



This section contains evidence for God in the world around us and through the bible. This is perhaps the most important section if you are an unbeliever.

The Universe

The Universe (By Marilyn Adamson)

Scientists are convinced that our universe began with one enormous explosion of energy and light, which we now call the Big Bang. This was the singular start to everything that exists: the beginning of the universe, the start of space, and even the initial start of time itself. Astrophysicist Robert Jastrow, a self-described agnostic, stated, "The seed of everything that has happened in the Universe was planted in that first instant; every star, every planet and every living creature in the Universe came into being as a result of events that were set in motion in the moment of the cosmic explosion...The Universe flashed into being, and we cannot find out what caused that to happen." Steven Weinberg, a Nobel laureate in Physics, said at the moment of this explosion, "the universe was about a hundred thousands million degrees Centigrade...and the universe was filled with light." The universe has not always existed. It had a start...what caused that? Scientists have no explanation for the sudden explosion of light and matter.

In a book entitled "Science Speaks" by Peter Stoner, he proceeds to present scientific evidence in behalf of special creation. For example, he points out that science had previously taught that special creation was impossible because matter could not be destroyed or created. He then points out that atomic physics had now proved that energy can be turned into matter and matter into energy. He then considers the order of creation as presented in Genesis 1:1-13. He presents argument after argument from a scientific viewpoint to sustain the order which Genesis chronicles. He then asks, "What chance did Moses have when writing the first chapter (of Genesis) of getting thirteen items all accurate and in satisfactory order?" His calculations conclude it would be one chance in 31,135,104,000,000,000,000,000 (1 in 31 x 1021). He concludes, "Perhaps God wrote such an account in Genesis so that in these latter days, when science has greatly developed, we would be able to verify His account and know for a certainty that God created this planet and the life on it."

The Universe (By Chuck Missler)

The Nature of Light

Not only have recent scientific articles highlighted the discoveries that the speed of light has changed over the centuries (something that Barry Setterfield has been declaring for decades) the very nature of light has ripped open the entire world of quantum physics that has shattered our concepts of reality itself.

The changes in the velocity of light not only impacts our understanding of the astronomical distances and properties, it affects the atomic behavior involved in the red shift of spectra, the reliability of radiological dating, etc. It is the peculiar properties of photons themselves that continue to astonish the quantum physicists wrestling with the very nature of our physical existence. It is now recognized that subatomic particles lack a property known as "locality." All subatomic particles are now understood to be immediately connected. There is a simultaneity - a "non-locality" - among all photons that has been confirmed in the laboratory. It now appears that our entire universe may actually be a gigantic hologram of some kind. 9

The Fabric of Space

Most of us assume that space is simply an empty vacuum with nothing "in it." However, it is increasingly evident that even empty space has astonishing properties that have yet to be fully understood. We now know that this "firmament," (raqia) which the Scripture presents, possesses electromagnetic properties including dielectric permittivity, magnetic permeability, an intrinsic impedance, and has an astonishing "zero-point" energy sufficient to keep all the electrons in the entire universe in their orbits. The term "stretching the heavens" appears at least 17 times in the Scriptures.

According to the Scriptures, the heavens can be "torn," "worn out" like a garment, "shaken," "burnt up," "split apart" like a scroll, rolled up" like a mantle or a scroll. The concept of being "rolled up" carries some additional insights. There must be some dimension in which space is "thin." If space can be "bent," there must be a direction it can be bent toward. Thus, this tells us that there must be additional dimensions beyond those of space itself. It is now understood that we live in even more than four dimensions: ten dimensions is the current estimate (which is precisely what Nachmonides concluded in his commentary on Genesis back in the 13th century!) The more we understand from the current perspectives of modern physics, the more comfortable we are with the chronicle in Genesis One.

The Architecture of the Solar System

The more we study our solar system, the more questions get raised. Here, too, the prevailing assumptions that are broadly taught are totally specious. The "Nebular Hypothesis," that the planets were somehow thrown off by the sun, is mathematically untenable. There is no plausible explanation that would support a solar origin of the planets. The sun contains 99.86% of all the mass of the solar system, and yet contains only 1.9% of the angular momentum. The nine planets contain 98.1%. Furthermore, the outer planets are far larger than the inner ones. (Jupiter is 5,750 times as massive as mercury, 2,958 times as massive as Mars, etc.)

There are many other provocative enigmas concerning our planetary history:

- There are three pairs of rapid-spin rates among our planets: Mars and Earth, Jupiter and Saturn, and Neptune and Uranus, are each within 3% of each other. Why?
- Earth and Mars have virtually identical spin axis tilts (about 23.5). Why? (From angular momentum and orbital calculations, it would seem that the three pairs of these planets may have been brought here from elsewhere.)
- Why does Mars have 93% of its craters in one hemisphere and only 7% in the other? It would appear that over 80% occurred within a single half-hour!

It's almost as if God designed it to challenge any naturalistic hypotheses!

The Bible

This section is split into many subsections because the bible IS the primary way that God proves Himself to us. To prove the content in the bible is from God first we have to authenticate that the bible is the same today as when it was written as discussed below by Chuck Missler.

*And you shall know the truth,
and the truth shall make you free.
John 8:32*

If you want to watch a 15 minute video instead of reading the sections below, I recommend "Why Should I Trust the Bible?" by Impact Video Ministries on YouTube. You can find it here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1Ncbu5OHQU and here: fluidicice.com/salvation as a backup if YouTube has taken it down.

The Christian Scriptures are historically outstanding, deserving serious consideration. One could even say that the history of the Bible is so compelling that to doubt the Bible is to doubt history itself since the Bible is the most historically verifiable book of all antiquity. The only book more historically verifiable than the Old Testament (the Hebrew Bible) is the New Testament. Consider the following:

- More manuscripts exist for the New Testament than for any other of antiquity—it has 5,000 ancient Greek manuscripts, 24,000 in all including other languages. The multiplicity of manuscripts allows for a tremendous research base by which we can test the texts against each other and identify what the originals said.
- The manuscripts of the New Testament are closer in age to the originals than are any other document of antiquity. All of the originals were written within the time of the contemporaries (eyewitnesses), in the first century A.D., and we currently have parts of manuscript dating back to A.D. 125. Whole book copies surface by A.D. 200, and the complete New Testament can be found dating back to A.D. 250. Having all the books of the New Testament initially written within the times of eyewitnesses means that the books did not have time to devolve into myth and folklore. Plus, their truth claims were held accountable by members of the Church who, as personal witnesses to the events, could check the facts.
- The New Testament documents are more accurate than any other of antiquity. John R. Robinson in Honest to God reports that the New Testament documents are 99.9 percent accurate (most accurate of any complete antique book). Bruce Metzger, an expert in the Greek New Testament, suggests a more modest 99.5 percent.

