

# Bible Seeds Podcast

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## Intro Music – “My Father Is So Good To Me”

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Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic: **God’s Prophecies Fulfilled**

There is a poem from Robert Burns, the poet, that inspired a book by John Steinbeck titled “Of Mice and Men.” The quote goes like this ***“The best laid plans of mice and men often go astray.”*** This does not only apply to people but to spiritual entities like Satan and his demons.

From the **book of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, Chapter 2: verse 11 and verse 7**, Paul writes, ***“For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.”***

For example, Satan thought he was successful at killing Jesus on the cross and seeing him put in a tomb! But when Jesus came back at His resurrection, and was victorious over death, He led all those righteous souls from Abraham's bosom [ **Paradise** ] to Heaven, and made it possible for all people in this world to have their sins forgiven and have life after death in the Kingdom of Heaven with God the Father, Jesus - His Son and the Holy Spirit!

This next verse may tell us what Satan felt like when it was over! ***"But***

***"But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known ( God's Plan ) , they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."***

The strange thing is how the clues of what was going to happen, all appear in the Old Testament readings. There were over three hundred prophecies about Christ! These are a few,

### **ABOUT THE COMING OF JESUS**

**found in the book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 18: verses 15 & 18-20**  
*Moses continued, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him."*

*And the Lord said to Moses, "I will raise up a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites. I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell the people everything I command him. I will personally deal with anyone who will not listen to the messages the prophet*

***proclaims on my behalf. But any prophet who falsely claims to speak in my name or who speaks in the name of another god must die.***  
( The prophet Moses spoke about was Jesus. )

**found in the book of Micah, Chapter 5 : verse 2**

***The Lord says, “Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are one of the smallest towns in Judah, but out of you I will bring a ruler for Israel, whose family line goes back to ancient times.”*** ( This is where Herod was told the new ruler was born )

**found in the book of Numbers, Chapter 24 : verse 17**

***“I see him, but not now;  
I behold him, but not near.  
A star ( of Bethlehem? ) will come out of Jacob;  
a scepter will rise out of Israel.”***

**found in the book of Isaiah, Chapter 7 : verse 14**

***“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: ‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. ( God with us! ) Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that you dread will be forsaken by both her kings.’”***

**ABOUT THE LIFE OF JESUS**

**found in the book of Isaiah, Chapter 9: verse 2**

***“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.”***

**found in Isaiah, Chapter 9: verses 6-7**

*“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.  
He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness  
to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time  
forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”*

**found in Jeremiah 31:15 ( Herod kills babies 2 years and under )**

*Thus says the Lord: “A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.”*

**found in Isaiah, Chapter 40: verse 3 ( answered by John the baptist )**

*The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
“Prepare the way of the LORD;  
Make straight in the desert  
A highway for our God.*

**found in Isaiah, Chapter 61: verse 1-2 ( read by Jesus in the temple )**

*The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives*

*and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor . . . .*

**THE ENTRANCE OF JESUS INTO JERUSALEM**

**found in Zechariah, Chapter 9 verse 9**

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of  
Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having  
salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal  
of a donkey.*

**THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS**

**found in Isaiah, Chapter 53: verses 1-12**

*Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the  
arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a  
young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or  
majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should  
desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows  
and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their  
faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne  
our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our  
transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the  
chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are  
healed. ...*

