

EVIDENCE FROM PROPHECY

INTRODUCTION

The test for a prophet: (Jeremiah 28:8-9) "the word comes to pass"

Prophecy against nations: (Isaiah 13 – 23; Obediah; Nahum)

Hundreds of prophecy about Jesus Christ:

(Luke 24:25-27) "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself"

(v31) "Then their eyes were opened" (v32) "He opened the Scriptures to us"

(v45) "He opened their understanding that they might comprehend the Scriptures"

1. PROPHECY CONCERNING JESUS CHRIST

Tribe of Judah: (Micah 5:2; Hebrews 7:14)

From the royal line of David: (Isaiah 11:1; Revelation 22:16)

Would be born in Bethlehem: (Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1)

To be born of a virgin: (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18, v22)

Jesus' own testimony of confirmation: (Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:16-21)

Betrayal by a disciple: (Psalm 41:9; Matthew 26:21, v25, v48-50)

(Isaiah chapter 53) Jesus' trial and crucifixion, and its purpose.

2. PROPHECY CONCERNING THE COMING KINGDOM (CHURCH)

1) Church to be established in reign of the "4th kingdom"

(Daniel 2:36, v39-41) (v44) "God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed ... it shall stand forever"

The 4 kingdoms in the dream and the interpretation are: Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Roman Empire.

2) Church to be established in "the last days": (Isaiah 2:2-3; Hebrews 1:1-2)

3) Other Scriptures that foretell of a coming kingdom (church)

(Matthew 3:1-2) "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"

(Mark 1:14-15) "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel"

(Matthew 10:7) "preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand"

(Matthew 16:18) "I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it"

(Mark 9:1) "there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God come with power"

(Matthew 26:29) "I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom"

3. THE KINGDOM COMES, IS ESTABLISHED

(Luke 24:45-49) "And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and **that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.** And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you. **But tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.**"
 (v31) "Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven."

"Repentance" - (Acts 2:38) "Repent"

"Remission of sins" - (Acts 2:38) "be baptized ... for the remission of sins"

"Be preached" - (Acts 2:14) "But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice" (v23) "Men of Israel, hear these words"

"In His name" - (Acts 2:38) "be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ"

"To all nations" - (Acts 2:5) "And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven"

"Beginning at Jerusalem" - (Acts 1:12) "Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet"

"Tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high"

(Acts 2:1) "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven ..."
 (v4) "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit"

The evidence, confirmation, that the kingdom (church) began that day

(Acts 2:41) "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; **and that day** about 3000 souls were added to them"

(v47) "And the Lord **added to the church** daily those who were being saved"

From this event forward, the "church" ("kingdom") is spoken of as being in existence in the pages of the New Testament.

CLOSE: the confirmation of prophecy is to open our eyes and cause us to believe.