

## 100 Bible prophecies explained: 10 being fulfilled today

*These 10 Bible prophecies said that Israel would become a country, that it would be destroyed, that the Jews would be scattered worldwide and persecuted, that the Jews would have a worldwide impact, and that they would return to Israel. Today we are able to see evidence that each of these prophecies are being fulfilled.*

### 1. **The Jews would have their own country**

**Bible passage:** Genesis 15:18      **Written:** perhaps 1400 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1400 BC and in 1948

In Genesis 15:18, the Bible said the descendants of Abraham (Abram) would have their own country, between Egypt and the Euphrates. This prophecy has been fulfilled more than once. About 3400 years ago, the Jews first established Israel. Then, about 2900 years ago, Israel divided into two kingdoms, called Judah and Israel. Both kingdoms were later conquered by the Assyrians and Babylonians. But, in 1948, the Jews regained independence for Israel. It was the first time in 2900 years that Israel was both united and independent.

**GEN 15:18** On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates..."

### 2. **Jacob saw a vision of Israel's future**

**Bible passage:** Genesis 28:10-15      **Written:** perhaps 1400 BC      **Fulfilled:** Throughout history

In Genesis 28:10-15, the Bible says that Jacob, who lived about 4000 years ago, received a vision from God about the future of his descendants (the Jews). The vision accurately foretold the future of the Jews. Here is our summary of Jacob's vision:

**1. The Jews would have Israel as their own country.** This was fulfilled about 3400 years ago when the Jews first established Israel.

**2. The Jews would be scattered worldwide.** This was fulfilled when the Jews were forced out of Israel more than 2500 years ago by the Assyrians and Babylonians and again about 1900 years ago by the Romans.

**3. The Jews would have a worldwide impact.** Jews have had a tremendous worldwide impact in science, art, literature, economics, music and theology. The worldwide spread of Christianity began about 2000 years ago by a group of Jews who were followers of Jesus.

**4. The Jews would be brought back to Israel.** This began to be fulfilled during the late 1800s when many Jews worldwide began returning to their ancient homeland. They re-established Israel's independence in 1948, after 19 centuries of exile and persecution throughout the world.

**GEN 28:10-15** Jacob ... had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

### 3. **God will save the Jews and destroy their enemies**

**Bible passage:** Jeremiah 30:11      **Written:** sometime from 626 to about 586 BC      **Fulfilled:** Throughout history

In Jeremiah 30:11, the prophet Jeremiah said the enemies of Israel will be destroyed but that the Jews will never perish. History has many examples of how nations have tried to destroy Israel and the Jews:

• In about 721 BC (about 2700 years ago), Assyria destroyed the northern kingdom of Israel. They tortured, killed and exiled many Jews.

• In 586 BC (about 2600 years ago), Babylon destroyed the southern kingdom of Judah. They killed and exiled many Jews.

• In 70 AD (about 1900 years ago), the Romans killed an estimated 1.1 million Jews and destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple.

• In 135 AD, the Romans killed an estimated 580,000 Jews and exiled many others.

• In the 1930s and 1940s, the Nazis killed an estimated 6 million Jews. The Nazi plan, called the "final solution," was to kill all Jews.

Since then, millions of Jews worldwide have returned to their ancient homeland. Today, Israel again is a vibrant, independent country. But, the empires of the Nazis, Romans, Babylonians and Assyrians have vanished. Today, we can judge with our own eyes as to whether Jeremiah was correct when he said, 2600 years ago, that the enemies of the Jews would be destroyed, but that the Jews would be preserved.

**JER 30:11** I am with you and will save you,' declares the Lord. 'Though I completely destroy all the nations among which I scatter you, I will not completely destroy you. I will discipline you but only with justice; I will not let you go entirely unpunished.'

### 4. **The Jews would face many disasters and difficulties**

**Bible passage:** Deuteronomy 31:16-17      **Written:** perhaps 1400 BC      **Fulfilled:** Throughout history

In Deuteronomy 31:16-17, the Bible said that the Jews would face many difficulties if they turned away from God. And, according to the Bible, many people in ancient Israel did at times turn away from God and worship the false gods of pagan Gentiles. This prophecy of persecution has been fulfilled many times. During the past 1900 years in Europe, for example, Jews were often heavily taxed, robbed of their possessions, stripped of their civil rights, forced into ghettos, tortured and slaughtered. Government leaders and church leaders at times banished the Jews from living in Spain, England, France, Belgium and Italy. During the Crusades, Jewish villages were often destroyed and men, women and children were burned alive. Those centuries of persecutions culminated with the Holocaust of the 1930s and 1940s, when the Nazis killed an estimated 6 million Jews. When Israel reclaimed independence in 1948, the surrounding countries invaded and tried to destroy the tiny nation.

**DEU 31:16-17** And the Lord said to Moses: "You are going to rest with your fathers, and these people will soon prostitute themselves to the foreign gods of the land they are entering. They will forsake me and break the covenant I made with them. On that day I will become angry with them and forsake them; I will hide my face from them, and they will be destroyed. Many disasters and difficulties will come upon them, and on that day they will say, 'Have not these disasters come upon us because our God is not with us?'"

### 5. **The Jews would be scattered worldwide**

**Bible passage:** Deuteronomy 28:64      **Written:** perhaps 1400 BC      **Fulfilled:** 721 BC, 586 BC, 70 AD, 135 AD

In Deuteronomy 28:64, the Bible said the Jews would be scattered worldwide. This prophecy has certainly been fulfilled. Take a look at the explanation of the Jewish "Diaspora," which means "scattering," from the Columbia Encyclopedia, Fifth Edition: "... by 70 A.D. Jewish communities existed in Babylonia, Syria, Egypt, Cyrene, Asia Minor, Greece, and Rome. Jews followed the Romans into Europe and from Persia and Babylonia spread as far east as China. In modern times, Jews have migrated to the Americas, South Africa, and

Australia. The Jewish population of Central and Eastern Europe, until World War II the largest in the world, was decimated in the Holocaust. Despite the creation of the state of Israel in 1948, the vast majority of the Jewish people remains in the Diaspora, notably in North America, Russia, and Ukraine."

**DEU 28:64** Then the Lord will scatter you among all nations, from one end of the earth to the other. There you will worship other gods--gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known.

6. **The Jews would have a worldwide impact**

**Bible passage:** Genesis 12:2-3      **Written:** perhaps 1400 BC      **Fulfilled:** Throughout history

In Genesis 12:2-3, and in Genesis 28:10-15, the Bible said that the descendants of Abraham and the descendants of Abraham's grandson, Jacob, would be a blessing for people worldwide. Jacob is the father of the 12 Tribes of Israel (the Jews). In 1898, Mark Twain wrote an essay for Harper's New Monthly Magazine that discussed how the Jews have had an impact on the world: "... the Jews constitute but one percent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of stardust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly, the Jew ought hardly to be heard of, but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his commercial importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk. His contributions to the world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine, and abstruse learning are also way out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. He has made a marvelous fight in this world, in all the ages; and had done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself, and be excused for it. The Egyptian, the Babylonian, and the Roman followed, and made a vast noise, and they are gone. Other peoples have sprung up and held their torch high for a time, but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished. The Jew saw them all, beat them all... All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?"

**GEN 12:2-3** "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

7. **Israel would be partitioned by other nations**

**Bible passage:** Joel 3:2      **Written:** about 400 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1900s

In Joel 3:2, the prophet said that the nations of the world will be judged for having scattered the people of Israel and for having "divided up" (or "parted" or "partitioned") the land of Israel. Christian scholars believe that this is a prophecy that will be fulfilled during the End Times. But, portions of the prophecy already have been fulfilled. The Jews have been scattered to nations throughout the world, and the nations of the world have divided up the land of Israel. On November 29, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly approved a motion to partition the land. The partition plan divided the land into two separate states, one for Jewish people and another for Arab people.

**JOEL 3:2** I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel, for they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land. (NOTE: "Jehoshaphat" means "the Lord judges.")

8. **Israel would be restored and repopulated**

**Bible passage:** Ezekiel 36:8-10      **Written:** between 593-571 BC      **Fulfilled:** late 1900s

In Ezekiel 36:8-10, the prophet Ezekiel said that the Jews would return, rebuild and repopulate their fallen cities. Ezekiel, according to the Bible, lived about 2600 years ago during the time of the Babylonian Captivity, when many Jews, including Ezekiel, were taken as captives to Babylon. After the Babylonian Captivity ended, many Jews left Babylon and returned to their homeland. But about 1900 years ago, the Jews again were forced into exile, this time by the Romans. However, since the late 1800s, millions of Jews have returned to their ancient homeland. And, once again, they have been rebuilding and repopulating their ancient cities. In 1948, there were about 600,000 Jews living in Israel. Today there are about 6,000,000. And more Jews throughout the world are returning to Israel each year.

**EZEI 36:8-10** "But you, O mountains of Israel, will produce branches and fruit for my people Israel, for they will soon come home. I am concerned for you and will look on you with favor; you will be plowed and sown, and I will multiply the number of people upon you, even the whole house of Israel. The towns will be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.

9. **Jesus' life was foreshadowed by the prophet Isaiah**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 42:1-9      **Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC      **Fulfilled:** About 2000 years ago

In Isaiah 42:1-9, the prophet Isaiah speaks of a servant of God who will be a light to the Gentiles (non-Jews) and bring justice to the world. Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of this promise. Jesus' teachings govern the lives of Christians throughout the world. There are an estimated 2 billion Christians worldwide. More people follow the teachings of Jesus than those of any other person in history.

**ISA 42:1-9** "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. ... In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. ... "I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. "I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

10. **Jesus said His words would never be forgotten**

**Bible passage:** Luke 21:33      **Written:** about 30 AD      **Fulfilled:** At this very moment

In Luke 21:33, Jesus said that regardless of what happens to the world, His words will never be forgotten. Here we are 2000 years later and the words of Jesus are all around us: There are 2 billion Christians worldwide and the Bible is most circulated book in the world. Of all the people who have ever lived, can you think of a single person who could have made this claim more effectively than Jesus - that his words would never be forgotten?

**LUK 21:33** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

## 100 Bible prophecies explained: 10 fulfilled recently

*These 10 Bible prophecies were fulfilled after 1948, when Israel became an independent country for the second time in history. These prophecies find fulfillment in Israel's stunning military victories and in its transition from a desert wasteland to a comparatively prosperous nation.*

1. **Israel will prevail over its enemies**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 41:12-14      **Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC      **Fulfilled:** late 1900s

In Isaiah 41:12-14, the prophet said God would help Israel during times of conflict with enemies (if the people have faith in God). Isaiah said this during a time when the northern kingdom of Israel had already been conquered by the Assyrian Empire. And the southern kingdom, Judah, was about to be conquered by Babylon. (The Bible explains that Israel and Judah lost their independence because so many of the residents had turned to false religions). But, since 1948 when Israel was re-established, Israel has been attacked by much-larger countries. And Israel has prevailed in each of those attacks. This prophecy has found partial fulfillment; Christian scholars believe that a time will come when all of Israel's enemies are destroyed.

