

# THE GOLDEN THREAD OF PROPHECY

“Those who take only a surface view of the Scriptures will, with their superficial knowledge, which they think is very deep, talk of the contradictions of the Bible, and question the authority of the Scriptures. But those whose hearts are in harmony with truth and duty will search the Scriptures with a heart prepared to receive divine impressions. The illuminated soul sees a spiritual unity, *one grand golden thread running through the whole, but it requires patience, thought, and prayer to trace out the precious golden thread.*” 7BC 945

## Section #01: “THE GOLDEN THREAD”

### 1: The Unique Book

#### 1.1 The Bible is Unique: Claims to be the Word of God

As we open the Bible and scan through its pages, we see an obvious fact, the Bible claims to be the Word of God. No other so-called sacred writings offer this claim in as glaring and persistent a way as does the Holy Bible. **The words “thus saith the Lord’ are found 413 times** and in addition to that phrase there are several other ways of saying the same truth. Here are a few random examples of many hundreds that adorn its pages:

*Isaiah 1:10 “Hear the word of the LORD,”*

*Jeremiah 1:12 “Then said the LORD unto me,”*

*Exodus 9:1 “Then the LORD said unto Moses,”*

*Jeremiah 46:13 “The word that the LORD spake to Jeremiah the prophet,”*

*2 Chronicles 33:10 “And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken.”*

We are left in no doubt about what this book claims to be.

It is also unique in the world of sacred writings that Jesus, the Son of the Infinite God, identifies Himself fully with the scriptures, even calling Himself “The Word”.

*John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”*

*John 1:14 “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”*

*1 John 5:7 “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”*

As the Bible is clear that it was sent from God, so Jesus tells us:

*John 20:21 “Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.”*

*John 5:37 “And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me.”*

#### 1.2. The Bible is Unique: No other ‘holy book’ is like it.

There is an attitude in the world at large today, that all ancient documents that people declare to be ‘sacred’ writings, are of equal worth and status. The Holy Bible is placed on the

shelf with an assortment of religious books as 'one among many'. Does the Bible itself accept this idea?

**Isaiah 8:20** *"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."*

We see here that the Bible hold itself as the measuring tool by which all other documents are to be weighed. Clearly we see something unique here. No other 'sacred' writings declare that all must be measured by them.

The Bible tells us even more, not only does it need to agree with the Bible partly, it must speak 'according to this word'. It must not say anything out of harmony with this word. It does not say that things that differ may have 'some light in them' it warns that if they differ there is NO light in them. Light and darkness cannot be mixed.

There is an attitude that Christ was also just 'one of many'. What does He say of Himself?

**John 8:24** *"I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."*

**1 Timothy 2:5** *"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;"*

**Acts 4:12** *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."*

Those who claim that there are many paths to salvation are clearly not speaking according to this Word.

### **1.3. The Bible is Unique: Tells us that God is the Creator**

What is the way that God identifies Himself as the one and only Authority?

**Genesis 1:1** *"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."*

**Psalm 33:6** *"By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth."*

No other central figure in any religious system makes this claim.

**Revelation 4:11** *"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."*

Christ Himself is declared to be the Creator.

**John 1:3** *"All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."*

**John 1:10** *"He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not."*

## **2. The Unique Book 2**

### **2. 1 The Bible is Unique: Shows us that God is the Lawgiver**

Many 'sacred' writings of the world spout proverbs and seemingly wise guidance, but only the Creator God of the Bible declares Himself to be the authoritative Giver of LAW to mankind and the universe.

**Genesis 26:5** “Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.”

**Deuteronomy 33:2** “And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them.”

**Leviticus 22:31** “Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am the LORD.”

Jesus also identified with the LAW of His Father.

**John 15:10** “If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

**John 14:15** “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

## 2.2 The Bible is Unique: Shows us that God is the ONLY God

The God of the Bible declares Himself to be the One and Only God, not merely one force among many opposing, balancing forces.

**Isaiah 46:9** “Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,”

**Isaiah 45:5** “I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:”

**Mark 12:32** “And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:”

**Isaiah 44:8** . . . “Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.”

God Claims to be in Charge:

**Daniel 2:20** “Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:”

Jesus also Claims to be the Only Way of Salvation.

**1 Timothy 2:5** “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”

## 2.3 The Bible is Unique: Speaks with Authority

The very fact that this Book blatantly claims to be the Word of the Only True God, makes its claims to Authority higher than any Book in the Universe!

