

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES AND THEIR FULFILLMENT

Question: Are there any prophecies of the Old Testament that are not yet fulfilled?

Many denominations still believe and teach that there are many Old Testament prophecies that are yet to be fulfilled in the future. But if we let the Bible speak for itself, then we will know the right answer.

Answer: I believe that all the Old Testament is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The

reason I believe this is because of what Hebrews 1:1 says. Today, God speaks to us by Jesus Christ and not by Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel or any one of the other Old Testament prophets. I had a lot of discussions with premillennial people. We ought to study the Old Testament but we are to listen to Jesus Christ and not to the prophets of the Old Testament.

In the New Testament there are a lot of Scriptures that show this but how can one be sure if there are any Old Testament prophecies that are not yet fulfilled, and if there are, which are they. Our answer is below:

The Old Testament prophecies have been fulfilled. We are not waiting for something/someone else to fulfill what the Old Testament said. They were fulfilled.

For example:

1. The prophecies concerning our Lord have all been fulfilled.
 - a. The birth of our Lord was a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy (Matthew 1:21-23).
 - b. His being taken to Egypt to escape Herod was a fulfillment of prophecy also (Matthew 2:15), as was the slaughter that Herod instigated (Matthew 2:17-18).
 - c. The city in which he was raised was a fulfillment of prophecy (Matthew 2:23).
 - d. When Jesus preached in the places He did, this fulfilled Old Testament prophecy (Matthew 4:13-16).
 - e. When Christ healed the sick, this fulfilled another prophecy of Isaiah (Matthew 8:16-17, also: 12:15-21).
 - f. Christ speaking in parables, and the people's response fulfilled prophecy also (Matthew 13:13-15, 34-35).
 - g. The way Christ entered Jerusalem for the last time fulfilled Zechariah's (9:9) prophecy (Matthew 21:1-5).
 - h. Those prophecies concerning one coming to die for men and to

suffer, and resurrect the third day were fulfilled in Christ (Matthew 16:21; Luke 18:31-33).

- i. He declared all the prophecies concerning Him had been fulfilled (Luke 24:25-27, 44-45)
- j. At His death, He declared, "It is finished" (John 19:30). All that was set for Him to do had been done (John 17:4). He fulfilled all the Old Testament prophecies concerning Him.

2. The prophecies concerning Israel have been fulfilled as well.

- a. God made three promises to Israel. A land promise (Genesis 17:8), a seed promise (Genesis 12:7, 15:5, 17:7), and a nation promise (Genesis 12:2-3, 17:5-6).
- b. Land promise fulfilled: Deuteronomy 19:8-10; Joshua 23:15-16; Nehemiah 9:7-8; Joshua 21:43-45
- c. Seed promise fulfilled: Galatians 3:16
- d. Nation promise fulfilled: Exodus 33:13; Deuteronomy 4:6-8; II Samuel 7:23
- e. Therefore, God has already fulfilled His promises to Abraham. (Josh. 23:14)

3. The prophecies concerning the New Name have been fulfilled.

- a. Isaiah 56:5, 62:2: 65:15
- b. Fulfilled: Acts 11:26

4. The prophecies concerning the kingdom have been fulfilled.

- a. II Samuel 7:12-17 – Acts 2:30-35 (Christ is reigning now)
- b. Daniel 2:44; Mark 14-15. 9:1 – Acts 2:1-4; Colossians 1:13; Revelation 1:9 (Kingdom spoken of as in existence)

Therefore, what is left? We need to respect the Bible, and such things as the recording of fulfilled prophecies prove the truth of the Scriptures beyond a doubt. The Bible is inspired of God (II Timothy 3:16-17).