Lesson Guide 10

Symbol of Fulfilled Prophecy

Once known as the "Mistress of the Seas," Tyre was the New York of the Sixth Century B.C. Every year that the site of Tyre remains a desolate "TOP OF A ROCK" for the spreading of fishermen's nets -- every hour that it remains uninhabited and no city is built there -- it is SHOUTING the PROOF of divine revelation and the existence of Yahuwah!

An open letter from THE DIRECTOR

PERHAPS you will be shocked. But surveys indicate that FEW professing Truth-seekers make a HABIT of daily prayer!

FEW regularly get down on their knees before their Maker -- in a private place -- and ask His divine intervention and guidance in their lives. Most families do not even offer thanks to Yahuwah at the dinner table!

Perhaps you haven't realized that Yahuwah is vitally concerned about YOU as an INDIVIDUAL. Perhaps you have never tried to pray -- or have been discouraged by the pseudo-intellectual double-talk of Yahuwah-denying atheists.

Listen to the FRUSTRATED words of an avowed atheist: "It appears that all the gods are in a mighty rush on their way out as human intellect increases; superstition, ignorance and fear must give way to intelligence in order that a human civilization may be brought into being." So says the ATHEIST!

This man has never EXPERIENCED Yahuwah's supernatural intervention in his life. His prayers -- IF he has ever prayed -- have NEVER been answered. Answered prayer to him is only a chance circumstance or deliberate interpretation of ordinary events. He has been duped into believing the pseudo-scientific catch phrases of this Yahuwah-rejecting world. His mind is filled with the FALSE of "intellectual progress," "higher criticism" and "rationalism." Like a man searching for water in an arid wasteland, he has been left to grope for truth and hope in a world of spiritual darkness and doubt.

Is prayer only a religious "peace of mind" pill? Certainly not! Is the only tangible benefit of prayer a "positive" mental outlook? CERTAINLY NOT!

Real answered prayer is NOT "kidding" yourself into believing that Yahuwah has answered because you can think "positive" thoughts. Real answered prayer is NOT the mere "working out" of events by themselves. Answered prayer is not psychologically "adjusting" yourself to believe your prayer was answered without tangible proof that your prayer was ever HEARD! This confusing gibberish is the poor substitute "modern" thinkers rely on instead of relying on the almighty Yahuwah himself!

Real answered prayer is a divine, supernatural and completely miraculous intervention – a direct answer from Almighty Yahuwah Himself! It is the result of being obedient to Yahuwah's laws, asking ACCORDING TO HIS WILL and then believing in faith until the answer comes!

Most of you have longed for, but never yet experienced this sort of prayerful contact with Yahuwah. And because you haven't, you don't really KNOW YAHUWAH EXISTS!

Yahuwah has literally hundreds of promises written down for you in His Word, saying, that under certain terms and conditions He will actually CAUSE certain things to happen for you if you will ask Him in believing prayer. You will see promises of outside supernatural help everyone needs from time to time. You will find promises to deliver you from trouble when you get into it, to supply your every necessity, when you really need it, and to fight your personal battles for you -- even to heal you when you are sick. Yes, even to prosper you financially!

Real believing prayer is the ONLY CONTACT between man and His Creator. And ANSWERED PRAYER is perhaps the most outstanding PROOF of the actual reality, the sure existence of Almighty Yahuwah! Here are a few specific examples of how Yahuwah will help us when we ask for it in believing prayer. See how YAHUWAH PROVES HE DOES EXIST!

Hezekiah, King of Judah, knew that Yahuwah would help him personally -- if he was willing to ask for help in believing prayer. Notice the account in II Kings 20:1-11.

Hezekiah was sick in bed with a malignant boil when Isaiah the prophet reported that he had better begin to put his affairs in order -- that he would never recover and should prepare to die!

Hezekiah knew Yahuwah's promise to heal those who call upon Him. He knew that there had to be an heir to the throne of David to rule after him -- but no heir had as yet been born. Above all, Hezekiah KNEW that there is a mighty one in heaven who CONTROLS the laws of the universe and the forces of nature, and yet is vitally concerned with each individual member of His creation. Hezekiah knew Yahuwah's will, remembered Yahuwah's promises, and as soon as Isaiah's footsteps had faded from the room, he turned his face to the wall and put his whole heart into a fervent prayer to Yahuwah!

Hezekiah prayed for himself and yet it was not a selfish prayer. He only explained his needs. It was a short prayer, not more than 30 or 40 seconds long, but it was effective! Before Isaiah had crossed the courtyard, Yahuwah intervened and ANSWERED Hezekiah's prayer!

