

# PROOF OF GOD AND JESUS

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The existence of the God of Israel is provable beyond a shadow of a doubt. We know that the Bible is the true account of this God *because* it speaks of Him telling a man named Abram (later Abraham) that his descendants would inherit the land of Canaan, but before that they would be slaves (in Egypt), and after many years *this* God would save them from slavery and bring them back to Canaan (Genesis 15:13-16; Joshua 1:1ff.). The land would become known as Israel. How do we know the story in the Bible is true?

*The first of these proofs* is that the Jews are the *only* people in the world who claim nationhood by a *miraculous* deliverance from slavery. Every ancient people have their 'holy books' and accounts of the Creation and the Flood, as of course the Bible speaks of these, too, but *no other people had their God deliver them out of slavery from the mightiest nation in the world* (at the time), without rebelling against Egypt. The King of Egypt let them go because *this* God brought him to his knees through the ten plagues (Exodus 1:1–12:32). This God, whose actual name is Yahveh, then brought them into Canaan and they took possession of it as their God-given land (Gen. 15:13-16; Ex. 6:6-8; Dt. 4:30-34), just as Yahveh had told Abram. Since the time that the Sons of Israel have been in the land (since 1400 BC), and even though Israel lost its sovereignty twice, they now reside in their land again, *a feat unparalleled in human history*. No ancient people, thrown off their land, ever returned to it, which is *the second proof*. Their very existence and return to their God-given land, which was re-established in 1948 as the nation of Israel, *proves* that Yahveh is the one true God and that the Scriptures are His Word. *No other god ever did this for his people*. No other 'holy book' records such an incredible, historical deliverance and return to their land (Deuteronomy 1:1ff.), yet the Prophet Isaiah speaks of this very thing, 2,700 years before it happened.<sup>1</sup>

*The third proof* is the Jewish Bible (the Old Testament). In it there are many prophecies about a coming Savior also known as the Messiah/Christ, who would redeem Israel from her sins (e.g. Isaiah 52:13–53:12), and this Savior, whomever he would be, would be crucified (Ps. 22:12-16; Zech. 12:10; 13:1), making atonement for his Jewish people (and the Gentiles, too; Is. 49:6), in order to be reconciled to God. Some prophecies are very specific, even down to the town the Messiah would be born in (Bethlehem; Micah 5:2), and even that his clothes at his crucifixion would be gambled for (Ps. 22:17).

There are more than 100 prophecies of His first coming, the oldest dating back to about 1440 BC, when Moses began to write the first five books of the Bible (e.g. Genesis 3:15; Dt. 18:18-19). Others come from the time of King David (1000 BC; Psalm 22; 110), while others are 'newer,' dating to only about 450 BC. In one from about 520 BC, Daniel writes of the Messiah coming *before* the destruction of the Second Temple. The first Temple in Jerusalem had been destroyed by the King of Babylon in 586 BC. The Second Temple wouldn't be built until the days of Ezra and Nehemiah (about 516 to 450 BC), which means that when Daniel wrote of the destruction of the Second Temple, it didn't exist and Jerusalem lay in ruins.

These prophecies, about a coming, *suffering* Messiah, dying for Israel, and all those who would join themselves to Israel through Him (Is. 42:6; Rom. 11:11f.; Eph. 2:11f.) *form the third proof that Jesus is God the Son* (Psalm 2:7; John 1:14, 18), the Savior. Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judah 2,000 years ago. He died in 30 AD, 40 years *before the Second Temple was destroyed* by the Romans in 70 AD, fulfilling the prophecy of Daniel that the Messiah had to come and die a sacrificial atoning death for Israel *before* the Second Temple was destroyed.

