THE GOD OF PROPHECY

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I. **INTRODUCTION**

How do we know the Bible is true, that it is the Word of God?
Personally, my faith was strengthened/solidified as a young man when I
realized the Bible contains fulfilled prophecy that cannot be denied.
As much as 30% of the Bible is/was prophetic at the time it was
written; of course, much (but not all) of it has now been fulfilled.

II. **THE TRUE GOD IS A GOD OF PROPHECY**

The Bible is a book of history. In the Bible, God reveals history in
advance—we call this *prophecy* (Isaiah 46:9-10).

God declares prophecy is the great "proof" that He is Who He says He is
(Isaiah 41:21-23). The Bible is filled with prophecy, much of which
has already been fulfilled. In this respect the Bible is UNIQUE, for
no other religious book contains prophecy (e.g., Quran, Book of Mormon,
etc.).

III. **THE USE OF PROPHECY**

A. Encourage believers. The resurrected Lord Jesus Christ used
prophecy to demonstrate He was Messiah to the two disciples on the road
to Emmaus (Luke 24:27).

B. Evangelize unbelievers. The Apostle Paul used prophecy to
demonstrate to Jews that Jesus Christ was Messiah (Acts 17:2-3).

IV. **SAMPLE OF PROPHECIES REGARDING CHRIST**
(There are ~300 prophecies in the O.T. regarding the 1st Coming of
Christ. Emphasize specificity of prophecies, fulfilled in literal
detail.)

A. The place of His birth (Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:1-7)

B. The manner of His birth (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-23)

C. The characteristics of His ministry (Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 4:16-21)

D. The manner of His death (Psalm 22:16; Matthew 27:35)

E. The very day of His arrival (Daniel 9:25; Luke 19:41-44); this is
THE MOST AMAZING PROPHECY IN THE BIBLE!

V. **CONCLUSION**

How do we know the Bible is true? The Bible is self-authenticating;
prophecy demonstrates it is of Divine origin.

GOD is a God of prophecy. He declares that fulfilled prophecy is a
"proof" that He is the One True God, and that clearly distinguishes Him
from all other (false) gods.