In spite of the fact Yahuwah had previously told Isaiah that Hezekiah would die, He heard and answered Hezekiah's sincere prayer. YAHUWAH ADDED FIFTEEN YEARS TO HIS LIFE!

What an astounding example of ANSWERED PRAYER! BUT THAT WASN'T ALL!

Hezekiah further requested that Yahuwah would give him a SPECIAL SIGN that he would be healed (verse 8).

Yahuwah's servant, Isaiah, gave Hezekiah the choice of the sign -- the shadow of the sun would either go FORWARD ten degrees, or BACKWARD ten degrees. Hezekiah said it would be HARDER for the shadow to go backward ten degrees. Then Isaiah cried out to Yahuwah. Yahuwah brought the shadow ten degrees BACKWARD! (Verse 11.) Yahuwah actually caused the earth to REVERSE ITSELF!

This was NOT an "optical illusion." Even pagan histories record this miracle. Yahuwah's miracles ARE REAL! "For with Yahuwah NOTHING shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37). The end result of Yahuwah's intervention in Hezekiah's life was the birth of an heir to the Davidic throne, Prince Manasseh, born three years after Hezekiah recovered! (II Kings 21:1.)

In answer to such overwhelming proof, the doubter and skeptic have only one retort: "Well, those things MIGHT have happened in Old Testament times; perhaps even the prayers of the apostles of the New Testament Assembly were supernaturally answered, but YAHUWAH certainly doesn't ANSWER PRAYERS TODAY in the twentieth century!"

The answer to the doubter's challenge is an unqualified "YES"!!

Yahuwah has CONTINUED to support me and my family! Yes, surprisingly enough to an atheist or agnostic, this very home is supported by the fervent PRAYERS of our family!

Yahuwah says in His Word, "without FAITH it is IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM: for he that cometh to Yahuwah MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS, and that He is a REWARDER of them that DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM"! (Heb. 11:6.)

If YOU are DILIGENTLY SEEKING YAHUWAH, then you ARE studying your Scriptures. If you don't understand something, jot it down on a notepad, or as part of a SPECIAL PRAYER LIST as a reminder when you go to your private place of prayer. Ask Yahuwah to answer it.

Some may think that ANY THOUGHT that pops into their minds is Yahuwah's answer when it is only their own impulse. Yahuwah will lead you to understand His Word!

Remember YOUR PART in Yahuwah's great work! We have a job BEYOND OUR HUMAN POWER to perform. WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS!

Learn to EXPECT answers to your prayers. Yahuwah reveals Himself as a REAL Mighty One -- a LIVING ACTING Deity who will intervene on your behalf if you will beseech Him in BELIEVING PRAYER!

PROPHECY IS THE PROOF OF YAHUWAH!

THE startling headlines of WORLD NEWS for the next 10 to 15 years are ALREADY WRITTEN IN ADVANCE! Yet heads of governments -- and most people -- are totally oblivious to them!

Tomorrow's News Today!

TOMORROW'S news is ALREADY WRITTEN in Scriptures PROPHECY! It stands written long BEFORE the coming earth-shaking events of Yahuwah's wrath occur -- but most people today ignore the world's "best seller."

Few really believe the Scriptures means what it says -- and still fewer UNDERSTAND its prophecies!

Most people would say it was IMPOSSIBLE for men -- over 2500 years ago -- to have looked into the future and FORETOLD what is going to happen in OUR DAY to all the major nations.

Weather experts often fail in foretelling the weather even 24 or 48 hours in advance. What chance would anyone have of foretelling specific catastrophes to happen to great nations like the United States? to the British Commonwealth? to Germany? Russia? or China? and having the prophecies come true -- unless they were DIVINELY INSPIRED?

Fantastic Prophecies

Such men did exist! Such prophecies were made!

The prophets who foretold the fate of the nations today -- who foretold what is to happen in the next 15 years of our lifetime -- ALSO declared over 2500 years ago what then seemed fantastic, improbable, even impossible events which were to happen to the great nations and city-states of THAT WORLD LONG AGO.

THOSE PROPHECIES HAPPENED! They happened centuries later -- they were fulfilled PRECISELY AS THE PROPHETS FORETOLD! And the PROOF you will find in this lesson!

If the Scriptures foretold the future of all the leading nations 2500 years ago -- Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, the Roman Empire and all those prophecies came to pass, then it's about time we begin to pay attention and look into the prophecies of the Scriptures to see what they reveal about the nations TODAY -- and to see what they foretell for our people. FOR WE ARE INCLUDED IN SCRIPTURES PROPHECIES!