**found in Psalms 22 ( the feelings of Christ on the cross )**

***My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?***

***Why are you so far from saving me,***

***so far from my cries of anguish?***

***My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,***

***by night, but I find no rest.***

***Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;***

***you are the one Israel praises.***

***In you our ancestors put their trust;***

***they trusted and you delivered them.***

***To you they cried out and were saved;***

***in you they trusted and were not put to shame.***

***But I am a worm and not a man,***

***scorned by everyone, despised by the people.***

***All who see me mock me;***

***they hurl insults, shaking their heads.***

***“He trusts in the LORD,” they say,***

***“let the LORD rescue him.***

***Let him deliver him,***

***since he delights in him.”***

***Yet you brought me out of the womb;***

***you made me trust in you, even at my mother’s breast.***

***From birth I was cast on you;***

***from my mother’s womb you have been my God.***

***Do not be far from me,***

***for trouble is near***

***and there is no one to help.***

***Many bulls surround me;  
strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.  
Roaring lions that tear their prey  
open their mouths wide against me.  
I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint.  
My heart has turned to wax;  
it has melted within me.  
My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
you lay me in the dust of death.  
Dogs surround me,  
a pack of villains encircles me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet.  
All my bones are on display;  
people stare and gloat over me.  
They divide my clothes among them  
and cast lots for my garment.  
But you, LORD, do not be far from me.  
You are my strength; come quickly to help me.  
Deliver me from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dogs.  
Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;  
save me from the horns of the wild oxen.  
I will declare your name to my people;  
in the assembly I will praise you.  
You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!***

***Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!  
For he has not despised or scorned  
the suffering of the afflicted one;  
he has not hidden his face from him  
but has listened to his cry for help.  
From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;  
before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.  
The poor will eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the LORD will praise him—  
may your hearts live forever!***

### **THE RESURRECTION**

***found in Psalms 68:18***

***You ascended on high,  
leading a host of captives in your train  
and receiving gifts among men,  
even among the rebellious,  
that the LORD God may dwell there.***

***found in Psalms 110:1***

***The LORD says to my Lord:  
“Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”***

These are just a few prophecies that have been fulfilled and some like Psalm 22, were written a thousand years before Christ was crucified.



So what is the point of this podcast? I want to emphasize that God's prophecy will always come to be!

Keep in mind that there are many people who express human opinions about us fixing the world and making it better. We may win some moral victories and we will probably lose as much or more fighting the people in this world. But regardless,

### **All God's Prophecies Will Still Happen!**

People may deny and swear that there is no God, but that doesn't change the fact that there is a Creator of the universe, stars, planets and our Earth and all the life on it, who is God!

In the **book of Ezekiel, Chapter 37**, God said that the Jewish nation would come back after 2000 years of being scattered around the world and continue to live in the land of Israel and it happened in 1948. No other people in this world ever re-established their nation like that and God said no one would ever take it away from them again. So, if Jesus, the Son and the Word of God, said that there would be a time He takes His people off the world, ( called a rapture ), before the start of the Tribulation, then we know that the sin in this world will be so bad that God will punish all who are living on the Earth! There is no way we are going to avoid this prophecy.

And if in the book of **Ezekiel, Chapter 38 and 39** , says the Lord God is going to fight for His people in Israel, "**while the rest of the world watches**", there is no way that is not going to come true!

And if Jesus says He is coming back to reign for a thousand years on the Earth and then judge all mankind, the evil ones and righteous, and rule in heaven forever. Take Him seriously!

Jesus said in the **book of Matthew, Chapter 16: verse 25**, ***“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.”***

Why would you want to live through the Tribulation? It will be a horrible time! That’s why Jesus is taking all those off the Earth who believe in Him and have abandoned their sins and put their faith in His saving grace. Their fate will be “Victory Over Death” and everlasting life in God’s heavenly kingdom!

All those who are left on the Earth will face terror, and evil will make it hard for them to accept the gift that Jesus offers. All who choose to believe in Jesus will be put to death. At the end of the tribulation, Jesus will defeat Satan, the anti-Christ and his armies. He will start His thousand year reign on the Earth! At the end of His reign, Satan will be released from his captivity and gather those who are willing to form a vast army to destroy Jesus and the saints, but fire will come down from God out of heaven and destroy them. Then Jesus will judge all who have lived and died on the Earth and they will receive their just reward! Then God will remake the world new again and bring a new Heaven.

### **Ending The Program**

#### ***Back Ground Music Starts and .....***

I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given ***His Son Jesus, the good shepherd*** to bring you back to him.

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