How We Got Our Bible (By Chuck Missler) - www.khouse.org/articles/2016/1260/

The Bible is the single most important book of all time, selling an estimated 5 billion copies. It has been translated into 349 languages, and 2,123 languages have at least one book of the Bible. At the same time, the Bible is scrutinized and attacked more than any other book in the world. It has been outlawed, confiscated and burned at different times and places in history. It has been smuggled into jail cells and across borders. John Huss was burned at the stake for teaching from the Bible as the final authority for the Church over any earthly church rulers. William Tyndale was strangled and burned for translating the Bible into English. Every week, millions of Christians gather to discuss its words, even as "higher" critics attempt to explain it through the lens of metaphysical naturalism. What we believe about the Bible can be the most important, central issue in our lives, threading its way into the very fabric of who we are and how we live each day.

Where did the Bible come from? Why do we believe its origin is supernatural? Who defined the canon of Scripture? Most importantly, is the Bible the Word of God? You and I are gambling our eternity on the answer to that last question. Why do we believe God is the author of the Bible, and can each one of us defend that belief? Dark times are on the horizon, and it is increasingly important that we learn to live by faith. Where we place our faith fully depends on how we view the Scriptures.

The Nature of Reality

Within recent years, many members of Protestant denominational churches and the Roman Catholic Church have turned away from the Bible as the fully inspired Word of God. We hear arguments that the Bible contradicts itself or that it contradicts the "truths" of modern culture and science. Many people say the Bible contains the Word of God, but cannot be relied on to be the Word of God in all its entirety. This is a key issue. Is the Bible really true?

Two World Views

Ultimately, there are two basic world views we can hold. One view regards everything we experience as the result of some cosmic accident. "In the Beginning there was nothing, and then it exploded." The other view is that everything we experience is the deliberate result of a Creator. Of course, there are numerous variations on each of these views, but each of us must decide where we will place our trust. Each of these world views holds possible solutions to the biggest puzzles of life:

Who am I?, Where did I come from?, Where am I going?, To whom am I accountable?, It is ultimately important that we find the true answers to these questions.

You and I live in a time of rebellion and self-worship. Parental and marital authority are challenged in the homes and courts. Political, academic and ecclesiastical authority are challenged across the land.

Here, near the very beginning, we are introduced to Satan, the serpent, our adversary, and the first thing we see him do is question God's Word. "Yea, hath God said?"

His next step is to slander God's character with straight denial. "Ye shall not surely die." (Gen 3:4). Thus, Satan encouraged the rejection of God's authority at the very beginning, while humanity was yet in its infancy. Eve failed to trust God, Adam followed her in directly disobeying what God had told him, and humankind lost everything as a result.

"Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"
Genesis 3:1

We find the same pattern today. A number of social indicators deteriorate rapidly after 1963 in the United States. There were fewer than 10 births per 1000 unmarried teen women (ages 15-19) prior to 1947, and between 1955 and 1964, the number remained steadily between 15 and 16. After 1964, however, the numbers of teenagers giving birth out of wedlock climbed steadily during the next 30 years to more than 46 births per 1000 teen women in 1994. Divorce rates escalated, families broke up, crime rates rose, and the acceptance of homosexuality became commonplace. As of 2015, more than 58 million unborn children have been murdered in the United States because they were considered inconvenient. Fifty-eight million. That is nearly ten times the number of Jewish victims in the Holocaust.

It's noteworthy that in 1963, as a result of the combined court cases Abington School District v. Schempp and Murray v. Curlett, the U.S. Supreme Court banned school-led reading of the Bible and recital of the Lord's Prayer. These court cases alleged to uphold the principles of freedom and human dignity, yet the end result of turning our backs on God has been destruction and misery. As we choose our own way over God's way, we're losing everything. There is little dignity in divorce or high crime rates. It is ironic that the elements we most desire in life are rarely attained through our own weak wisdom and fleshly desires. After trying our own methods, over and over again we have had to learn that we experience human dignity and true freedom only through moral obedience and accountability to the Creator who fashioned human beings for a high spiritual destiny.

Facing the Skeptics

Skeptics have brutally attacked the Bible throughout history, and during the past century it has become popular among intellectuals to regard the Bible as merely a conglomeration of Jewish writings. It's considered respectable to dispute the authorship of the books of the Bible and to disregard fulfilled prophecy as events reported after-the-fact.

In 1898, Hermann Schultz, professor of Theology at the University of Gottingen, declared:

"Of the legendary character of the pre-Mosaic narrators, the time of which they treat is a sufficient proof. It was a time prior to all knowledge of writing, a time separated by an interval of more than four hundred years, of which there is absolutely no history."

Yet, the patriarchal accounts in the Bible have been corroborated by archeological evidence. The information we have of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob matches the culture we know of that time in history. Job, the contemporary of Abraham, had the ability to write. Sumerian cuneiform writing certainly predates Moses by much more than 400 years; Ira Spar at the Metropolitan Museum of Art notes that, "By the middle of the third millennium B.C., cuneiform primarily written on clay tablets was used for a vast array of economic, religious, political, literary, and scholarly documents." The old criticism that no written language existed in Moses' day has been proven to be false.

The theories that the Gospels and the Epistles were written in the second century, over a hundred years after the fact, have been shredded and refuted by archeological discoveries, documentary discoveries and competent analysis. The common skeptical assertions thrown about in "academic" circles can be shown to be short-sighted.

As we read the Bible, we find there are a number of highly significant verses found at the address "3:16."

John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

1 John 3:16 *"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."*

1 Corinthians 3:16 *"Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"*

2 Timothy 3:16 *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"*

2 Timothy 3:16 is one of these significant "3:16" verses — a little fact that makes it easy to remember its address. This particular verse gives us a foundational message, and we should read it carefully and take it to heart:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God..." Note this verse says, "All Scripture" — not just certain passages that we might select because we like them best. If we accept only those parts of the Bible that suit us and reject the others, then we are believing in ourselves and our own (unreliable) judgment rather than in the Scripture.

Biblical Genealogy Codes (Chuck Missler)

The great discovery is that the Bible is a message system: it's not simply 66 books penned by 40 authors over thousands of years, the Bible is an integrated whole which bears evidence of supernatural engineering in every detail. The Jewish rabbis have a quaint way of expressing this very idea: they say that they will not understand the Scriptures until the Messiah comes. But when He comes, He will not only interpret each of the passages for us, He will interpret the very words; He will even interpret the very letters themselves; in fact, He will even interpret the spaces between the letters! When I first heard this, I simply dismissed this as a colourful exaggeration. Until I reread Matthew 5:17-18:

"Think not that I have come to destroy the Torah and the prophets; I have not come to destroy but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." **Matthew 5:17-18**

(A jot and tittle are the Hebrew equivalent of our dotting an i and the crossing of a t.)

A remarkable example of this can be glimpsed in Genesis Chapter 5, where we have the genealogy of Adam through Noah. This is one of those chapters which we often tend to skim over quickly as we pass through Genesis, it's simply a genealogy from Adam to Noah. But God always rewards the diligent student. Let's examine this chapter more closely. In our Bible, we read the Hebrew names. What do these names mean in English?