TODAY Yahuwah is making His existence known to you by showing that His inspired Word -- the Kodesh Scriptures can be depended upon.

What Does FULFILLED Prophecy Prove?

Is it rational to believe in YAHUWAH? Or is Yahuwah a myth? -- an invention of an ignorant, superstitious past? And are Biblical prophecies in reality only shrewd guesses of certain Yahudim who lived more than 2,000 years ago?

In today's chaotic and deceived world, the question of Yahuwah's existence and of the inspiration of prophecy is disturbing increasing numbers of people. Many want the TRUTH! They are

through being fooled -- they are through taking FABLES for granted as FACTS, blindly assuming what is popularly taught. They want to know! They want the proof!

You OUGHT TO FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT IT!

The place to start this honest search for the truth is with YAHUWAH, Himself. It ought to be the MOST IMPORTANT PURSUIT of your life to ask about and to SEEK the PROOF of Yahuwah's existence and the inspiration of His written prophetic word -- the Kodesh Scriptures!

Prophecy fulfillment is proof of the EXISTENCE OF YAHUWAH ALMIGHTY. It is the proof of the divine inspiration of the scriptures. It is the proof that the Scriptures is the revelation of the facts from Yahuwah Almighty which we could not otherwise discover or know in advance.

Whoever was the real inspiration behind the prophecies of the Scriptures knew over 2500 years ago the condition of the world would be in today -- the internal condition of the United States, of Russia, of China, and of all the leading nations of the earth. The Yahuwah who inspired the Scriptures knew millenniums ago what is going to happen in the imminent future!

Is it logical, then, to believe in the Yahuwah who made His PLAN for our earth known thousands of years in advance?

Scriptures Dares to Foretell the Future!

Most people are AFRAID of Scriptures prophecy! They fear that if they should ever examine fulfilled prophecy, they would FIND the PROOF of the divine inspiration of Scripture!

If prophecies have not been fulfilled, then the skeptics would have the proof that the Scriptures is fraudulent. The Scriptures would stand as the most diabolical hoax ever perpetrated upon a gullible religious world. BUT PROPHECY HAS BEEN FULFILLED!

Here is a Book -- The Kodesh Scriptures -- which taunts the skeptics by daring to foretell within its pages the future history of this world! Yahuwah DARES us to look within its pages and prove its undeniable inspiration!

We may not be atheists, skeptics, or agnostics. We may not ridicule the Kodesh Scriptures. But we are living in an age of carelessness and of doubt. Very few people want to exercise their minds sufficiently to prove whether or not Scriptural prophecies are really inspired of Yahuwah. Fewer still tremble before what these prophecies say, or regard them as having real authority!

Most highly educated people and that includes men of science, ASSUME that the Scriptures are not the infallible revelation of a Supreme Supernatural Being. They assume this without the scientific that they demand on ordinary material matters. They take it for granted that prophecies, which are a proof of Yahuwah, could not be true -- but they have not dared to investigate. THEY DO NOT WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH OF THIS MATTER!

Most fundamentalists, on the other hand, take for granted that Scripture is the very Word of Yahuwah -- but they reject its AUTHORITY over their lives. Therefore they, too, DO NOT UNDERSTAND ITS PROPHECIES. Witness the Babylon of doctrinal confusion over Scriptures prophecy. Hardly any two of them agree. They profess Mashyach, but they DENY His message.

It is time we quit taking these prime questions for granted. "Do not despise prophesying, but TEST EVERYTHING; HOLD FAST WHAT IS GOOD" (I Thes. 5:20-21, RSV).

How Can You Prove Scripture?

Mashyach Himself is quoted in the Scriptures as saying, "The Scripture CANNOT be broken" (John 10:35). But CAN it be broken? Did YOU ever try to break it? Did YOU ever really put its prophecies TO THE TEST -- and prove them?

Isn't it about time we stop to seek out the proofs one way or the other?

Some people seem to think that the only way to prove the inspiration of the Scriptures -- and hence of its prophecies -- is by means of Amanuwal's miracles. But the skeptics do not believe those miracles ever happened -- even though the historical testimony of the unconverted admitted that Amanuwal DID PERFORM those miracles! The skeptics would have us believe that even Amanuwal's enemies were gullible enough to think they really happened. The skeptic wants proof that he can EXAMINE TODAY!

Immediately many think of ANSWERED PRAYER as the major proof of inspiration. But the skeptic has had no prayers ANSWERED. He does not believe that ANYBODY ELSE has either. "Merely circumstances that the religious superstitiously attribute to Yahuwah" -- that is the way the skeptic regards answered prayer.

