

Science, History and Prophecy prove the Bible

1. Until the days of Copernicus in 1475, science taught the earth rested on a firm foundation (some believed it to be a giant snake, others a giant named Atlas, etc.).

A. Yet, in 1500 BC, God told Job in **Job 26:7**: “...*He (God) suspends the earth over nothing.*” The Bible taught the earth hung in space 2,975 years before science confirmed it.

2. Until the days of Columbus in 1492, science taught the earth was flat and square, and if you sailed too far, you would fall off the edge of the earth!

A. Yet, in 700 BC, God told Isaiah in **Isaiah 40:22**: “*He (God) sits enthroned above the circle of the earth.*” The Bible taught that the earth was round 2,192 years before Columbus confirmed it.

3. The first scientist to discover the circulation of the blood in the body is what sustains our life, was William Harvey in 1615.

A. Yet, in 1400 BC, God told Moses 3,015 years before science ever taught this fact, in **Leviticus 17:14**: “...*because the life of every creature is its blood.*”

4. Not until the days of Galileo in 1630, did science teach that the winds had regular courses they followed.

A. Yet, before 900 BC, God told Solomon (2,530 years before Galileo) in **Ecclesiastes 1:6-7**: “*The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course.*”

5. Not until the days of Galileo in 1630 did science teach that the clouds were evaporated water that came from the water on earth.

A. Yet, in 1500 BC, God told Job (3,130 years before Galileo) in **Job 26:8**: “*He (God) wraps up the waters in His clouds, yet the clouds do not burst under their weight.*”

B. And then, about 900 BC, God told Solomon (2,530 years before Galileo) in **Ecclesiastes 1:7**: “*All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again.*”

6. Hipparchus (the greatest scholar of his day in 125 AD) said that there were 1022 stars in the universe. **Ptolemy** (the greatest scholar of his day in 200 AD) said that there were just 1026 stars. **Not until Galileo (1630) did science teach the stars were innumerable, and the universe can not be measured.**

A. Yet, in 1400 BC, over 3,000 years before Galileo, God challenged Abraham in **Genesis 15:5**: “...*Look up at the heavens and count the stars — if indeed you can count them.*”

B. For, as God told Jeremiah in **Jeremiah 31:37 (600BC)**: The “*heavens*” (the universe with all its stars) cannot be “*measured,*” and the “*foundations of the earth*” (for there is none) cannot be “*searched out.*”

7. Not until the days of Lord Rosse who built his giant telescope called “The Leviathan” in 1845, did science confirm that in the northern skies, there was a great empty space with no stars (later referred to by some as “The Black Hole”).

A. Yet, in 1500 BC, God told Job (3,345 years before Lord Rosse’s telescope) in **Job 26:7**: “*He (God) spreads out the northern skies over empty space.*”

B. It might also be interesting to note that Lord Rosse named his telescope after the “*Leviathan*” found in **Job 41!**

8. Ben Franklin discovered electricity through lightening in 1751. 114 years later in 1865, Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone.

A. In 1500 BC, God asked Job a strange question (3,365 years before the invention of the telephone) in **Job 38:35**: “*Do you send lightning bolts on their way? Do they report to you, ‘Here we are?’*”

9. It is interesting that scientists, themselves, have proved that there is not one single ingredient in our human bodies that cannot be found in the ground; and according to the Bible in **Genesis 2:7**: “*The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground.*”

10. In Joshua 10:5-13, Joshua was fighting the five kings of the Amorites, and needed more day light to defeat them. He prayed in **verse 12** for God to make the sun stand still. According to **verse 13**: “*The sun stopped in the middle of the sky (90 degrees), and delayed going down about a full day*” (instead of the sun making its full rotation in 24 hours, it would have taken about 48 hours).

A. Chinese, Greek, Egyptian, Mexican, Aztec, Peruvian, and Babylonian records all show at this same time in history reports of an extra long day!

