**Fulfilled Prophecy and the Divine Inspiration of the Bible**

**Isaiah 46:9b-10** “… for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, *declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done*, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.” *[God distinguishing Himself from idols]*

**John 14:29** “And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.” *[Jesus speaking of future events to his original 12 disciples]*

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The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to fulfilled prophecy.

Mere man cannot predict the future because you must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all things & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all things.

The Bible’s prophecies are not guesses from trends. They initially sound \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **Military or Geopolitical Predictions – (Example: the Ancient City of Tyre)**
   1. Ezekiel 26 (What is predicted?) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. How, when, and by whom were these things fulfilled?
   3. Nebuchadnezzar II
   4. Alexander the Great
   5. Persians
   6. Romans
   7. Muslims
   8. Earthquakes/tsunamis
   9. Now (UNESCO)
2. **Redemptive Historical Prophecies – Messianic Prophecies**
   1. Genesis 3:15 (seed of the woman)
   2. Additional specifics narrowing down the Messiah (descendant of Abraham, tribe of Judah, king from David’s lineage, born in Bethlehem, suffering servant, etc.)
   3. The most well-known Messianic prophecy (Isaiah 53)
   4. When was this written? Who is this describing?
3. **Prophecies Made By Jesus Christ**
   1. Matthew 24:35 (my words will never pass away)
   2. Matthew 26:13 (what this woman has done will be remembered)
   3. Matthew 20:17-19 (7 things predicted about himself)
      1. Handed over to chief priests and scribes
      2. Condemned to death by them
      3. Delivered over to Gentiles
      4. Mocked by them
      5. Scourged by them
      6. Crucified by them
      7. Will rise again on the third day
   4. Matthew 12:39-40 (Sign of the prophet Jonah)
   5. John 2:19-22 (Destroy this temple and in 3 days I will raise it up)

**A question to ask**: How do you explain this feature of the Bible – its ability to accurately predict specific historical events years, decades, or centuries beforehand?