There is, however, one source of IRREFUTABLE PROOF! This source of proof he can examine with his own eyes and demonstrate to be false -- if there is no Yahuwah!

The Scriptures itself purports to be infallible, a divine revelation of truth revealed by the very Creator and Divine Ruler of the universe. In your Scriptures, A BEING IS QUOTED. He claims that He is Yahuwah. He speaks in the first person, saying that He can make and unmake nations, that He can carry out His judgments -- His decisions -- over millenniums of time, claiming that He can foretell infallibly the future of cities and empires, but that NO MAN can do the same.

WHO IS THIS who is quoted as saying: "I am Yahuwah, and there is none like me, 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.'... Yea, I have spoken it, I will also BRING IT TO PASS; I HAVE PURPOSED IT, I will also do it"? (Isaiah 46:9-11.)

Here are the words of One claiming to be Yahuwah -- claiming not only that He knows the future, but that he knows it because he DETERMINES IT – because he has the power to carry out his will!

TAUNTING the Skeptics

Skeptics, of course, say that the Scriptures are NOT the inspired Word of Yahuwah, but merely the religious writings of an insignificant ancient nation -- the Yahudim, who were groping in the darkness of human ignorance and superstition, trying to develop a concept of what they thought Yahuwah would say were He to exist!

But is it? Who is this claiming to foretell the future? Is it merely an ignorant, superstitious, albeit pious, ancient Yahudite with no power to make good his vaunted concept of Yahuwah, who wrote this blistering challenge to the skeptic -- a challenge claiming that no one can thwart His Will?

Here in the Scriptures is One speaking who does not crystal-ball gaze, who does not merely guess what is going to happen, but One who claims to KNOW because HE HAS DETERMINED THE FUTURE. Since this One speaks forth through the words of Scripture, here is the proof that the skeptic needs. If Yahuwah can BACK UP His Word, if He can FULFILL the prophecies He uttered long ago for this 20th century -- THEN THE SKEPTIC HAS PROOF THAT YAHUWAH MUST BE THE AUTHOR OF HIS WORD AS HE CLAIMS TO BE.

But if events are CONTRARY to the plain statements of Biblical prophecy -- contrary to the claims of "Yahuwah" -- then the skeptic has found the proof that the Scriptures are not infallible -- that we cannot rely on it.

PROPHECY IS THE ONE PROOF UPON WHICH SCRIPTURE STANDS OR FALLS! Even the "Yahuwah of the Scriptures" recognizes this fact. Here is what He says:

"Set forth your case, says Yahuwah; bring your PROOFS, says the King of Jacob.... And tell us what is to happen. Tell us the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, that we may know their outcome; or declare to us the things to come" (Isaiah 41:21-22, RSV).

Yes, little mortal man, STATE YOUR PROOFS! Can anyone but Yahuwah foretell? Could the Scriptures be the work of man alone, without the inspiration of Yahuwah, and be filled with fulfilled prophecies written centuries, yes, millenniums in advance?

Yahuwah says, as it were, "Why YOU'RE nothing at all. Come on! Let's hear YOUR prophecies that we may see whether or not they turn out. Predict what is going to happen in the future, and let us watch and see whether YOU can foretell. Have YOU the power to bring it about as I have? Are you a deity? Do YOU rule the universe, you doubters? Can you make and unmake nations? Can you pronounce a sentence or a decree on a nation, AND BRING IT TO PASS?

Facts Easily Demonstrated

Yes, fulfilled prophecy is the PROOF of divine revelation! If One, throughout the Scriptures, speaking and claiming to be Yahuwah, can make prophecies and tell what is going to happen in the future to our cities, our nations, our world-ruling empires; then if it actually HAPPENS IN EVERY CASE, without a miss, no sane mind can deny that YAHUWAH must have spoken it.

If the Scriptures prophecies are absolutely sure, then THE FACTS CAN BE VERY EASILY DEMONSTRATED -- which is what the skeptic or agnostic is afraid of. He wants to remain in his ignorance. He is proud to be an agnostic, or a doubter. He is proud of his ignorance! But YOU cannot afford to be in ignorance -- your life is too valuable. There is too much at stake!

Are your SCRIPTURES in front of you? If not, go get your Scriptures, and whatever else you need.

LESSON 10

STRIFE Prophesied

One major factor stands out as a REASON why so many doubt Scripture prophecy. It is the inherent rebellious NATURE and ATTITUDE of human beings.

Prophecy seems so unreal to most people -- so unlikely to happen -- because it pictures a deity who becomes ANGRY with the sins of this world -- a deity who claims to know better than we do when it comes to how we OUGHT to live. Prophecy reveals a deity who corrects the world because it has gone astray by setting up its own governments and ordaining its OWN LAWS CONTRARY TO YAHUWAH'S GOVERNMENT AND LAWS.

