 Jeremiah predicted the Jews would be held captive for 70 years.

Ezra 1:1 “Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, **that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled**, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, **and also put it in writing...**”

FULFILLED PROPHECIES CONCERNING CHRIST		
Topic	Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament Fulfillment
Line of Abraham	Genesis 12:2	Matthew 1:1; Galatians 3:16
Line of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Matthew 1:2
Line of David	2 Samuel 7:12-16	Matthew 1:1
Virgin birth	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:23
Birthplace: Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:6
Forerunner: John	Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1	Matthew 3:3
King	Numbers 24:17; Psalm 2:6	Matthew 21:5
Prophet	Deuteronomy 18:15-18	Acts 3:22-23
Priest	Psalm 110:4	Hebrews 5:6-10
Bore world's sins	Psalm 22:1	Matthew 27:46
Ridiculed	Psalm 22:7,8	Matthew 27:39,43
Hands and feet pierced	Psalm 22:16	John 20:25
No bones broken	Psalm 22:17	John 19:33-36
Soldiers gambled	Psalm 22:18	John 19:24
Christ's prayer	Psalm 22:24	Matthew 26:39; Hebrews 5:7
Disfigured	Isaiah 52:14	John 19:1
Scourging and death	Isaiah 53:5	John 19:1, 18
Resurrection	Psalm 16:10; 22:22	Matthew 28:6; Acts 2:27-28
Ascension	Psalm 68:18	Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-11

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III. Textual critics—can the Bible hold its own?

- ✓ There is plenty of “text-to-text” comparison that can be done.
- ✓ Dead Sea Scrolls showed the later versions of the OT to essentially be the same as the older ones.
- ✓ NT scholars conclude that 99.99% of original writings have been reclaimed.

Application #1: Remember why you believe—you’ve been given a gift! (cf. Eph. 2:8,9; Rom. 8:5-9; 1 Cor. 2:14)

“The Word comes first, and with the Word the Spirit breathes upon my heart so that I believe.”
(Martin Luther).

Faith picks up where facts leave off.
(Heb. 11:1)

Application #2: What areas of your life are the hardest to surrender to God’s authoritative Word?
