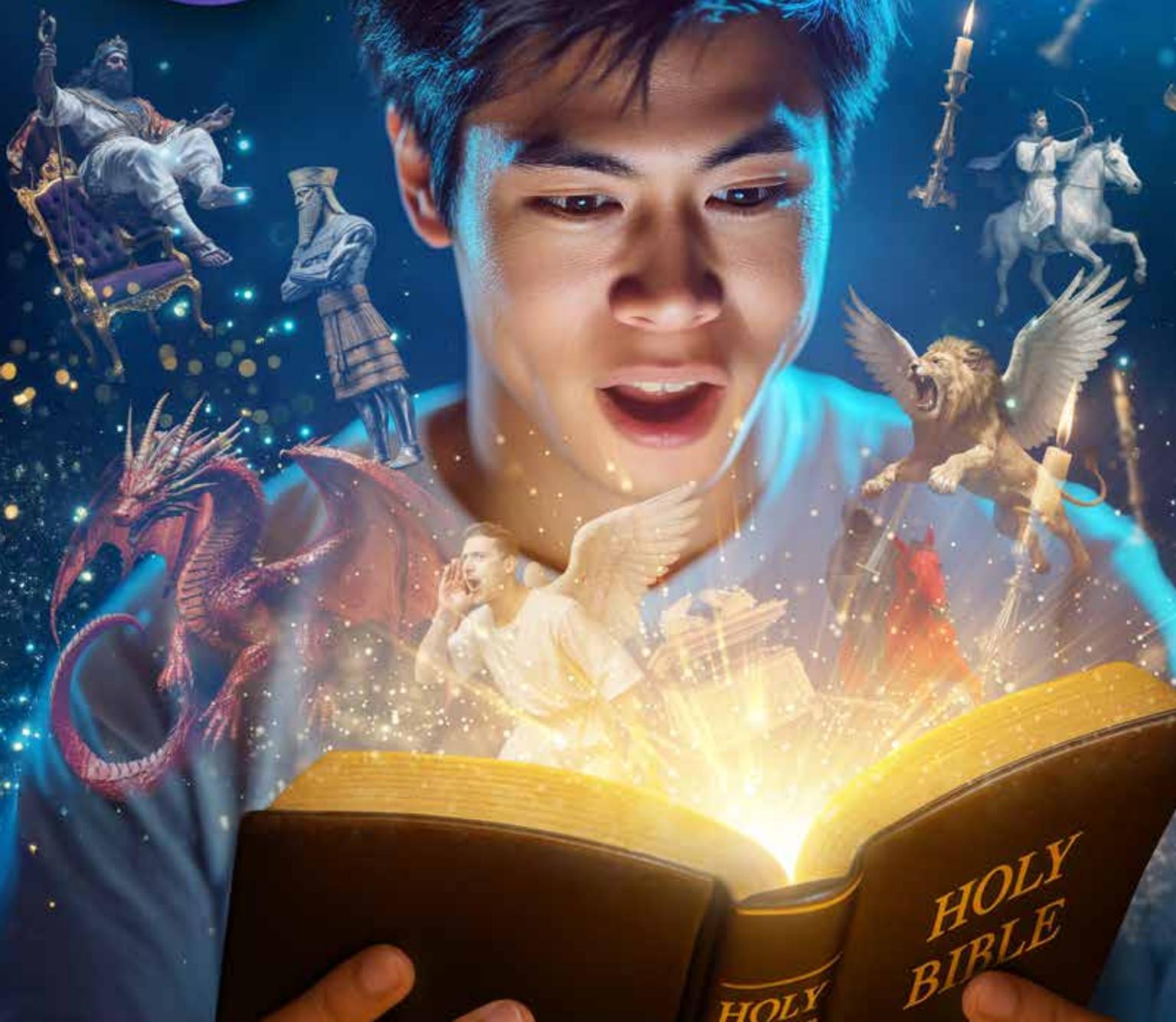




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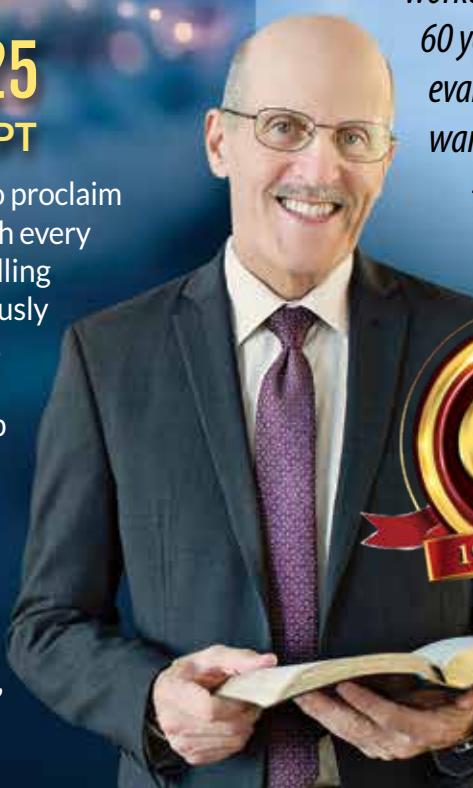
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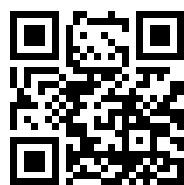
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Every day, road signs guide us safely to our destinations. Sometimes, though, we are guilty of ignoring inconvenient signs. “I don’t really have to do a full stop,” we mutter as we roll through the intersection. We may “get away with it” most of the time, but sometimes the results of ignoring road signs are disastrous.

That’s what happened to the religious leaders in Jesus’ day. They came to Christ asking for “a sign from heaven.”

Jesus answered with a cryptic reference to their ability to forecast the weather. Then He pointed out their fatal error: “You cannot discern the signs of the times” (Matthew 16:3).

What signs were they missing? The Bible’s road signs—prophetic markers that revealed vital information for spiritual life in their day!

The 70-week prophecy in Daniel 9 spelled out the exact time the Messiah would come. Jesus’ life was fulfilling this prophecy to the letter, but the Jewish leaders refused to see it. They also willfully ignored the evidence



Jesus cited to John the Baptist when his faith faltered: “The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them” (Matthew 11:5).

