God’s Power

How many Bible prophecies mention a Savior (or Messiah)?

☑ 50 ☐ 100 ☐ 150 ☐ 200 ☐ 250 ☐ Over 300

☑ Estimates vary. Many Bible scholars say there are over 300 Messiah prophecies.
☑ Amazingly, Jesus Christ fulfilled EVERY prediction about the coming Savior!
☑ The statistical odds of one person fulfilling all the prophecies are mind-boggling!

Peter Stoner calculated the likelihood of fulfilling just 8 prophecies listed on the side.

“We take 100 quadrillion (100,000,000,000,000,000) silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all of the state Two Feet Deep.

• Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly, all over the state.
• Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and say this is the right one.

What chance would he have at getting the right one?

• Just the same chance that the prophets would have of writing these 8 prophecies and having them ALL come true in any ONE man.”

Science Speaks by Peter Stoner, Mathematics Professor

Creation

“For in Him [God] all things were created:
things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things have been created through Him and for Him.” Colossians 1:16, NIV

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“[God] counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. Great is our Lord, and mighty in POWER; His understanding is infinite.”

Jeremiah 10:12, NIV

In the absence of any other proof, the THUMB alone would convince me of God’s existence.”

~ Isaac Newton

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

Genesis 1:1, KJV

“THE MORE I study science, THE MORE I believe in GOD.”

~ Albert Einstein

“The finite cannot grasp the INFINITE.”

~ Anonymous

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8 Messiah Prophecies

1 Born in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2)
2 Preceded by a messenger. (Malachi 3:1)
3 Enter Jerusalem as a ruler, riding on a donkey. (Zechariah 9:9)
4 Betrayed by a friend and wounded in hands. (Zechariah 13:6)
5 Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12)
6 Betrayer will throw money in temple. Bribes potter’s field. (Zechariah 11:13)
7 Will not speak in own defense. (Isaiah 53:7)
8 Hands and feet will be pierced (Psalm 22:16)
Isaac’s Birth

“God also said to Abraham,
‘As for...Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her....’
Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself;
‘Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old?
Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?’”

Genesis 17:15-17, NIV

- Circle how old Abraham was.
- Underline how old Sarah was.

Abraham and Sarah were the age to be grandparents or great-grandparents—not parents!

“Then the Lord said to Abraham,
‘Why did Sarah laugh and say, Will I really have a child, now that I am old?
Is anything too hard for the Lord?
I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.’”

Genesis 18:13-14, NIV

- Frame when God said Sarah would “have a son.”

The conclusion of the story shows that nothing is “too hard for the Lord.”

“Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him.”

Genesis 21:2-3, NIV

- Underline when Sarah had a son.
- Circle the name of the son.
  - ♦ Isaac’s miracle birth happened exactly as Almighty God promised.
  - ♦ The Bible records more about Isaac’s birth than any other birth—except Jesus.

Feeding 5000

“Then He [Jesus] ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.”

Matthew 14:19, ESV

- Underline how much food Jesus began with.
  - ♦ This started out as one boy’s lunch, but the boy willingly gave it all to Jesus. (John 6:9)

“... and they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.”

Matthew 14:20-21, ESV

- Circle how many “baskets” of food were left after everyone was “satisfied.”
  - ♦ Buying that much food would have cost a fortune!
  - ♦ Before everyone ate, the disciple Philip said, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!” (John 6:7, NIV)

- Underline who ate in addition to the 5000 men.
  - ♦ A total of 15,000 to 20,000 people might have been fed. Plus, there were leftovers!

“Our God has boundless resources. The only limit is in us.
♦ Our asking, our thinking, our praying are too small.
♦ Our expectations are too limited.”

~ A. B. Simpson
God’s Power to Forgive Sins

2 Some men brought to Him [Jesus] a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the man, ‘Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.’

6 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.’

7 Then the man got up and went home.

8 When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe: and they praised God. …

Matthew 9:2, 6-8, NIV

- Underline what Jesus said to the paralyzed man in verse 2.
- Frame what Jesus said to the paralyzed man in verse 6.
- Circle what the paralyzed man was able to do.

By enabling a paralyzed man to walk, Jesus proved He also had power to forgive sin.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9, ESV

- Circle how we are saved.
- Underline why God choose to save us “through faith” instead of “by works.”

“There are basically only two kinds of religion in the world: those based on HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT and those based on DIVINE ACCOMPLISHMENT.

- One says you can earn your way to heaven.
- The other says you must trust in Jesus Christ alone.”

~ John MacArthur

God’s Power Is Unlimited

“Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.”

Jeremiah 32:17, ESV

- Frame what is “too hard” for God.

“Jesus replied, ‘What is impossible with man is possible with God.’”

Luke 18:27, NIV

- Underline what Jesus said.

“FAITH does not operate in the realm of the possible.

- There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible.
- FAITH begins where man’s power ends.”

~ George Muller

During the 19th century, GEORGE MULLER started five orphanages which cared for a total of 10,024 orphans during his life.

Through the orphanages, he wanted to show the world that God is still living and answers the prayers of those who trust Him.

- George Muller never asked anyone for money and never went into debt.
- Instead, he prayed for God to take care of the orphans’ needs. God always provided!
God’s Power to Help Us

“...Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory....” Revelation 19:6-7, NKJV

❖ Circle who reigns.
❖ “Omnipotent” is all-powerful. That means God has authority and ability to do anything.
❖ Underline three things we should do because God “reigns.”

God’s Care for Us

“I [Paul] pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms” Ephesians 1:18-20, NIV

❖ Underline why Paul prayed the “eyes” of their “heart” would be “enlightened.”
❖ Paul prayed the Ephesians would have spiritual understanding to “see” all the blessings God gives to His children.
❖ Circle two examples of God’s “mighty strength.”
❖ Christ’s resurrection is the most important miracle that ever happened. Because God raised Christ from the dead, we know God has power to help all who trust Him.

“How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God, how vast is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand...” Psalm 139:17-18, NASB

❖ Underline what “outnumbers the sand.”

“How vast is the sum of them!
If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand.” Psalm 139:17-18, NASB

❖ Circle how much “two sparrows” cost.
❖ Underline why we are not to “fear.”

PRAYER OF JABEZ

_questions are not to be answered in the guide.

Would you like to experience more of God’s Power in your life?

❖ Read Jabez’s prayer on the side column.

Since Jabez’s life had a rough start, it shows God’s POWER to answer prayer!

❖ Jabez has one of the shortest bios in the Bible – only 2 verses. See 1 Chronicles 4:9-10.

If you pray for God to show His POWER through your life... Be Prepared!

❖ God may first take you through a difficult time as preparation for an expanded ministry.

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty POWER.” Ephesians 6:10, NIV