**2 Peter 1:21** “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

**Luke 1:70** “As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:”

**2 Timothy 3:16** “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”

Jesus also spoke with authority, He was not like the religious leaders whose presentations were full of suppositions and maybe's.

**Matthew 7:29** “For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”

## 2.4 The Bible is Unique: Tells the TRUTH about fallen man

Theories, doctrines and 'isms' abound in this world that deny that man is fallen and sinful, but the Bible in an unique way clearly spells out man's true condition.

**Psalm 14:3** *"They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one."*

**Romans 3:12** *"They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."*

**Jeremiah 17:9** *"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"*

Jesus declared the same truths:

**Luke 18:19** *"And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God."*

## 2.5 The Bible is Unique: Gives the Only True Plan of Salvation

**Isaiah 45:22** *"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else."*

Jesus said the same thing:

**John 8:24** *"I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."*

# 3. Prophecy

## The Unique Book of Prophecy

The Bible is woven throughout with prophecy. There are no other 'sacred' writings where such amazing prophecy is found.

### 3.1. God Uses Prophecy to validate His claims:

After looking at the outstanding and blatant claims of authority that we find in the Holy Bible, we may well ask, "What does this Book offer us as proof of its exalted claims? Where is God's 'signature' to be found?"

**Isaiah 45:20** *"Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save. 21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me."*

God tells us that the fact that He can tell us ahead of time what will take place and it will come to pass, is the evidence He presents to us that He is the One and Only, and no other exists in the universe who can do this!

**Isaiah 46:10** *"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:"*

### 3.2 God challenges all other 'gods' to prove their case:

***Isaiah 41:22*** *"Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come."*

***Isaiah 43:9*** *"Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth."*

Satan tries hard to produce prophecy as accurate as God's, but at best it is a lucky guess.

At the beginning of 1978, Ralph Blodgett decided it was time to settle this matter of psychics. He gathered up the New Years predictions of the psychics and compiled a list of 250 definite psychic predictions for the year 1978.

He watched the tabloids, gossip columns and news stories as they broke for fulfillments of those 250 predictions.

At the end of the year he found that out of 250 specific prognostications, by the thirty leading psychics of the world, *less than 3 percent (i.e., 6 out of 250)* could be listed as reasonably fulfilled.

Ninety-seven percent missed the mark entirely. (The six 'correct' ones had been stated in such general terms that it was not difficult to find someone or someplace that could fulfill them.)

### 3.3. Contains many Time Line Prophecies

Now although we do find some other literature that tries to use prophecy in its pages, the Bible goes one step further—it gives us Time-Prophecies—that is not only does it say ahead of time what will happen, it has the nerve to tell us precisely WHEN it will happen and in what order.

If Psychics have such low accuracy, how do you suppose they would fare if asked to tell the when and how of their predictions?

In these studies, we will be looking at many of these Time-Prophecies, small and large, so for now we just present the fact that they are found in many places in the scriptures.

### 3.4. Bible prophecy is 100% accurate

What 'accuracy quotient' does the Bible claim for the true prophets of God?

***Deuteronomy 18:22*** *"When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him."*

***Jeremiah 28:9*** *The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.*

God claims 100% accuracy for His prophets, nothing less is a true prophet!

### 3.5. The Bible Links all Prophecy with the Law and the Covenant.

SO what if a false prophet comes along and DOES manage to make a prediction that comes to pass, does that mean we are to blindly follow that prophet?

You will notice that again we see the AUTHORITY of the unique Word of God comes to the forefront with the answer.

**Deuteronomy 13:2** *“And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; 3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.”*

SO we have a double test, not only must the prophecy be fulfilled, but it must also be in harmony with the ‘law and the testimony’.

**Isaiah 8:20** *“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”*

So then if we have prophets that fail these tests, should we continue to read what they write or listen to them, just in case they come up with something good and we might miss it?

**Deuteronomy 13:5** *“And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.”*

In the days when God ruled Israel, judgment was swift upon such, but even today we should turn away and have nothing to do with following after such persons.

### **3.6. Bible Prophecy is laid out in a way that no human hand could have done it.**

This will become apparent as we later trace out the golden threads of Prophecy through the Word and tie them together, laying them out in charts. We have to admit that these Time Prophecies are on such a scale that no human hand could have forged them.

**Isaiah 42:8** *“I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.”*

**Psalms 96:3** *“Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.”*

### **3.7. The Bible Links Prophecy, Covenant, and Law with Promises**

There is no other book like the Bible that claims total authority, total accuracy, and declares the Law of God and His precepts to mankind and in addition contains hundreds of PROMISES to us.