**ISA 41:12-14** Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all. For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. Do not be afraid, O worm Jacob, O little Israel, for I myself will help you," declares the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

2. **The ruins of Israel would be rebuilt**

**Bible passage:** Amos 9:11, 13      **Written:** about 750 BC      **Fulfilled:** late 1900s

In Amos 9:11, 13, the prophet said that God would restore the land of David. (King David ruled Israel from about 1010 BC to about 970 BC). The land of David - Israel - was conquered and destroyed by the Babylonians, Assyrians and Romans. The land has been in ruins for much of the past 2000 years. The Jews, who had been scattered throughout the world, began to return in large numbers during the past 100 years. Since then, they have been rebuilding many of Israel's ancient cities. Amos also said there would be continuous planting and harvesting. During the past 100 years, the Jews have been using advanced farming and irrigation techniques to turn barren land into productive farmland. Today, Israel is a source of food for many countries.

**AMO 9:11, 13** "In that day I will restore David's fallen tent. I will repair its broken places, restore its ruins, and build it as it used to be," ... "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills."

3. **Ezekiel prophesied prosperity for a restored Israel**

**Bible passage:** Ezekiel 36:11      **Written:** between 593-571 BC      **Fulfilled:** late 1900s

In Ezekiel 36:11, the prophet said that there would come a time when Israel would be more prosperous than it was in the past. The Bible describes Israel as being a prosperous nation during the time of King David and King Solomon about 3000 years ago. But, Ezekiel knew a very different Israel. In Ezekiel's day (he lived about 2600 years ago), the northern kingdom of Israel already had been decimated by the Assyrians, and the southern kingdom (called Judah) was being destroyed by the Babylonians. In the centuries that followed these destructions, Jews rebuilt the city of Jerusalem, but their homeland was destroyed again, by the Romans, about 1900 years ago. Since then, a majority of Jews have lived in exile. But during the past 100 years, millions of Jews from around the world moved to Israel and they have been rebuilding the country once again. Today, Israel again is an independent nation, as it was in the days of King David, and it is one of the world's most prosperous countries. In 1999, Israel had the highest per capita Gross Domestic Product of any nearby country, even though the surrounding countries have many oil resources.

**EZE 36:11** I will increase the number of men and animals upon you, and they will be fruitful and become numerous. I will settle people on you as in the past and will make you prosper more than before. Then you will know that I am the Lord.

4. **Trees again would grow in Israel**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 41:18-20      **Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC      **Fulfilled:** late 1900s

In Isaiah 41:18-20, the prophet's talk of a future restoration of Israel coincides with an occurrence in modern Israel - the construction of a vast irrigation system to improve farming. The lack of available water, including rain, is one reason why Israel had been a desolate, unproductive land during much of the past 2000 years. But, during the 1900s, when many Jews returned to their ancient homeland, they built a network of irrigation systems. And during the past century, more than 200 million trees have been planted in Israel.

**ISA 41:18-20** I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs. I will put in the desert the cedar and the acacia, the myrtle and the olive. I will set pines in the wasteland, the fir and the cypress together, so that people may see and know, may consider and understand, that the hand of the Lord has done this, that the Holy One of Israel has created it.

**You can help:** By the way, you too can help with Israel's efforts to plant more trees and to turn the Holy Land's desert into a more productive and beautiful land. You can learn more about this at the Jewish National Fund site at: [www.jnf.org](http://www.jnf.org)

5. **Isaiah said Israel's fruit would fill the world**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 27:6      **Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC      **Fulfilled:** late 1900s

In Isaiah 27:6, the prophet said Israel would one day blossom and fill the world with fruit. This prophecy has been at least partially fulfilled, literally and symbolically. Today, the land of Israel, which had been barren for centuries, is a leading producer of agricultural products, exporting food to many countries. This prophecy also has been fulfilled symbolically with the worldwide spread of Christianity. Christianity, which began with Jesus in Israel, now has about 2 billion followers worldwide.

**ISA 27:6** In days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will bud and blossom and fill all the world with fruit.

6. **Jerusalem would become the world's most important religious site**

**Bible passage:** Micah 4:1      **Written:** sometime between 750-686 BC      **Fulfilled:** Today

In Micah 4:1, the prophet said that the Temple mount in Jerusalem would become the focal point of the world. This prophecy has not yet been fulfilled. But, it is interesting to note that Jerusalem is, and has been for centuries, the world's most important religious site. Christians and Jews regard the city as the world's most important, and Christians and Jews comprise about one-third of the world's population. No other city in the world is a religious focal point to as many people.

**MIC 4:1** In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it.

7. **Egypt would never again rule over nations**

**Bible passage:** Ezekiel 29:15      **Written:** between 593-571 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1967, etc.

In Ezekiel 29:15, the prophet says that Egypt would recover from a desolation (perhaps Babylon's attack about 2600 years ago), but that it would never again rule over other nations. Up until the time of Ezekiel, Egypt had been a world power for centuries, dominating many nations, including Israel. But for most of the past 2500 years, Egypt has been controlled by foreign powers, including the Romans, Ottomans and Europeans. Today, Egypt is an independent nation again. In 1948, 1967 and 1973, Egypt tried to dominate Israel but was unsuccessful each time, despite the fact that Egypt is 10 times larger than Israel. Since the time of Ezekiel, Egypt no longer rules over other nations.

**EZE 29:15** It will be the lowliest of kingdoms and will never again exalt itself above the other nations. I will make it so weak that it will never again rule over the nations.

8. **Zechariah prophesied the Jews return to Jerusalem**

**Bible passage:** Zechariah 8:7-8      **Written:** between 520 and 518 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1967, etc.

In Zechariah 8:7-8, the prophet said God would bring the Jews back from the east and the west to their homeland (Israel) and that they would be able to live in the city of Jerusalem again. This prophecy has been fulfilled more than once. About 2600 years ago, Babylon destroyed Jerusalem and took many Jews as captives to Babylon. But many Jews later returned from Babylon. The Jews rebuilt Jerusalem but the city was destroyed about 1900 years ago by the Romans. The Romans killed more than 1 million Jews and forced many more into exile. The Jews did not have control of Jerusalem again until 1967 when the Jews recaptured the city during the Six Day War.

**ZEC 8:7-8** This is what the Lord Almighty says: "I will save my people from the countries of the east and the west. I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God."

9. **Israel's deserts will become like the Garden of Eden**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 51:3      **Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC      **Fulfilled:** Being fulfilled now

In Isaiah 51:3, the prophet said that God will restore Israel and make it a paradise, like the garden of Eden. This foreshadows what is currently happening in Israel. The Jews have been irrigating, cultivating and reconditioning the land during much of the 1900s. Many of the country's swamps, which had been infested with malaria, have been converted into farmland. And water from the Sea of Galilee has been channeled through portions of the deserts, allowing some of the deserts to bloom. Much work remains, but parts of Israel are blooming again. Although it was described as a wasteland as recently as the late 1800s, Israel is now a food source for many countries. And at least 200 million of trees have been planted there during the past century.

**ISA 51:3** The Lord will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

10. **Isaiah foretold of the worldwide return of Jews to Israel**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 43:5-6      **Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC      **Fulfilled:** late 1900s

In Isaiah 43:5-6, the prophet Isaiah said that the Jews would return to their homeland from the east, the west, the north and the south. Isaiah lived about 2700 years ago. At that time, the Assyrians had forced many Jews in the northern kingdom of Israel into exile. Those Jews were taken to other areas in the Middle East. Then, about 1900 years ago, the Romans destroyed the city of Jerusalem and killed and exiled hundreds of thousands of Jews. Since then, the Jews have been scattered to virtually every country in the world. But, during the past century, millions of Jews have returned to Israel, from the east, the west, the north and the south.

**From the east:** Many Jews living in the Middle East moved to Israel by the early 1900s.

**From the west:** During mid-1900s, hundreds of thousands of Jews living in the West (Europe and the United States) began moving to Israel.

**From the north:** The former Soviet Union (Russia) is north of Israel. It refused to allow its Jewish residents to move to Israel. But, after years of pressure from other countries, Russia finally began to allow Jews to return to Israel during the 1980s. So far, hundreds of thousands of Russian Jews have moved to Israel.

**From the south:** Ethiopia, which is south of Israel, also refused to allow its Jews to return to Israel. But, in 1985, Israel struck a deal with Ethiopia's communist government to allow the Jews of Ethiopia to move to Israel. On the weekend of May 25, 1991, 14,500 Ethiopian Jews were airlifted to Israel.

Isaiah's prophecy was also correct in saying that the north (Russia) and the south (Ethiopia) would have to be persuaded to give up their Jews. Many countries pressured Russia for years before it began to allow its Jews to leave. And Ethiopia had to be paid a ransom to allow its Jews to leave. Isaiah's prophecy was also correct in saying that the Jews would return "from the ends of the earth," and Isaiah said that many centuries before the Jews had been scattered to the ends of the earth. During the past 100 years, Jews living as far east as China, as far west as the West Coast of the United States, as far north as Scandinavia, and as far south as South Africa, have moved to Israel.

**ISA 43:5-6** "Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth..."

## 100 Bible prophecies explained: 10 fulfilled in 1948

*These 10 Bible prophecies were fulfilled in 1948 when Israel became an independent, united nation for the second time in history, and for the first time in 2,900 years.*

1. **Jacob's descendants would regain control of Israel**

**Bible passage:** Amos 9:14-15      **Written:** about 750 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1948

In Amos 9:14-15, the prophet said that there would come a time when Jacob's descendants would again have Israel as their own land and that they would never be uprooted again. Amos delivered this prophecy about 2700 years ago, shortly before the kingdom of Israel lost its independence to the Assyrian Empire. Israel was not an independent nation again until May 14, 1948. Within hours of declaring independence in 1948, the surrounding countries attacked tiny Israel. But Israel prevailed and was able to expand Israel's borders.

**AMO 9:14-15** I will bring back my exiled people Israel; they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them," says the Lord your God.

2. **Israel would be brought back to life**

**Bible passage:** Ezekiel 37:10-14      **Written:** between 593-571 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1948

Ezekiel 37:10-14 states that the prophet Ezekiel received a vision about 2600 years ago in which Israel was seen as a scattering of dried-up bones. In this vision, God tells Ezekiel that the bones (Israel) would be brought back to life. Just as Ezekiel had prophesied, the Jews were brought back to the land, and the country of Israel was brought back to life, when it declared independence in 1948. This was the first time in about 2900 years that Israel was both united and independent.

**EZEI 37:10-14** So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet--a vast army. Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'"

3. **Isaiah spoke of a Israel being reborn in one day**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 66:7-8      **Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1948

In Isaiah 66:7-8, the prophet foreshadowed the re-birth of Israel in 1948. Isaiah describes a woman giving birth *before* going into labor, and he speaks of a country being born in one day. This accurately describes what happened on May 14, 1948 - when the Jews declared independence for Israel as a united and sovereign nation for the first time in 2900 years. During that same day, the United States issued a statement recognizing Israel's sovereignty. And, only hours beforehand, a United Nations mandate expired, ending British control of the land. During a 24-hour span of time, foreign control of the land of Israel had formally ceased, and Israel had declared its independence, and its independence was acknowledged by other nations. Modern Israel was literally was born in a single day.

