

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse. (**Romans 1:20**)

Scripture would not exist without God, for:

No prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. (**2 Peter 1:20-21**)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. (**Psalms 111:10**)

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Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. (**Isaiah 7:14**)

This prophecy, given some 700 years before it happened, was not "dually fulfilled;" did not apply to Isaiah's own son or the serious situation at the time; but was only one-time fulfilled in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, so said God's Holy Spirit inspired writer, Matthew, in **Matthew 1:20-23**.

Only God could have prophesied such a unique, specific event, controlled its writing, preserved the prophecy for 700 years, and identified the event that completely fulfilled the original statement. The Bible does this hundreds of times, proving that it comes only from God, but no other religion's book does: the Hindu RigVeda; the Muslim Koran; or the Buddhist Tripitaka!

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8/24/2023 Lottery Fever

After a few "winning" tickets have claimed prize money from millions who donated their ticket money out of their limited funds, it would be good to review what a Wise Man has said.

An inheritance gained hastily at the beginning Will not be blessed at the end. (**Proverbs 20:21**)

The faster we get it, the quicker it leaves. The list of "The Wealthiest People in America" seldom, if ever, includes a lottery winner!

Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, But he who gathers by labor will increase. (**Proverbs 13:11**)

A good, steady job is worth more than dishonest gain.

Wealth makes many friends, But the poor is separated from his friend.
(**Proverbs 19:4**)

Friends, relatives, riotous living, and "good causes" rain from the sky upon lottery winners, because many will help you spend what they don't have!

[Truly,] Riches are not forever. (**Proverbs 27:24**)

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Bullies at the Cross

And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!" Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save." (**Mark 15:29-31**)

While Jesus was clearly weak and defenseless, people took their verbal shots at Him. The blasphemers hurled "fake news" at Him, for Jesus never said He would tear down and rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem in 3 days. The "chief priests" "mocking among themselves," or boldly misrepresenting His doctrine of salvation in their private group! They had to admit Jesus "saved others," but ignored why He could not save Himself. Someone had to die to give bullies like them a chance to do better!

[Christ has] loved us and given Himself for us. (**Ephesians 5:1**)

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