

PROGRAM 154
The God Who Has No Rival
(Biblical Prophecy: Unmatched, Unchallenged, Unstoppable)

Poor little man! We can't even be certain of our next hour, much less tomorrow. Is there anyone who can? Yes, there is! He is God and He has no rival. His biblical prophecies are unmatched, unchallenged and unstoppable. But He has a purpose in telling us about the world of tomorrow. It's so we can learn to trust Him today. So come on—let's get into it right now—"Prophecy: God versus Man—on More Than Talk."

PAGE 1 - Prophecy: God vs Man

1 Peter 1:24 vs Psalms 90:2

Man says:

"World will get better"

"Unbreakable" sports records—60 home runs, 72 game Laker season, etc

Politics "Hitler unstoppable" "Jews are finished" Japanese are "inferior fighters"

Jean Dixon—'52, '56, '60—which candidates win presidency—total miss!

National Enquirer—predictions of 10 leading "seers"—events to happen last 6 months of that year—61 prophecies—not one fulfilled (January 7, 1975)

God says: Deuteronomy 18:18 "I will raise up prophet..."

Isaiah 46:9,10 "end from beginning"

PAGE 2 - God Deals In Specifics

Buddha, Confucius—No predicted prophecy

Koran—one self-fulfilling—Mohammad return to Mecca (Jesus would return from grave!)

Bible Prophecy—Specific, detailed—200 specific prophecies fulfilled—cities, nations, empires, individuals

Example—Tyre and Sidon—eastern coast of Mediterranean Sea

Tyre was like Babylon—impervious

Ezekiel's prophecy—Ezekiel 26:19-21

Tyre to be destroyed—never rebuilt

Sidon—inhabitants to be decimated—city to continue—Ezekiel 28:21-23

Sidon betrayed by own king—40,000 killed but Sidon continues to present time

Tyre—Ezekiel 26:4,5,12-14

Nubuchad laid siege 13 years Tyre destroyed. Thousands fled to form new city on island ½ mile out in Mediterranean Sea. Prophecy only partly fulfilled. Centuries passed. And then...

PAGE 3 - God Has the Last Laugh

250 years later, Tyre still stood—stone, rubble, timber still left

God said city to be scraped clean—rubble into the sea

Alexander the Great—to attack Persian army

Persians fled south. Alexander sealed off all ports on eastern Mediterranean Sea.
Tyre refused to surrender and laughed

Alexander built causeway—“Tear down walls of Tyre—timbers, stones, rubble—
cast into sea.” Logs from Lebanon.

Now Tyre besieged, destroyed.

Today a place for spreading nets Ezekiel 26:5

2 other cities—Samaria and Jerusalem

Samaria—capital of Northern Kingdom

Jerusalem—capital of Southern Kingdom

In their prime, prophets declared Jerusalem to be destroyed—exile—and wall
destroyed Jeremiah 24:9; 29:21; 35:17

City to be rebuilt and people return—Isaiah 4:3-6

Samaria—to be destroyed and become vineyard Micah 1:5,6

You can see excavations 30-40 feet deep—foundations of former Samaria—Micah
1:6

Edom—

City near Dead Sea

Hated the people of God (Jews)

God cursed powerful Edom Ezekiel 35:3,4,9

Obadiah 10-17

Today a desert—Petra one of cities in ruins

PAGE 4 - When God's Enemies Fulfill His Prophecies

Babylon—greatest city

Walls 14-15 miles long

196 square miles—magnificent gardens, palaces, temples, towers. Invented an alphabet—implements to measure time

God said—Isaiah 13:19

Historian Herodotus—Towers above 200 feet, walls to height of 300 feet

Walls 187 feet at base—enclosed area 196 square miles. Impregnable! But God said Jeremiah 51:58,62

Wall of China stands. Walls of Jerusalem stand. No trace of Babylon walls

4th Century—Julian the Apostate came to throne of Rome. One desire: “Destroy Christianity”—reestablish pagan religions

While at war with Persians near remains of Babylon, Julian destroyed remnants of walls lest it give protection in future for Persian army. Prophecy fulfilled by antagonist of God!

PAGE 5 - Babylon: Silent Testimony to An Awesome God

More on Babylon—Jeremiah 50:13,19

Skeptics describe as heaps

Rubble mixed with niter can't be cultivated

Once fertile fields now desolation, barren

2 specific but seemingly contradictory prophecies—Jeremiah 51:42 (sea covers) vs Jeremiah 51:43 “dry and desolate”

Claudius James Rich “Narrative of a Journey to Site of Babylon” in 1811—for 2 months of year Euphrates River overflows

Valleys are flooded

Waters subside—heaps become sun-baked ruins

Never to be rebuilt! 2500 years come and go. Alex the Great—“I will rebuild Babylon” as capital of his worldwide empire

600,000 rations to his soldiers to rebuild city. Immediately Alex (30years old) struck dead—task abandoned

God predicts so man can believe!

God promises so man can live forever!

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