But there's more: Isaiah said the birth would take place before there would be labor pains. And that too is precisely what happened. A movement called Zionism began in the 1800s to encourage Jews worldwide to move to Israel, which at that time was called Palestine. Within hours of the peaceful declaration of independence in 1948, Israel was attacked by the surrounding countries of Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Saudi Arabia. Israel prevailed in that war and expanded the size of the country by 50 percent. So, when you read Isaiah 66:7-8, keep in mind that Israel became a country in a single day, and that it was born of a movement called Zionism, and that the birth was peaceful but the aftermath was painful.

**ISA 66:7-8** "Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son. Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children."

4. **Israel would be re-established as a united nation**

**Bible passage:** Ezekiel 37:21-22      **Written:** between 593-571 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1948

In Ezekiel 37:21-22, the prophet said about 2600 years ago that God would one day bring the Jews back to Israel, as a united nation. Israel had been split into two kingdoms in about 926 BC, called Judah and Israel. But, when the Jews reclaimed sovereignty in 1948, they did so as a united people, creating one nation - Israel.

**EZE 37:21-22** and say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms.

5. **The second Israel would be more impressive than the first**

**Bible passage:** Jeremiah 16:14-15      **Written:** sometime from 626 to about 586 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1948

In Jeremiah 16:14-15, the prophet said the second Israel would be more impressive than the first. And in many regards, it is. The first time that Israel was established as a country was after Moses led the Jews out of Egypt, where they had been enslaved for 400 years. The Jews then conquered Canaan and established Israel sometime about 3400 years ago. But the second time that Israel was established was after the Jews had been scattered worldwide, for nearly 2000 years. This time the Jews had to return from as far away as the United States, China, Russia and South Africa.

**JER 16:14-15** "However, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "when men will no longer say, 'As surely as the Lord lives, who brought the Israelites up out of Egypt,' but they will say, 'As surely as the Lord lives, who brought the Israelites up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them.' For I will restore them to the land I gave their forefathers.

6. **Ezekiel predicted when Israel would be re-established**

**Bible passage:** Ezekiel 4:3-6      **Written:** between 593-571 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1948

In Ezekiel 4:3-6, the prophet said the Jews, who had lost control of their homeland, would be punished for 430 years. This prophecy, according to Bible scholar Grant Jeffrey, pinpointed the 1948 rebirth of Israel. Here's a summary of Jeffrey's theory:

1. Ezekiel said the Jews were to be punished for 430 years because they had turned away from God. As part of the punishment, the Jews lost control of their homeland to Babylon. Many Jews were taken as captives to Babylon.

2. Babylon was later conquered by Cyrus the Great, in 539 BC. Cyrus allowed the Jews to leave Babylon and to return to their homeland. But, only a small number of the Jews returned. The return had taken place sometime around 536 BC, about 70 years after Judah lost independence to Babylon.

3. Because most of the Jews chose to stay in pagan Babylon rather than return to the Holy Land, the remaining 360 years of their punishment was to be multiplied by 7. The reason is explained in Bible's book of Leviticus. (Leviticus 26:18, 26:21, 26:24 and 26:28). In Leviticus, the Bible says that if the people did not repent while being punished, the punishment would be multiplied by 7. And, by staying in pagan Babylon, most of the people had refused to repent for turning away from God.

4. So, if you take the remaining 360 years of punishment and multiply by 7, you get 2,520 years. But, Jeffrey says those years are actually "lunar" years, based on a 360-day lunar calendar that was in use during the time of this prophecy. If you convert the 2,520 lunar years to our modern solar calendar, the result is 2,484 years.

5. And, there were exactly 2,484 years from 536 BC to 1948, which is the year that Israel regained independence.

**EZE 4:3-6** *In this Bible passage, Ezekiel is asked by God to symbolically act out the 430 years of punishment) ... Then take an iron pan, place it as an iron wall between you and the city and turn your face toward it. It will be under siege, and you shall besiege it. This will be a sign to the house of Israel. "Then lie on your left side and put the sin of the house of Israel upon yourself. You are to bear their sin for the number of days you lie on your side. I have assigned you the same number of days as the years of their sin. So for 390 days you will bear the sin of the house of Israel. "After you have finished this, lie down again, this time on your right side, and bear the sin of the house of Judah. I have assigned you 40 days, a day for each year.*

7. **The Jews would return to "their own land"**

**Bible passage:** Ezekiel 34:13      **Written:** between 593-571 BC      **Fulfilled:** after May 14, 1948

In Ezekiel 34:13, the prophet said that God would gather the Jews scattered throughout the world and bring them back to "their own land." The Jews began to return in large numbers to their ancient homeland during the late 1800s and early 1900s. During that time, the land was called Palestine and was ruled by foreign powers. In 1948, the Jews declared independence for Israel for the first time in more than 2000 years. Since 1948, millions of other Jews have returned to "their own land."

**EZE 34:13** I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land.

8. **God would watch over the Jews**

**Bible passage:** Jeremiah 31:10      **Written:** sometime from 626 to about 586 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1948, etc.

In Jeremiah 31:10, the prophet said that God would one day gather the Jews back to Israel and that He would watch over them like a shepherd. Believe what you wish, but there is evidence that God indeed has watched over the re-established nation of Israel. Hours after Israel declared independence in 1948, the surrounding countries attacked, hoping to kill the newly reborn country. These countries are much larger than Israel. But tiny Israel prevailed in that war and was able to capture additional land, increasing the land size of Israel by 50 percent.

**JER 31:10** "Hear the word of the Lord, O nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: 'He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.'

9. **The Jewish army would be disproportionately powerful**

**Bible passage:** Leviticus 26:3, 7-8      **Written:** perhaps around 1400 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1948-49, 1967, etc.

In Leviticus 26:3, 7-8, the Bible says that the army of Israel would have a supernatural power to prevail during times of conflict, if the people have faith to God. This Bible passage says that 5 people would be able to chase away 100 people, and that 100 would be able to chase away 10,000. Is there any proof to this incredible claim? Judge for yourself:

**Example 1:** Within hours of Israel's declaration of independence in 1948, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, and Lebanon invaded Israel. The combined population of those countries was at least 20 million at that time. Israel had fewer than 1 million Jews. Even so, the Jews won the war and expanded the size of Israel by 50 percent.

**Example 2:** During the War of 1967, Israel attacked the air force bases of the surrounding countries and took control of Jerusalem for the first time in about 2000 years. They also seized additional territory. That war lasted 6 days.

**Example 3:** On Oct. 6, 1973, Israel was attacked by Egypt and Syria. Other countries later joined the attack. But the Jews were able to push back the attacking armies and occupy land outside of Israel's borders.

**LEV 26:3, 7-8** "If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, ... You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you. Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall by the sword before you."

10. **The fortunes of the Jews would be restored**

**Bible passage:** Deuteronomy 30:3-5      **Written:** perhaps 1400 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1948, etc.

In Deuteronomy 30:3-5, the Bible said the Jews would be scattered worldwide as punishment for turning away from God, and that they would return to their homeland and have their fortunes restored. This prophecy began to be fulfilled in the late 1800s when many Jews returned to Israel, from as far away as China and the United States, Russia and South Africa. Israel declared independence in 1948. Today, Israel is among the world's most prosperous countries. In 1999, for example, Israel's per capita Gross Domestic Product was twice as prosperous than the neighboring countries.

**DEU 30:3-5** then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you. Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the Lord your God will gather you and bring you back. He will bring you to the land that belonged to your fathers, and you will take possession of it. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers.

## 100 Bible prophecies explained: 10 fulfilled in 1900s

*These 10 Bible prophecies were fulfilled in the early 1900s as millions of Jews worldwide returned to their ancient homeland.*

1. **Ezekiel said the Jews would return to Israel**

**Bible passage:** Ezekiel 20:34      **Written:** between 593-571 BC      **Fulfilled:** late 1800s to today

In Ezekiel 20:34, the prophet said God would gather the Jews from around the world and bring them home to Israel. The Jews were forced out of their homeland by the Romans in the year 135. But, in the late 1800s, thousands of Jews began returning to the Holy Land, which at that time was part of the Ottoman Empire. Millions of other Jews returned during the early and mid 1900s, when the land was controlled by the British.

**EZE 20:34** I will bring you from the nations and gather you from the countries where you have been scattered--with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with outpoured wrath.

2. **The Jews again would be a united people**

**Bible passage:** Ezekiel 37:15-19      **Written:** between 593-571 BC      **Fulfilled:** since late 1800s

In Ezekiel 37:15-19, the prophet said that God would make the Jews a united people again. This prophecy began to be fulfilled in an important way during the late 1800s, when leaders of the Zionist Movement began uniting Jews around the world for the common goal of

creating a new and independent Israel. This was the first time in centuries that the Jews had been united in such a significant way. The Jews had become a divided people in about 926 BC (2900 years ago), when Israel broke up into two smaller kingdoms called Israel and Judah.

**EZE 37:15-19** The word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, take a stick of wood and write on it, 'Belonging to Judah and the Israelites associated with him.' Then take another stick of wood, and write on it, 'Ephraim's stick, belonging to Joseph and all the house of Israel associated with him.'

Join them together into one stick so that they will become one in your hand. When your countrymen ask you, 'Won't you tell us what you mean by this?' say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am going to take the stick of Joseph--which is in Ephraim's hand--and of the Israelite tribes associated with him, and join it to Judah's stick, making them a single stick of wood, and they will become one in my hand.'

3. **Jeremiah said the Jews would buy back land**

**Bible passage:** Jeremiah 32:44      **Written:** sometime from 626 to about 586 BC      **Fulfilled:** late 1800s, 1900s

In Jeremiah 32:44, the prophet said that the exiled Jews would one day return to their homeland and buy land. During the life of Jeremiah, the Babylonians had destroyed Jerusalem and had forced out many Jews. Centuries later, the Romans also destroyed Jerusalem and banned Jews from living there. But, during the late 1800s and early 1900s, large numbers of Jews began returning to their ancient homeland. At that time, the land was called Palestine and was controlled by the British. The Jews began buying back parcels of the land and repopulating their ancient cities. In 1948, the Jews declared Israel as a sovereign nation, marking the second time in history that Israel was both a united and independent country.

**JER 32:44** Fields will be bought for silver, and deeds will be signed, sealed and witnessed in the territory of Benjamin, in the villages around Jerusalem, in the towns of Judah and in the towns of the hill country, of the western foothills and of the Negev, because I will restore their fortunes, declares the Lord."

4. **Jews would be persecuted in many nations**

**Bible passage:** Deuteronomy 28:65-67      **Written:** perhaps 1400 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1940s, 1930s, 135 AD, 721 BC, etc.