B. After extensive astronomical calculations done by the British astronomer, Sir Edwin Ball, Professor Pickering of Harvard Observatory, Professor Maunder of Greenwich, and Professor Totten of Yale; according to Charles A. L. Totten's book, "Joshua's Long Day, and the Dial of Ahaz" (New Haven: Our Race Publishing Co., 1890): *"If we disregard calendar changes and deal only with a chronology based upon solar motion, and go back to the earliest available records, and trace the calendar through to the time of Joshua, the day of Joshua's battle was on a Tuesday, whereas if we compute backwards to the time of Joshua, the day of Joshua from the present day, the day of the battle would have been on a Wednesday. The day of the month is the same, but it is a different day of the week. In other words, if we reckon from the first recorded solstice in the ancient Egyptian records, the day is Tuesday, but if we reckon back from the most recent solstice, the day is Wednesday."*

C. Later, in the late 1960's, Harold Hill, President of the Curtis Engine Company in Baltimore, Maryland, a consultant to NASA at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, stated that computer calculations bearing upon the positions of the sun, moon and planets were not coming out properly. These calculations were necessary, and had to be exact, in order to lay out the orbits of satellites and manned space flights. He relates the following:

"Our astronauts and space scientists were checking the position of the sun, moon and planets out in space where they would be 100 years and 1000 years from now. We have to know this so we won't send a satellite up and have it bump into something later in its orbits. We have to lay out the orbits in terms of the life of the satellite, and where the planets will be so the whole thing will not bog down.

They ran the computer measurements back and forth over the centuries and it came to a halt. The computer stopped and put up a red signal, which meant that there was something wrong either with the information fed into it, or with the results as compared to the standards. They called in the service department to check it out and they said 'What's wrong?' Well they found there is a day missing in space in elapsed time. They scratched their heads and tore their hair. There was no answer.

*Finally, a Christian man on the team said, 'You know, one time I was in Sunday School and they talked about the sun standing still.' While they didn't believe him, they didn't have an answer either, so they said, 'Show us.' He got a Bible and went back to the book of Joshua (**Joshua 10:12,13**) where they found a pretty ridiculous statement for any one with common sense. There they found the Lord saying to Joshua, '**Fear them not, I have delivered them into thy hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.**' Joshua was concerned because he was surrounded by the enemy and if darkness fell they would overpower them. So Joshua asked the Lord to make the sun stand still! That's right — '**The sun stood still and the moon stayed — and hasted not to go down about a whole day!**' (Verse 13). The astronauts and scientists said, 'There is the missing day!'*

They checked the computers going back into the time it was written and found it

was close but not close enough. The elapsed time that was missing back in Joshua's day was **23 hours and 20 minutes** — not a whole day. They read the Bible and there it was 'about (approximately) a day.' These little words in the Bible are important, but they were still in trouble because **if you cannot account for 40 minutes** you'll still be in trouble 1000 years from now. Forty minutes had to be found because it can be multiplied many times over in orbits.

As the Christian employee thought about it, he remembered somewhere in the Bible where it said the sun went **BACKWARDS**. The scientists told him he was out of his mind, but they got out the Bible and read these words in **2 Kings 20:8-11**: Hezekiah, on his death bed, was visited by the prophet Isaiah who told him that he was not going to die. Hezekiah asked for a sign as proof. Isaiah said (in **verse 9-11**): **'Do you want the sun to go ahead 10 degrees? Hezekiah said, 'It is nothing for the sun to go ahead 10 degrees, but let the shadow return backward 10 degrees.'** Isaiah spoke to the Lord and the Lord brought the shadow ten degrees **BACKWARDS!**

Ten degrees is exactly 40 minutes! Twenty three hours and 20 minutes in Joshua 10:8-13, plus 40 minutes in 2 Kings 20:9-11 make the missing day in the universe!

