Bible Prophecy And The Present Times ✓ There has always been an interest in Bible prophecy amongst Christians. But this has increased greatly since Covid19 We should have an interest in prophecy because 29% of the Bible is prophetic Almost every major city and nation within 1000 miles radius of Israel had its future prophesied in the Bible (Josh McDowell) ✓ Over 100 prophecies relating to Babylon have been accurately fulfilled ✓ Over 300 prophecies about Jesus were fulfilled  $\checkmark$  The law of compound probability: 1 detail = 1 in 2; 2 = 1 in 4; 3 = 1 in 8; 20 = 1 in 1,048,576Significant prophecies have been fulfilled in our time concerning Israel

# How to test the true and living God against false gods:

'Let them bring forth and show us what will happen; let them show the former things, what they were, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare to us things to come. Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that

you are gods' (Isa.41:22-23) How to test whether a prophet is true or false

'...when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously' (Deut.18:22)

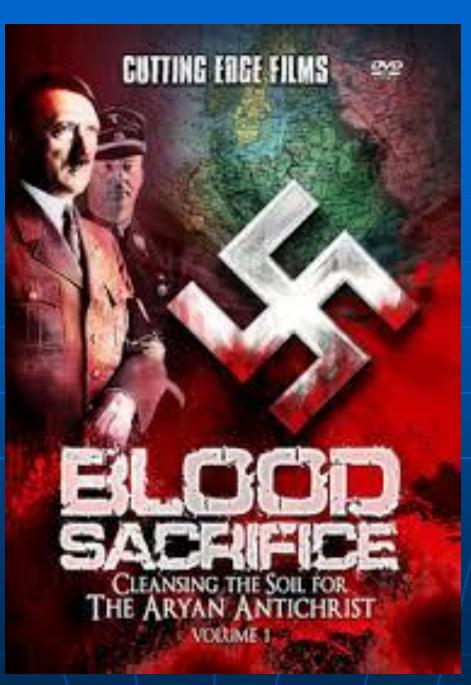
## God has always showed us things to come

'And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand"

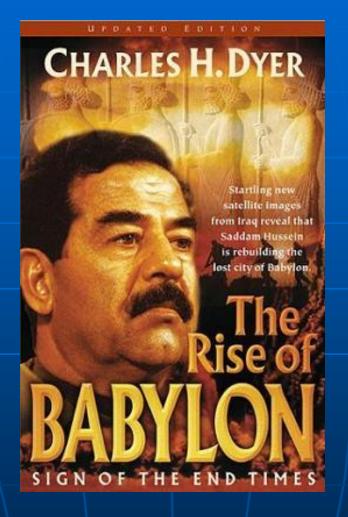
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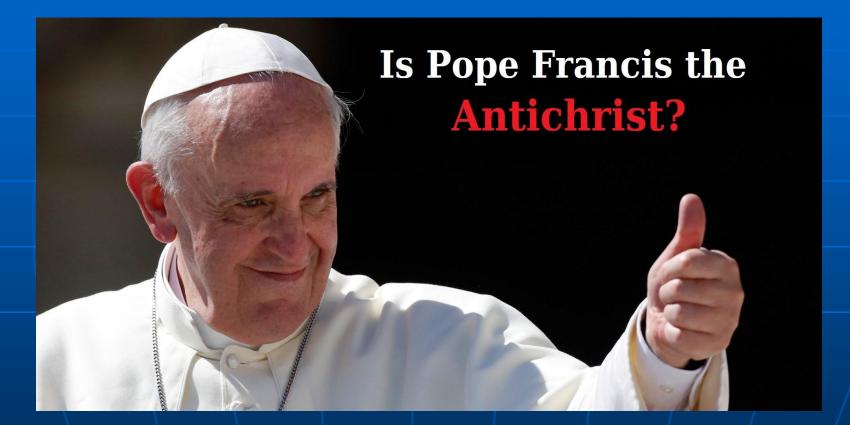
But what about when people make predictions based on the Bible and they don't come to pass?

And why are there opposing schools of end-times teaching? E.g. Pre-trib, mid-trib, post-trib...the mark of the Beast...the Antichrist...











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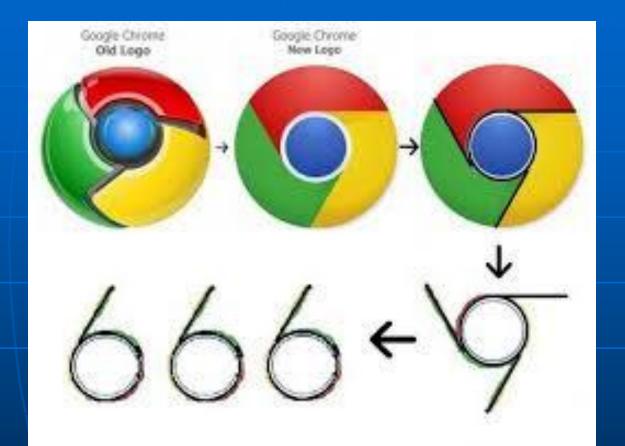
"To my great heartache, I'm convinced parts of the prophetic/charismatic movement are far SICKER than I could have ever dreamed of. I truthfully never realized how absolutely triggered and ballistic thousands and thousands of saints get about Donald Trump" (Jeremiah Johnson)

It "...was the largest-scale deception I've seen in 49 years of following Jesus" (Michael Brown)









And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number [is] Six hundred threescore [and] six.

Revelation 13: 16-18

Mark of the Beast

So how are we supposed to know?

Prophecy is not meant to give us detailed information, i.e. the how or when, but the what

God never wanted us to be prophetic experts, foretelling in advance the chronology, the details or the dates but to know what will happen so that when it comes to pass, we will know

'Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near' (Luke 21:28)

Look at the past prophecies. Did people know when they were about to be fulfilled? Did they know how they would be fulfilled? 'Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into' (1 Pet.1:10-12)

#### Examples:

- ✓ The coming of Messiah after 400 years of silence. Even then, for 30 years they did not understand the Messiah was among them. 'Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mk.1:14-15)
- "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (Lk 4:18-21)

### ✓ 70 weeks of Daniel

✓ The death and resurrection of Jesus. 'Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself' (Luke 24:25-27)

✓ All nations blessed. How? When?

Pentecost 'But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel...' (Acts 2:14-15) In prophecy God shows us the big picture:

- This world will reach a climax with worldwide chaos, necessitating a one-world government led by the Antichrist
- ✓ Apostasy
- ✓ Famines, wars, pestilences, etc.
- ✓ Rapture
- ✓ War against Israel
- Treaty with Israel, treaty broken
- Armageddon
- ✓ Jewish conversion
- Jesus' return and defeat of Satan
- The Millennial kingdom
- New heavens and new earth

#### **Application:**

- Prophecy tells us <u>what</u>, not when or how. Prophecies are often fulfilled in different ways than we thought
- Prophecy gives us hope and comfort when the world is falling apart. God has not given us a spirit of fear 'For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope' (Rom.15:4). 'For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words' (1Thes.4:18)
- Prophecy teaches us to walk by faith. Hebrews 11 –
  E.g. Abraham, Joseph, Moses, etc.