Ignoring the prophetic road signs helped lead to Jesus’ crucifixion and brought disaster to the Jewish nation.

We are prone to make the same mistake: ignore plain evidence of prophecy being fulfilled all around us while being great forecasters of current events. Could it also lead us to disaster?

Our only hope is to earnestly seek guidance from “the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD” (Isaiah 11:2). Pastor Doug’s timely article “Understanding End-time Bible Prophecy” will also give you helpful insights into the different types of biblical prophecy and provide you with the tools you need to decipher God’s messages and apply them to your life, especially as we approach Christ’s second coming.

Are you paying attention to the prophetic road signs or speeding toward danger? It is high time for each of us to seek the wisdom that comes from understanding and heeding God’s road signs! 

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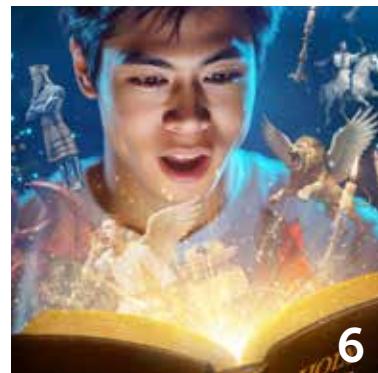
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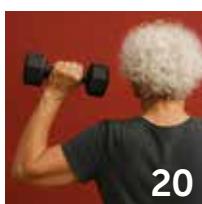
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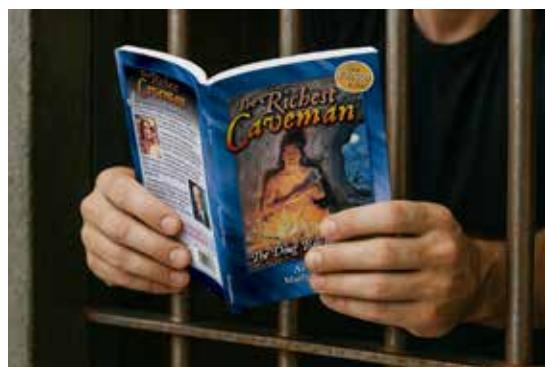
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Understanding End-Time Bible PROPHECY

By Pastor Doug Batchelor

An Amazing Fact: Fortune tellers have long beguiled people, blending mysticism and entertainment through the reading of tarot cards, palms, and crystal balls. Even in our age of religious skepticism, fortune-telling remains a thriving industry in the USA, generating over \$2 billion annually. While some view this all as a novelty, many today still consult mediums in a futile attempt to know the future.



The ancient historian Josephus recounts a fascinating encounter between Alexander the Great and the Jewish people during his conquests. As Alexander advanced toward Jerusalem after defeating the Persians, the Jewish high priest, clad in sacred garments, led a procession of priests and citizens to greet him outside the city. Instead of attacking the parade, Alexander

showed the high priest reverence, claiming he had seen a similar figure in a dream before beginning his campaign. The Jewish leaders then presented him with prophecies from the book of Daniel, which foretold that a Greek ruler would overthrow the Persians.

Deeply impressed by this revelation, Alexander, rather than imposing Greek customs on Israel or demanding tribute, granted them religious freedom and allowed them to continue following their own laws. He also extended privileges to Jewish communities across his empire, particularly in Alexandria, fostering positive relations between the Greeks and the Jewish people.

This isn't the first time the accuracy of Bible prophecies has impressed those outside the Holy Land. When Jesus was born, "wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him'" (Matthew 2:1, 2). How did they know of this star except that they had studied prophecies in the Old Testament? (See Numbers 24:17.)

Does prophecy intrigue you—but also baffle you? You might be wondering how you can dive in and faithfully interpret end-time prophecies in Scripture. In this brief article, we'll look at some keys to help you do that.

Types of Bible Prophecy

What is Bible prophecy?

Generally speaking, the word “prophecy” is defined as the inspired words of a prophet. Such revelations from heaven are often thought of as being always predictive. But prophets frequently spoke messages from heaven that didn’t “foretell”—but would “forthtell” a divine word of comfort, teaching, or chastisement.

Predictive prophecy, on the other hand, is designed to foretell future events to warn and build faith. Predictive prophecies can be divided into “classical prophecy” (found in Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the Minor Prophets) and “apocalyptic prophecy” (found in Daniel, Zechariah, and Revelation).

Classical prophecies are specific to the nation of Israel. For instance, Balaam’s prophecies, found in Numbers 23 and 24, speak of God’s plans for the local people of Israel. Samuel prophesied how a king would relate to Israel (1 Samuel 8:10–18).

Apocalyptic prophecies, however, are universal in scope. They speak beyond the local nation of Israel and address worldwide issues. Daniel 2, for example, deals with world history from Daniel’s time till the end.

While classical prophecy is conditional—meaning fulfillments depend on people’s response to God’s directions and rebukes—apocalyptic

prophecy is not. It reveals God’s control over history itself. This is shown in Bible passages like Isaiah 46:9, 10—

Remember the former things of old, 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 that are not yet done, saying, “My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.”

