

The Bible Validates itself through Prophetic Utterance.

- 1. **26.8%** of the Bible was prophetic in nature when it was written.
- Jesus fulfilled <u>356</u> prophecies written about him hundreds of years before he arrived on earth.
- 3. For Jesus to fulfill 8 prophecies written about him the odds are: <u>1 in 10 to</u> the 28th power, that's to 1 with 28 zeros behind it!
- 4. For Jesus to fulfill 48 prophecies written about him the odds are: <u>1 in 10 to</u> the 157th power, that's to 1 with 157 zeros behind it!
- 5. Mathematicians, statisticians and scientists say <u>1 in 10 to the 50th power is impossible!</u>

<u>John 14:1(ESV)</u> "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

<u>Matthew 24:36, 42(NKJV)</u> But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

⁴²Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

Three Other Reasons God Tells Us The Future

1. He wants us to **GET READY**.

John 3:16(ESV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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2. He wants us to STAY READY.

Ephesians 6:11-13(ESV) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

- ➤ We fight a **THREE FRONT WAR**.
- God doesn't promise a life of ease but tells us TO STAND FIRM IN THE EVIL DAY.

Ephesians 6:14-18(ESV) Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints...

- God doesn't leave us <u>DEFENSELESS</u> but gives us <u>WEAPONS WITH WHICH</u> TO FIGHT.
- > 3 weapons we have already, <u>THE BELT OF TRUTH, THE BREASTPLATE OF</u>
 RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THE GOSPEL OF PEACE.
- 4 weapons we need to take up daily <u>THE SHIELD OF FAITH, THE HELMET OF SALVATION, THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, AND PRAYING AT ALL TIMES IN THE SPIRIT.</u>

3. He wants us to **GET OTHERS READY**.

Luke 8:4-15(ESV) And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, ⁵ "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. 8 And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold...⁹ And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰ he said...¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. 14 And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵ As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

- ➤ One Component of this parable is expected: **THE WORK FOR THE SOWER**.
- One Component of this parable is unquestioned: <u>THE SEED MEANING THE WORD</u>.
- > One Component of this parable is the issue: **THE QUALITY OF THE SOIL**.

Jesus Says Hold On I'm Coming...Are You Ready For His Coming?

Jesus Says Hold On I'm Coming...Are You Staying Ready For His Coming?

Jesus Says Hold On I'm Coming...Are You Getting Others Ready For His Coming?