In Deuteronomy 28:65-67, the Bible said that the Jews would be scattered worldwide and persecuted. Jewish tradition maintains that the Book of Deuteronomy was recorded by Moses about 3400 years ago. At about that time, the Jews were conquering the land of Canaan and establishing Israel. The Jews were enjoying a string of military victories, as described in the Bible's book of Joshua. It might have seemed odd to Jews living 3400 years ago to hear that they would one day be scattered throughout the world and persecuted. But history is full of accounts of the scattering of the Jews and of the atrocities committed against them, including the World War II Holocaust during which an estimated 6 million Jews were killed. Winston Churchill, the prime minister of England during the Holocaust era, said: "The Final Solution is probably the greatest, most horrible crime ever committed in the whole history of the world."

**DEU 28:65-67** Among those nations you will find no repose, no resting place for the sole of your foot. There the Lord will give you an anxious mind, eyes weary with longing, and a despairing heart. You will live in constant suspense, filled with dread both night and day, never sure of your life. In the morning you will say, "If only it were evening!" and in the evening, "If only it were morning!"--because of the terror that will fill your hearts and the sights that your eyes will see.

5. **Isaiah said God would preserve the Jews**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 66:22      **Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1940s, 1930s, 135 AD, 721 BC, etc.

In Isaiah 66:22, the prophet said that the Jews would endure and survive as a people, despite the persecution that they would face throughout the world. Isaiah delivered this prophecy 2,700 years ago. Since then, the Jews have been massacred at various times by the thousands, by the hundreds of thousands, and by the millions. The Jews have endured tremendous atrocities by the Assyrians, Babylonians, Romans and Nazis. But the Jews are still with us. The Assyrians nearly destroyed the Jewish people and the Jewish nation. And the Nazi's sought to kill all Jews. Yet, the Jews continue to endure, just as God had promised in Isaiah 66:22. However, the Assyrian Empire has not endured, and neither has the Babylonian kingdom or Roman Empire. And the Nazi era crumbled shortly before the Jews reclaimed Israel as a sovereign country in 1948. The Jews - and the Jewish nation of Israel - have continued to endure even though the empires that sought to destroy them no longer exist.

**ISA 66:22** "As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me," declares the Lord, "so will your name and descendants endure.

6. **Israel would be rebuilt and resettled**

**Bible passage:** Ezekiel 36:33-35      **Written:** between 593-571 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1900s

In Ezekiel 36:33-35, the prophet gave another prophecy about the re-population and rebuilding of Israel's ruined cities. American author Mark Twain described the land of Israel as being a desolate wasteland in the late 1800s. But since that time, millions of Jews have moved to Israel and have been rebuilding their ancient homeland. Since that time, some of the parched desert has been converted into productive farmland. And Israel has undertaken one of the world's largest reforestation programs, planting more than 200 million trees during the past century. And Israel's population of Jews has grown 10 times over during a 50-year period, from 600,000 in 1948 to about 6,000,000 in 1998.

**EZE 36:33-35** "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: On the day I cleanse you from all your sins, I will resettle your towns, and the ruins will be rebuilt. The desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass through it. They will say, "This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden; the cities that were lying in ruins, desolate and destroyed, are now fortified and inhabited."

7. **Isaiah foretold the restoration of Israel**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 35:1-2      **Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1900s

In Isaiah 35:1-2, the prophet said that although Israel would become a desolate land, its deserts would one day bloom again. This Bible verse foreshadows the restoration of Israel that has been taking place since the 1900s. Million of Jews have returned to their ancient homeland and have developed sophisticated farming techniques and extensive reforestation programs to convert the parched desert into productive farmland. More than 200 million trees have been planted in Israel since 1900, according to the Jewish National Fund.

**ISA 35:1-2** The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.

8. **Israel's land would again become fruitful**

**Bible passage:** Zechariah 8:12      **Written:** between 520 and 518 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1900s

In Zechariah 8:12, the prophet said that God would allow Israel to become a prosperous land again. Israel had been described as being a wasteland between the time that the Jews had been forced out of their homeland by the Romans (about 1900 years ago) and the time when the Jews began returning to and restoring Israel during the 1900s. Although the restoration continues, Israel is able to export food to many countries.

**ZEC 8:12** "The seed will grow well, the vine will yield its fruit, the ground will produce its crops, and the heavens will drop their dew. I will give all these things as an inheritance to the remnant of this people."

9. **Israel would again become a prosperous land**

**Bible passage:** Joel 2:22      **Written:** about 400 BC      **Fulfilled:** 1900s

In Joel 2:22, the prophet said that God will again make the land of Israel productive again. After centuries of being desolate, Israel's land is again fruitful. Food is one of modern Israel's most important exports. Millions of trees have been planted and a vast network of irrigation canals have been built during the past 200 years by Jews who have returned to their ancient homeland from countries around the world.

**JOE 2:22** Be not afraid, O wild animals, for the open pastures are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their riches.

10. **Israel would rise again**

**Bible passage:** Micah 7:8-11      **Written:** sometime between 750-686 BC      **Fulfilled:** beginning late 1800s

In Micah 7:8-11, the prophet said that Israel would one day rise again. During Micah's lifetime about 2700 years ago, the Assyrians were destroying the northern kingdom of Israel. The Jews began returning to Israel during the late 1800s from countries throughout the world. In 1948, the Jews reclaimed independence for Israel. Within hours, Israel was attacked by armies from the surrounding countries. But, Israel prevailed and was able to extend its boundaries, increasing Israel's size by about 50 percent.

**MIC 7:8-11** Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light. Because I have sinned against him, I will bear the Lord's wrath, until he pleads my case and establishes my right. He will bring me out into the light; I will see his righteousness. Then my enemy will see it and will be covered with shame, she who said to me, "Where is the Lord your God?" My eyes will see her downfall; even now she will be trampled underfoot like mire in the streets. The day for building your walls will come, the day for extending your boundaries.

## 100 Bible prophecies explained: 10 fulfilled before 1900

*These 10 Bible prophecies were fulfilled from the year 70 through the 1800s. They foretold of the exile and persecution of Jews, and of the destruction of Jerusalem and Israel.*

1. **Jesus prophesied that the Temple would be destroyed**

**Bible passage:** Matthew 24:1-2      **Recorded:** about 30 AD      **Fulfilled:** 70 AD

In Matthew 24:1-2, Jesus said that the Temple would be destroyed. The Temple was destroyed about 40 years after Jesus was crucified by the Romans. In 70 AD, the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and killed an estimated 1.1 million Jews. During the destruction, fire was set to the Temple. The fire caused the gold-leaf ornamentation on the Temple ceiling to melt. The melting gold flowed down the walls and settled into crevices within the stones. The Romans pried apart the stones to remove the gold. This fulfilled Jesus Christ's prophecy that not one stone would be left standing on another.

Here are more details about the holy Temple:

1. The first Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BC and was rebuilt 70 years later. The rebuilt Temple stood for 586 years and was destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.
2. Both Temples were destroyed by the most powerful empires of their day. (Babylonian Empire in 586 BC and the Roman Empire in 70 AD).
3. After the destruction of both Temples, hundreds of thousands of Jews were slaughtered, taken as slaves and forced out of Jerusalem.
4. According to the ancient historian Josephus, both Temples were destroyed on the same day of their respective years - the 9th day of the Jewish month of Av.

**MAT 24:1-2** Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. "Do you see all these things?" he asked. "I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

2. **Jesus said Jerusalem would be destroyed**

**Bible passage:** Luke 21:24      **Recorded:** about 30 AD      **Fulfilled:** 70 AD

In Luke 21:24, Jesus said that the Jews soon would be forced out of Jerusalem and that the city would be destroyed. He said Jerusalem would be trampled upon by the "Gentiles" (non-Jews), and that the Jews would be scattered to all nations. And, that's exactly what happened. The Romans destroyed Jerusalem in the year 70, and again in the year 135. During the two destructions, the Romans killed an estimated 1.5 million Jews. Hundreds of thousands of Jews were taken as slaves to other countries, mostly throughout Europe and parts of Asia. However, during the next several centuries, Jews had established communities on every inhabited continent, including North America, South America, Australia and Africa.

**LUK 21:24** They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

3. **Daniel foretold the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple**

**Bible passage:** Daniel 9:26      **Written:** about 530 BC      **Fulfilled:** 70 AD

In Daniel 9:26, the prophet said that a future ruler over the land of Israel would destroy Jerusalem and the Temple. Daniel said this would happen after an anointed one (messiah) is "cut off," which means "rejected" or "killed." A few centuries later, the Romans had taken control of the land of Israel, Jesus announced himself as the Messiah, and the Romans crucified him. Forty years after Jesus was crucified, the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple.

**DAN 9:26** After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

4. **The Bible foreshadowed Rome's destruction of Israel**

**Bible passage:** Deuteronomy 28:49-52      **Written:** perhaps 1400 BC      **Fulfilled:** 70 AD

The Bible has several prophecies about various destructions of the Jewish homeland. Here is one from the Bible's book of Deuteronomy that foreshadowed the destruction caused by the Romans in the year 70 AD (about 1900 years ago):

"The Lord will bring a nation against you from far away, from the ends of the earth, like an eagle swooping down, a nation whose language you will not understand ... They will devour ... until you are ruined. ... They will lay siege to all the cities throughout your land until the high fortified walls in which you trust fall down." (Deuteronomy 28:49-52 NIV).

And, here's what history says about what happened in the year 70 AD: The Roman Empire sent an army, which marched in a formation called the "flying eagle," and destroyed Jerusalem. Members of the Roman army came from many different countries, speaking languages that the Jews did not understand.

**DEU 28:49-52** The Lord will bring a nation against you from far away, from the ends of the earth, like an eagle swooping down, a nation whose language you will not understand, a fierce-looking nation without respect for the old or pity for the young. They will devour the young of your livestock and the crops of your land until you are destroyed. They will leave you no grain, new wine or oil, nor any calves of your herds or lambs of your flocks until you are ruined. They will lay siege to all the cities throughout your land until the high fortified walls in which you trust fall down. They will besiege all the cities throughout the land the Lord your God is giving you.

5. **Jerusalem would be destroyed and "plowed like a field"**

**Bible passage:** Micah 3:11-12      **Written:** sometime between 750-686 BC      **Fulfilled:** 135 AD

In Micah 3:11-12, the prophet Micah said that Jerusalem would be destroyed and that "Zion" - a central part of Jerusalem - would be "plowed like a field." Micah's prophecy is believed to have been delivered in about 730 BC (about 2700 years ago). Since that time, Jerusalem was destroyed in 586 BC by the Babylonians and by the Romans in 70 AD. The Romans destroyed it again in 135 AD to crush a Jewish rebellion for independence. According to a text in the Gemara - a collection of ancient Jewish writings - the Romans ran a plow over Zion on the 9th day of the Jewish month of Ab. The Gemara said that Turnus Rufus, a Roman officer, plowed the area of the Temple. This prophecy was fulfilled in literal detail. Incidentally, there was a Roman coin minted during that era that shows an image of Hadrian on one side and, on the other side, an image of a man riding a plow. The coin was intended to commemorate the founding of the pagan Roman city called Aelia Capitolina on the site of Jerusalem. The Romans sometimes minted coins showing the plowing motif as a symbol of the establishment of a new Roman city.