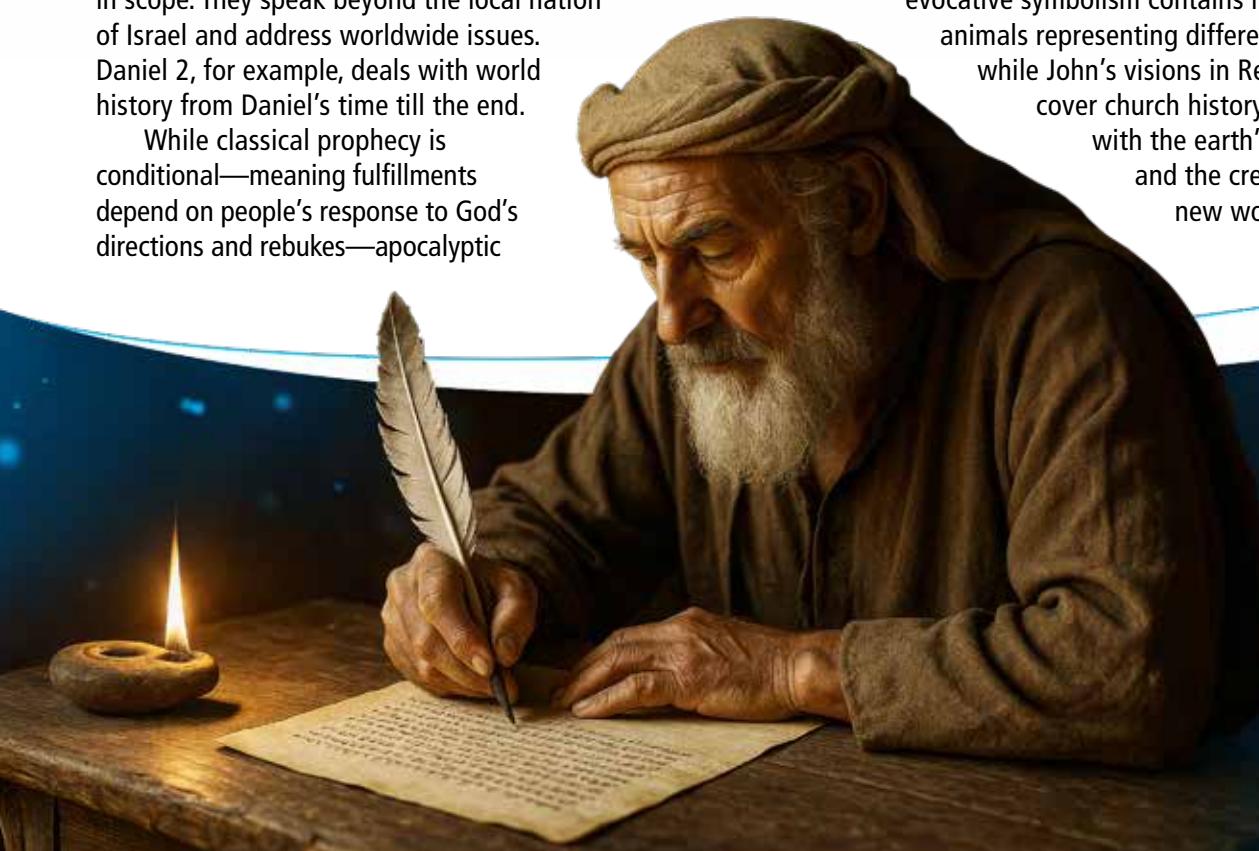
Characteristics of Apocalyptic Prophecy

The word “apocalyptic” found in the first verse of Revelation comes from the Greek word *apokalypsis*, which means “unveiling” or “revelation.” The word has come to refer to any type of prophecy that focuses on the end times and speaks to the establishment of God’s eternal kingdom.

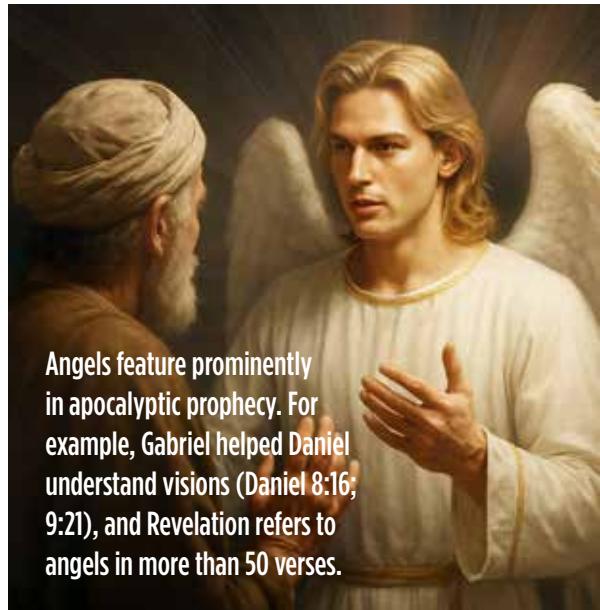
Messages in apocalyptic prophecy are given in visions, as though the prophet were watching a fantastical movie. They are typically presented with mysterious and profound symbols carefully designed to present a specific message for people throughout all times.

We see this in Daniel’s visions in chapters 2, 7, and 12.

Each of these is concerned with the end of the current age and the beginning of God’s kingdom. Daniel’s evocative symbolism contains images and animals representing different kingdoms, while John’s visions in Revelation cover church history and end with the earth’s destruction and the creation of a new world. Again,



both writers are focused on the “big picture”—the overarching theme of the great cosmic war between good and evil.



Angels feature prominently in apocalyptic prophecy. For example, Gabriel helped Daniel understand visions (Daniel 8:16; 9:21), and Revelation refers to angels in more than 50 verses.

Four Ways of Interpreting Apocalyptic Prophecy

With so much symbolism to figure out, it can be easy for Bible students to come up with wildly divergent understandings of end-time prophecy. Go to any Christian bookstore, find the section on prophecy, randomly grab eight books, and you’ll see, for example, how many ways scholars explain the trumpets of Revelation 8. You will probably find 12 different interpretations!

However, there are generally four schools of interpretation when it comes to deciphering apocalyptic prophecy. **Preterism**, for example, is a method of

interpretation that sees all apocalyptic events as having occurred in the past. Revelation, for instance, is believed to be speaking only about the first-century AD, depicting pagan Rome as the beast power and Nero as the antichrist. It was created in the 17th century by Luis de Alcazar, a Jesuit friar, to counter the Reformers who identified Babylon with the Roman Church.

Futurism was the brainchild of Spanish Jesuit Francisco Ribera and was again designed to distract from the Reformers’ attack on the Roman Church—teaching that all the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation apply to the future. Futurism was later refined by John Nelson Darby and teaches that Christ will rapture the church before the tribulation and establish a millennial kingdom before His coming in glory. Futurism, a comparatively recent interpretation method, has become the prevailing view among evangelicals because of books and movies like the *Left Behind* series.

Another school of interpretation is **idealism**, which sees the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation as being merely spiritual lessons, suggesting that the symbols in them have no connection to actual history or any specific events. Undoubtedly, this method is favored among non-believers who doubt the miraculous power of Scripture.