11. Ezekiel records one of the most powerful historical prophecies that proves the Bible is accurate and from God! When Tyre was one of the earth's most powerful cities, its wall was so high and so thick, that the great king, Sennacherib failed to take it after a war that lasted 13 years. It was at this same time in 590 BC, that God told Ezekiel to tell the city of Tyre in **Ezekiel 26:3-14**: *"This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, O Tyre, and I will bring many nations against you, like the sea casting up its waves. They will destroy the walls of Tyre and pull down her towers; I will scrape away her rubble and make her a bare rock. Out in the sea she will become a place to spread fishnets...(7) From the north I am going to bring against Tyre Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon...(12) They will plunder your wealth and loot your merchandise; they will break down your walls and demolish your fine houses and throw your stones, timber and rubble into the sea...(14) I will make you a bare rock, and you will become a place to spread fishnets. You will never be rebuilt, for I the Lord have spoken!"*

A. 40 years later, in 550 BC, your history books tell us that "*Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon*" defeated Tyre. He "*broke down the walls,*" and "*pulled down her towers.*" However, he left most of the wall and houses standing (though in ruins), being content with just "*plundering her wealth and looting her merchandise,*" carrying away the spoils of the city. Also, during the war, most of the people of Tyre escaped, under the cover of darkness, to an island about a half-mile out in the sea. Here, through time, they built up a second city of Tyre; and, being an island, constructed for their self-protection, the strongest navy of ancient times.

B. Years passed, and still Ezekiel's prophecy was not completely fulfilled. The "*walls, stones, timber and rubble*" still hadn't been "*thrown into the sea,*" and the site of the old city of Tyre had not yet been "*scraped away*" leaving her a "*bare rock,*" to become only a "*place to spread fishnets,*" and "*never to be rebuilt again.*"

C. About 235 years after Ezekiel's prophecy against Tyre, in 315 BC, Alexander the Great came to Tyre as he began to conquer the world as he knew it. He stood with his vast army in the rubble of the ancient city of Tyre that Nebuchadnezzar left years ago, and demanded the surrender of the new city of Tyre which was constructed on the island a half-mile out in the sea. Tyre refused Alexander's demands (noticing that he had a great army — but no navy). Alexander then ordered his soldiers to gather the "*walls, stones, timber and rubble*" left behind by Nebuchadnezzar when he destroyed the old city of Tyre, and they "*scraped away*" even the ground, down to "*bare rock*" and "*threw them into the sea*" to build a bridge from the shore out to the island that the new city of Tyre was built upon. When it was completed, Alexander marched out to the new city of Tyre and completely destroyed it!

D. Today, the site of ancient Tyre is flat and "*barren,*" a place where fishermen "*spread their fishnets*" to dry. The modern village of Tyre is on what once was the island. Now, with the deposit of sea sand against Alexander's bridge, the island is the tip of a broad peninsula. On the site of ancient Tyre is still the great spring of Raselain, which could supply water for a large city. But the site remains unoccupied. Tyre was "*never rebuilt*" on the original site, **and the Bible's prophecy of Tyre, written almost 2,600 years ago, was fulfilled to the letter!**

12. It is to be remembered that archeologists found both the Old and New Testaments, and scientists dated them, and told us that they were written hundreds of years apart, by different writers, living at a different time in history, and that never saw one another. In other words, it was the same scientists that scoff at the fact that the Bible is God's Word, and who tell us that it is impossible for a writer to know an event was going to take place hundreds of years before it happened. **The following Old Testament Scriptures were written between 500 and 1,500 years before Jesus Christ came to this earth:**

A. David wrote these prophecies about Christ about 1,000 years before Jesus appeared on the earth:

(1) Psalm 22:1: "*My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?*" **Matthew 27:46** confirms that these were Jesus' exact words on the cross!

(2) Psalm 22:7,8: "*All who see Me mock Me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads; He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue Him.*" **Matthew 27:41-43** confirms that these were the exact words used by the chief priests and the teachers of the Law that were responsible for His death.