The meaning of proper names can be a difficult pursuit since a direct translation is often not readily available. Even a conventional Hebrew lexicon can prove disappointing. A study of the original roots, however, can yield some fascinating insights. (A caveat: many study aids, such as a conventional lexicon, can prove rather superficial when dealing with proper nouns. Furthermore, views concerning the meanings of original roots are not free of controversy and variant readings.)

Methuselah comes from muth, a root that means "death"; and from shalach, which means "to bring", or "to send forth". The name Methuselah means, "his death shall bring". Methuselah's father was given a prophecy of the coming Great Flood, and was apparently told that as long as his son was alive, the judgment of the flood would be withheld; but as soon as he died, the flood would be brought or sent forth. And, indeed, the year that Methuselah died, the flood came. It is interesting that Methuselah's life, in effect, was a symbol of God's mercy in forestalling the coming judgment of the flood. Therefore, it is fitting that his lifetime is the oldest in the Bible, speaking of the extensiveness of God's mercy. If there is such significance in Methuselah's name, let's examine the other names to see what may lie behind them.

Adam	Adam's name means "man". As the first man, that seems straight forward enough.
Seth	Adam's son was named Seth, which means "appointed". Eve said, "For God hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew."
Enosh	Seth's son was called Enosh, which means "mortal, frail, or miserable". It is from the root anash, "to be incurable", used of a wound, grief, woe, sickness, or wickedness. It was in the days of Enosh that men began to defile the name of the Living God.
Kenan	Enosh's son was named Kenan, which can mean "sorrow, dirge, or elegy". (The precise denotation is somewhat elusive; some study aids unfortunately presume that Kenan is synonymous with Cainan.) Balaam, looking down from the heights of Moab, uses a pun upon the name of the Kenites when he prophesies their destruction. We have no real idea as to why these names were chosen for their children. Often they may have referred to circumstances at birth, and so on.
Mahalalel	Kenan's son was Mahalalel, from mahalal which means blessed or praise; and El, the name for God. Thus, Mahalalel means the "Blessed God". Often Hebrew names include El, the name of God, as Dan-i-el, "God is my Judge", etc.
Jared	Mahalalel's son was named Jared, from the verb yaradh, meaning "shall come down".
Enoch	Jared's son was named Enoch, which means "teaching, or commencement". He was the first of four generations of preachers. In fact, the earliest recorded prophecy was by Enoch, which amazingly enough deals with the Second Coming of Christ (although it is quoted in the Book of Jude in the New Testament)
Methuselah	Enoch was the father of Methuselah, who we have already mentioned. Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah. Apparently, Enoch received the prophecy of the Great Flood, and was told that as long as his son was alive, the judgment of the flood would be withheld. The year that Methuselah died, the flood came. Enoch, of course, never died; he was translated (raptured). That's how Methuselah can be the oldest man in the Bible, yet he died before his father!
Lamech	Methuselah's son was named Lamech, a root still evident today in our own English word, "lament or lamentation". Lamech suggests despairing. (This name is also linked to the Lamech in Cain's line who inadvertently killed his son Tubal-Cain in a hunting incident.)
Noah	Lamech, of course, is the father of Noah, which is derived from nacham, "to bring relief or comfort", as Lamech himself explains in Genesis 5:29.

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With all the meanings combined something remarkable happens:

[Adam] **Man (is)** [Seth] **appointed** [Enosh] **mortal sorrow; (but)** [Mahalalel] **the Blessed God** [Jared] **shall come down** [Enoch] **teaching (that)** [Methuselah] **His death shall bring (the)** [Lamech] **despairing** [Noah] **rest.**

Man is appointed mortal sorrow; but the Blessed God shall come down teaching, that His death shall bring the despairing rest.

Here's the Gospel hidden within a genealogy in Genesis! There's no way that a group of Jewish rabbis conspired to hide the Christian Gospel right here in a genealogy within their venerated Torah! The implications of this discovery are more wide spread than is evident at first glance. It demonstrates that in the earliest chapters of the Book of Genesis, God had already laid out His plan of redemption for the predicament of mankind. It is a love story, written in blood on a wooden cross which was erected in Judea almost 2,000 years ago. The Bible is an integrated message system, the product of supernatural engineering. Every number, every place name, every detail, every jot and tittle is there for our learning, our discovery, and our amazement. Truly, our God is an awesome God.

It is astonishing to discover how many Biblical controversies seem to evaporate if one simply recognizes the unity and the integrity of these 66 books, penned by 40 authors over thousands of years. It is remarkable how many subtle discoveries lie behind the little details of the text. Some of these become immediately obvious with a little study; some are more technical and require special helps.

To continue the lineage:

[Shem] The fame of [Arphaxad] the stronghold of Babylon and its boundary [Cainan] and sorrow [Shelah] extend like a plant [Eber] beyond the region [Peleg] of division [Reu] A friend [Serug] branches out, [Nahor] snoring [Terah] with fury!

The fame of Babylon's fortress and sorrow extend like a plant beyond the place of division (the tower of Babel) A friend (also) branches out, enraged with fury!

[Abraham] The glorious father [Isaac] laughs [Jacob] as He outwits

A glorious father, the father of a multitude, laughs as he outwits (his enemy)

[Judah] one who praises Jehovah [Perez] breaks open a way [Hezron] an area surrounded by a wall [Ram] of great height! [Amminadab] O' my people of the Prince, [Nahshon] a prophet [Salmon] clothed [Boaz] with strength, [Obad] who serves, [Jesse] is here! [David] out of love [Solomon] His payment makes peace [Rehoboam] and sets the people free!

One who praises the Lord breaks open a way (into) an area surrounded by a wall of great height. O' my people who belong to the Prince, a prophet clothed with strength, who serves (the Lord), is here! One well-loved, peaceful, and who sets the people free.

Complexity (By Marilyn Adamson)

The complexity of our planet points to a deliberate Designer who not only created our universe, but sustains it today. The Earth...its size is perfect. The Earth's size and corresponding gravity holds a thin layer of mostly nitrogen and oxygen gases, only extending about 50 miles above the Earth's surface. If Earth were smaller, an atmosphere would be impossible, like the planet Mercury. If Earth were larger, its atmosphere would contain free hydrogen, like Jupiter. Earth is the only known planet equipped with an atmosphere of the right mixture of gases to sustain plant, animal and human life. The Earth is located the right distance from the sun. Consider the temperature swings we encounter, roughly -30°C (86°F) to +120°C (248°F). If the Earth were any further away from the sun, we would all freeze. Any closer and we would burn up. Even a fractional variance in the Earth's position to the sun would make life on Earth impossible. The Earth remains this perfect distance from the sun while it rotates around the sun at a speed of nearly 67,000 mph. It is also rotating on its axis, allowing the entire surface of the Earth to be properly warmed and cooled every day. And our moon is the perfect size and distance from the Earth for its gravitational pull. The moon creates important ocean tides and movement so ocean waters do not stagnate, and yet our massive oceans are restrained from spilling over across the continents.