Last but not least is **historicism**, the first and oldest school, a system that sees an overarching unfolding of history across the Bible’s apocalyptic prophecies—some have come to pass, while others are still on the horizon. It was the method used by Protestant reformers and is best illustrated in Daniel chapters 2 and 8. Daniel interprets the symbols of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream (Daniel 2:31–45) as successive kingdoms, beginning with Babylon (Daniel 2:38), while an angel later identifies the ram and goat as Medo-Persia and Greece (Daniel 8:20, 21). This establishes that the animal symbols in Daniel’s visions



refer to successive kingdoms. This method is best seen as prophecy unfolds across real-world history, and it has been so successful that skeptics accuse Daniel of having written down its many stunning prophecies after the fact, a claim that the Dead Sea Scrolls refute.

In my view, historicism is the most trustworthy and proven method for unveiling apocalyptic prophecies because it has plainly demonstrated its accuracy and deeper meanings many times over. The grand time prophecy of Daniel makes sense only when seen through the lens of historicism.

Proper Ways to Interpret Apocalyptic Prophecy

As you are no doubt aware, countless books have been written to help people understand apocalyptic prophecies, but how can you study these on your own and draw your own conclusions about which school of interpretation works best? Here are some key tools to keep in mind.

Always begin with prayer. Just as the Holy Spirit guided the prophets of old, we should ask for God's help. Remember, "prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21). Jesus promised that the "Spirit of truth ... will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

Let the Bible be its own interpreter. A careful Bible student will acknowledge that Scripture usually interprets itself. One Bible verse will often tell us the meaning of another verse. For instance, the ram and goat in Daniel 8:3 and 5 are explicitly named as the kingdoms of Medo-Persia and Greece in Daniel 8:20, 21. And when we read about the harlot sitting "on many waters" in Revelation 17:1, we find the meaning of waters in verse 15: "peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues."

Learn the meaning of images. Daniel and Revelation are filled with symbols. To correctly interpret



them, first consider interpretations within the passage in which they are found. For instance, the "great, fiery red dragon" of Revelation 12:3 is explained in verse 9 as "that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan." Using a concordance, you can sometimes find explanations of symbols in other parts of that book or even in other books of the Bible. For example, Revelation 5:6 describes a lamb that was slain. We read in John 1:29 that when Jesus came to the Jordan River to be baptized, John the Baptist identified Him as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Learn the meaning of numbers. Most numbers in Daniel and Revelation (but not all) have symbolic meaning. For example, the number six in Revelation symbolizes the number for man. Adam was created on the sixth day. We see this realized in Revelation 13:18, where the "number of the beast ... is the number of a man: His number is 666." Seven is the number of perfection or completeness; this is often seen in Revelation's many sevens—seven churches (chapters 2 and 3), seven seals (chapters 5 and 6), seven trumpets (chapters 8 and 9), seven thunders, seven plagues, etc.

The Day-for-a-Year Principle

Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6 are vital clues to understanding symbolic time periods in Daniel and Revelation. Both verses explain that when interpreting prophecy, one day stands for one year. Many Bible students have used this principle to properly interpret the 70 weeks of Daniel 9, which refers to the 490-year span between the Medo-Persian reign and the time of Christ's baptism.

A word of caution when it comes to understanding as yet *unfulfilled* prophecy: The focus of prophecy is to build faith. Jesus' desire for His followers is that "when it [prophecy] does come to pass, you may believe" (John 14:29). Before a prophecy comes to pass, we may not always understand every detail perfectly. Looking back on

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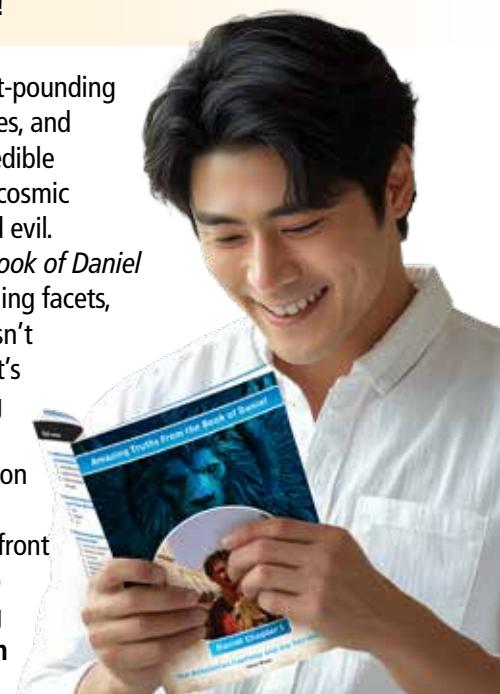
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Zacchaeus heard that Jesus was coming to his town, so he went out to see Him. Being a short man among the crowds, Zacchaeus couldn't see Jesus at first, so he climbed a tree to get a better view. Jesus noticed him, calling to Zacchaeus by name—and invited Himself to the tax collector's home. That night, Zacchaeus realized there was more to life than gaining earthly wealth. He repented and declared that he would give to the poor and repay anyone he had cheated. Jesus responded, “Today salvation has come to this house” (Luke 19:9).