The Jews fast (go without food) on the 9th day of the Jewish month of Ab (sometimes spelled Av) in remembrance of five historic events that are believed to have taken place on that date. One of those events, according to Jewish history, is the plowing of all or part of Jerusalem that took place during a Roman destruction of Jerusalem (probably the destruction that took place in about 135 AD).

**MIC 3:11-12** Her leaders judge for a bribe, her priests teach for a price, and her prophets tell fortunes for money. Yet they lean upon the Lord and say, "Is not the Lord among us? No disaster will come upon us." Therefore because of you, Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets.

6. **Israel would become a wasteland**

**Bible passage:** Deuteronomy 29:23      **Written:** perhaps 1400 BC      **Fulfilled:** 135-1800s

In Deuteronomy 29:23, the Bible said Israel would become a wasteland. This prophecy certainly was fulfilled. The land has been described many times as having been a wasteland. American writer Mark Twain wrote this, in 1867, about the land of Israel, which at the time was called Palestine: "Palestine sits in sackcloth and ashes... the spell of a curse that has withered its fields and fettered its energies... Palestine is desolate and unlovely... It is a hopeless, dreary, heartbroken land." - from Mark Twain's *Innocents Abroad*. The Bible also said that the land again would become productive. This transformation has been taking place during the past century as many Jews have been working to restore Israel.

**DEU 29:23** The whole land will be a burning waste of salt and sulfur--nothing planted, nothing sprouting, no vegetation growing on it. It will be like the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the Lord overthrew in fierce anger.

7. **The Jews would be exiled, scorned and ridiculed**

**Bible passage:** Deuteronomy 28:36-37      **Written:** perhaps 1400 BC      **Fulfilled:** 135-1900s

In Deuteronomy 28:36-37, the Bible said that the Jews would be exiled, ridiculed and scorned. This prophecy has certainly found fulfillment in many events throughout history. The Jews have been expelled from their homeland by the Assyrians, Babylonians and Romans. And the Jews - perhaps more than any other group of people - have been subject to hatred, scorn and persecution throughout the world. Until 1948, the Jews did not have sovereign control over any part of their homeland since the Hasmonaean Period more than 2000 years ago. And, until 1948, Israel had not been a united and sovereign country for nearly 2900 years.

**DEU 28:36-37** The Lord will drive you and the king you set over you to a nation unknown to you or your fathers. There you will worship other gods, gods of wood and stone. You will become a thing of horror and an object of scorn and ridicule to all the nations where the Lord will drive you.

8. **The Jewish homeland would be inhabited by enemies**

**Bible passage:** Leviticus 26:31-32      **Written:** perhaps around 1400 BC      **Fulfilled:** 135 to today

In Leviticus 26:31-32, the Bible said that Israel would become a wasteland and that it would be inhabited by enemies of the Jews. Both parts of this prophecy have been clearly documented throughout history. Many Jews were forced out of their homeland by the Assyrians, Babylonians and Romans. Each time, other people were able to move into the land. When the Jews began returning during the 1800s and 1900s, they had skirmishes with the peoples living there, including the Palestinians, who continue to live in parts of Israel.

**LEV 26:31-32** I will turn your cities into ruins and lay waste your sanctuaries, and I will take no delight in the pleasing aroma of your offerings. I will lay waste the land, so that your enemies who live there will be appalled.

9. **The Jews would be persecuted, but preserved**

**Bible passage:** Zechariah 8:13      **Written:** between 520 and 518 BC      **Fulfilled:** 135 to today

In Zechariah 8:13, the prophet said that although the Jews would be scorned and hated throughout the world, God would preserve them. The Jews have been subject to hatred in many, if not all, of the countries in which they have lived throughout the world. Even today in the United States people sometimes vandalize Jewish synagogues and slander the Jews. But God is more powerful than the vandals, the persecutors and the political leaders who have tried to destroy the Jewish people. God has indeed preserved the Jews.

**Zechariah 8:13** As you have been an object of cursing among the nations, O Judah and Israel, so will I save you, and you will be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong."

10. **The Jews would return to Israel**

**Bible passage:** Jeremiah 32:37-41      **Written:** sometime from 626 to about 586 BC      **Fulfilled:** late 1800s to today

In Jeremiah 32:37-41, the prophet said the Jews would return to their homeland. Jeremiah lived during a time when the Babylonians were forcing the Jews out of their homeland about 2600 years ago. Many Jews later returned but again were forced out, this time by the Romans, about 1900 years ago. During the past 100 or so years, however, millions of Jews have returned to Israel from countries all over the world.

**JER 32:37-41** I will surely gather them from all the lands where I banish them in my furious anger and great wrath; I will bring them back to this place and let them live in safety. They will be my people, and I will be their God.

10 fulfilled by Jesus

## 100 Bible prophecies explained: 10 fulfilled

*These 10 Old Testament passages were written hundreds of years before the birth of Jesus. They foreshadowed and foretold many events of the life of Jesus, including that He would be the Son of God and that He would be born in Bethlehem.*

1. **God's salvation would reach the ends of the earth**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 49:6      **Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC      **Fulfilled:** 32 AD

In Isaiah 49:6, the prophet speaks of a servant of God who would be a light to Gentiles (non-Jews) so that God's salvation could reach the ends of the earth. Christians believe that Jesus is the fulfillment of this promise. Jesus and His followers who helped spread Christianity about 2000 years ago have certainly been an inspiration to Gentiles - there are now about 2 billion Christians worldwide. And Christians believe that salvation is available to anyone who accepts Jesus Christ as their savior.

**ISA 49:6** "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

2. **God promised another prophet like Moses**

**Bible passage:** Deuteronomy 18:15-18      **Written:** perhaps 1400 BC      **Fulfilled:** about 5 BC to 30 AD

In Deuteronomy 18:15-18, Moses told the Jews that God would raise up another prophet like Moses. After Moses, there was a succession of prophets, including Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, and finally Jesus Christ. Jesus was very much like Moses: Both were delivered from death as infants. Both were prophets. Both performed miracles. Both were leaders. And both were intermediaries between God and man. No other prophet is as much like Moses than Jesus. Moses led the Jews out of the bonds of slavery in Egypt into the Promised Land of Israel. Moses died shortly before the Jews entered Israel. Jesus leads people - anyone who accepts Jesus as their Savior - out of the bonds of sin and into the Promised Land of Heaven. Jesus died for our sins so that people could enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

**DEU 18:15-18** The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me (Moses) from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. ... The Lord said to me ... "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him."

3. **Isaiah foreshadowed the virgin birth of Jesus**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 7:14      **Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC      **Fulfilled:** 5 BC

In Isaiah 7:14, the prophet delivers what many Christians consider to be a dual prophecy, one that was fulfilled symbolically 2700 years ago, and one that was fulfilled literally with the birth of Jesus about 2000 years ago. The symbolic part of the prophecy correctly stated that a political alliance that threatened Jewish sovereignty about 2700 years ago would fail in a short amount of time. That amount of time was defined as the amount of time that it takes for a child to learn right from wrong. But, Christians believe that this prophecy has a second meaning, that there would be someone born of a virgin, who would be referred to as "Immanuel," which means, "God with us." According to the New Testament, Jesus was born of the virgin Mary and is the Son of God. Because He is the Son of God, Jesus literally can be referred to as "God with us." Non-Christian scholars have challenged this interpretation. They say that the Hebrew word "almah," which is the word that Christian Bibles translate as "virgin," actually means "young woman." It is true that "almah" means "young woman," however, the Bible never uses the word to refer specifically to a married woman. And the Bible makes it clear that unmarried women are to be virgins.

**ISA 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and [\*] will call him Immanuel. \* either "he" or "they"

4. **The Messiah would come from the tribe of Judah**

**Bible passage:** Genesis 49:10      **Written:** perhaps 1400 BC      **Fulfilled:** 5 BC

In Genesis 49:10, Jacob is blessing his 12 sons. This blessing was also a prophecy. Jacob told his son Judah that his descendants will be rulers and that one of his descendants will be an ultimate ruler. According to the NIV translation: "The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his." Christians believe that this is a reference to Jesus Christ who will establish an everlasting kingdom in the future. Jesus was born about 2000 years after Jacob died. Jesus' ancestry is traced back to Jacob's son, Judah, in Luke 3:23-34 and in Matthew 1:1-16. Today, about 2 billion Christians worldwide follow the teachings of Jesus.

**Genesis 49:10** The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.

5. **The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem**

**Bible passage:** Micah 5:2      **Written:** sometime between 750-686 BC      **Fulfilled:** 5 BC

In Micah 5:2, there is a prophecy that many Christians point to as evidence that Jesus is the Messiah. In this Bible passage, Micah said that a great ruler would be born in Bethlehem, a small town in southern Israel. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, as recorded in Matthew 2:1, about 2000 years ago. Aside from being the spiritual leader of 2 billion Christians worldwide, Christians believe that Jesus will return in the future to rule over an everlasting kingdom. There is disagreement regarding the translation of Micah 5:2. Some people say that the reference to "Bethlehem" is simply a reference to the bloodline of King David. Other people say that it is a reference to the town of Bethlehem. However, as explained in the book of Matthew, Jesus meets both criteria - He is a descendant of King David and He was born in Bethlehem.

**MIC 5:2** "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

6. **The Messiah would be preceded by a messenger**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 40:3      **Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC      **Fulfilled:** 27 AD

In Isaiah 40:3, the prophet writes about a person in the desert who prepares the way for the Lord. Christians historically have believed that this passage foreshadowed the life of John the Baptist, who played an important role in laying the groundwork for the ministry of Jesus Christ. Jesus was born shortly after John the Baptist about 2000 years ago. The book of Matthew records many events of the life of Jesus and of John the Baptist. In Matthew 3:1-2, it says: "In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea, and saying, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

**ISA 40:3** A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

7. **Daniel predicted when an anointed one would be rejected**

**Bible passage:** Daniel 9:24-26      **Written:** about 530 BC      **Fulfilled:** about 33 AD

The prophet Daniel was a Jew who lived during the time of the Babylonian Captivity, about 500 years before the birth of Jesus. During Daniel's lifetime, the Babylonians had destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple and had taken many Jews as captives to Babylon. Daniel, while in Babylon, delivered a prophecy of what would happen during the centuries that followed. Here is our summary of Daniel 9:24-26:

1. There would be a decree to rebuild Jerusalem.
2. Jerusalem and the Temple would be rebuilt.
3. Then an anointed one (messiah) would be "cut off" (an idiom for "rejected" or "killed").
4. Then Jerusalem and the Temple would be destroyed again.

