

Chapter 25 Whom can we trust?

Can we prove that Bible prophecy is the real thing - not fiction, fable or just someone's vivid imagination?

Yes! We have three practical tests of a genuine prophet.

First, we can be confident that what the Bible prophets foretell does actually happen - no exceptions. This is clearly seen from the prophecies already fulfilled.

For example, on a number of occasions Jesus foretold in specific detail how he would be arrested, tortured, crucified and that he would rise from the dead on the third day. Matthew 16.21; 17.22-23; 20.17-19. How were his words fulfilled? Literally.

Second, a Bible prophecy - whether or not it has yet to be fulfilled - doesn't oppose the rest of God's Word. That is, God's prophets never contradict the holy Scriptures.

After Jesus did rise from the dead, he showed his disciples that his earlier forecasts about his death agreed with what the Scriptures had already taught. Luke 24.44.

Third, none of the Bible's prophets lead people away from following the living God. They never drive people toward some other deity.

Jesus, the greatest of all prophets, clearly directed his disciples to the true God of heaven. John 6.38.

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