Water...colourless, odourless and without taste, and yet no living thing can survive without it. Plants, animals and human beings consist mostly of water (about two-thirds of the human body is water). You'll see why the characteristics of water are uniquely suited to life: It has wide margin between its boiling point and freezing point. Water allows us to live in an environment of fluctuating temperature changes, while keeping our bodies a steady 37°C (98.6°F). Water is a universal solvent. This property of water means that various chemicals, minerals and nutrients can be carried throughout our bodies and into the smallest blood vessels. Water is also chemically neutral. Without affecting the makeup of the substances it carries, water enables food, medicines and minerals to be absorbed and used by the body. Water has a unique surface tension. Water in plants can therefore flow upward against gravity, bringing life-giving water and nutrients to the top of even the tallest trees.

Water freezes from the top down and floats, so fish can live in the winter. Ninety-seven percent of the Earth's water is in the oceans. But on our Earth, there is a system designed which removes salt from the water and then distributes that water throughout the globe. Evaporation takes the ocean waters, leaving the salt, and forms clouds which are easily moved by the wind to disperse water over the land, for vegetation, animals and people. It is a system of purification and supply that sustains life on this planet, a system of recycled and reused water.

The human brain...simultaneously processes an amazing amount of information. Your brain takes in all the colours and objects you see, the temperature around you, the pressure of your feet against the floor, the sounds around you, the dryness of your mouth, even the texture of your keyboard. Your brain holds and processes all your emotions, thoughts and memories. At the same time your brain keeps track of the ongoing functions of your body like your breathing pattern, eyelid movement, hunger and movement of the muscles in your hands. The human brain processes more than a million messages a second. Your brain weighs the importance of all this data, filtering out the relatively unimportant. This screening function is what allows you to focus and operate effectively in your world. The brain functions differently than other organs. There is an intelligence to it, the ability to reason, to produce feelings, to dream and plan, to take action, and relate to other people. The eye...can distinguish among seven million colours. It has automatic focusing and handles an astounding 1.5 million messages -- simultaneously. Evolution focuses on mutations and changes from and within existing organisms. Yet evolution alone does not fully explain the initial source of the eye or the brain -- the start of living organisms from nonliving matter.

DNA Code**DNA Code (By Marilyn Adamson)**

All instruction, all teaching, all training comes with intent. Someone who writes an instruction manual does so with purpose. Did you know that in every cell of our bodies there exists a very detailed instruction code, much like a miniature computer program? As you may know, a computer program is made up of ones and zeros, like this: 11001010101000. The way they are arranged tell the computer program what to do. The DNA code in each of our cells is very similar. It's made up of four chemicals that scientists abbreviate as A, T, G, and C. These are arranged in the human cell like this: CGTGTACTCGCTCTGAT and so on.

There are three billion of these letters in every human cell! Well, just like you can program your phone to beep for specific reasons, DNA instructs the cell. DNA is a three-billion-lettered program telling the cell to act in a certain way. It is a full instruction manual. Why is this so amazing? One has to ask, how did this information program wind up in each human cell? These are not just chemicals. These are chemicals that instruct, that code in a very detailed way exactly how the person's body should develop. Natural, biological causes are completely lacking as an explanation when programmed information is involved. You cannot find instruction, precise information like this, without someone intentionally constructing it.

God Pursues Us**God Pursues Us (By Marilyn Adamson)**

"I was an atheist at one time. And like many atheists, the issue of people believing in God bothered me greatly. What is it about atheists that we would spend so much time, attention, and energy refuting something that we don't believe even exists? What causes us to do that? When I was an atheist, I attributed my intentions as caring for those poor, delusional people...to help them realize their hope was completely ill-founded. To be honest, I also had another motive. As I challenged those who believed in God, I was deeply curious to see if they could convince me otherwise. Part of my quest was to become free from the question of God. If I could conclusively prove to believers that they were wrong, then the issue is off the table, and I would be free to go about my life. I didn't realize that the reason the topic of God weighed so heavily on my mind, was because God was pressing the issue."

"I have come to find out that God wants to be known. He created us with the intention that we would know him. He has surrounded us with evidence of himself and he keeps the question of his existence squarely before us. It was as if I couldn't escape thinking about the possibility of God. In fact, the day I chose to acknowledge God's existence, my prayer began with, "Ok, you win..." It might be that the underlying reason atheists are bothered by people believing in God is because God is actively pursuing them. I am not the only one who has experienced this. Malcolm Muggeridge, socialist and philosophical author, wrote, "I had a notion that somehow, besides questing, I was being pursued." C.S. Lewis said he remembered, "...night after night, feeling whenever my mind lifted even for a second from my work, the steady, unrelenting approach of Him whom I so earnestly desired not to meet. I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed; perhaps, that night, the most dejected and reluctant convert in all of England." Lewis went on to write a book titled, "Surprised by Joy" as a result of knowing God. I too had no expectations other than rightfully admitting God's existence. Yet over the following several months, I became amazed by his love for me."

Jesus Christ**Jesus Christ (By Marilyn Adamson)**

Why Jesus? Look throughout the major world religions and you'll find that Buddha, Muhammad, Confucius and Moses all identified themselves as teachers or prophets. None of them ever claimed to be equal to God. Surprisingly, Jesus did. That is what sets Jesus apart from all the others. He said God exists and you're looking at him. Though he talked about his Father in heaven, it was not from the position of separation, but of very close union, unique to all humankind. Jesus said that anyone who had seen Him had seen the Father, anyone who believed in him, believed in the Father. He said, "I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."¹⁴ He claimed attributes belonging only to God: to be able to forgive people of their sin, free them from habits of sin, give people a more abundant life and give them eternal life in heaven. Unlike other teachers who focused people on their words, Jesus pointed people to himself. He did not say, "follow my words and you will find truth." He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father but through me."

What proof did Jesus give for claiming to be divine? He did what people can't do. Jesus performed miracles. He healed people...blind, crippled, deaf, even raised a couple of people from the dead. He had power over objects...created food out of thin air, enough to feed crowds of several thousand people. He performed miracles over nature...walked on top of a lake, commanding a raging storm to stop for some friends. People everywhere followed Jesus, because he constantly met their needs, doing the miraculous. He said if you do not want to believe what I'm telling you, you should at least believe in me based on the miracles you're seeing.

Jesus Christ showed God to be gentle, loving, aware of our self-centeredness and shortcomings, yet deeply wanting a relationship with us. Jesus revealed that although he views us as sinners, worthy of his punishment, his love for us ruled and he came up with a different plan. God himself took on the form of man and accepted the punishment for our sin on our behalf. Sounds ludicrous? Perhaps, but many loving fathers would gladly trade places with their child in a cancer ward if they could. The Bible says that the reason we would love God is because he first loved us. Jesus died in our place so we could be forgiven. Of all the religions known to humanity, only through Jesus will you see God reaching toward humanity, providing a way for us to have a relationship with him. Jesus proves a divine heart of love, meeting our needs, drawing us to himself.

