

Prophecies: God's Proof of Authority

Objective Evidence of God's Existence and Control of History

"Present your case," the Lord says... "Let them bring forth and declare to us what is going to take place;... or announce to us what is coming... that we may know that you are gods; Indeed, do good or evil" Isaiah 41:17-20

"You are My witnesses," declares the Lord, "And My servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe Me..."

Isaiah 43:10

God's Commitment to Bless (Save) humanity through Judaism

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country,... And I will bless you, And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing; ... And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed." Genesis 12:1-3

Prophecies: about a Messianic (Anointed) King

- Genesis 49:10-12** Judah: Shiloh "to whom obedience belongs"
Numbers 24:15-19 Dominion to a descendant of Jacob
II Samuel 7:12-17 A descendant of David and an eternal kingdom
Psalms 2:1-12 A rejected king who is God's Son
Isaiah 7:14 A child born of a virgin who is "God with Us"
Isaiah 9:6-7 A child born called "Almighty God... Eternal Father"
Isaiah 11:1-10 A child who will establish peace on earth

Prophecies: about a "Suffering Servant"= The Messiah's Work

"Four Servant Songs"- Isaiah 42:1-9, 49:1-13, 50:4-11, 52:13-53:12

Characteristics of the "Servant"

- 1. An Unexpected King** 42:1-3 No obvious display of Kingly power
49:1-4 A Hidden weapon in God's quiver
49:7 Ultimately, Kings will bow to Him
50:10 Fearing God = obeying the servant.
52:13-15 Servant prospers... Kings notice
- 2. A Universal Impact** 42:1-4 Justice worldwide
42:6 A Covenant and light to nations
49:8 A Day of Salvation
A Covenant of the people

- 3. A Liberator of Israel and Nations (Salvation)** 42:7-9 Healings... declare new things
49:5-6 Mission to restore Jacob
42:5 A light to the nations
49:6, 8 Salvation to ends of the earth
- 4. A Man Despised and Rejected-** SUFFERING IN EACH PROPHECY
49:7 The Despised... abhorred one
50:6 Humiliation and spitting
52:14 His appearance and form marred
53:3 Despised and forsaken of men
- 5. Dies to Atonement for Sins** 53:4-8 Wounded for our transgressions
Crushed for our iniquities.
53:11-12 Servant will justify many
He will bear their iniquities
Bore the sin of many

Additional Prophecies and Teachings: Priest, Rejection, Death

- Genesis 22:1-19** Offering of Isaac "God will provide" (verse 8, 14)
Leviticus 17:11 No forgiveness/atonement without shedding of blood
Psalms 2:1-12 A rejected "King," "God's Son," will rule the world.
Psalms 22:1-31 A man "rejected," pierced, dies, yet exalted.
Psalms 110:1-7 "Melchizedek" A King who is a Priest forever.
Psalms 118:22-25 The rejected one becomes the cornerstone of God's work rejected.
Isaiah 6:1 The Lord sitting on the throne with His robe in temple.
Zechariah 12:10 they will look at Me whom they pierced; and they will mourn for Him, like one mourning for an only son,

Prophecies: Jesus Referenced Prediction as Objective Reasoning

"From now on I am telling you before it happens, so that when it does happen, you may believe that I am He." John 13:19; 14:29

'Now He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all the things that have been written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. For He will be handed over to the Gentiles, and will be ridiculed, and abused, and spit upon, and after they have flogged Him, they will kill Him; and on the third day He will rise." Luke 8:31-33

Man Creates Religion; God Reveals His Control of History.

Christianity is Not Man-Created, but God Revealed!!!