

# PROOF OF GOD AND JESUS

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The existence of the God of Israel and His Son Jesus, and of Their love for you, is very provable. 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, but first they would be slaves, and after many years this God would save them from 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 you know this is true?

The Jews are the only people group in the world that became a nation 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, too, but no other people had their God deliver them out of slavery, from the mightiest nation in the world at that time, and that, without rebelling against Egypt. The king of Egypt let them go (Ex. 12:31-32). This God, named Yahveh, did that, and 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 it had been foretold to Abram. Since 1400 BC the Sons of Israel have been in the land, and even though Israel lost its sovereignty twice, the Jewish presence has never left the land. This 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.

Second, in the Old Testament, there are many prophecies about a coming Savior; a 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) to be reconciled to God. Some prophecies are very specific, 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), etc.

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) and thereafter, while others are 'newer,' dating to only about 450 BC, etc. In one from 520 BC, Daniel speaks of the Messiah coming *before* the destruction of the Second Temple. There was no Second Temple when Daniel wrote, nor Jerusalem, nor the country of Judah. The first Temple, Jerusalem and Judah 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). 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 Jesus is God the Son (Psalm 2:7; John 1:14, 18), the Savior. Some of these prophecies about the Messiah were more than a thousand years old, while others were 'only' hundreds of years old, when Yeshua (the Hebrew name for Jesus) was born in Bethlehem of Judah, 2,000 years ago. Yeshua 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.

With 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 true Savior. Here are just eight of those prophecies:

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 Texas has a land mass that is 518 miles by 518 miles. Imagine one row of silver dollars two feet deep for 518 *miles*. Now make an area 518 by 518 miles and fill it with silver dollars two feet deep. The chances of anyone randomly fulfilling just those eight prophecies is equal to finding one specially marked silver dollar in all those silver dollars, on their first try.<sup>1</sup> *No one* could pick that specific 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, the Bible being His Word to us about Himself, His Son Yeshua being the Savior of Israel, eternal life and how we are to live out our faith in Yeshua, etc.

The third proof is from my own life. When I was 20 years old I looked up into the sky, on my way to the pool hall where I made my living, and said, ‘God, if You’re real then I want to know. If not, then all this stuff about Heaven and Hell doesn’t mean anything, but if You’re real then You’re wise enough and strong enough to get in unto a guy like me.’ Four years later, after I had wandered into Transcendental Meditation and Zen Buddhism, I read a book about Jesus. I got halfway through the book and I saw how everything that I had always wanted, but could never put my Jewish finger on, was who Jesus is. I wanted real life and I wanted integrity. I asked Jesus to forgive me of my sins and to come into my heart and the most wonderful thing happened—He did! I experienced a heavenly *peace* flow through my body and my soul and I knew that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was real and that Jesus was my Savior and King.

My friend, *I know*; I don’t ‘just believe,’ but I *know* Yeshua and the Father. I know Their love for me. I also know that They want you to come to know Them and Their love for you. It’s the most wonderful thing you could ever experience. You see, faith, biblical faith, is built upon *encountering* the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, just as they did, as well as Moses at the Burning Bush. The Apostles encountered the Father in the Son, Yeshua. This is not a blind faith; believing in Someone you don’t know. God doesn’t ask that of us. Our faith in Yeshua is built upon our knowledge of Him. That’s why the Apostles could die ‘for the name of Jesus.’ Every true Christian knows what I am talking about because it has happened to them, too. They have encountered Yeshua, and you can, too, if you will just honestly ask Him to reveal Himself to you.

The New Testament notes that when Jesus was taken by the Jewish authorities, His disciples all ran away, afraid for their lives. They grieved for three days, not knowing what to do and how to get out of Jerusalem without being caught, believing that the authorities were after them for having been the disciples of Jesus. Scripture states that 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 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! (Act 3–4) All of those 11 Apostles, except for John, would die because they proclaimed a dead man arose from the grave and was God the Son, the Savior (Luke 22:70; John 10:36).

The Old Testament Scriptures, about Yahveh coming to Abram and delivering his Sons from Egyptian slavery and giving them the land of Canaan prove that the God of Abraham is the one true God; Israel is His people, and the Old Testament was inspired by Him. The Old Testament foretold the coming of the Messiah, who would suffer and die for Israel, and Yeshua fulfilled those Scriptures. This mathematically proves that Yeshua is the Savior. Finally, both the witness of the Apostles, as they did ‘an about-face’ in proclaiming Yeshua risen from the dead, and my own personal witness of meeting Yeshua, by His Spirit, also prove that Yeshua is the Savior.

The reason why the Father chose that brutal death for His Son was to show you, *to prove to you*, that They love you with a love that is deeper than any love you have ever known. The Father cries out to you: ‘Look! See what I have allowed to be done to My Son so that you can have your sins forgiven and live with Us forever. *There was no greater way* for Us to prove Our 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! Walk with My Son and be renewed.’

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<sup>1</sup> This mathematical proof was calculated by Professor 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. (2/25/2017)