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, he offers us a new life today. We can be forgiven, fully accepted by God and genuinely loved by God. He says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love, therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."17 This is God, in action. Does God exist? If you want to know, investigate Jesus Christ. We're told that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." God does not force us to believe in him, though he could. Instead, he has provided sufficient proof of his existence for us to willingly respond to him. The earth's perfect distance from the sun, the unique chemical properties of water, the human brain, DNA, the number of people who attest to knowing God, the gnawing in our hearts and minds to determine if God is there, the willingness for God to be known through Jesus Christ. If you need to know more about Jesus and reasons to believe in him, please see: Beyond Blind Faith.

Israel Restored to the Land

Isaiah 11:11-12

"11 It shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea.

12 He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth."

Isaiah 43:5-6

"5 Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, And gather you from the west; 6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth—"

Isaiah 43:6 when it speaks of the north it means Russia and the phrase "Give Up" was a declaration from God because they would not let them go until their country started to crumble. The same applies to the south referring to Ethiopia who refused to let the Jews return to their country which started to crumble in 1991 after saying no. "Operation Solomon" was the name of the campaign to return the Jews.

The most astonishing fulfilled prophecy within the last 100 years is the return of Israel as a state. Around 722 B.C., the Assyrians invaded and destroyed the northern kingdom of Israel. In 134 A.D, the Roman Empire also invaded forcing the Israelites to flee. However recently on the 14th of May 1948 it was resurrected again as a country. Anyone can look at a map today (If you aren't in an Islamic country) and see Israel. No country in the history of the world has ever come back again from nothingness, particularly after nearly 2,000 years. Not to mention how thinly they have been spread and the fact that multiple leaders have tried to wipe the Jews out from existence multiple times.

Jeremiah 31:8

"8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, And gather them from the ends of the earth, Among them the blind and the lame, The woman with child And the one who labors with child, together; A great throng shall return there."

One of the flights from Ethiopia to Israel even landed with more passengers than it took off with, showing the intricate detail in the bible regarding Jeremiah and the fact that there were pregnant mothers on the flight.

Isaiah 35:1-2

"1 The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; 2 It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, The excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, The excellency of our God."

Prior to Israel entering and nurturing the land on 14 May 1948, it was a barren desert and wasteland in which little could have survived.

Alfon Lamarline From - Recollections from the East	"Outside the walls of Jerusalem we saw no living being, heard no living voice. We encountered that desolation and that deadly silence which we would have expected to find at the ruined gates of Pompey. A total eternal dread spell envelopes the city, the highways and the villages." "A solitude to make one dreary, unpeopled deserts, rusty mounds of barrenness."
Mark Twain From - The Innocents Abroad	"A blistering, naked treeless land. The further we went the hotter the sun got and the more rocky, bare, repulsive and dreary the landscape had become." He spoke of the villages as "Ugly cramped, squalid, uncomfortable and filthy." "There was hardly a tree or shrub anywhere. Even the olive and the cactus, those were fast friends of a worthless soil, had almost deserted the country." "It truly is monotonous and uninviting. It is a hopeless, dreary, heart-broken land."

Joel 2:21-24

"21 Fear not, O land; Be glad and rejoice, For the Lord has done marvellous things! 22 Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; For the open pastures are springing up, And the tree bears its fruit; The fig tree and the vine yield their strength. 23 Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the Lord your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you— The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month. 24 The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil."

Ezekiel 36:33-36

"33 Thus says the Lord God: "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. 34 The desolate land shall be filled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. 35 So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' 36 Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the Lord, have spoken it, and I will do it.'"

Today, not only has the land been restored but the nation of Israel is a mini super power. Israel is leading the world in water technology, military technology, digital security, agriculture and many more."

- Agriculture: 19/113
- Economy: 5/95
- Happiness: 11/156
- Military: Rank 15/133
- Space: 5/50

Fulfilled Prophecies

	Prophecy	Bible Prophecy Reference	Fulfillment
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Evidence for God Fulfilled Prophecies	1	The Messiah Will Be Born In Bethlehem	<p>Micah 5:2 <i>"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."</i></p>	<p>Matthew 2:1-6 <i>1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' "</i> Luke 2:4-5, 7, 15 John 7:42</p>
Evidence for God Fulfilled Prophecies	2	The Messiah Will Be Born Of A Virgin	<p>Isaiah 7:14 <i>"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."</i></p>	<p>Matthew 1:20-23 <i>20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."</i></p>
Evidence for God Fulfilled Prophecies	3	The Messiah Will Be A Prophet Like Moses	<p>Deuteronomy 18:15 <i>"The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear"</i></p>	<p>John 7:40-42 <i>40 Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." 41 Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?"</i> Acts 3:20-23 <i>20 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. 22 For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. 23 And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'</i></p>
Evidence for God Fulfilled Prophecies	4	The Messiah Will Be Tempted By Satan	<p>Psalms 91:10-12 <i>"10 No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; 11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. 12 In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone."</i></p>	<p>Matthew 4:5-7 <i>5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.' "</i></p>
Evidence for God Fulfilled Prophecies	5	The Messiah Will Enter Jerusalem Triumphantly	<p>Zechariah 9:9 <i>"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey."</i></p>	<p>Matthew 21:8-11 <i>8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!" 10 And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" 11 So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."</i> Luke 19:35-37 John 12:12-15</p>
Evidence for God Fulfilled Prophecies	6	The Messiah Will Be Rejected By His Own People	<p>Isaiah 53:1 <i>"He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him."</i></p>	<p>John 1:10-11 <i>10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.</i> John 12:37-38 <i>37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, 38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"</i> Matthew 26:3-4 <i>3 Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, 4 and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.</i></p>
Evidence for God Fulfilled Prophecies	7	The Messiah Will Be Betrayed By One Of His Followers	<p>Psalms 41:9 <i>"Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me."</i> Psalms 55:12-13 <i>"12 For it is not an enemy who reproaches me; Then I could bear it. Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me; Then I could hide from him. 13 But it was you, a man my equal, My companion and my acquaintance."</i></p>	<p>Matthew 26:47 <i>And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.</i> Matthew 26:49-50 <i>49 Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. 50 But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.</i> Luke 22:21-22 <i>21 But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. 22 And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"</i> Luke 22:47 John 13:18, 21, 26</p>