All of these events later happened, in the same order in which they are described in Daniel 9:24-26:

1. After the Medo-Persians had conquered the Babylonian empire about 2540 years ago, they ruled a vast empire that included the land of Israel. About 2446 years ago (about 445 BC), Persian king Artaxerxes gave permission to the Jews to rebuild Jerusalem, which was still in ruins after having been destroyed earlier by the Babylonians.
2. The Jews rebuilt the Temple and the city of Jerusalem.
3. Then, about 2000 years ago, Jesus entered Jerusalem as the Messiah who had been promised by Old Testament prophets. But, many people rejected Jesus as the Messiah and He was crucified by the Romans.
4. About 40 years after Jesus was crucified, the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple. (The Temple has not been rebuilt since).

**DAN 9:24-26** "Seventy `sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy. "Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven `sevens,' and sixty-two `sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. After the sixty-two `sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

8. **The Messiah would enter Jerusalem while riding on a donkey**

**Bible passage:** Zechariah 9:9      **Written:** between 520 and 518 BC      **Fulfilled:** 32 AD

In Zechariah 9:9, the prophet speaks of a future king presenting himself to Jerusalem while riding on a humble donkey. This foreshadowed something that happened about 500 years later: As explained in Luke 19:35-37, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and presented Himself as the Messiah, the King. Alfred Edersheim, a Christian Jew who lived during the 1800s, studied ancient Rabbinical writings, and said that Zechariah 9:9 was often interpreted as being about a Messiah. In the book, "The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah," Edersheim wrote: "The Messianic application of this verse in all its parts has already been repeatedly indicated. We may here add that there are many traditions about this donkey on which the Messiah is to ride; and so firm was the belief in it, that, according to the Talmud, 'if anyone saw a donkey in his dreams, he will see salvation' (Ber 56 b)."

**Zechariah 9:9** Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

9. **Jesus was betrayed by a friend**

**Bible passage:** Psalm 41:9      **Written:** about 1000 BC      **Fulfilled:** 32 AD

In Psalm 41:9, King David wrote a prayer asking for mercy in his last days. In this prayer, which Christians believe was inspired by God, David wrote about a betrayal at the hand of a close friend with whom he had shared bread. This foreshadowed something that happened years later with Jesus. As explained in Matthew 26:47-50, Jesus was betrayed by Judas, one of the 12 apostles, shortly after Jesus and the apostles had shared bread during the Last Supper. Jesus was crucified by the Romans a short time later.

**Psalm 41:9** Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.

10. **Zechariah foreshadowed the betrayal of Jesus for 30 pieces of silver**

**Bible passage:** Zechariah 11:12-13

**Written:** between 520 and 518 BC

**Fulfilled:** 32 AD

In Zechariah 11:12-13, the prophet spoke of a person being paid 30 pieces of silver to betray someone. This foreshadowed something that happened to Jesus about 500 years later. As explained in Matthew 26:15, Judas was paid 30 silver coins for his betrayal of Jesus. Judas told the Romans when and where they could arrest Jesus without being surrounded by a large crowd of Jesus' followers. But, as explained in Matthew 27:5-7, Judas later tossed the money into the Temple (the house of the Lord) and the money was used to buy a potter's field as a burial place for foreigners.

**ZEC 11:12-13** I told them, "If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it." So they paid me thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—the handsome price at which they priced me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord to the potter.

## 100 Bible prophecies explained: 10 more fulfilled by Jesus

*These 10 Old Testament passages were written hundreds of years before Jesus was born. They foreshadowed and foretold details about the persecution, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. ("Resurrection" means to be "brought back to life.")*

### 1. **The Messiah would suffer and be rejected**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 53:3

**Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC

**Fulfilled:** 32 AD

In Isaiah 52:13-53:12, the prophet foreshadowed the life and mission of Jesus, who was born about 700 years later. In Isaiah 53:3, the prophet said that a servant of God would be rejected and despised. Jesus was indeed rejected by many people living in the land of Israel, and He was later crucified by the Romans. It has been claimed by some scholars that Isaiah 52:13-53:12 actually refers to Israel as a nation and not to an individual Messiah. But, at least some of the ancient Rabbis believed that this passage from Isaiah is indeed about an individual Messiah. Hal Lindsey, in his book, "The Promise of Bible Prophecy," wrote the following: *Rabbi Moshe Alshekh, one of the great seventeenth-century expositors from Safed, Israel, said "Our Rabbis with one voice accept and affirm the opinion that the prophet is speaking of the King Messiah, and we shall ourselves also adhere to the same view.*

**ISA 53:3** He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

### 2. **God's servant would be wounded and whipped**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 53:5

**Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC

**Fulfilled:** 32 AD

In Isaiah 53:5, prophet described a servant as being punished for the sins of others, and that others would be healed by the wounds of this person. As explained in the Gospel - the four New Testament books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John - Jesus was crucified for our sins, even though He was sinless. Christians believe that this ultimate sacrifice redeemed us all from sin in the same way that lambs were once sacrificed as a symbolic way of cleansing people from sin. And so, all of us can be accepted into the Kingdom of God, as though we were sinless, if we accept Jesus as our Savior. Christians believe that we are healed through the wounds that Jesus suffered.

**ISA 53:5** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

### 3. **God's servant would be silent before His accusers**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 53:7

**Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC

**Fulfilled:** 32 AD

In the book of Isaiah, chapter 53, Isaiah the prophet wrote about a servant of God. Many people believe this was a prophecy about the life of Jesus Christ, who lived about 700 years later. In Isaiah 53:7, the prophet said that the servant would be afflicted and accused, but like a lamb being led to slaughter, he would remain silent. As explained in Matthew 27:12-14, which was recorded about 700 years after the time of Isaiah, this is what happened to Jesus. He was falsely accused but remained silent and did not protest the accusations. Jesus was crucified by the Romans a short time later.

**ISA 53:7** He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

### 4. **God's servant would be buried in a rich man's tomb**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 53:9

**Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC

**Fulfilled:** 32 AD

In Isaiah 53:9, the prophet wrote about a sinless servant being put to death with the wicked and buried with the rich. About 700 years after this was believed to have been written, Jesus was put to death along with two criminals and was buried in a tomb owned by a wealthy man, as explained in the New Testament. The New Testament says that Jesus was resurrected three days later and ascended into Heaven.

**ISA 53:9** He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

### 5. **God's servant would be crucified with criminals**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 53:12

**Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC

**Fulfilled:** 32 AD

In Isaiah 53:12, the prophet wrote about a servant who would bear the sins of many people and be punished side-by-side with criminals. Christians believe that Isaiah's description of this servant was a prophecy that was fulfilled during the life of Jesus Christ. As explained in the book of Matthew, Jesus, though sinless, was "numbered with the transgressors" and crucified along with two criminals.

**ISA 53:12** Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

### 6. **Jesus was spat upon and beaten**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 50:6

**Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC

**Fulfilled:** 32 AD

In Isaiah 50:6, the prophet writes about a servant of God who endures abuse at the hands of sinful people. This servant offers his back to those who beat him, his face to those who rip out his beard, and himself to those who mock and taunt him. Christians historically have believed that this Old Testament passage foreshadowed the life of Jesus Christ, who lived about 700 years after Isaiah. Jesus, as explained in the New Testament, was beaten, mocked and taunted shortly before His crucifixion by the Romans. In Matthew 26:67 NIV, for example, it says: *Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him and said, "Prophesy to us, Christ. Who hit you?"*

**ISA 50:6** I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

7. **Jesus cried out on behalf of all people**

**Bible passage:** Psalm 22:1      **Written:** about 1000 BC      **Fulfilled:** 32 AD

Psalm 22, according to Jewish tradition, was written by King David sometime around 1000 BC (3000 years ago). In this Psalm, David writes from the point of view of a person being persecuted. This person cries out to God, asking for deliverance, and is saved. David also writes that this salvation would be shared with people throughout the world. Christians believe that this Psalm foreshadowed the life, mission and suffering of Jesus Christ. In fact, in Matthew 27:46, Jesus, while suffering the crucifixion, is quoted as reciting the first line of Psalm 22: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" It is as if Jesus wanted us to read Psalm 22 so that we would better understand how His suffering leads to our salvation, and how God will save the faithful.

**PSA 22:1** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

8. **Zechariah foreshadowed the crucifixion of Jesus**

**Bible passage:** Zechariah 12:10      **Written:** between 520 and 518 BC      **Fulfilled:** 32 AD

In Zechariah, chapter 12, the Bible said that there will be a time when the world's nations attack Jerusalem. In Zechariah 12:10, the Bible says that after this attack fails, the people will lament over the one who was "pierced," as one mourns for the loss of a first-born son. Christians traditionally have interpreted this passage as a reference to the return of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was pierced when He was crucified by the Romans about 2000 years ago. Christians believe that Jesus will return in the future to establish an everlasting kingdom.

**ZEC 12:10** "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

9. **Onlookers gambled for the Jesus' clothing**

**Bible passage:** Psalm 22:18      **Written:** about 1000 BC      **Fulfilled:** 32 AD

In Psalm 22:18, David continues his description of a person being persecuted. In verse 18, onlookers gamble for pieces of clothing that belonged to the person being persecuted. This too foreshadowed Jesus' life, who lived about 1000 years after this Psalm is believed to have been written. As explained in Matthew 27:35, Jesus was persecuted and crucified and onlookers gambled for pieces of His clothing. (see Matthew 27:35).

**PSA 22:18** They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

10. **Jesus' resurrection was foreshadowed in Old Testament**

**Bible passage:** Psalm 16:10-11      **Written:** about 1000 BC      **Fulfilled:** 32 AD

In Psalm 16:10-11, the Bible talks of God's refusal to let His "Holy One" remain in a grave after death. This Psalm is believed to have been written about 1000 years before Jesus was born. New Testament writers believed that this Psalm foreshadowed the death and resurrection of Jesus. Resurrection means "brought back to life." There are several reports in the New Testament that say that Jesus was killed and placed in a tomb, but that God brought Jesus back to life a few days later. (See Matthew 28:5-8, Mark 16:5-6, Luke 24:1-7, or John 20:1-18)

**PSA 16:10-11** because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

## 100 Bible prophecies explained: 20 fulfilled long ago

*These 20 Bible prophecies were fulfilled between 2100 years ago and 2600 years ago by the destruction of the ancient kingdoms of Nineveh, Babylon, Tyre and Edom. According to the Bible, these kingdoms were destroyed because they had sought to destroy the Holy Land of Israel and the people of Israel (the Jews).*

1. **Nineveh would be destroyed, permanently**

**Bible passage:** Nahum 3:19      **Written:** perhaps 614 BC      **Fulfilled:** 612 BC

In Nahum 3:19 (and 1:9), the prophet said that Nineveh, which was the Assyrian Empire's capital and perhaps the most powerful city of the ancient world, would suffer a wound that would never heal. In 612 BC (about 2600 years ago), a coalition of Babylonians, Scythians and Medes conquered the heavily fortified city. According to the Bible, Nineveh was to be punished for the empire's inhumane treatment of Israel. It is unknown as to when Nahum delivered this prophecy - some scholars speculate that it was delivered a few years before the conquest. But, it is known that Nahum was correct - Nineveh and the Assyrian empire never did recover from their defeat. (Incidentally, the Assyrian empire had conquered Babylon many years beforehand, but Babylon was able to recover from that defeat).

