

Why Biblical prophecies are 100 percent accurate.

Prophecy

Perhaps the most convincing and hardest to refute piece of evidence confirming the Bible's truthfulness is prophecy. Prophecy is something that sets the Bible apart from all other religious books.¹ The Bible contains literally thousands of prophecies that have come to pass. In fact, there are 8,362 prophetic verses in the Bible,² most of which have already been fulfilled. **The amazing thing is that while there have been literally thousands of fulfilled prophecies not once has the Bible ever been wrong - that's right, it has a 100% accuracy rate, 100% of the time.**

Prophecy And The Nature of Time

The reason Biblical prophecy is so accurate is because God has the ability to see the past, present, and future simultaneously and therefore, can tell us what will happen. In order to understand how God can do this, I should explain a little bit about the relationship between God and time. Most of us think of time as a line; we probably can remember back to grade school, when the teacher drew a line on the blackboard. On the left of the line was the beginning of a kingdom or an event or perhaps someone's life, and on the right side was the end of this kingdom, event or life. Therefore, we tend to think of eternity as a very long line with infinity on the left and infinity on the right. We visualize God as someone who has lots of time.

That may sound nice but it is bad physics. God is not someone with lots of time; rather He is someone who is outside of our space/time*³ domain altogether. As an analogy, think of a parade. Standing on the sidewalk, we can see the floats going by one at a time. We do not really know what is coming until it gets to us. For us, life is a sequence of events: the past has already happened, we are in the present, and the future has not yet happened. (See Figure 1)

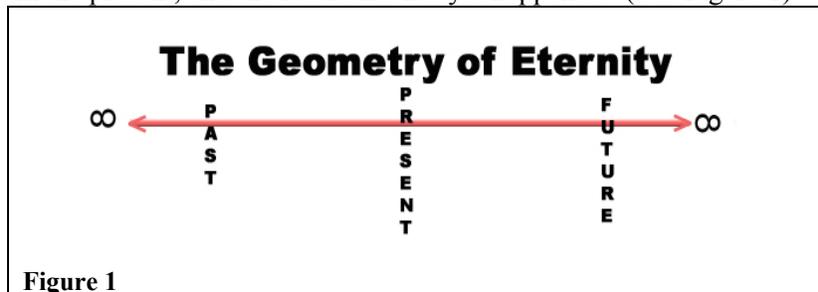


Figure 1

Yet someone in a blimp or helicopter can see the whole parade simultaneously; for him, the beginning and the end (the past, the present, and the future) are all happening at the same time. God is like the person in the blimp – He is outside of our space/time dimension altogether.

Since God has this ability to see the past, present, and future simultaneously, He is able to use this ability to tell us what will happen. God can see history before it happens. This is what prophecy and foreknowledge is – history written in advance, *before* it happens.

God, via the Holy Spirit, wrote things in the Bible that, at the time the authors wrote them, could not possibly have been known. (e.g. prophecies covered now, and scientific foreknowledge covered shortly). There is no 'past,' 'present,' and 'future' with God, He just 'is' – He is the 'I AM that I AM' (Exodus 3:14).

¹ Berean Call Newsletter, 11/30/07.

² J. B. Payne, *Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy*.

³ When physicists and astronomers speak of space and time it is usually together as a unit (space/time); time did not exist before space existed, nor space before time.