Evidence for God Fulfilled Prophecies	8	The Messiah Will Be Betrayed For 30 Pieces Of Silver	<p>Zechariah 11:12-13 <i>"12 Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.</i> 13 And the Lord said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord for the potter."</p>	<p>Matthew 26:14-16 14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests 15 and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. 16 So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him. Matthew 27:3-4 3 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!"</p>
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16	The Messiah's Bones Will Not Be Broken	Numbers 9:12 "They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break one of its bones. According to all the ordinances of the Passover they shall keep it."	John 19:32-37 32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. 36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." 37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."		
17	The Messiah Will Die As A Sin Offering	Isaiah 53:5-6, 8, 12 " 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. 12 ...Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors."	John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Acts 10:43 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins." Acts 13:38-39 38 Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; 39 and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 Ephesians 1:7 1 Peter 2:24 Revelation 1:5		
18	The Messiah Will See His Seed	Isaiah 53:10-11 " 10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. 11 He shall see the labour of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities."	Ephesians 1:4-5 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Ephesians 1:21-23		
19	The Messiah Will Be Buried In A Rich Man's Tomb	Isaiah 53:9 "And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth."	Psalms 16:10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. Psalms 30:3 O Lord, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.		
20	The Messiah Will Be Raised From The Dead	Psalms 30:3 "O Lord, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit." Psalms 16:10 "For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption."	Matthew 28:5-7 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." Mark 16:6-7 Acts 2:27-31 1 Corinthians 15:17, 20		
21	The Messiah Will Sit At God's Right Hand	Psalms 110:1 "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.""	Mark 16:19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. Acts 2:34 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand" Hebrews 10:12-13		
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Future Prophecies

The bible still contains hundreds of future prophecies which still need to be fulfilled, most of them are found in revelation and are based on the seals, trumpets and bowls. Below are a few prophecies which will soon come to pass, keep an eye out as this is the ultimate proof that there is a God, that He is outside of space and time and that He loves you.

For a complete list of these prophecies and a guide on surviving earth after the rapture, see the "MASS DESTRUCTION > The Rapture" section found in "The Preparedness Encyclopedia" by Fluidic Ice. If this section has been separated from its parent document you can head to www.fluidicice.com/TPE to download the complete guide for free.

The Destruction of Damascus (Isaiah 17)	Damascus will be destroyed and never inhabited again. This prophecy seems to imply that nuclear weapons were either hit and destroyed in Damascus or one was launched against the city from another location.
The Russian Invasion of Israel (Ezekiel 38)	Russia, Iran, Turkey, Libya and Syria will launch a massive combined attack against Israel but will fail due to God's intervention and destruction of the armies.
The Rapture (1 Corinthians 15:52)	Jesus calls the believing Christians home, before His wrath is poured out on the earth and Israel. See the MASS DESTRUCTION > The Rapture section for more information.

One World Government (Revelation 13:1-2 & Daniel 7:16-24)	In his apocalyptic vision in the Book of Revelation, the Apostle John sees the "beast," also called the Antichrist, rising out of the sea having seven heads and ten horns (Revelation 13:1). Combining this vision with Daniel's similar one (Daniel 7:16-24), we can conclude that some sort of world system will be inaugurated by the beast, the most powerful "horn," who will defeat the other nine and will begin to wage war against Christians. The ten-nation confederacy is also seen in Daniel's image of the statue in Daniel 2:41-42, where he pictures the final world government consisting of ten entities represented by the ten toes of the statue. Whoever the ten are and however they come to power, Scripture is clear that the beast will either destroy them or reduce their power to nothing more than figureheads. In the end, they will do his bidding. John goes on to describe the ruler of this vast empire as having power and great authority, given to him by Satan himself (Revelation 13:2), being followed by and receiving worship from "all the world" (13:3-4), and having authority over "every tribe, people, language and nation" (13:7). From this description, it is logical to assume that this person is the leader of a one-world government which is recognized as sovereign over all other governments.
One World Religion (Revelation 17:1-18)	The one-world religion described in Revelation 17:1-18 as "the great harlot" will be part of the end-times scenario. The term harlot is used throughout the Old Testament as a metaphor for false religion. The actual identity and makeup of the religion has been debated for centuries and has resulted in a number of different views among Bible commentators and theologians. There are convincing arguments for the one world religion being Catholicism.
The Worldwide 'Mark' (Revelation 13:16-17)	The antichrist will push that everyone on the planet receives his mark on either their right hand or their forehead. "16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

Prophecy Odds

When we think of chance we imagine the odds of rolling a 3 (1 in 6) or getting a royal flush in poker (1 in 649,740), but what about the odds of one man fulfilling everyone single one of the prophecies in the bible? What's the likelihood of a person today predicting the exact city in which the birth of a future leader would take place? This is indeed what the prophet Micah did 700 years before the Messiah. Again, what is the likelihood of predicting the specific date of the appearance of some great future leader, hundreds of years in advance? This is what Daniel did, 530 years before Christ.

Further, what is the likelihood of predicting the precise manner of death that a new, unknown religious leader would experience, a thousand years from now—a manner of death presently unknown, and to remain unknown for hundreds of years? Yet, this is what David did in 1000BC. If one were to conceive 50 specific prophecies about a person in the future, whom one would never meet, just what's the likelihood that this person will fulfil all 50 of the predictions? How much less would this likelihood be if 25 of these predictions were about what other people would do to him, and were completely beyond his control?

For example, how does someone "arrange" to be born in a specific family? There are approximately 456 prophecies that the bible says the messiah would fulfil when He came. This is a lot to work with so let's start with 8 of them. In Micah 5:2, where it states the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem Ephrathah, professor Stoner and his students determined the average population of Bethlehem from the time of Micah to the present; then they divided it by the average population of the earth during the same period. They concluded that the chance of one man being born in Bethlehem was 1 in 300,000, (or one in 2.8×10^5 — rounded).

From the Book:
Science Speaks
by Peter Stoner

Stoners 8 Prophecies

1	The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). The average population of Bethlehem from the time of Micah to the present (1958) divided by the average population of the earth during the same period = $7,150/2,000,000,000$ or 2.8×10^5 .
2	A messenger will prepare the way for the Messiah (Malachi 3:1). One man in how many, the world over, has had a forerunner (in this case, John the Baptist) to prepare his way? Estimate: 1 in 1,000 or 1×10^3 .
3	The Messiah will enter Jerusalem as a king riding on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9). One man in how many, who has entered Jerusalem as a ruler, has entered riding on a donkey? Estimate: 1 in 100 or 1×10^2 .
4	The Messiah will be betrayed by a friend and suffer wounds in His hands (Zechariah 13:6). One man in how many, the world over, has been betrayed by a friend, resulting in wounds in his hands? Estimate: 1 in 1,000 or 1×10^3 .
5	The Messiah will be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12). Of the people who have been betrayed, one in how many has been betrayed for exactly 30 pieces of silver? Estimate: 1 in 1,000 or 1×10^3 .
6	The betrayal money will be used to purchase a potter's field (Zechariah 11:13). One man in how many, after receiving a bribe for the betrayal of a friend, has returned the money, had it refused, and then experienced it being used to buy a potter's field? Estimate: 1 in 100,000 or 1×10^5 .
7	The Messiah will remain silent while He is afflicted (Isaiah 53:7). One man in how many, when he is oppressed and afflicted, though innocent, will make no defence of himself? Estimate: 1 in 1,000 or 1×10^3 .
8	The Messiah will die by having His hands and feet pierced (Psalm 22:16). One man in how many, since the time of David, has been crucified? Estimate: 1 in 10,000 or 1×10^4 .