**NAH 3:19** Nothing can heal your wound; your injury is fatal. Everyone who hears the news about you claps his hands at your fall, for who has not felt your endless cruelty?

2. **Nineveh's fortresses would be easily captured**

**Bible passage:** Nahum 3:12      **Written:** perhaps 614 BC      **Fulfilled:** 612 BC

In Nahum 3:12, the prophet said that Assyrian fortresses around Nineveh would fall to attackers. A coalition of Babylonians, Scythians and Medes successfully broke through the fortresses. Ancient Babylonian records say the fortified towns around Nineveh began to fall in 614 BC, about two years before the total defeat of the Assyrian empire.

**NAH 3:12** All your fortresses are like fig trees with their first ripe fruit; when they are shaken, the figs fall into the mouth of the eater.

3. **Nineveh's army officers would desert**

**Bible passage:** Nahum 3:17      **Written:** perhaps 614 BC      **Fulfilled:** 612 BC

In Nahum 3:17, the prophet said Nineveh's army officers would flee rather than fight. Babylonian records claim that Assyrian army members did flee from the battle.

**NAH 3:17** Your guards are like locusts, your officials like swarms of locusts that settle in the walls on a cold day-- but when the sun appears they fly away, and no one knows where.

4. **Ninevites would be drunk in their final hours**

**Bible passage:** Nahum 1:10      **Written:** perhaps 614 BC      **Fulfilled:** 612 BC

In Nahum 1:10 and 3:11, the prophet said that during the final hours of the attack on Nineveh, the Ninevites would be drunk. There is evidence that this prophecy was fulfilled. According to the ancient historian Diodorus Siculus: "The Assyrian king gave much wine to his soldiers. Deserters told this to the enemy, who attacked that night." Siculus compiled his historical works about 600 years after the fall of Nineveh.

**NAH 1:10** They will be entangled among thorns and drunk from their wine; they will be consumed like dry stubble.

5. **Nineveh would be destroyed by fire**

**Bible passage:** Nahum 3:15      **Written:** perhaps 614 BC      **Fulfilled:** 612 BC

In Nahum 3:15, the prophet said that Nineveh would be damaged by fire. Archaeologists unearthed the site during the 1800s and found a layer of ash covering the ruins. According to the Encyclopaedia Britannica: "...Nineveh suffered a defeat from which it never recovered. Extensive traces of ash, representing the sack of the city by Babylonians, Scythians, and Medes in 612 BC, have been found in many parts of the Acropolis. After 612 BC the city ceased to be important..."

**NAH 3:15** There the fire will devour you; the sword will cut you down and, like grasshoppers, consume you...

6. **Ninevites would be wiped out**

**Bible passage:** Nahum 1:14      **Written:** perhaps 614 BC      **Fulfilled:** 612 BC

In Nahum 1:14, the prophet said Nineveh would have no descendants to carry on the prestige of Nineveh. Nineveh's destruction in 612 BC marked a permanent end to the Assyrian Empire. The city itself never again rose to any significant importance. Today, Nineveh is an archaeological site in Iraq.

**NAH 1:14** The Lord has given a command concerning you, [Nineveh]: "You will have no descendants to bear your name. I will destroy the carved images and cast idols that are in the temple of your gods. I will prepare your grave, for you are vile."

7. **Babylon would rule Judah for 70 years**

**Bible passage:** Jeremiah 25:11-12      **Written:** sometime from 626 to about 586 BC      **Fulfilled:** about 605 BC to about 538 BC

In Jeremiah 25:11-12, the prophet said that the Jews would live under Babylonian rule for 70 years. Jeremiah also said Babylon would be punished after the 70 years. Both parts of this prophecy were fulfilled. Sometime around 605 BC, Babylon began dominating Judah and taking many Jews as captives to Babylon. About 70 years later, in 539 BC, Cyrus, a leader of Persians and Medes, conquered Babylon and brought an end to the Babylonian empire. Cyrus later offered the Jews the freedom to return to their homeland. The prophecy might have been fulfilled in another way too: The Babylonians had destroyed Jerusalem's Temple in 586 BC, and the Jews rebuilt it and consecrated it 70 years later, in 516 BC. Having the Temple again was a clear signal that the effects of Babylon rule had come to a complete end.

**JER 25:11-12** "...This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years. But when the seventy years are fulfilled, I will punish the king of Babylon and his nation, the land of the Babylonians, for their guilt," declares the Lord, "and will make it desolate forever."

8. **Babylon would be attacked by the Medes**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 13:17      **Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC      **Fulfilled:** 539 BC

In Isaiah 13:17, the prophet said the Medes would attack Babylon. This happened about 150 years after Isaiah is believed to have delivered this prophecy. The Medes joined the Persians and conquered Babylon in about 539 BC.

**ISA 13:17** See, I will stir up against them the Medes, who do not care for silver and have no delight in gold.

9. **Babylon's gates would open for Cyrus**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 45:1      **Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC      **Fulfilled:** 539 BC

In Isaiah 45:1, the prophet said God would open the gates of Babylon for Cyrus and his attacking army. Despite Babylon's remarkable defenses, which included moats, and walls that were more than 70-feet thick and 300-feet high, and 250 watchtowers, Cyrus was able to enter the city and conquer it. Cyrus and his troops diverted the flow of the Euphrates River into a large lake basin. Cyrus then was able to march his army across the riverbed and into the city.

**ISA 45:1** "This is what the Lord says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut:

10. **Babylon's kingdom would be overthrown, permanently**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 13:19      **Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC      **Fulfilled:** 539 BC

In Isaiah 13:19, the prophet said Babylon would be overthrown, permanently. History confirms that when Cyrus conquered Babylon in 539 BC, it never again rose to power as an empire. Before the time of Cyrus, however, Babylon had been defeated by the Assyrian Empire but was able to recover and later conquer the Assyrian Empire. However, like Isaiah said 2700 years ago, the Babylonian Empire never recovered from Cyrus' conquest.

**ISA 13:19** Babylon, the jewel of kingdoms, the glory of the Babylonians' pride, will be overthrown by God like Sodom and Gomorrah.

11. **Babylon would be reduced to swampland**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 14:23      **Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC      **Fulfilled:** 539 BC

In Isaiah 14:23, the prophet said that Babylon, which had been a world power at two different times in history, would be brought to a humble and final end. It would be reduced to swampland. After Cyrus conquered Babylon in 539 BC, the kingdom never again rose to power. The buildings of Babylon fell into a gradual state of ruin during the next several centuries. Archaeologists excavated Babylon during the 1800s. Some parts of the city could not be dug up because they were under a water table that had risen over the years.

**ISA 14:23** "I will turn her into a place for owls and into swampland; I will sweep her with the broom of destruction," declares the Lord Almighty.

12. **Babylon's captive Jews would be freed by Cyrus**

**Bible passage:** Isaiah 44:28      **Written:** perhaps between 701-681 BC      **Fulfilled:** 538 BC

In Isaiah 44:28, the prophet Isaiah said that a king named Cyrus would one day release the Jews from their captivity in Babylon so that they could return to their homeland. History shows that a king named Cyrus did release the Jews about 150 years after Isaiah is believed to have delivered this prophecy.

**Isaiah 44:28** who says of Cyrus, "He is my shepherd and will accomplish all that I please; he will say of Jerusalem, "Let it be rebuilt," and of the temple, "Let its foundations be laid."

13. **The Jews would survive Babylonian rule and return home**

**Bible passage:** Jeremiah 32:36-37      **Written:** sometime from 626 to about 586 BC      **Fulfilled:** 536 BC

In Jeremiah 32:36-37, the prophet said that the Jews would survive their captivity in Babylon and return home. Both parts of this prophecy were fulfilled. Many Jews had been taken as captives to Babylon beginning around 605 BC. But, in 538 BC, they were released from captivity and many eventually returned to their homeland.

**JER 32:36-37** "You are saying about this city, 'By the sword, famine and plague it will be handed over to the king of Babylon'; but this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I will surely gather them from all the lands where I banish them in my furious anger and great wrath; I will bring them back to this place and let them live in safety."

14. **Tyre would be attacked by many nations**

**Bible passage:** Ezekiel 26:3      **Written:** between 587-586 BC      **Fulfilled:** 573 BC, 332 BC, 1291 AD

In Ezekiel 26:3, the prophet said that Tyre, the Phoenician Empire's most powerful city, would be attacked by many nations, because of its treatment of Israel. At about the time that Ezekiel delivered this prophecy, Babylon had begun a 13-year attack on Tyre's mainland. Later, in about 332 BC, Alexander the Great conquered the island of Tyre and brought an end to the Phoenician Empire. Tyre later fell under the rule of the Romans, the Crusaders and the Moslems, who destroyed the city, again, in 1291.

**EZE 26:3** therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, O Tyre, and I will bring many nations against you, like the sea casting up its waves.

15. **Tyre's fortresses would fail**

**Bible passage:** Amos 1:9-10      **Written:** about 750 BC      **Fulfilled:** 333-332 BC

In Amos 1:9-10, the prophet said that God would cause Tyre's protective fortresses to fail, as punishment for the way that Tyre treated Israel. That prophecy was fulfilled in 586-573 BC when Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar attacked the mainland of Tyre, and in 333-332 BC when Alexander the Great conquered the island of Tyre. Alexander's army built a land bridge from the mainland to the island so that they could use a battering ram to break through the island's fortress.

**AMO 1:9-10** This is what the Lord says: "For three sins of Tyre, even for four, I will not turn back [my wrath]. Because she sold whole communities of captives to Edom, disregarding a treaty of brotherhood, I will send fire upon the walls of Tyre that will consume her fortresses."

16. **Tyre's stones, timber and soil would be cast into the sea**

**Bible passage:** Ezekiel 26:12      **Written:** between 587-586 BC      **Fulfilled:** 333-332 BC

In Ezekiel 26:12, the prophet said that Tyre's stones, timber and soil would be thrown into the sea. That probably would have been a fitting description of how Alexander the Great built a land bridge from the mainland to the island of Tyre when he attacked in 333-332 BC. It is believed that he took the rubble from Tyre's mainland ruins and tossed it - stones, timber and soil - into the sea, to build the land bridge (which is still there).

**EZE 26:12** They will plunder your wealth and loot your merchandise; they will break down your walls and demolish your fine houses and throw your stones, timber and rubble into the sea.

17. **Tyre would lose its power over the sea**

**Bible passage:** Zechariah 9:3-4      **Written:** between 520 and 518 BC      **Fulfilled:** 333-332 BC

In Zechariah 9:3-4, the prophet said that the Phoenician city of Tyre would lose its status as a powerful nation on the Mediterranean Sea. Today there is a city called Tyre that is either on, or near, the original Phoenician site. But this Tyre is a small city in modern-day Lebanon. It is certainly not the powerful nation that it was in the days of Zechariah.

**ZEC 9:3-4** Tyre has built herself a stronghold; she has heaped up silver like dust, and gold like the dirt of the streets. But the Lord will take away her possessions and destroy her power on the sea, and she will be consumed by fire.

