

WALKING IN WISDOM (Colossians 4:5) Number #40

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The Prophetic Word Confirmed By John T. Polk II

"For [1] we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. [2] For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.' And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. [3] And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; [4] knowing this first, that 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 1:16-21) (the numbers in brackets were added for clarity in this article)

1. Neither the Old Testament prophecies nor their fulfillment were made-up "myths" ("fables" is the word "myths"=tales, stories, lore, etc.). People who make allegorical applications of miracles or fulfilled prophecies disqualify themselves as "disciples" of God's Word. Jesus' question to the Sadducees: "have you not read in the book of Moses" (Mark 12:26) must be answered with "Absolutely Not!" Only those ignorant of the New Testament can be easily misled. "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness" (2 Timothy 2:15-16).

2. Peter repeats his eyewitness account of Jesus' Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). He saw Jesus receive "the honor and glory" from "God the Father" to become "His Majesty." He heard "the Excellent Glory" say, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Both sight and sound were accurately recorded in Scripture, and Peter is leaving "a reminder of these things after my decease" (2 Peter 1:15). Peter, James and John witnessed this

transfiguration, so John later could write: "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life-- the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us-- that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:1-3). These are God-inspired, Holy Spirit-controlled, written records of this event in the life of Christ. If this is an accurately recorded event, then there is no reason, whatsoever, to doubt that every other fact of Jesus' life has also been precisely written and preserved by the Holy Spirit.

3. This is God's Pattern for showing fulfillment(s) of Bible prophecies. "And so" is saying, "after this manner," or "following this procedure." The New Testament documents give facts which confirm Old Testament prophecies. With the "prophetic word confirmed," it is as clear as light shining through darkness, or of the day star of dawn. We would use the expression "a light of understanding has turned on in our minds." It is distressing to see millions misled from prophetic accuracy by ignoring the clear fulfillment in the New Testament! God knew what His prophecies meant and what, exactly, is their fulfillment, therefore, only the fulfillment interprets the prophecy! **Here are a few of the hundreds of prophecies fulfilled in Jesus Christ:**

1) God promised Abraham: "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice" (Genesis 22:18). **The New Testament interpretation is:** "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). "And so" we have another "prophetic word confirmed."

2) God said through David: "For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption" (Psalm 16:10). **In the New Testament, Peter preached:** "For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption...Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning

the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses" (**Acts 2:27, 30-32**). Peter and the Apostles personally witnessed the fulfillment of God's prophecy through David in the Old Testament, "and so" we have another "prophetic word confirmed." The New Testament begins with the Book of Matthew which freely quotes Old Testament prophecies and their fulfillment(s), and the church of Christ began on Pentecost preaching prophecies fulfilled in Jesus Christ!

3) God said through Isaiah: "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**). **The New Testament records:** "So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 'Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, 'God with us'" (**Matthew 1:22-23**). God promised through Isaiah and noted its fulfillment through Matthew. Never were the conditions given in Isaiah fully met nor identified by God as applying to any other persons before this virgin, Mary, and her baby, Jesus. Therefore "Immanuel, which is translated, 'God with us" has never applied to anyone other than this Jesus (**Matthew 1:23**). "And so" we have another "prophetic word confirmed."

4. Therefore, "No prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation." Actually, "interpretation" refers to "opening the meaning," and since "prophecy never came by the will of man," i.e., humans were not left to their own imagination or literary devices, then the only other source of Bible information is from "holy men of God [who] spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." Since God knew ahead of time what would happen and He moved prophets to accurately record it (Old Testament), then He inspired men who accurately revealed the events which fulfilled, or completely met, the details in those prophecies (New Testament). "And so" we have all "prophetic word[s] confirmed."

Since Bible "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (**Romans 10:17**), it is essential that we "may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and

Savior" (**2 Peter 3:2**). **Don't ever listen to those who preach "unfulfilled prophecies," because they do not have God's knowledge to make the proper application(s).**
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Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

~Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties. ~Helen Keller

~ Life is divided into three terms - that which was, which is, and which will be. Let us learn from the past to profit by the present, and from the present, to live better in the future. ~William Wordsworth

~"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you," says the LORD, 'thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.'" (**Jeremiah 29:11-13**)



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"Do not be rash with your mouth, And let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; Therefore let your words be few. For a dream comes through much activity, And a fool's voice is known by his many words. When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed- Better not to vow than to vow and not pay. Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin, nor say before the messenger of God that it was an error. Why should God be angry at your excuse and destroy the work of your hands? For in the multitude of dreams and many words there is also vanity. But fear God." (**Ecclesiastes 5:2-7**)