

# PROOF OF GOD AND JESUS

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The existence of the God of Israel is provable beyond a shadow of a doubt. First, 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. First, though, they would be slaves, and after many years this God would save them from their slavery and bring them back to Canaan (Genesis 15:13-16; Joshua 1:1ff.), which would become known as the land of Israel. How do we know the story in the Bible is true?

The first of three proofs is that the Jews are the only people in the world that 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 Pharaoh to his knees through the ten plagues (Ex. 12:31-32). This God, named 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 He had spoken to Abram. Since that time, 1400 BC, the Sons of Israel have been in the land, and even though Israel lost its sovereignty twice, a Jewish presence has never left the land. This, their very existence and return to their God given land in 1948, to re-establish the nation of Israel, proves that the God of Israel 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.).

The second 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 that 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 1440-1400 BC, when Moses wrote 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, etc. 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 it there was no Temple 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 proof that Yeshua (the Hebrew name for Jesus) is God the Son (Psalm 2:7; John 1:14, 18), the Savior. Yeshua 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 death *before* the Second Temple was destroyed.

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

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 of Israel would be spat upon and struck (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. Soldiers would gamble for the Messiah's garments (Psalm 22:18; Luke 23:34).
8. The Messiah would die *before* the Second Temple was destroyed (Daniel 9:24-27; Mt. 27: 26, 50-51f.).

The chances that one man could fulfill those eight prophecies are one in one hundred quadrillion (one in 100,000,000,000,000,000). Imagine the state of Texas, which is 268,581 square miles, covered in silver dollars two feet deep. The square root of 268,581 means that Texas has a land mass that is 518 miles by 518 miles. Imagine an area 518 miles by 518 miles filled it with silver dollars two feet deep. All the silver dollars are identical 1990 editions except for one that's 1992. The chances of anyone randomly fulfilling just those eight prophecies is equal to finding that 1992 silver dollar in all those silver dollars on their first try.<sup>1</sup> *No one* could pick that 1992 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*. The mathematical evidence is truly irrefutable, and this, too, points to the God of Israel being the one true God and the Bible being His Word to us about Himself and His Son Yeshua.

The third proof is the New Testament. It notes that when Yeshua was taken by the Jewish authorities, His disciples ran away, afraid for their lives, believing the authorities were after them for having been the disciples of Jesus. Scripture states they all saw Yeshua, alive from the dead, never to die again—glorified. The proof that this happened is seen in that these Apostles, who were afraid for very their lives, now boldly proclaimed that Yeshua had risen from the dead and that He was the Savior—Messiah; God the Son, *to the very Jewish leadership* that had condemned Jesus to death and could also condemn them to death! (Acts 3–4) All of those 11 Apostles, except for John, would eventually die horrible deaths because they proclaimed a dead man had arisen from the grave and was God the Son, the Savior (Luke 22:70; John 10:36).

Further cementing the reality of the crucifixion and the resurrection of Yeshua is that one of His staunchest enemies, a man known as Saul, whose Greek name was Paul, became one of the greatest proponents of Yeshua. This 180° turn-around was due to his seeing Yeshua alive from the dead (Acts 9:1f.). Paul, too, would eventually die a horrible death, but he never stopped proclaiming Yeshua as the Savior.

These three proofs are solid historical and mathematical evidence that the God of Israel is the true God and that Yeshua is His Son, the Savior.

The reason why the Father chose the brutal death of crucifixion for His Son was to show you, *to prove to you*, that He loves you with a love that is deeper than any love you have ever known. The Father pleads with you:

‘Look! *See* what I have allowed to be done to My Son so that you can have your sins forgiven and live with Me 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 through being Born Again in the name of My Son Yeshua (John 3:3, 5). Walk with My Son and be renewed.’

My friend, biblical faith is built upon *encountering* the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Every true Christian knows that, because it happened to them. They encountered Yeshua, and you can, too, if you really want to know the Truth. Just honestly ask Yeshua to reveal Himself to you.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</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>2</sup> Revised on 12 October 2017.