(3) Psalm 22:14-18 describes Christ's crucifixion: "*...all my bones are out of joint...a band of evil men has encircled Me, they have pierced my hands and my feet...people stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.*" **Luke 23:33 and John 19:23,24** confirm these as detailed facts!

(4) **Psalm 31:5**: “*Into your hands I commit My Spirit...*” **Luke 23:46** confirms these as Christ’s exact dying words on the cross!

(5) **Psalm 34:20**: “*He protects all His bones, not one of them will be broken.*” **John 19:33-36** confirms that though they broke the bones of both thieves that hung on either side of Christ, they did not break His!

(6) **Psalm 41:9**: “*Even My close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared My bread, has lifted up his heel against Me.*” **John 13:18-30** confirms that Judas (one of Christ’s 12 Apostles) betrayed Christ; after Jesus shared bread with him in the upper room at the Last Supper, and exposed him to the rest of the Apostles as the betrayer.

(7) **Psalm 69:21**: “*They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst.*” **Matthew 27:34** confirms that they tried to give Jesus gall and vinegar as He hung on the cross.

(8) **Psalm 78:2** says that Jesus would speak in parables (as the Gospels confirm)

(9) **Psalm 89:3,4** says that Christ would come from King David’s line, and establish a New Covenant to replace the Old Testament.

B. Joel wrote this prophecy about Christ about 830 years before Jesus appeared:

(1) **Joel 2:28-32** says that the Holy Spirit would be poured out on all God’s people, and that “*everyone who calls on the name of the Lord (Jesus Christ) will be saved.*” When the first Church in Jerusalem started, **Acts 2:17-38** confirms that Peter preached these very words, and indeed they were given the Holy Spirit.

C. Amos wrote this prophecy about Christ about 800 years before Jesus appeared:

(1) **Amos 8:9** says that the sun would go down at noon during Christ’s crucifixion. **Matthew 27:45** confirms that it was from the sixth hour that there was darkness over all the land. The Jewish sixth hour is 12:00 noon.

D. Isaiah wrote these prophecies about Christ 740 years before Jesus appeared:

(1) **Isaiah 7:14** informs us that Jesus would be born of a virgin (which **Matthew 1:18-25** confirms).

(2) **Isaiah 11:1** says Jesus would come from the family of King David, and all nations will know Him, and that through Jesus, God will give Israel a second chance (which the Gospels confirm).

(3) *Isaiah 25:6-9 and 26:1,19* tells us that Jesus would be buried in the side of a mountain and that He would rise from the dead, as well as others. *Luke 23:53* confirms that He was buried in the side of a mountain; and *Matthew 27:52,53* confirms that at His death, many Christians came out of the grave, and then Jesus Himself raised on the third day.

(4) *Isaiah 35:3-10* says that Jesus would heal the blind, deaf, lame and dumb (as the Gospels confirm); and that those who followed His teachings would be called “*The Way*” (which *Acts 19:9,23* confirms).

(5) *Isaiah 50:6* tells us that Christ would beat his back and cheeks, and spit on Him; which *John 19:1, Matthew 26:67 and 27:26-31* confirm.

(6) *Isaiah 53:5-12* says Christ was “*pierced for our sins,*” and that He would die with the “*wicked, and with the rich in His death though He had done no violence...for He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the sinner.*” *Matthew 27:38; 59,60* confirms that He died between two thieves, and yet was buried in a rich man’s tomb. *Hebrews 9:26-28* also confirms that He offered Himself as a sin offering to God on our behalf.

(7) *Isaiah 62:2 and 65:15* says that Christ will bring a new name to Israel. *Acts 11:26* confirms that after Christ’s Church was established, they were called “*Christians.*”

E. Hosea wrote this prophecy about Christ about 722 years before Jesus appeared:

(1) *Hosea 11:1* says that Jesus would spend His childhood in Egypt, as *Matthew 2:13* confirms.

