

The Basis of Biblical Prophecy

Introduction:

1. The Bible as Scripture is valid. Its claim is ***Divine Authorship*** (2 Pet 1:16-21) For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. {17} For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. {18} And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. {19} We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: {20} Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. {21} For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but ***holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*** (Job 32:8) But there is a spirit in man: and the ***inspiration*** of the Almighty giveth them understanding. (2 Tim 3:15-17) And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. {16} ***All scripture is given by inspiration of God***, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: {17} That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
2. The Whole of the Bible is Divinely Inspired
 - A. The Old Testament

(Rom 15:4) For whatsoever ***things were written aforetime*** (Old Testament) were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort ***of the scriptures*** might have hope.

B. The New Testament

(2 Pet 3:14-16) Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. {15} And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; {16} ***As also in all his epistles***, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which ***they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures***, unto their own destruction.

3. One of the overwhelming proofs of Scripture validity is the accuracy of Old Testament Prophecy

A. Justin Martyr – “To declare that a thing shall come to be, long before it is in being, and then to bring about the accomplishment of that very thing according to the same declaration, this or nothing is the work of God.”

B. No Old Testament Prophecy is more important than Daniel.

I. **The Witness of Fulfilled Prediction**

A. Daniel 2:19-49 Nebuchadnezzar Dream

B. Daniel 7:13-14

C. Daniel 9:24-27 – Daniel 70 Weeks prophecy

II. **The Witness of The Lord**

A. Jesus used the term “Son of Man” from Daniel

B. Jesus Speaks of Daniel as a real person – “Daniel *the Prophet*”

C. Jesus Quotes 3 times from Daniel in the Olivet Discourse
(Mt. 24, 25)

1. Instruction on when to leave Jerusalem in the Tribulation
What sign to look for.

(Mat 24:15) When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

(Dan 8:13) Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

(Dan 9:27) And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

(Dan 11:31) And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

(Dan 12:11) And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

2. The Description of the coming Great Tribulation

(Mat 24:21) For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

(Dan 12:1) And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

3. The Description of His own Second Coming

(Mat 24:30) And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

(Dan 7:13-14) I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. {14} And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

D. Jesus Quotes Daniel during his trial

(Mat 26:62-65) And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? {63} But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. {64} Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, **Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right**

hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. {65} Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.

- E. Daniel 7:13-14 forms the base for all of Jesus' pronouncement concerning His second coming

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(Mat 10:23) But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

(Mat 16:27-28) For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. {28} Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

(Mat 19:28) And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

(Mat 24:30) And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

(Mat 25:31) When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: