

## Is the Bible 100% true – Worksheets

2Ti 3:16-17 <sup>16</sup> *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,* <sup>17</sup> *so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*” (NIV)

The Old Testament was written over a period of 1000 years and contains over 300 references to the coming Messiah. We are going to start by looking at 9 verses from the Old Testament and compare those to their fulfilment in the New Testament.

### 1. Prophecy that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem

Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1

### 2. Prophecy that Jesus would be preceded by a messenger

Isaiah 40:3 ; Malachi 3:1	Matthew 3:1-3, 11 & 13

### 3. Prophecy that Jesus would enter Jerusalem on a donkey

Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 21:1-6

**4. Prophecy that Jesus would be betrayed by a friend**

<b>Psalm 41:9</b>	<b>Matthew 10:1-4</b>

**5. Prophecy that Jesus' hands & feet would be pierced**

<b>Psalm 22:16</b>	<b>Luke 23:33 ; Luke 24:36-40</b>

**6. Prophecy that Jesus' would be sold for 30 pieces of silver**

<b>Zechariah 11:12</b>	<b>Matthew 26:14-15</b>

**7. Prophecy that the money would be thrown in the potter's field**

<b>Zechariah 11:13</b>	<b>Matthew 27:5-7</b>

**8. Prophecy that Jesus would be silent before His accusers**

Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 27:12-14

**9. Prophecy that Jesus would be crucified with thieves**

Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38

In order to eliminate any doubt about the authenticity of the bible and the fact that every word is “God breathed” we can look at the law of probability. Statistically the chance of these 9 prophecies being written by different authors over a period of 500 years all coming true in 1 individual is 1 in  $10^{17}$  or 10 followed by 17 zero’s. Now this is a number that most people cannot easily conceptualise so let’s make it a bit more practical.

If we were to take a pile of US Silver dollars (South Africa - R5 coins) and place them all over Texas (South Africa the Cape province) to a depth of about 60 cms. Then take one of these coins, mark it, throw it into the pile and mix it all up. When that is ready blindfold someone and tell them to put their hand into the pile and pull out the coin with the mark. The chance of them pulling out the correct marked coin is about 1 in  $10^{17}$ . I am sure you will agree that this is **virtually** impossible!

Having now understood that, let’s progress the concept. The statistical probability of 48 of the prophecies about the Messiah coming true in one individual is 1 in  $10^{157}$ . This is a very difficult number to understand – suffice to say that it is so minute as to be **completely** impossible. Now take into account that there are over 300 Old Testament prophecies that came true in one man, Jesus Christ, and it is easy to see why you can be 100% confident that every word in the bible is true, that God is who He says He is and that when Jesus says He is the way, the truth, and the life & that no man comes to the Father except by him then that’s just how it is.

Every disciple of Christ needs to have 100% assurance that His word is His word, that the “I am” is the “I am”, that if he is “born again” he is “born again” and that if God has promised it then He has PROMISED it.

I hope this exercise today has been fun for you. But more importantly I hope and pray that you will now NEVER be put off track by the lies of the devil about the accuracy of the scriptures or about the promises that God has given to you.