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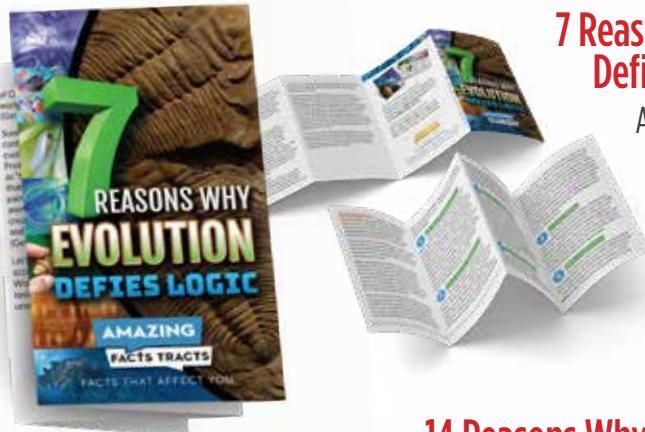
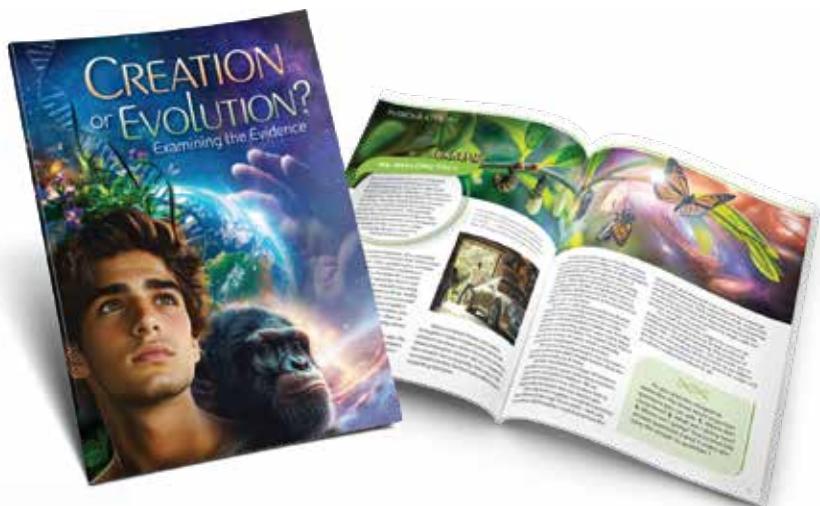
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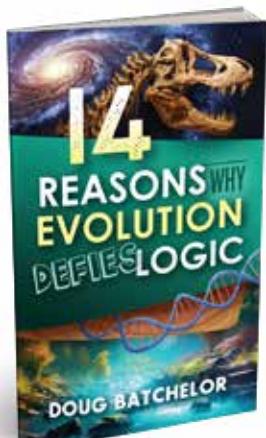
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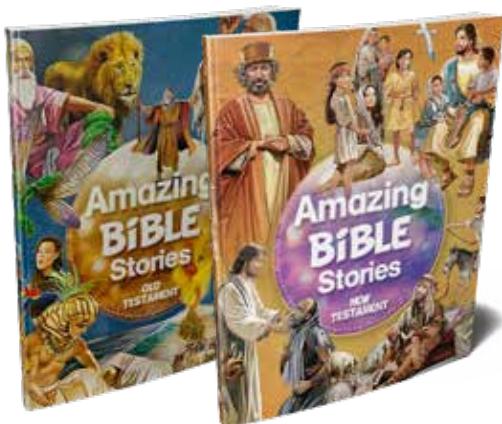
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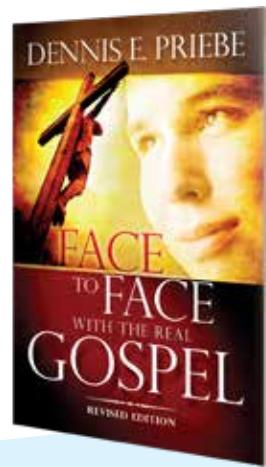
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fulfilled prophecy often does more to strengthen our faith than unfulfilled prophecies, such as Christ's return, will surely come to pass.



Warning Against False Prophets

When studying prophecy, also remember Christ's warning: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves" (Matthew 7:15). God told Jeremiah, "The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision" (Jeremiah 14:14).

We can't trust everyone who claims to speak for God. Thankfully, the Bible provides us with four tests of a true prophet:

1 "To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20). The "law and testimony" was an Old Testament expression for the Bible. When people claim to have a word from God, it should be compared to Scripture. A true prophet will align with what the Bible already says.

2 "By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God" (1 John 4:2). A prophet of God must acknowledge and teach the truth about Jesus—that He was God in human form. True prophets will exalt Jesus, not themselves. Most false prophets seek to draw attention away from God's Word toward their own ideas.

3 "You will know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:16). While it is true that God's prophets have human flaws, there should be consistency in their teachings and how they live their lives.

4 "As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, the prophet will be known as one whom the LORD has truly sent" (Jeremiah 28:9). A true prophet will not make false predictions—the things he or she says will come to pass. However, accuracy alone does not automatically qualify a person as a true prophet. Deuteronomy 13:1–3 warns that false prophets can give signs that will come to pass and then use their influence to lead people to follow other gods. A true prophet must lead people to worship God according to the Bible.

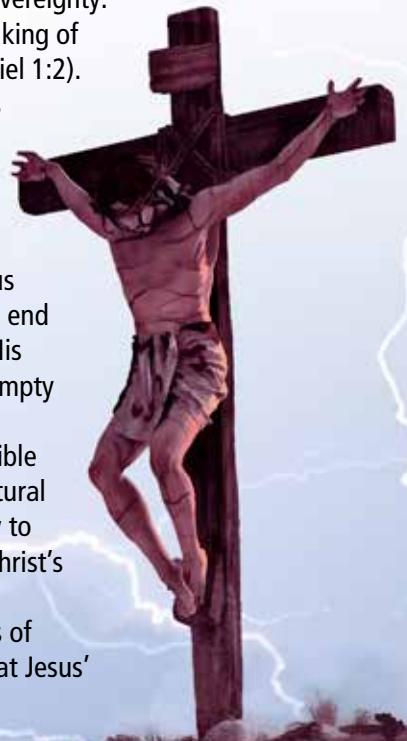
The Main Purpose of Prophecy

Why has God given us prophecy? The primary purpose of prophecy is redemptive. It is to reveal Christ, the center of all prophecy. The book of Revelation does not begin with "The revelation of secret future events," but rather, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 1:1). The book of Daniel is not about Babylon's success in overthrowing Judah, but rather God's sovereignty.

"The LORD gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand" (Daniel 1:2).

Bible prophecy shows us that God is deeply involved in the affairs of our world. As Sovereign of the universe, the Lord wants us to be aware of His plan to end sin and establish justice. His prophetic words are not empty predictions like astrology quips in the newspaper. Bible prophecy reveals supernatural authority and tells us how to live holy lives in light of Christ's soon return.

The divine predictions of Scripture help us know that Jesus' coming is soon and that





DUAL PROPHECY

When studying Bible prophecy, it's important to recognize that some prophecies have dual applications—they are fulfilled more than once. A well-known example is when David desired to build a temple for the Lord. The prophet Nathan told him that his son would build a house that would endure forever (1 Chronicles 17:11, 12). On one level, Solomon, David's son, fulfilled this by constructing the physical temple. Yet the prophecy pointed beyond Solomon to Jesus, the "Son of David," who established a spiritual temple that will last forever—His church. Jesus declared, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19), speaking of His body.

Another example is found in the prophecy of Joel, who foretold that God would pour out His Spirit in the last days (Joel 2:28, 29). The apostle Peter explained that this prophecy began its fulfillment at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit empowered the early church (Acts 2:14–18). Yet its complete fulfillment will come in the final outpouring of the Holy Spirit—the Latter Rain—just before "the great and awesome day of the Lord" (Joel 2:31).

Similarly, in Matthew 24, Jesus described both the coming destruction of Jerusalem and events leading to His return. These parallel prophecies were intentionally blended, as many of the warnings and fulfillments would apply to both the Jewish nation and Christian believers throughout history.

we should make ourselves ready in faith. Prophecy is not meant to discourage us or make us afraid but to reveal how much God loves our fallen world and wants to save us. Properly understood, Bible prophecy shows us we can trust God's Word.

Abraham Lincoln, known for his unwavering honesty, earned the nickname "Honest Abe." During his career as a lawyer, Lincoln once represented a client in a case where he realized mid-trial that his own argument was incorrect. Instead of proceeding with the case in bad faith, he immediately informed the judge that his position was wrong and withdrew. This act of integrity demonstrated that his word was not just rhetoric but a principle he lived by.

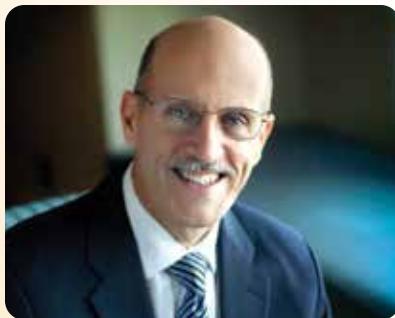
Later, during the Civil War, Lincoln repeatedly assured the American people that he would see the conflict through to preserve the Union. Despite immense pressure and personal hardship, he kept his promise, guiding the nation through its darkest days and ensuring that his word remained solid.



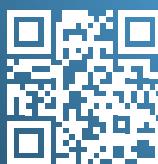
When Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, the first thing He did was to direct their attention to the fulfilled prophecies of the Messiah's suffering and resurrection (Luke 24:27). Later, when Christ appeared in the upper room to the apostles, once again He opened their understanding to the prophecies (Luke 24:44–48). This understanding turned their sorrow into joy and their doubt into unwavering faith. Prophecy reminds us that in our darkest moments, God is still on His throne, His Word can be trusted, and He will deliver His children. 

Where in the World Is Pastor Doug?

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Over 100,000 inmates have subscribed to the Amazing Facts channel on Pando since we launched on the app in 2022. We are reaching Satanists, pagan White Supremacists, gang leaders, nature



worshippers, Muslims, people from Eastern religions, and many others who have had a change of heart and wish to follow Christ because of watching our programs. One inmate in Texas says, "I was

a Muslim for many years, but after watching the videos on Pando, I couldn't dispute the Amazing Facts! I have accepted Christ."

New Media Projects

The Amazing Facts media department is partnering with Lingopal.AI to begin translating our weekly programs and most-watched programs into multiple languages for online distribution. Our FAST (Free Ad-Supported Television) channel is set to launch on its first platform at the beginning of June. And AFTV will be moving to the cloud to improve signal consistency and reduce technical issues with our equipment.



Creation Summit Reaches Thousands

The Amazing Facts *Creation or Evolution Summit* attracted over 2,200 attendees to the W.O.R.D. Center on March 27 and 28. Thousands more participated online worldwide. Hosted at the Granite Bay Hilltop Church, the event featured presentations from Pastor Doug Batchelor, author Clifford Goldstein, zoologist Dr. Walter Veith, and One Mustard Seed president Rich Aguilera.

The speakers presented scientific and biblical evidence supporting the six-day creation account and addressed evolutionary theories contradicting Scripture. They emphasized the connection between creation and the first angel's message in Revelation 14:7, which calls believers to "worship Him who made heaven and earth." Many audience members expressed appreciation for the weekend's impact on their faith. "I've been in public schools all my life, so I've never had an opportunity to hear the scientific support for creation," said Zugey, a recent college graduate. "Listening to these presentations has strengthened my faith in God and the Bible." Watch the archives at afsummit.org.



Dominican Republic Mission Trip

A team of 200 Amazing Facts and Granite Bay Church volunteers traveled to the Dominican Republic for a mission trip this past April. The team hosted an evangelism training seminar for 600 church leaders and pastors, provided free medical and dental services for over 1,000 individuals, ministered at an orphanage, and hosted a Vacation Bible School for over 300 children. They also partnered with Maranatha Volunteers International to help build a new church and repair an older church.



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Pastor Doug Interviewed on Brazil National Television

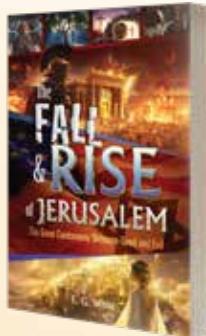
Pastor Doug preached in Brazil for the first time over the 2025 Resurrection weekend. Pastor Jéan Ross joined him to share with over 2,500 at a Christian convocation.

Then the unexpected happened. A series of divine "coincidences" led to Pastor Doug being scheduled for a five-minute interview on a secular TV news station, REDE, the fifth-largest TV network in the country. The planned interview with Hermano Henning, a well-known news anchor in Brazil, turned into nearly a half-hour conversation about the Sabbath, the Ten Commandments, and his conversion story that aired on the same day Pope Francis passed away.



