



# The Reliability of the Bible

part 2

## *A Batting Average You Can't Beat*

1:16 We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." 18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

**19 And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.** 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2:1 But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. 2 Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. 3 In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping. (NIV)

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (v.19a)

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (v.19b)

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (v.19c)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you apply the principles to your life situation.*

1. There was so much written in the Old Testament about the coming Messiah that can and should bolster our confidence in the "certain word of the prophets". Take the time to look up and ponder each verse in this paired down selection of Old Testament and New Testament passages.

## Messiah's Birth

Isaiah 7:14 → Matthew 1:18

## Messiah's Birthplace

Micah 5:2 → Matthew 2:1,6

## The Forerunner of Messiah

Isaiah 40:3-5 → Matthew 3:3; Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4-6; John 1:23

Malachi 3:1 → Matthew 11:10; Mark 1:2; Luke 1:76; 7:27

Malachi 4:5 → Matthew 11:14; 17:10-12; Mark 9:11-13; Luke 1:16-17

## Messiah's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Zechariah 9:9-10 → Matthew 21:9

Psalms 118:25-26 → Mark 11:9; Luke 19:38; John 12:13

## The Betrayal of Messiah

Judas: Psalm 69:25 → Acts 1:20; Psalm 109:8

Thirty Pieces of Silver: Zechariah 11:12-13 → Matthew 26:15, 27:9-10

## The Suffering of Messiah

### Mocked by his Enemies:

Psalm 22:7; 109:25 → Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:29; Luke 23:35;

Psalm 22:8 → Matthew 27:43

Messiah's Thirst: Psalm 69:21 → Matthew 27:34, 48; Mark 15:36; Luke 23:36; John 19:28

Messiah's Words on the Cross: Psalm 22:1 → Matthew 27:45; Mark 14:34; Psalm 22:31 → John 19:30

Messiah's Side Is Pierced: Zechariah 12:10 → John 19:37

Messiah's Gethsemane: Isaiah 50:4-9 → Mark 14:65; John 18:22, 19:3

### Messiah's Vicarious Suffering:

Isaiah 53:6, 9 → 1 Peter 2:21-25

Isaiah 53:7-8 → Acts 8:32-35; Revelation 5:6, 12; 13:8

Isaiah 53:12 → Romans 4:25; Hebrews 9:28

## The Resurrection of Messiah

Psalm 16:10 → Acts 2:27; 13:35-37

## The Offices of Messiah

(Prophet) Deuteronomy 18:15-19 → Acts 3:22-23; 7:37

(Priest) 1 Samuel 2:35 → Acts 3:24

(King) Psalm 2:6 → Revelation 19:16

## Messiah's Second Coming

Daniel 7:13 → Mark 13:26; Luke 21:27; Matthew 24:44

Zechariah 12:10 → Matthew 24:30; Revelation 1:7.

(List excerpt taken from Walter C. Kaiser, *The Messiah in the Old Testament*, Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1995, pp.237-239)

2. What did this lengthy exercise do for your view of God's word?

What practical changes in your life do you intend to make as a result of this study?