*Taking only eight* of the more than 100 Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah being fulfilled by Jesus, *it's mathematically irrefutable* that Jesus is the Savior, God the Son, *the fourth proof*:

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<sup>1</sup> "Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the Earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion (Israel) was in labor, she gave birth to her sons...Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad with her, all you who love her! Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her...As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you, and you shall be comforted Jerusalem." (Isa. 66:8, 10, 13)

1. The Messiah of Israel would be born in Bethlehem, Israel (Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:4-6).
2. The Messiah of Israel would be a descendant of Jacob (Numbers 24:17; Matthew 1:2).
3. The Messiah of Israel would enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9; Mark 11:4-11).
4. The Messiah of Israel would be betrayed by a friend (Psalm 41:9; Luke 22:47-48).
5. The Messiah would be spat upon, struck and His beard pulled out (Isaiah 50:6; Matthew 26:67).
6. The Messiah's hands and feet would be pierced (Psalm 22:16; Zechariah 12:10; John 20:25-27).
7. The Messiah of Israel's garments would be gambled for (Psalm 22:18; Luke 23:34).
8. The Messiah would die *before* the Second Temple was destroyed (Dan. 9:24-27; Mt. 27: 26, 50-51f.).

The chances that a man could fulfill those 8 prophecies are one in one hundred quadrillion (one in 100,000,000,000,000,000). Imagine the state of Texas, which is 268,597 square miles, *covered in silver dollars 2 feet deep*. The square root of 268,597 means that Texas has a land area that is 518 miles by 518 miles. If that area was filled with silver dollars *2 feet deep*, with all the silver dollars being identical 1930 silver dollars except one that's 1931, the chances of anyone randomly fulfilling just those 8 prophecies is equal to finding that one 1931 silver dollar among all those other silver dollars *on their first try*.<sup>2</sup> *No one* could pick that 1931 silver dollar out on their first try, and no one but the God of Israel could have given us those biblical prophecies about His Son *hundreds of years before they took place*. And no one could fulfill just those 8 prophecies except Jesus, God the Son. The mathematical evidence is a mathematical certainty. This points to Yahveh being the one true God, and the Bible being His true Word about Himself and His Son Jesus, who died to open the Way for eternal life, love, joy and peace.

*The fifth proof* is the New Testament (which the Old Testament prophesied of; cf. Jeremiah 31:31f.), which notes that when Jesus was taken by the Jewish authorities, His 11 Apostles ran away, afraid for their lives. Yet, Scripture states *they all saw Jesus, alive from the dead, never to die again—glorified*. The proof that this happened is that these 11 Apostles, who were afraid for very their lives, now boldly proclaimed that Jesus had risen from the dead and that He was the Savior; God the Son, *to the very Jewish leadership* who had condemned Jesus to death and could also condemn them to death (Acts 3–4).

*The sixth proof* of the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus is that one of Jesus's staunchest enemies, Saul, whose Greek name was Paul (Acts 13:9), became one of the greatest proclaimers of Jesus. This 180° turn-around was due *to his seeing Jesus alive from the dead* (Acts 9:1f.).

*These six proofs* are solid historical and mathematical evidence that the God of Israel is the one true God and that Jesus is His Son, the Savior, the Messiah of Israel. The reason why the Father chose the brutal death of crucifixion for His Son *was to show you, to prove to you, the seventh proof*, that He loves you with a love that is deeper, sweeter and more thrilling than any love you have ever known. Papa God has revealed His love for you so you can *know* His love for you. He says to you, today:

‘Look! *See* what I have allowed to be done to My Son so that you can have your sins forgiven and live with Me, who is holy, forever. *There was no greater way for Me to prove My love for you* than to have My Son take *your just punishment* for sinning against Me, so that you won't have to spend eternity in Hell. Come to Me by being Born Again in the name of My Son Jesus (John 3:3, 5). Walk with My Son and receive divine Life.’

Ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins and to come into your heart, and He will. I know. He did it with me more than 46 years ago. Biblical faith is built upon *encountering* Jesus. Every true Christian knows this because it happened to them. They encountered Jesus, and you can too, *if you really want to know the Truth*. Every religion offers its people nuggets of truth, but only biblical Christianity offers the Living Savior and can prove it to you.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> This mathematical proof was calculated by Prof. Peter Stoner. He was chairman of the mathematics and astronomy departments at Pasadena City College, and then chairman of the science department at Westmont College.

<sup>3</sup> Last revised on Sunday, August 14, 2022.