Multiplying all these probabilities together produces a number (rounded off) of 1×10^{28} . Dividing this number by an estimate of the number of people who have lived since the time of these prophecies (88 billion) produces a probability of all 8 prophecies being fulfilled accidentally in the life of one person. That probability is 1 in 10^{17} or 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000. That's one in 100 quadrillion!

To visualise how large the number 10^{17} is (a figure with 17 zeros), Stoner gave this illustration: 'If you mark one of ten coins, and place all the coins in a hat, and thoroughly mix them, and then ask a blindfolded man to draw one, his chance of getting the right ticket is one in ten. Suppose that we take 10^{17} silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas which is 695,662 km² (Which is 85.9% of New South Wales if you're in Australia, or 126% of France for those in the EU). They'll cover the entire state 61 cm (2 ft) deep.

Weapons of Mass Destruction	<p>Matthew 24:22 "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened."</p> <p>If we were reading this in 1860-before the Civil War we would have a difficult time anticipating that "all flesh" could wipe itself out with muskets and bayonets! But today a potential nuclear cloud hangs over every geopolitical decision on Planet Earth. Nuclear weapons appear to be specified in the Magog Invasion in Ezekiel 38 and 39, and neutron bombs are implied in Zechariah 14:12.</p>	Matthew 24:22 Ezekiel 38 Ezekiel 39 Zechariah 14:12
Smart Weapons	<p>Jeremiah 50:9 "...Their arrows shall be like those of an expert warrior; None shall return in vain."</p> <p>The word "arrow" can mean a dart, arrow, javelin, or "any missile fired from an engine of war." Notice, however, that the adjective clause "be like those of an expert warrior" is a descriptor of the <u>arrow</u>, not the shooter of the arrow. The key Hebrew word is <i>sakal</i>, which means prudent, wise, circumspect; with insight and comprehension. It is the arrow itself that has the intelligence! This, indeed, is further emphasized in the final clause: "...none shall return in vain." They can't miss! Sounds like 'smart weapons', guided missiles or smart bombs. And this was written over two thousand years ago!</p>	Jeremiah 50:9
Medical Hygiene	<p>Exodus 15:26 "and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you.""</p> <p>This refers to eating only what God has ordained to be eaten such as clean meat like cows and oxen. Today we understand that many predatory birds and animals - those which God deemed unclean contain bacteria and viruses which can cause illness.</p>	Exodus 15:26 Deuteronomy 23:12-13
Circumcision	<p>Genesis 17:12 "He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant."</p> <p>How did Moses know how to circumcise a baby on the 8th day after birth? Today we understand that is the safest and most optimum time to perform the circumcision.</p>	Genesis 17:12
Pathways in the Sea	<p>Psalms 8:8 "The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas."</p> <p>The pathways in the sea are otherwise known as the ocean currents and were only discovered in 1855 by Matthew Maury in his publication "The Physical Geography of the Sea and Its Meteorology". The full story is below:</p>	Psalms 8:8 Isaiah 43:16
<p>American naval officer and oceanographer Matthew Maury (1806-1873) was a Christian who loved reading his Bible. He also had no doubts about its accuracy. And these facts led him to some remarkable discoveries in science.</p> <p>Maury entered the US Navy in 1825, but an accident in 1839 partially disabled him, so he left active sea duty. Three years later, still with the Navy, he was appointed superintendent of the US Naval Observatory in Washington, and also of the US Depot of Charts and Instruments. Over the next 19 years Maury devoted himself to studying the winds, clouds, weather, and ocean features ... as well as the Bible. In his Bible studies, the words of Psalm 8 stuck in his mind: '... whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas'. Maury determined that if God's Word said there were 'paths' in the seas, then there must be paths. So he set out to find them.</p> <p>He studied old ships' logs. From these he compiled charts of ocean-wind and sea currents. To study the speed and direction of the ocean currents Maury set adrift weighted bottles known as 'drift bottles'. These floated slightly below the surface of the water, and thus were not affected by wind. Instructions were sealed in each bottle directing anyone who found one washed ashore to return it. From the location and date on which the bottles were found, Maury was able to develop his charts of the ocean currents—the 'paths' of the seas—which greatly aided the science of marine navigation.</p> <p>In 1855, Maury wrote the first textbook on modern oceanography, <i>The Physical Geography of the Sea and Its Meteorology</i>. In this work, Maury presented oceanography from a delightfully Christian view. He included Biblical passages of meteorological and other scientific importance, such as the Scripture quote from the book of Job (28:25) which refers to God's making 'the weight for the winds'. He explained the Biblical statement this way: '... though the fact that the air has weight is here so distantly announced (in Job), philosophers never recognized the fact until within comparatively a recent period, and then it was proclaimed by them as a great discovery. Nevertheless, the fact was set forth as distinctly in the book of nature as it is in the book of revelation; for the infant, in availing itself of atmospherical pressure to draw milk from its mother's breast, unconsciously proclaimed it.'</p> <p>Maury died in 1873. He was elected to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans. A monument erected in his honour on Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, reads: 'Matthew Fontaine Maury, Pathfinder of the Seas, the genius who first snatched from the oceans and atmosphere the secret of their laws. His inspiration, Holy Writ, Psalm 8:8; Ecclesiastes 1:6.' It is often claimed that the Bible is not a scientific textbook. Yet the Bible's accuracy when touching on scientific subjects has led many great scientists, including Matthew Maury, to some outstanding scientific discoveries.</p>		
The Water Cycle	<p>In the ancient near east, Hebrew scholars observed that even though the rivers ran into the sea, the sea never became full. Some scholars conclude that the water cycle was described completely during this time in this passage:</p> <p>Ecclesiastes 1:6-7 "6 The wind goes toward the south, And turns around to the north; The wind whirls about continually, And comes again on its circuit. 7 All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea is not full; To the place from which the rivers come, There they return again."</p> <p>Scholars are not in agreement as to the date of Ecclesiastes, though most scholars point to a date during the time of King Solomon, son of David and Bathsheba, "three thousand years ago, there is some agreement that the time period is 962–922 BCE. Furthermore, it was also observed that when the clouds were full, they emptied rain on the earth. In addition, during 793–740 BCE a Hebrew prophet, Amos, stated that water comes from the sea and is poured out on the earth.</p>	Ecclesiastes 1:6-7
Round Earth	<p>Job 26:7 "He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing." Isaiah 40:22 "It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in." Luke 17:34-36 "I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left." These verses imply a round earth because some people are awake and about their business while others are asleep.</p> <p>It may seem obvious today that the earth is round but up until about 500 BC people believed it was flat. We have Pythagoras to thank for this discovery. Then sometime between 500 B.C. and 430 B.C., Anaxagoras determined the true cause of solar and lunar eclipses - and then the shape of the Earth's shadow on the Moon during a lunar eclipse was also used as evidence that the Earth was round.</p>	Job 26:7 Isaiah 40:22 Luke 17:34-36

