

God's Power

How many Bible prophecies mention a Savior (or Messiah)?

50 100 150 200 250 Over 300

- ✓ Estimates vary. Many Bible scholars say there are over 300 Messiah prophecies.
- ✓ Amazingly, Jesus Christ fulfilled EVERY prediction about the coming Savior!
- ✓ The statistical odds of one person fulfilling all the prophecies are mind-boggling!

Peter Stoner calculated the likelihood of fulfilling just 8 prophecies listed on the side.

"We take **100 quadrillion** (100,000,000,000,000,000) silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all of the state **Two Feet Deep**.



- Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly, all over the state.
- Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and say this is the right one.

What chance would he have at getting the right one?

- Just the same chance that the prophets would have of writing these **8 prophecies and having them ALL come true in any ONE man.** "

Science Speaks by Peter Stoner, Mathematics Professor

Creation

"For in Him [God] all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him."

Colossians 1:16, NIV



- ❖ Circle *eight* things God "created."
- ❖ Underline the reason God created "all things".

"But God made the earth by His POWER; He founded the world by His wisdom and stretched out the heavens by His understanding."

Jeremiah 10:12, NIV

- ❖ Underline how "God made the earth."

"He [God] counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. Great is our Lord, and mighty in POWER; His understanding is infinite."

Psalm 147:4-5, NKJV

- ❖ Circle what God "counts" and "calls" by name.
 - ◆ Astronomers say about 70 sextillion stars (7 followed by 22 zeros) are in the universe!
- ❖ Underline the description of God's "understanding."
 - ◆ "Infinite" means endless, limitless, or impossible to measure.



"If you were to take every single, solitary grain of SAND off of every square inch of beach on the face of the earth, you wouldn't equal the number of STARS in the galaxies of the universe.

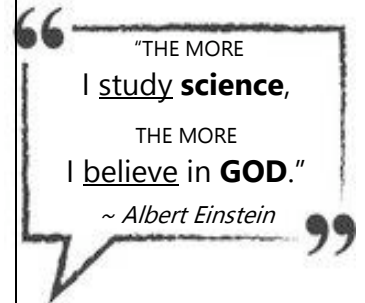
- ★ And your God **made them all!**
- ★ More amazing still, **He named them all!** ~ Sam Storms

8 Messiah Prophecies


- ❶ Born in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2)
- ❷ Preceded by a messenger. (Malachi 3:1)
- ❸ Enter Jerusalem as a ruler, riding on a donkey. (Zechariah 9:9)
- ❹ Betrayed by a friend and wounded in hands. (Zechariah 13:6)
- ❺ Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver. (Zechariah 11:12)
- ❻ Betrayal will throw money in temple. Bribe buys potter's field. (Zechariah 11:13)
- ❼ Will not speak in own defense. (Isaiah 53:7)
- ❽ Hands and feet will be pierced. (Psalm 22:16)

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Genesis 1:1, KJV



"In the absence of any other proof, the

THUMB alone  would convince me of God's existence."

~ Isaac Newton

"The **finite** cannot grasp the **INFINITE**."

~ Anonymous

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Isaac's Birth

*"God also said to Abraham,
'As for...Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her...'
Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself,
'Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old?
Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?'"*
Genesis 17:15-17, NIV



- ❖ Circle how old Abraham was.
- ❖ Underline how old Sarah was.

Abraham and Sarah were the age to be grandparents or great-grandparents—not parents!

*"Then the Lord said to Abraham,
'Why did Sarah laugh and say, Will I really have a child, now that I am old?
Is anything too hard for the Lord?
I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.'"*
Genesis 18:13-14, NIV

- ❖ Frame when God said Sarah would "have a son."

The conclusion of the story shows that nothing is "too hard for the Lord."

*"Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age,
at the very time God had promised him.
Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him."*
Genesis 21:2-3, NIV

BABY
BOY

- ❖ Underline when Sarah had a son.
- ❖ Circle the name of the son.
 - ◆ Isaac's miracle birth happened exactly as Almighty God promised.
 - ◆ The Bible records more about Isaac's birth than any other birth – except Jesus.

Feeding 5000

*"Then He [Jesus] ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass,
and taking the five loaves and the two fish,
He looked up to heaven and said a blessing.
Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples,
and the disciples gave them to the crowds".* Matthew 14:19, ESV



- ❖ Underline how much food Jesus began with.
 - ◆ This started out as one boy's lunch, but the boy willingly gave it all to Jesus. (John 6:9)

*"And they all ate and were satisfied.
And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.
And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children."*
Matthew 14:20-21, ESV

- ❖ Circle how many "baskets" of food were left after everyone was "satisfied."
 - ◆ Buying that much food would have cost a fortune!
 - ◆ Before everyone ate, the disciple Philip said, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" (John 6:7, NIV)
- ❖ Underline who ate in addition to the 5000 men.
 - ◆ A total of 15,000 to 20,000 people might have been fed. Plus, there were leftovers!



"Our God has **boundless resources**. The only limit is in us.

- ❖ Our asking, our thinking, our praying are too small.
- ❖ Our expectations are too limited." ~ A. B. Simpson

*"He gives POWER to the weak,
and to those who have no
might He increases strength."*

Isaiah 40:29, NKJV

"There are 256 NAMES
given in the Bible
for the Lord Jesus Christ,
and I suppose this was
because He was infinitely
beyond all that any
NAME could express."

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~ Billy Sunday



*"But He said to me [Paul],
'My grace is sufficient for you,
for my POWER is
made perfect in weakness.'*

*Therefore I will boast all the
more gladly of my weaknesses,
so that the POWER of Christ
may rest upon me."*

2 Corinthians 12:9, ESV

? What are **other** miracles
Jesus did on earth?