Fox News Blitz

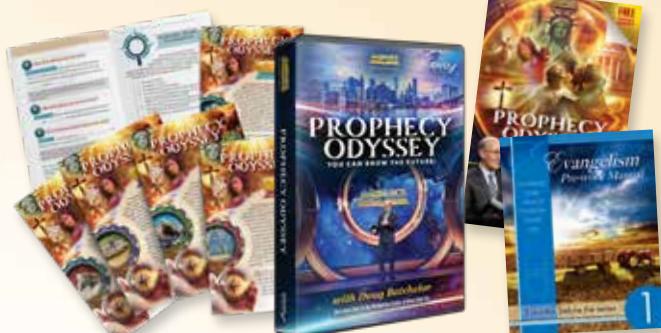
In a first-of-its-kind outreach campaign, Amazing Facts will air multiple commercials offering free copies of *The Fall & Rise of Jerusalem* (a reprint of *The Great Controversy*) on Fox News during prime time for an entire week this October. Please pray that many thousands will request this truth-filled book and be converted through it!



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Our newest evangelistic resource is now available for use in your Pentecost 2025 outreach efforts. The *Prophecy Odyssey* evangelism kit features 16 complete and customizable evangelistic prophecy presentations on an easy-to-carry USB drive. Additional outreach resources—sharing books, Bible lessons, videos, marketing tools, and more—will allow you to present the everlasting gospel like a seasoned soul-winner. This power-packed evangelism kit USB will empower you to share Christ and the three angels' messages like never before! See page 14.



Lives Transformed Through the China Project

Despite challenges in translation and censorship, Amazing Facts' China Project continues to impact lives! Over the past few months, two new videos, two articles, and five book chapters were translated, and over 200 video shorts were uploaded. Website and Bible school engagement remained strong, with thousands of seekers supported. Several began keeping the Sabbath, and four baptisms were reported.

Testimonies like Brother Hou overcoming alcohol and Sister Tian Tian embracing the Sabbath reveal how God's truth is changing lives through Qimiaozhenxiang.com.

Muscle Power!

Why You Should Be Strength Training



By
Laurie
Lyon

Whoa! you may be thinking. *Hold on just a minute. I'm too old to pump iron.*

Oh, really? Consider the case of Catherine Kuehn. She began weightlifting when she discovered she had osteopenia, a precursor to osteoporosis, and desired to keep her bones from whittling away further. She was in her 80s. Her trainer, noticing her natural ability, talked her into competing in powerlifting events. Before long, Catherine was setting world records in deadlifting competitions, and she kept competing right up to the age of 95. Her personal best deadlift was over 130 pounds!¹

Still think you're too old?

But why would I want to build muscle? you might ask. Good question, and there are a multitude of reasons resistance training is beneficial for people of all ages. Here are a few of them:

- 1** Building muscle protects joints, making them more resistant to pain and injuries. Certain kinds of weightlifting can even help those with osteoarthritis manage their condition, though it's advisable to get expert guidance on which specific exercises are best for you.²
- 2** Strength training can improve posture. Building core and upper body strength provides support for standing taller and straighter.
- 3** The more muscle you have, the higher your metabolism. That means you'll burn extra calories, even when resting, helping you maintain a healthy body weight.
- 4** Lifting weights can support heart health by improving circulation and lowering blood pressure. If you're new to exercise, however, be sure to check with your doctor before beginning a strength training program.³

- 5** For middle-aged and senior adults, maintaining muscle mass can help you remain mobile and active while helping protect you from falls.
- 6** Regular strength training reduces the risk of developing osteoporosis, a bone-thinning condition found mostly in older women. For those who already have it, pumping iron can slow the progression of bone loss, making fractures less likely.
- 7** Resistance training appears to have a neuroprotective effect on the brain and has been shown to improve cognitive function in older people.^{4,5}

Thankfully, you don't need heavy weights to gain important benefits. In fact, it's best to start light. Always stretch first, and gradually challenge your muscles to handle more weight. Beginners might even start with pushups, squats, and other exercises that use body weight to provide resistance. Once you work up to hand weights, be sure to use proper form to reduce the risk of injury. Let your muscles recover between workouts, aiming for two to

three resistance training sessions a week. Being consistent will soon pay off!

But even more important than physical strength training is building your spiritual muscles. We all need to "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" (Ephesians 6:10). And regardless of your physical ability, Scripture promises, "He gives power

to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength" (Isaiah 40:29). When you lean on Jesus, you can count on Him to support you in His mighty arms. 



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Volunteer Spotlight

By Shenalyn Page

“**A**re you Sabbath-keepers?”

The man at the door was clearly surprised by the quiet in the Higgins home that Saturday afternoon. The television was off, and the Higgins boys were playing happily.

Jean and her husband, Wes, had not been expecting visitors. But they welcomed the man in and began to share their spiritual journey with him.

Jean had grown up in a home that “kind of” kept the Sabbath. Attending a Sabbath-keeping academy during her high school years strengthened her faith. Wes had not known anything about the Sabbath before meeting Jean but respected his wife’s wishes to observe the Sabbath in their home.

“I wasn’t really practicing my faith when the man from the local church showed up at our door,” Jean remembers. “But we didn’t shop or watch TV on Sabbath. Wes and I were both interested in learning more, so we studied the Bible with him and were baptized together not long after that.”

Ever since, Jean and Wes have faithfully served God. But when Jean retired from nursing (the first time), she wanted to do something for the Lord. “I wanted to be



helpful and productive,” she says. “Amazing Facts was in the area, but I didn’t know much about what they did.”

Jean liked what she learned about the ministry and offered to help in the Bible School. She volunteered for several years before going back to work full-time. It took two more official retirements before she left work behind for good. Now, she enjoys her six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She returned to volunteering at the Bible School after her third retirement. She stops by the office each week to pick up a stack of Bible lessons to grade at home. “I enjoy seeing the notes from the prisoners,” Jean says. “Some are very heartfelt. It’s thrilling to see how people’s faith grows as they progress through the lessons. They start to ask for more information and pastoral visits.”

She adds, “I’d definitely recommend volunteering at Amazing Facts if you have extra time. It’s a beautiful ministry that touches so many people.”

Do you have time on your hands and a burden for sharing the gospel with the unreached? If you do and live locally, would you consider joining Jean as a volunteer at Amazing Facts? Please call 916-209-7201 to learn what volunteering positions we have available.