F. Micah wrote this prophecy about Christ about 700 years before Jesus appeared:

(1) *Micah 5:2* says Christ would be born in Bethlehem. *Matthew 2:5* confirms that even King Herod’s Wisemen used this Scripture to find out where the baby Jesus was born.

G. Zechariah wrote these prophecies about Christ about 600 years before Jesus appeared:

(1) *Zechariah 9:9* says that Christ would enter Jerusalem riding a donkey. *Luke 19:35* confirms this.

(2) *Zechariah 11:12,13* says Christ would be sold to His enemies for 30 pieces of silver, which would be returned as used to buy a potter’s field to bury the unknown. *Matthew 26:14,15 and 27:3-10* confirm this.

H. Daniel wrote these prophecies about Christ about 600 years before Jesus appeared:

(1) **Daniel 2:40-45** says that Christ's Kingdom would be set up in the "*fourth Kingdom.*" In the 600 years between Daniel and Christ, there were four World Empires (or Kingdoms): Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome. Christ (as Daniel prophesied) came in the "*fourth Kingdom*" or the Kingdom of Rome.

(2) **Daniel 9:25-27:** "*Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One (Christ), the ruler, comes, there will be seven sevens (or weeks), and sixty-two sevens (which totals 69 weeks)...(26)After the sixty-two sevens (weeks), the Anointed One (Christ) will be cut off and will have nothing...(27) He will confirm a covenant (New Testament) with many for one seven (week), but in the middle of that seven (3 ½ days) He will put an end to sacrifice and offering (by making Himself the one and only sacrifice God accepts for the forgiveness of sins).*"

(a) According to *verse 25*, the date from which the 69 weeks was to be counted was the decree to rebuild Jerusalem the city.

(b) **There were three decrees issued by Persian kings for this purpose:**

(1) **Cyrus (539 BC)** to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem,

(2) **Darius (521 BC)** to finish rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem,

(3) **Artaxerxes (457 BC)** who, according to *Ezra 7*, let Ezra take any Jew who wanted to go back to Jerusalem to rebuild the city (not just the Temple). This was called "The Great Reformation" and took place in the Sabbatic year of 457 BC. This would be the date for the "*issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, until the Anointed One (Christ)*" (*verse 25*).

(c) According to *Ezekiel 4:6*, one day equals one year in Biblical prophecy. So, Daniel's 69 weeks should be broken down into 483 days, and then, since a day equals a year in Biblical prophecy, Daniel's 69 weeks or 483 days would equal 483 years.

(d) So, Daniel said that from 457 BC, when the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (the city) was given, until the time the Anointed One (Christ) will appear, should be 483 years.

(e) If you add 483 years to 457 BC, it will bring you to 26 AD. Jesus began His Ministry as the Anointed One at age 30, when He was baptized by John the Baptist according to *Luke 3:21-23*. Because of a four year error from Dionysis, the man responsible for our calendar (BC/AD) based

on the Birth of Christ (BC); today our history books will tell you Jesus was born in 4 BC (or Before Christ). That means Jesus was 30 years old and began His Ministry as the Anointed One in 26 AD! HOW DID DANIEL KNOW THE EXACT YEAR JESUS WOULD BEGIN HIS MINISTRY AS THE ANOINTED ONE, 600 YEARS BEFORE?

(f) Furthermore, within 3 ½ years after Jesus began His Ministry as the Anointed One or the Christ, He was crucified; and, according to Daniel in *verse 27*: “...in the middle of that seven (days), He will put an end to sacrifice and offering (**Matthew 26:28 & Hebrews 9:11-15**).” What is the middle of 7? Is it not 3 ½? How long was Jesus’ Ministry as the “Anointed One,” or the “Christ?” 3 ½!

HOW DID DANIEL KNOW 600 YEARS BEFORE JESUS CAME TO EARTH, THE EXACT YEAR CHRIST WOULD DIE FOR OUR SINS AND SET UP THE NEW TESTAMENT (*Acts 1,2*)?