

#### MEANING OF PROPHECY

A declaration of future events, such as no human wisdom or forecast is sufficient to make - depending on a knowledge of the innumerable contingencies of human affairs, which belongs exclusively to the omniscience of God; so that from its very nature, prophecy must be divine revelation. (M'Llvaine)

### WHAT PROPHECY IS NOT

- A GUESS
- A FORECAST
- A CALCULATION
- A MERE CONJECTURE
- A VAGUE GENERALIZATION
- AN EDUCATED ANALYSIS OF A FORTHCOMING SITUATION

# **Criteria of True Prophecy**

- The event must be beyond the power of man to foresee.
- It must be demonstrated that the prediction was written before the event.
- The prediction must be applicable to the event.
- The language of the prediction must be unambiguous and unmistakable.
- The prediction must have a clear and demonstrable fulfillment.

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#### **ISAIAH 41:22-23**

Let them bring forth, and declare unto us what shall happen: declare ye the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or show us things to come. Declare the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together.

(p 831)

#### **ISAIAH 44:7-8**

And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I established the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and that shall come to pass, let them declare. Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have I not declared unto thee of old, and showed it? and ye are my witnesses. Is there a God besides me? yea, there is no Rock; I know not any.

(p 835)

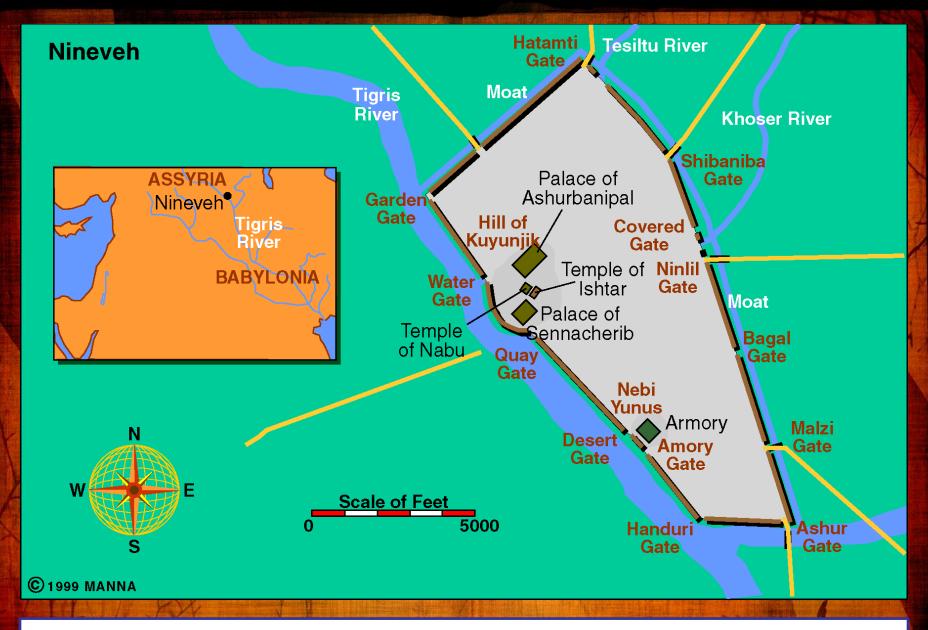
# THE VALUE OF BIBLE **PROPHECY** N the beginning God created heaven and the earth.

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And the earth was without form, darkness was upon the

- Seen in fulfillment. Beyond man's wisdom
- Force of argument constantly growing. Still true today
- More valuable than eye-witness. Evidences for the senses
- Unique in Christianity. No other religion can make this claim







"That great city" (Jonah 1:2)

## Nineveh In Prophecy

Isaiah 10:12-14 (p 794)
Zephaniah 2:13-14 (p 1087)
Nahum (p 1077)

- The great and flourishing city destroyed.
- Captured when rulers were drunken.
- Destruction to be total. 740-700/625-612 B.C.
- Assyrian threat would not rise up again.
- Flooding of river to be a factor in overthrow.