*"And Jesus came and spake
unto them, saying,
All POWER is given unto me
in heaven and in earth."*

Matthew 28:18, KJV

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God's Power to Forgive Sins

² "Some men brought to Him [Jesus] a paralyzed man, lying on a mat.
When Jesus saw their faith,
He said to the man, 'Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven....'
⁶ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.'
So He said to the paralyzed man, 'Get up, take your mat and go home.'
⁷ Then the man got up and went home.
⁸ When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God...."
Matthew 9:2, 6-8, NIV

- ❖ Underline the *first* thing Jesus said to the paralyzed man. (verse 2)
- ❖ Frame the *second* thing Jesus said to the paralyzed man. (verse 6)
- ❖ Circle what the paralyzed man was able to do.

By enabling a paralyzed man to walk, Jesus proved He also had power to forgive sin.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."
Ephesians 2:8-9, ESV

- ❖ Circle how we are saved.
- ❖ Underline *why* God choose to save us "through faith" instead of "by works."

"There are basically only **two kinds of religion** in the world: those based on **HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT** and those based on **DIVINE ACCOMPLISHMENT**.



- One says you can earn your way to heaven.
- The other says you must trust in Jesus Christ alone."

~ John MacArthur

God's Power Is Unlimited

"Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth
by your great power and by your outstretched arm!
Nothing is too hard for you."
Jeremiah 32:17, ESV

- ❖ Frame what is "too hard" for God.

"Jesus replied, 'What is impossible with man is possible with God.'" Luke 18:27, NIV

- ❖ Underline what Jesus said.

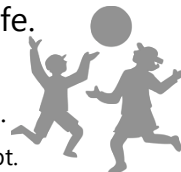
"**FAITH** does not operate in the realm of the possible.

- ~ There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible.
- ~ **FAITH begins where man's power ends.**" ~ George Muller

During the 19th century, **GEORGE MULLER** started **five orphanages** which cared for a total of **10,024 orphans** during his life.

Through the orphanages, he wanted to show the world that God is still living and answers the prayers of those who trust Him.

- George Muller **never** asked anyone for money and **never** went into debt.
- Instead, he **prayed** for God to take care of the orphans' needs. **God always provided!**



"A religion that is small enough for our understanding would not be big enough for our needs."

~ Corrie ten Boom

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us...."

Titus 3:5, KJV



"His divine **POWER**

has given us everything we need for a godly life...."

2 Peter 1:3, NIV

"... God, the blessed and only Ruler, the **KING** of kings and Lord of lords."

1 Timothy 6:15, NIV

"God never made a promise that was too good to be true."

~ D. L. Moody



Philippians 4:13

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God's Power to Help Us

"...Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!
Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory...."
Revelation 19:6-7, NKJV



- ❖ Circle who reigns.
 - ◆ "Omnipotent" is all-powerful. That means God has authority and ability to do anything.
- ❖ Underline *three* things we should do because God "reigns."

"It is impossible
for that man to despair
who remembers that his
helper is **OMNIPOTENT.**"
~ Jeremy Taylor

 2 Chronicles 20:6

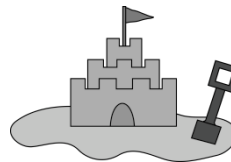
God's Care for Us

"I [Paul] pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that
you may know the hope to which He has called you,
the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people,
and His incomparably great POWER for us who believe.
That POWER is the same as the mighty strength He exerted when He
raised Christ from the dead and
seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms"
Ephesians 1:18-20, NIV

"Every tomorrow has 2 Handles.
We can take hold of it with the
Handle of ANXIETY
or the
Handle of FAITH."
~ Henry Ward Beecher

- ❖ Underline why Paul prayed the "eyes" of their "heart" would be "enlightened."
 - ◆ Paul prayed the Ephesians would have spiritual understanding to "see" all the blessings God gives to His children.
- ❖ Circle *two* examples of God's "mighty strength."
 - ◆ Christ's resurrection is the most important miracle that ever happened. Because God raised Christ from the dead, we know God has power to help all who trust Him.

"How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God,
How vast is the sum of them!
If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand...."
Psalm 139:17-18, NASB



- ❖ Underline what "outnumbers the sand."

"And if Christ
has not been raised,
your faith is worthless;
you are still in your sins."
1 Corinthians 15:17, NASB

"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.
But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.
Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."
Matthew 10:29-31, ESV



- ❖ Circle how much "two sparrows" cost.
- ❖ Underline *why* we are not to "fear."

"And JABEZ called on the
God of Israel saying,
• Oh, that You would bless me indeed,
• and enlarge my territory,
• that Your hand would be with me,
• and that You would keep me from
evil, that I may not cause pain!"
So God granted him what
he requested."
1 Chronicles 4:10, NKJV

PRAYER OF JABEZ

? Would you like to experience more of God's POWER in your life?

⇒ Read Jabez's prayer on the side column.

Since Jabez's life had a rough start, it shows God's POWER to answer prayer!

- Jabez has one of the shortest bios in the Bible – only 2 verses. See **1 Chronicles 4:9-10**.

If you pray for God to show His POWER through your life ... **Be Prepared!**

- God may **first** take you through a difficult time as preparation for an expanded ministry.

PRAYER
Almighty God, Your power
is displayed in everything
You created! May I have
"eyes" that see all the many
blessings You have given
me and faith to fully trust
You. Amen.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty **POWER.**"
Ephesians 6:10, NIV

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