Sub-Atomic Particles	<p>Hebrews 11:3 "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."</p> <p>This is an insight into the field of physics and sub-atomic particles long before there was even a field to study them.</p>	Hebrews 11:3
Meteorological Cycles	<p>Ecclesiastes 1:6-7 "6 The wind goes toward the south, And turns around to the north; The wind whirls about continually, And comes again on its circuit. 7 All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea is not full; To the place from which the rivers come, There they return again."</p> <p>Long before there was the study of meteorology, the Lord knew how the planet worked intimately as He created it all. Only today are we coming to a fuller understanding of how the cycles of wind and water really flow around the planet.</p>	Ecclesiastes 1:6-7 Job 36:27-28
Global Tv Coverage	<p>Revelation 11:8-9 "And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. 9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. 10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth."</p> <p>How will every peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations be able to see the bodies of the two witnesses without a global Tv network? This also applies to the Matthew verse which describes the Jews seeing the 'Abomination of Desolation' taking place. On a side note, they are likely to send their gifts in verse 10 to each other via Amazon Prime or FedEx - to anywhere on the planet.</p>	Revelation 11:8-10 Matthew 24:15
Electronic Funds Transfer	<p>Revelation 13:17-18 "17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666."</p> <p>Throughout all of history people could have only guessed that this passage was eluding to some sort of 'dumb' tattoo or another mark that you could show somebody and get merchandise with, nobody could have ever guessed that this was a decentralized, encrypted form of digital electronic DNA signature, until the 21st century.</p>	Revelation 3:17-18

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Accepting Jesus

What is Salvation?

Salvation is the deliverance from sin. To save means to deliver or protect. Jesus equated being saved with entering the kingdom of God (Matthew 19:24-25).

What are we saved from? We are saved from God's wrath, that is, His judgment of our sin when we meet Him face to face (Romans 5:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:9). Our sin has separated us from God, and the consequence of this violation of God's law is death (Romans 6:23). Biblical salvation refers to our deliverance from the consequences of sin and therefore involves the removal of sin which is already paid for by Jesus on the cross.

Who does the saving? Only God can remove sin and deliver us from sin's penalty (2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:5). How does God save? God has rescued us through Jesus's death on the cross and subsequent resurrection which achieved our salvation (Romans 5:10; Ephesians 1:7). Scripture is clear that salvation is the gracious, undeserved gift of God (Ephesians 2:5, 8) which is ours for the taking through faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12). How do we receive salvation? We are saved by faith. First, we must hear the gospel—the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection (Ephesians 1:13).

Then, we must believe—fully trust the Lord Jesus (Romans 1:16). This involves repentance, a changing of mind about sin and Christ (Acts 3:19), and calling on the name of the Lord (Romans 10:9-10, 13). A definition of salvation would be "The deliverance, by the grace of God, from eternal punishment for sin which is granted to those who accept by faith God's conditions of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus." Salvation is available in Jesus alone (John 14:6; Acts 4:12) and is dependent on God alone for provision, assurance, and security.

This is absolutely the most important section in the entire guide, showing you the path to eternal salvation as described in the bible. Your acceptance or denial of Jesus will affect where you spend eternity, and every soul lives forever it's just a matter of location. A prerequisite for becoming saved is knowing that God exists and that He created you, the universe and heavens. God wrote the bible to *further* prove His existence to us alongside the wondrous and spectacular world around us. There are countless incredible facts about the Bible that prove it had to be designed outside of space and time. For a few of these amazing insights read the 'Evidence for God' section in 'Christianity'.

To Become Saved

A

Admit that you are a sinner. Any gap between God's perfect law and our imperfect obedience is called sin, which everyone has committed.

- "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)
- "There is none righteous, no, not one;" (Romans 3:10)
- "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." (1 John 1:10)
- "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

B

Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ died for your sins, was buried, and that God raised Jesus from the dead on the third day, taking the punishment you deserved. Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father but by me." (John 14:6) Your own good works cannot save you, no matter how good a person you are, and wouldn't the creator of heaven set the bar for entry?

- "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)
- "But God commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners. Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

C

Call upon the name of the Lord and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Lord and Saviour. There is an example prayer below.

- "If you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

"Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Joel 2:32 / Acts 2:21 / Romans 10:13

Pray

"My Father in heaven, I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sins. I am willing and ready to change and turn from my sin. I now invite Jesus Christ to come into my heart and life, as my personal Saviour."

Once you've prayed this prayer, believing it with all your heart, you're saved by the power of the blood of Jesus! He paid that ultimate price of our sin, sacrificing Himself so that we may live. However it's easy to say something with your mouth, what takes real effort is living out a life in pursuit of Jesus, walking according to His will for you and leaving your old sinful ways behind.

Below are some more verses related to salvation and justification, as well as some next steps you should take as a new Christian to help cement your faith. If there's one thing that Satan despises, it's new Christians. So be prepared to battle against the spiritual forces of wickedness by praying and reading your Bible daily as well as putting on your spiritual armour.

- *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)*
- *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)*
- *"I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." (Luke 13:5)*
- *"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified." (Galatians 2:16)*
- *"How that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)*

Talk to God in prayer every day.

"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." (Matthew 21:22)

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;" (Philippians 4:6)

"But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:16-17)

Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority on everything.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," (Matthew 28:19)

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16)

Tell others about Christ

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

"For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!" (1 Corinthians 9:16)

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." (Romans 1:16)

Walking with Jesus

If you have received Jesus Christ as your Saviour, as a Christian you should Read your Bible daily to get to know Christ better. Read the Holy Bible (KJV, NKJV, ESV), the guide and tool to kindness and the right path to eternal life. If you encounter questions, resolve them by asking someone at your church or another steadfast Christian to help you with them. *"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)*

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalms 119:105)

Seek Earnestly

As always if you wish to find answers out for yourself you should search God's word. If you're told something, search the scriptures to ensure that is what they say and the wording isn't twisted. Take caution not to be fooled by what others claim the Bible says but do your own research. There will be great apostasy and a falling away from Christianity in the end times. The word of God is living and he can speak to you through his words. So find a Bible.

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." (Matthew 7:7-8)

Next Steps

You should research what the Bible has to say on prophecy and the end times. Take a look at the MASS DESTRUCTION > The Rapture section for more information, but if you have already I recommend watching some of the videos in the 'Christian Content' section within 'The Rapture Survival Guide (TRSG)' found at www.fludicice.com/TRSG.