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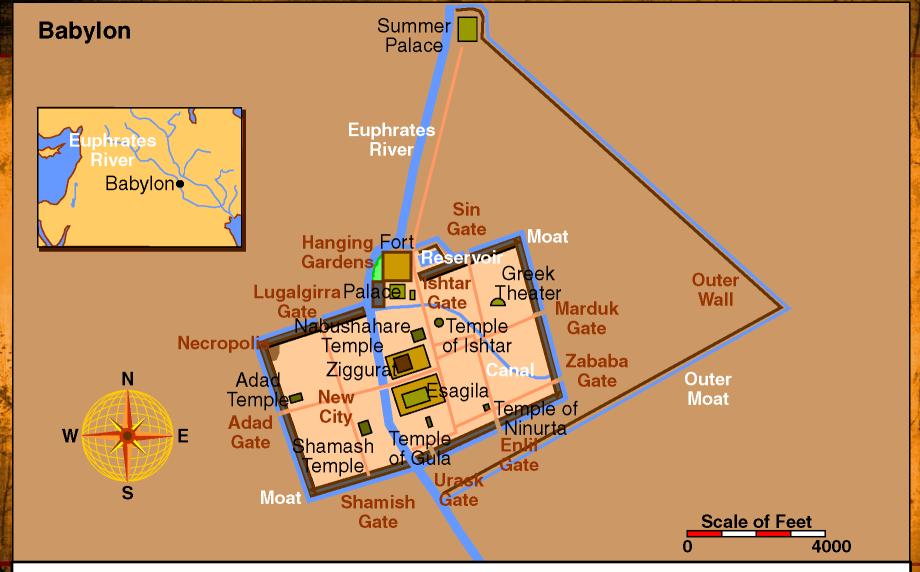
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- Fire associated with overthrow.
- Become a desolation and dry (wilderness)
- Shepherds to bring flocks to lie down there.
- Those passing by hiss and wag the hand.

### Nineveh In Prophecy

#### Isaiah 10:12-14; Zephaniah 2:13-14; Nahum

- Nineveh fell in 612 B.C.
- Final siege lasted only three months.
- High flooding of the river assisted in the overthrow of Nineveh.
- Babylonian Chronicle says the victors "carried off much spoil from the city ..."
- The destruction of Nineveh was final.
- Today it can be seen the shepherds with their sheep grazing on the ruins of this ancient world capital.



That you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say: "How the oppressor has ceased, the golden city ceased!" (Isaiah 14:4) See Daniel 4:30

# Babylon In Prophecy

Isaiah 13:17-22 (p 798) Jeremiah 50-51 (p 935)

- Babylon completely overthrown.
- Babylon to be like Sodom and Gomorrah.
- Babylon never to be inhabited or dwelt in.
- The Arab will refuse to pitch his tent there.
- Wild beasts of the desert shall lie down there.
- The city to become as heaps.

(It was in the midst of Babylon that God promised a kingdom which would never be destroyed

Daniel 2:44 (p 1021)

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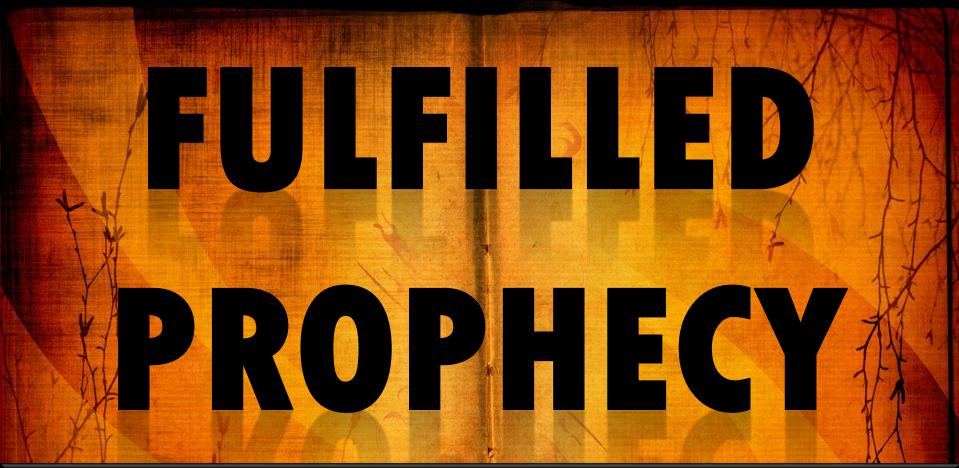
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- Cyrus the Mede captured the city of Babylon without breaking down the walls.
- Alexander the Great came to Babylon in 331
   B.C. Intended to make Babylon the capital. Died in grip of some sudden and mysterious disease.

(Saddam Hussein was trying to rebuild Babylon)

- City is desolate.
- The Arab does not pitch his tent there nor make his sheep to lie down there (wild beasts do).





"One real case of fulfilled prophecy would establish a supernatural act. But if our interpretation of the prophetic passages be correct, there are great numbers of them" (Bernard Ramm)

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