



God's Word Fulfilled by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

Fulfilled Bible prophecy is one of the main proofs that the Scriptures are the inspired Word of God, because only God could make such precise, detailed predictions regarding future events.

To "fulfill" means a person or event has met all the conditions or requirements stated.

- In **Matthew 3:13-16**, there was no "righteousness" Jesus did not complete in His baptism.
- In **Matthew 5:17-18**, there was no part of the Law of Moses Jesus did not complete in His life under that Law.
- In **Philippians 2:2**, Paul's "joy" in the Philippians would be completed by their unity.
- In **Colossians 1:24-28**, the gospel brings Gentiles into the church and completes "the mystery" of God's Word.
- From **Colossians 4:16-17** and **2 Timothy 4:5**, we learn that a study of all Scripture would let Archippus, Timothy (and all preachers!) preach complete lessons.
- In **2 Thessalonians 1:11-12**, we find the prayerful hope of Paul was that the Thessalonians would completely obey Jesus Christ.
- Only the virgin birth of Jesus Christ "fulfilled" the prophecy of it (**Matthew 1:20-23**), and the phrase kept that meaning in the New Testament, especially in **Matthew** (see **2:14-15, 22-23; 4:13-16; 8:16-17; 12:14-21; Matthew 13:34-35; 21:1-11; 26:47-56; 27:35**).

Bible Prophecy Is Verbally-Inspired

Each word of Scripture was selected from the writer's vocabulary and correctly guided onto the writing surface by the power of the Holy Spirit. Clearly this is claimed for the writers of the Old Testament in **2 Peter 1:16-21** and for writers of the New Testament in **1 Corinthians 2:9-16**.

Peter claimed gospel facts were substantiated by: (1) eyewitnesses, and; (2) the fulfillment of those prophecies being accurately given by the Holy Spirit.

Paul said:

- 1) There is no knowledge of a spirit, God's or man's, without it being revealed by that spirit;
- 2) The inspired writers had "the mind of Christ" freely given to them by God; and
- 3) That it was taught and written in words not of man's wisdom but the Holy Spirit's choosing.

There is no such thing as fulfillment of prophecy unless both the prophecy and its fulfillment are accurately recorded down to the very wording of it. So argued Paul regarding the "seed" promised to Abraham. Observe:

Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, 'And to seeds,' as of many, but as of one, 'And to your Seed,' who is Christ (**Galatians 3:16**).

God's original promise to Abraham is recorded as,

"In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice" (**Genesis 22:18**).

There is no argument about the Hebrew word "seed" that can make that promise apply to the Israelites, Levites, or anyone before Jesus Christ. If this argument is not true, then there is no provision in God's promise for Christians, for those baptized into Christ:

... Have put on Christ [and] are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (**Galatians 3:26,29**).

If we had no verbal record of the promise, there could be no visible fulfillment in Christ. If there is no visible fulfillment in Christ, there is no such thing as being saved by faith in Jesus Christ!

"Only the Bible Has Recorded History So Accurately."

The late Robert Dick Wilson, master of 45 Bible-related languages, observed:

The Hebrew Scriptures [here referring to Genesis 14] contain the names of 26 or more foreign kings whose names have been found on documents contemporary with the kings. The names of most of these kings are found to be spelled on their own monuments, or in documents from the time in which they reigned in the same manner that they are spelled in the documents of the Old Testament (**A Scientific Investigation of the Old Testament**, p.64).

Commenting on Daniel, Ezra, and Esther, Wilson said,

Thus we see that every one of the 22 consonants composing the names of the kings of Persia mentioned in the Bible has been transmitted correctly to us over a space 2300 or 2400 years. It may be added that in no other non-Persian documents are they so accurately transliterated (*ibid*, page 69).

To conclude this point, hear Wilson again:

Thus we find that in 143 cases of transliteration from Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian and Moabite into Hebrew and in 40 cases of the opposite, or 184 in all, the evidence shows that for 2300 to 3900 years the text of the proper names in the Hebrew Bible has been transmitted with the most minute accuracy" (*ibid*, page 71).

No stronger evidence for the substantial accuracy of the Old Testament records could possibly be imagined than this collection of names of kings" (*ibid*, page 75).

The Bible accurately records numerology, geography, history, topography, genealogy, as well as lessons, miracles, teaching, and ritual – and there is no reason to disbelieve any part of it!

Ongoing Revelation

There is absolutely no promise in the Bible that there will be ongoing revelations given from God to mankind. The Bible is a complete and finished statement.

Jesus said His words that He spoke "are spirit, and *they* are life" (**John 6:63**); that His word spoken, if anyone rejects it, "will judge him in the last day" (**John 12:48**); and that all nations must be taught "to observe all things that I have commanded you" (**Matthew 28:20**).

Jesus never anticipated that there would be any other revelation that superseded the one He gave through His apostles, to whom Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to:

Teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you (**John 14:26**).

Any claimant of Holy Spirit gifts, real or imagined, can only:

... Acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord (**1 Corinthians 14:37**).

It is only by this written Word of God that all are challenged to:

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Prove yourselves (**2 Corinthians 13:5**).

Paul commanded Timothy to "Preach the word" (**2 Timothy 4:2**). There never was any question as to which "word" Paul meant.

God is a Friend to everyone who listens and heeds, and is a Foe to all who live in unbelief (**Romans 2:1-11; 11:22**).

God never condemns righteousness and only the Devil would claim that God does (**Genesis 3:1-13**).

It is the Devil who makes men too sensitive to the light of God's word, so that they will not obey it (**John 3:18-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**).

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