Over and over God says, “If you will. . .then I will”. He binds His honor up with His Holy Word and hands it to us like a legal contract.

This is found all through the Bible but we will just take 2 examples:

**Matthew 7:7** *“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.”*

**Jeremiah 29:13** *“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.”*

## **4: Tracing the Prophetic Threads**

### **4.1. 1st Covenant and Law in Eden**

#### ***First Promise: Blessings or Curses***

#### ***What is the first Promise in the Bible?***

A Promise and a Prophecy are very much the same thing. As God tells us something is going to take place, then He is, in effect 'Promising' us that this will happen.

We tend to think of Promises as good things, something we want; however if God warns of a bad happening that will come as the result of disobedience, that too is a Promise.

***So from that we can easily pin-point the 1st Promise God made to man on earth. First we see God speaking His Mighty Word and creating everything on earth in Six Literal Days—"And the evening and the morning were the 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. day."***

***We see, however, that Man was created differently:***

***Genesis 2:7 "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."***

Then God took a rib from Adam and formed a Woman, Eve, to be his help meet for him.

#### ***First Prophecies***

***Now we see God's Law, Covenant, and His first 'Promise'.***

***Genesis 2:17 "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."***

This is a Promise and also a Prophecy, a conditional Prophecy—

It was conditional on the choices the first couple would make. The 'Blessing' part of it is implied—If you obey, you will live in Eden and have dominion over the whole earth and enjoy every good thing. But if you disobey and eat of that one tree—you will surely die!

#### ***First Lies***

We all know the sad story, Eve and then Adam made the unhappy choice to believe a False Prophet speaking through the medium of the serpent, and not to believe God's Promise and Prophecy. They failed and fell and had to leave Eden—but did God's Word fail?

***The Serpent promised them they would not die!***

***Genesis 3:4 "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."***

***God's Word came true, the serpent's did not! Both Adam and Eve died.***

***Genesis 5:5 "And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died."***

***At the time of the fall, when our first parents had to leave Eden, we see a most wonderful Prophecy-Promise addressed to the serpent in:***

***Genesis 3:15 "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."***

This amazing declaration has been being fulfilled from that time all down through history and extends to the final judgment when Satan will be destroyed and depicted by the serpent's head being bruised.

It pointed forward to a Redeemer that would come of the seed of the woman and although Satan would succeed in bruising His heel, it actually happened at the very event that would lead to the crushing of Satan's head, the wonderful sacrifice on Calvary.

Notice this Enmity that was promised—something God would place in Man's heart that would lead to a conflict between those choosing God's Truth and those preferring Satan's Falsehoods. This has been fulfilled over and over in every age.

### ***First Murder***

Adam and Eve saw this enmity worked out in their own children. Abel chose to obey God's ways and accept gratefully the promise of the Redeemer that was to come as the prophecy/promise indicated. He obeyed God and offered a lamb to show his faith in the coming 'Lamb of God'.

Cain chose to ignore God's requirements and do his own thing, offering something that actually honored himself and not God.

***Genesis 4:4 "And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wrath, and his countenance fell."***

### ***Was God playing favorites?***

***Genesis 4:7 "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?"***

No, not at all: here we see 'blessings and cursings'—IF you will obey—you WILL be accepted, but disobedience would not be rewarded by God. The choice was Cain's to make.

Instead of admitting his wrong course of action, Cain began to hate his obedient brother and angrily rose up and slew him, becoming the world first murderer and religious persecutor.

## **3.2 Time-Line Prophets:**

There is a clear pattern in the Biblical records regarding time-line prophets. First off, their name always has a meaning that is in some way connected to their message. Their message was always one that dealt with life or death issues. Each time prophecy was announced by a prophet and at the end of a time prophecy another prophet was raised up, a gathering prophet to announce the end of the prophecy.

There are always 3 tests connected to the ends of a time prophecy. If a person failed one test, they were not in the running at the next one. The first test is always a message of reform; the second is always a visual test, something that needed to be seen and recognized; the third test always involves a closing of a door.

### ***The 1st Time line Prophecy***

From the time that Cain killed Abel, two classes of people developed on earth—those who chose God's ways and honored and obeyed His precepts, the descendants of Seth, were called the children of God.

The other class, descendants of Cain, were those who chose their own ways and actually were directed by Satan, were called the children of men.

The ungodly race of Cain developed musical instruments and weapons of warfare. They built the first cities and their woman learned the arts of sensual dancing and how to appeal to the lusts of men.

At first the two races remained separate, but gradually, some of the worshippers of the true God began to desire the seductively attractive women of the race of Cain.

Intermarriage between believers and the worldly became common and soon the Bible tells us:

**Genesis 6:5** *“And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”*

God announced His first Time-Prophecy:

**Genesis 6:3** *“And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.”*

God here announced 120 years of probation remaining for the people before the flood. However there was actually a longer time prophecy related to the flood that was revealed to Enoch the prophet.

Methuselah, who was Noah’s grandfather, had been given a name by his father, the prophet Enoch, that meant that the year he would die, would be the year the flood would come. Enoch was the one who walked with God and God took him to heaven without seeing death.

The years ticked away in Methuselah’s life and then God revealed Himself to Noah.

God called Noah and gave him instructions to build a huge boat with provisions for man and beast. He was to warn the people while the ark was being built that the prophetic clock was ticking away the hours and now only 120 years of ‘probation’ remained before the flood was to come.

At first people were concerned, but as the worldly wise men assured all that Noah was just a fanatic, it became popular to ridicule the whole idea.

When the time came, Noah and his family were the only people who entered the ark, the last appeal had been made, and now God shut the door. Outside the Ark, the people had a party—until the rain began to fall. The first Time-Prophecy was fulfilled.

## **5. Abraham’s Covenant and Time prophecy**

### **The First Babylon**

**Genesis 11:4** *“And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”*

Shortly after the flood, people banded together to try to create a ‘city’ [represents in prophecy a civil power] and a ‘tower’ [represents in prophecy a religious power] Their plan was to become established in such a way that they could control everyone and force them to follow the false religion they were resurrecting from before the flood.

God put an end to their schemes by confounding their language, and scattered them upon the earth. Scattering is one of the ways God deals with those in rebellion against Him.

**Genesis 11:9** *“Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.”*

## God's Covenant with Abram:

God called Abram and offered him a Covenant Promise if he would obey:

**Genesis 12:1-3** *"Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."*

How did Abram show he accepted the covenant?

**Genesis 12:4** *"So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him;"*

He made the choice to OBEY God and acted on that choice.

Years went by and no heir was born to Abram and he began to wonder. Then, one night, God renewed the Covenant Promise:

**Genesis 15:5, 6** *"And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness."*

It is righteous to believe God's Word! Then God gave Abram a time prophecy:

**Genesis 15:13, 14.** *"And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; 14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance."*

Abram was a prophet at the beginning of a Time Prophecy. His name had meaning in regard to his message. Abram = 'the Father is exulted'. Everywhere Abram went, he would build an altar to the God of heaven and offer sacrifices and worship the True God.

**Genesis 15:18** *"In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land,"*

Later his name was changed to Abraham, 'Father of a multitude'.

**The Covenant Promise passed to Isaac:**

**Genesis 21:12** *"And God said unto Abraham, . . . in Isaac shall thy seed be called."*

## Jacob's Covenant

Esau was first-born and the rightful heir of the covenant, but he despised his blessing and Jacob coveted it. One day Jacob asked Esau for the Birthright in exchange for a dish of food Esau wanted.

**Genesis 25:32, 33.** *"And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob."*

But the time came when Isaac was about to give the Blessing to Esau and, at his mother's instigation, Jacob deceived his father and robbed his brother.

Because of his deceit, Jacob had to flee, he was repentant for what he had done and very disheartened. Then God appeared to him:

**Genesis 28:13, 14.** *“And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”*

## **Joseph’s Time Prophecies**

In the experience of Joseph we again see Prophecy and time prophecies.

### **Dreams:**

**Genesis 37:6, 7** *“And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.”*

**Genesis 37:9** *“And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.”*

Did those dreams come true? Yes indeed, later they did.

In the prison, Pharaoh’s Butler and Baker had each a small time prophecy:

**Genesis 40:9-13** *“And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, . . .12 And Joseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days: 13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh . . . restore thee unto thy place: . . . after the former manner when thou wast his butler.”*

**Genesis 40:16-19.** *“When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had three white baskets on my head: 17 And in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head. 18 And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets are three days: 19 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.”*

Both dreams came true on schedule!

## **Then we see Pharaoh having Time Prophecy Dreams:**

He saw seven fat healthy cattle come out of the river followed by seven lean, starving cattle (kine), who ate up the fat ones.

Then He saw seven fat healthy ears of corn followed by seven lean, blasted ears of corn, who ate up the seven good ones.