18. **Tyre would never again be found**

**Bible passage:** Ezekiel 26:21      **Written:** between 587-586 BC      **Fulfilled:** after 332 BC

In Ezekiel 26:21, the prophet said that the Phoenician city of Tyre would be brought to an end and would never again be found. When Alexander the Great destroyed the city in 332 BC, he brought an end to the Phoenician Empire. The Empire was never revived or "found" again. As for the city itself, it has been torn down and built upon by a succession of world powers. Today, finding artifacts from the original Phoenician Tyre is difficult. Many of the original buildings were destroyed by Greeks, Romans, Crusaders and Moslems. According to the Columbia Encyclopedia, Fifth Edition: "The principal ruins of the city today are those of buildings erected by the Crusaders. There are some Greco-Roman remains, but any left by the Phoenicians lie underneath the present town."

**EZE 26:21** I will bring you to a horrible end and you will be no more. You will be sought, but you will never again be found, declares the Sovereign Lord."

19. **The Jews would avenge the Edomites**

**Bible passage:** Ezekiel 25:14      **Written:** between 593-571 BC      **Fulfilled:** about 100 BC

In Ezekiel 25:14, the prophet said that the Jews would one day take vengeance on Edom, a nation that had often warred with the Jews. When Ezekiel delivered this prophecy, he and many other Jews were living as captives in Babylon. They didn't have control of their own country, let alone anyone else's. But, about 400 years later, Jews regained independence for Jerusalem and the surrounding area during the "Hasmonaean Period." During this time, the Jewish priest-king John Hyrcanus I defeated the Edomites. According to the Columbia Encyclopedia, Fifth Edition: "Edomite history was marked by continuous hostility and warfare with Jews... At the end of the second century B.C., they were subdued by Hasmonaean priest-king John Hyrcanus I..."

**EZE 25:14** I will take vengeance on Edom by the hand of my people Israel, and they will deal with Edom in accordance with my anger and my wrath; they will know my vengeance, declares the Sovereign Lord."

20. **Edom would be toppled and humbled**

**Bible passage:** Jeremiah 49:16      **Written:** sometime from 626 to about 586 BC      **Fulfilled:** about 100 BC

In Jeremiah 49:16, the prophet said that Edom, a long-time enemy of Israel, would be destroyed. Edom's capital city, Petra, was carved out of a mountain side and had great natural defenses. Nonetheless, it was destroyed and the kingdom of Edom no longer exists. Today, Petra is part of Jordan. The city was conquered by the Romans in the year 106 AD but flourished again shortly after that. But a rival city, Palmyra, eventually took most of the trade away and Petra began to decline. Moslems conquered Petra in the 7th Century and Crusaders conquered it in the 12th Century. Petra gradually fell into ruin.

**JER 49:16** The terror you inspire and the pride of your heart have deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks, who occupy the heights of the hill. Though you build your nest as high as the eagle's, from there I will bring you down," declares the Lord.

## 100 Bible prophecies explained: 10 end time prophecies

*These 10 Bible prophecies from Jesus, Zechariah and the Bible's book of Revelation deal with the End Times, Apocalypse, or Last Days, when Jesus is to return and judge the living and the dead.*

1. **The Messiah will appear after the Jews return to Israel**

**Bible passage:** Jeremiah 23:3-6      **Written:** sometime from 626 to about 586 BC      **Fulfilled:** end times

In Jeremiah 23:3-6, the prophet said that the Jews throughout the world would be re-gathered and brought back home to Israel and that a descendant of King David would reign as king. We Christians believe this has already been partially fulfilled and will be completely fulfilled in the future. More than 2500 years ago, the Jews were forced out of Israel by the Assyrians and the Babylonians. But many Jews returned to their homeland before Jesus was born about 2000 years ago. Jesus, according to the book of Matthew, is a descendant of King David, and He will return in the future to establish an everlasting kingdom. About 40 years after Jesus was crucified by the Romans, the Jews were again forced out of their homeland and scattered worldwide. But, during the past 200 years, many Jews have been returning to their ancient homeland. They re-established independence for Israel in 1948. This marked the second time in history that Israel was a sovereign nation. Christians believe that Jesus will return a second time too, to bring justice to the world, and to judge the living and the dead.

**JER 23:3-6** "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the Lord. "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.

2. **When Israel blooms again, the Kingdom of God will be near**

**Bible passage:** Luke 21:29-31      **Recorded:** about 30 AD      **To be fulfilled:** End Times

In Luke 21:29-31, Jesus said that when the fig tree blooms again, people will know that the End Times and Kingdom of God is near. The fig tree is understood by some Bible scholars as a symbol for Israel. This passage is often interpreted to mean that the End Times will begin sometime after Israel blooms again. When Jesus delivered this prophecy about 2000 years ago, Israel was ruled over by the Roman Empire - the Jews did not have independence. Shortly after Jesus was crucified by the Romans, the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and forced many Jews into exile. But, in 1948, the Jews regained control of part of their ancient homeland and re-established independence.

**LUK 21:29-31** He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

3. **Jerusalem would become an international problem**

**Bible passage:** Zechariah 12:1-5      **Written:** between 520 and 518 BC      **To be fulfilled:** End Times

In Zechariah 12, the prophet said Jerusalem would become an international problem, that the nations of the world will attack Jerusalem, and that God will protect Jerusalem during that time. During the time of Zechariah, who lived about 2500 years ago, Jerusalem, and the rest of Israel, was controlled by the Medo-Persian empire. The Jews did not have independence. The Jews regained control of Jerusalem for a brief time about 2100 years ago. And it wasn't until the Six Day War in 1967 that Jews regained control of Jerusalem. Today, many Palestinian Arabs want all or part of Jerusalem to be the capital of an independent Palestinian state. At different times in the past, many countries have pressured the Israelis to give up all or part of Jerusalem. There have also been proposals in which Jerusalem would not be governed by either Jews or Arabs, but instead be designated as an international city. Perhaps more so than any other city in the world, Jerusalem has been the subject of newspaper headlines throughout the world, in the context of reporting violence and in the context of reporting various proposals for peace. Jerusalem has indeed become an international problem, just as Zechariah had prophesized 2500 years ago.

**ZEC 12:1-5** This is the word of the Lord concerning Israel. The Lord, who stretches out the heavens, who lays the foundation of the earth, and who forms the spirit of man within him, declares: "I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves. On that day I will strike every horse with panic and its rider with madness," declares the Lord. "I will keep a watchful eye over the house of Judah, but I will blind all the horses of the nations. Then the leaders of Judah will say in their hearts, 'The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the Lord Almighty is their God.'

4. **The Gospel will be preached to the entire world**

**Bible passage:** Matthew 24:14      **Recorded:** about 30 AD      **To be fulfilled:** End Times

In Matthew 24:14, the Bible says that the Gospel (the New Testament books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) will be preached throughout the world. The Bible also says that after this happens, the end times will come. The Bible has been preached throughout the world for a long time. But now, with the increasing worldwide availability of television and the Internet, there is greater potential for the Gospel to be preached to everyone, everywhere.

**MAT 24:14** And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

5. **The world would be able to simultaneously witness events**

**Bible passage:** Revelation 11:9-10      **Written:** sometime between 54 and 95 AD      **To be fulfilled:** End Times

In Revelation 11:9-10, the Bible gives a prophecy that has not yet been fulfilled, at least not in a literal sense. But, perhaps for the first time in history, it can be fulfilled. The prophecy says that people all over the world will be able to simultaneously witness a particular event (the death of two prophets). This of course would have been difficult before the popularization of television and the Internet. But it is now common for people worldwide to simultaneously witness events via television and the Internet.

**REV 11:9-10** For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

6. **Zechariah foreshadowed modern warfare**

**Bible passage:** Zechariah 14:12      **Written:** between 520 and 518 BC      **To be fulfilled:** End Times

In Zechariah, chapter 14, the prophet says a time will come when nations gather to attack Jerusalem. In Zechariah 14:12, the prophet says the nations that attack Jerusalem will be struck with a "plague" that will cause their flesh to rot while they are still standing. This might be a fitting description for modern warfare if it were described by a person who lived 2500 years ago, as Zechariah did. Chemical weapons are capable of causing rapid deterioration of flesh. And a blast of heat from a nuclear weapon could have a similar affect. Some Bible scholars, however, believe that this plague could refer to a supernatural event from God to protect the Holy Land.

**ZEC 14:12** This is the plague with which the Lord will strike all the nations that fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

7. **Many people will go to Jerusalem to seek God's favor**

**Bible passage:** Zechariah 8:22      **Written:** between 520 and 518 BC      **To be fulfilled:** End Times

In Zechariah 8:22, the prophet said 2500 years ago that a time will come when many people go to Jerusalem to seek and honor God. This prophecy has been at least partially fulfilled already. The Jews recaptured Jerusalem during the Six Day War in 1967. Since then, people from around the world have toured Jerusalem to visit various sites that are important to the history of Judaism and Christianity. Jerusalem is also an important city to Moslems.

**Zechariah 8:22** And many peoples and powerful nations will come to Jerusalem to seek the Lord Almighty and to entreat him."

8. **Book of Revelation envisioned an army of 200 million**

**Bible passage:** Revelation 9:16      **Written:** sometime between 54 and 95 AD      **To be fulfilled:** End Times

In Revelation 9:16, the Bible says that an army of 200 million will one day march toward Israel. Of course, this prophecy hasn't been fulfilled yet, at least not literally. But, as the world's population rises above 6 billion, it is increasingly possible for a coalition of countries to amass an army of 200 million, and this would have been unthinkable even 100 years ago.

**REV 9:16** The number of the mounted troops was two hundred million. I heard their number.

9. **The troops would cross the Euphrates**

**Bible passage:** Revelation 16:12      **Written:** sometime between 54 and 95 AD      **To be fulfilled:** End Times

In Revelation 16:12, the Bible says there will come a time when the Euphrates River becomes dry so that an army can cross it and march into Israel. When the book of Revelation was written 1900 years ago, it would have taken a great natural disaster, or a great amount of labor to divert the flow of the Euphrates so that an army could cross it. (In 539 BC, Cyrus and his army diverted the flow so that his troops could march across the riverbed and conquer Babylon). But, today, there are a series of dams that would make it much easier to divert the flow of the powerful river.

**REV 16:12** The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East.

10. **People would be forced to receive the mark of the beast**

**Bible passage:** Revelation 13:16-18      **Written:** sometime between 54 and 95 AD      **To be fulfilled:** End Times

In Revelation 13:16-18, the Bible says that there would come a time when a powerful leader would force people to receive a "mark" on or in their right hand or forehead, and that no one would be able to buy or sell unless they had that mark. When the book of Revelation was written about 1900 years ago, it would have been nearly impossible for a world leader to force everyone to receive such a mark. But, today, with modern technology, it would be much easier. Today, for example, it would be possible to implant under a person's skin a small microchip that could be used like a credit card.

**REV 13:16-18** And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. (KJV).