What Happens Next?

By Laurie Lyon

Once upon a time ...

Do you enjoy listening to a good story? Have you ever wondered while you were listening—especially during an exciting story—what was going to happen next? Some stories are written in such a way that people can guess what will happen next. Have you ever guessed how a story ends? It can be fun to take a guess and be correct!

Have you ever tried to guess the things that will happen in your day? That would be much harder than guessing the ending of a book, wouldn't it? Life can surprise us. So many different things can happen that we don't expect. We can guess about it, but we're likely to guess wrong.

But did you know there's Someone who never needs to guess how things will turn out? That's right—God doesn't need to guess because He already knows!

Many times in the Bible, God told His people what would happen next. When God gives a message like this, it's called a **prophecy**. Usually, when God wanted to send this kind of important message to His people, He gave the message to a person called a prophet. The prophet would often write down God's message and then tell the other people what God had said.

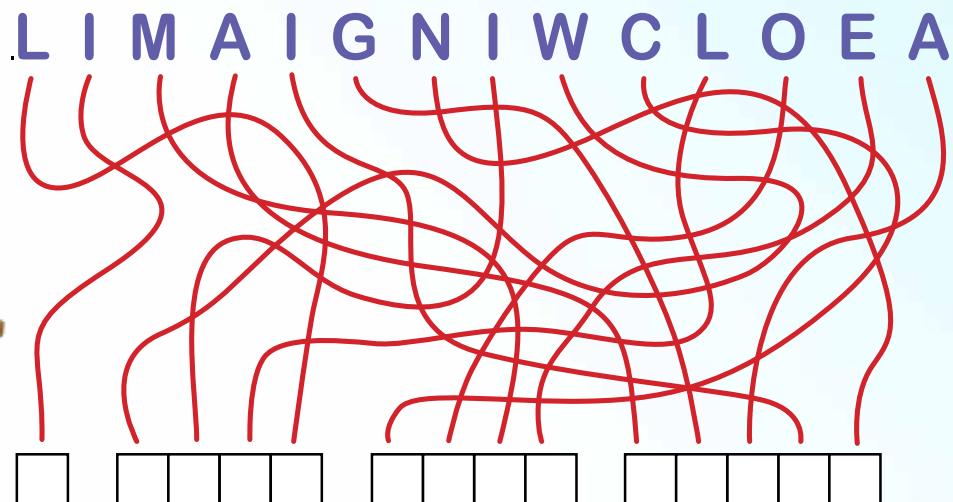
For example, more than 600 years before Jesus was born, the prophet Micah gave the message that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. The prophet Zechariah said that one day Jesus would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey and that His hands and feet would be pierced. The prophet Isaiah wrote that Jesus would be a sacrifice for sin. These are just a few of the dozens of Bible prophecies about Jesus that have already come true!

So, why do you think God gives us prophecies?

When Jesus lived on Earth, He knew for sure that one of His disciples would turn against Him. When He told His disciples this, they could hardly believe it. It seemed impossible! But Jesus said, "I tell you this now so that when it happens, you will believe on me" (John 13:19 TLB).

God loves us very much. He tells us what will happen next to help us get ready for the future—and so that when we see His prophecies come true, we'll have even more reasons to trust in Him and to believe His Word, the Bible.

One of the most important prophecies of all came directly from Jesus. Solve the puzzle below to spell out the promise He gave to all of us. Follow the lines carefully, writing each letter in the correct box.



We know His promise is TRUE! Because He loves us, He's coming back soon to take us home to heaven. What an exciting day that will be. Are you ready to go home with Jesus when He returns? 

Bible Answers

with Pastor Doug Batchelor



Who are the “sons of God” in Genesis 6?

A Lately, there has been a significant surge of interest among Christians about ancient mysteries related to the pyramids and the Nephilim mentioned in Genesis 6. Some claim these structures point to aliens or fallen angels, but what does the Bible actually say about the “sons of God” and their connection to the “giants” of old?

Genesis 6 says, “The sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves” (v. 2). Some interpret “sons of God” as fallen angels or extraterrestrials who married human women and produced giants, contributing to humanity’s wickedness.

But a closer look at Scripture clears up this confusion. The term “sons of God” appears many times in the Bible, but it never refers to angels dabbling in intimate human relationships. Psalm 104:4 tells us that angels are spirits, not flesh—i.e., they don’t reproduce or function like humans. They also don’t have human DNA. Jesus explicitly states that angels do not marry (Matthew 22:30; Luke 20:36), underscoring their distinctness from humans.

So, who are the “sons of God”? The Bible reveals two meanings. First, it refers to beings created directly by God, like Adam. In Luke 3:38, Adam is called “the son of God,”

as he was formed by God’s hand, not born of a woman. Job 1:6 describes a heavenly meeting in which other “sons of God” appear before the Lord. These are likely unfallen beings directly created by God and who have gathered as representatives of other worlds. Satan was also present, having taken dominion of the earth after Adam’s fall (John 12:31).

Second, “sons of God” refers to humans who have been spiritually reborn. John 1:12 (KJV) says, “As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God.” (See also 1 John 3:1.) This transformation comes by faith and being led by the Holy Spirit. Matthew 5:9 blesses the peacemakers, calling them “sons of God.” Galatians 3:26 echoes this; moreover, verse 28 indicates that the term “sons” includes all believers—male and female alike.

With this in mind, I believe that the “sons of God” in Genesis 6 likely refers to the righteous descendants of Adam and Seth, who intermarried with the ungodly “daughters of men” from Cain’s lineage. This mixing of believers and unbelievers led to the widespread wickedness that led to the Flood. The word “giants” in some English translations reflects an interpretation of the Hebrew word Nephilim, which means “fallen ones.”

Finally, a reminder for those delving into pyramids and aliens. Scripture warns against consulting spirit beings and mediums (Leviticus 19:31; Deuteronomy 18:10–12)—or seeking any other supernatural knowledge outside of God’s revelation. Such activity could open your heart to deception (1 Timothy 4:1).



If you would like to get more details on this timely topic, get Pastor Doug’s book *Aliens, Angels, or Adopted: Who Are the Sons of God?*



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