**“I told this unto the magicians; but there was none that could declare it to me.” Genesis 41:17-24.**

Magicians and soothsayers can not interpret prophetic dreams but Joseph interprets Pharaoh’s dreams:

**Genesis 41:26, 27** *“The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one. 27 And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.”*

These time-prophecies were fulfilled to the letter. In this fulfillment Joseph's earlier dreams were also fulfilled.

**Genesis 42:6** *"And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth."*

## 6. Moses and the end of Abraham's Time Prophecy

Abraham was told:

*"And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; 14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance." Genesis 15:13, 14.*

**Exodus 1:8, 11, 13. . . 8** *"Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph". 11 "Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. . 13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour:"*

A special prophet always announces beginning and ending of a time prophecy. Abraham announced the beginning and now Moses is raised up to fulfill the time prophecy and gather the people.

**Exodus 3:6, 7** *"Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God. 7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;"*

**Exodus 3:15** *"And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations."*

**Exodus 3:17** *"And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, . . unto a land flowing with milk and honey."*

### The Exodus came at the end of the Time Prophecy:

**Exodus 12:41** *"And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt."*

**Exodus 12:51** *"And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies."*

### Restoring the Covenant Promise to the Children of Israel:

After the Children of Israel came out of Egypt and into the wilderness of Sinai, God gave the Covenant Promises to them.

**Exodus 19:5-8** *"Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: 6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. 7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him. 8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD."*

Again we see the Covenant Promises given on condition of obedience to God.

### **God's Law**

Notice that there is no place found in Holy Scripture, Old or New Testament, where God makes a Covenant Promise to people that does not include obeying His Laws and Statutes.

Now in a scene of great solemnity and awesome grandeur, God actually spoke His law in their hearing. This was not a new law made up for the occasion; God gave them His Law, the very foundation of His universal government.

Then Moses went up into the dark clouds at the top of Sinai to receive Two Tables of Stone with that holy Law written on them by the very finger of God.

### **Breaking the Promise**

***Exodus 32:7, 8 "And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: 8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."***

How quickly people can forget. In such a short time we see the people eager to break the Covenant and make an idol in the shape of an animal and worship it.

#### ***The 40 days/years prophecy***

The time came when they were at the very border of Canaan. God had promised them the land and now told them to send men to spy it out. The reports came back that it was a goodly land, but ten of the twelve began to paint a dark picture of giants and walled cities.

Only two had faith and urged the people forward in the name of the Lord and the people wanted to stone them! The Majority are seldom right.

Rebellion at the border brought a sentence from God that for each day that the spies had searched the land, they would spend a year wandering in the wilderness.

***Numbers 14:34 "After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise."***

This is one of the places we see the rule demonstrated that a prophetic day equals a literal year. We call this the 'Day-Year' principle.

### **Moses and the Blessings and Cursings**

God gave to the people a wonderful list of promised blessings that would be theirs on condition of their obedience to His Commandments and statutes. You can read them in Leviticus 26:1-13.

Following these blessings is a list of terrible curses that would come upon them if they refused to be obedient and walked in their own ways and the ways of the heathen. Leviticus 26:14-39.

### **The Seven Times Curse**

In the list of curses there is a time prophecy found and repeated four times:

***Leviticus 26:18 “And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.”***

***Leviticus 26:21 “And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.”***

***Leviticus 26:24 “Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.”***

***Leviticus 26:28 “Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.”***

This was punishment that would come upon them if they refused to obey and stubbornly refused to repent.

But hope is also presented in verses 40-45 that if the people upon whom these curses of the ‘Seven Times’ would come, would repent and return fully to the Lord and obedience to His Commandments, and admit that what had come upon them was just and right and a result of their sins, He would remember His covenant with their fathers and not destroy them utterly.

Moses read these Blessings and Curses to the people and wrote them in a book and a song for them to remember. He read them again just before he died.

### **Entering Canaan and reading the Blessing and Curses.**

Moses told the people that when they entered the Promised Land, they were to hold a special convocation and the Blessings and the Curses were to be read to the people and also written on a pillar as a monument. They were to teach them to their children and never to lose sight of them.

### **Covenant-Law-Promises and Prophecy always go together:**

God’s Laws and His Promises go hand in hand always. Those who rebel against His Commandments cannot hope for His blessings. And yet for those who repent and return to Him, looking to the Saviour for cleansing and victory over sin, forgiveness is offered and grace and mercy in abundance. Golden threads of prophecy woven throughout Scripture trace the working out of the Plan of Salvation.