Undoubtedly the first fact we must face -- if we are going to understand prophecy and WHO Yahuwah really is -- relates to HUMAN NATURE itself.

Here is the BASIC REASON FOR PROPHECY!

1. Romans 3:16, like many other statements of Scripture, IS A PROPHECY. What does it say?

Name the RESULTS of the WAYS WHICH HUMAN BEINGS LIVE. Is the whole world facing the inevitable results today? (Review Lesson 1)

2. Compare verse 15 with the preceding five verses.

3. What does the Scriptures prophesy about the possibility of MAN establishing WORLD PEACE without the supernatural intervention of Yahuwah? Verse 17.

4. WHO claims to be able to make peace and punish international criminals? Isa. 45:7.

5. Are these verses obviously a DIRECT PROPHECY THAT YAHUWAH ALONE CAN BRING PEACE TO THE WORLD -- that the world cannot establish peace without His supernatural intervention?

6. Do most people recognize these verses as prophecies? Do most people even believe these verses mean what they plainly say? How do you know that most people do not believe what Yahuwah says in these verses? Do they rather think that they THEMSELVES can bring world peace?

7. Do these verses, written from 1900 to 2500 years ago, indicate that the One who claims to be the Author of the Scriptures KNEW THE END-RESULT of human ways and customs? Do PRESENT WORLD CONDITIONS prove that He did? Did Yahuwah foretell, almost from the beginning of human history, what we see occurring about us today? Jude 14-15. Was Enoch a prophet? What did we learn in the introduction of this lesson about the duty of a prophet? Did Enoch rebuke "sinners" for their violent misdeeds? What is sin? I John 3:4. Did Enoch recognize that the Sovereign of heaven and earth would have to intervene in world affairs to convince the world that its ways are wrong? Jude 14.

8. Does the vast majority agree with Yahuwah's predictions? Do YOU think that the world's ways can lead to peace and harmony among nations?

COMMENT: This prophecy is YAHUWAH'S STANDING CHALLENGE to the atheist and agnostic!

The skeptic and doubter can prove Yahuwah a liar merely by finally establishing peace among men without Yahuwah's supernatural intervention! But the testimony of human history shows that throughout the past two thousand years, the nations of the world have NOT been able to defy this prophecy and establish permanent peace!

Here is actual VISIBLE EVIDENCE that Yahuwah's Word is being fulfilled. But the world REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE THIS EVIDENCE! Of course the doubter may conclude that these verses predicting world strife were shrewd guesses based upon previous history! Human history does indicate it -- but how many people really believe it?

Here is a prophecy which has stood for centuries, DARING ANY HUMAN BEING TO ALTER IT! The nations have spilled millions of gallons of human blood, spent thousands of millions of dollars, wasted precious time -- all in a vain attempt to do what Yahuwah said cannot be done. And we are to witness, near the beginning of the last quarter of this century, the final fulfillment of this prophecy when Yahuwah will have to INTERVENE in human affairs to PREVENT WORLD ANNIHILATION and bring us world peace at last!

Atheists and agnostics are now living who will see that day! All Scriptures doctrine stands or falls on this fundamental prophecy which Yahuwah dares any man to break!

VISIBLE Proof

1. Is the word "Jew" used as a byword throughout the nations? -- did Yahuwah foretell this would happen? Jer. 24:9. Why would this happen? Deut. 28:45.

COMMENT: This prophecy has been receiving fulfillment for the past 2500 years! Not once have the Yahudim been able to break it! Not once have the Gentile nations been able to exterminate the Yahudim! Why did Yahuwah prophesy that this would happen to the Jew, but to NO GENTILE NATION mentioned anywhere in Scriptures prophecy -- unless Yahuwah knew the history of the world in advance? -- unless He is indeed Yahuwah who determines the outcome of wars and the rise and fall of nations? 2. What was to be the fate of EGYPT? Ezekiel 29:15-16. Was Egypt to be scattered among the nations like the Yahudim for the past 2500 years? Were the Egyptians to become a byword? Notice that the fate of Egypt was entirely DIFFERENT from the Yahudim. But what Yahuwah foretold has happened to BOTH.

3. Were the Egyptians to be diminished? Verse 15.

COMMENT: The population of Egypt has hardly doubled in the past 2000 years, whereas the population of nearly every other nation has doubled within the last 75 years. HERE IS MORE VISIBLE PROOF YAHUWAH EXISTS! Egypt cannot defy prophecy!

4. WHO was to RULE EGYPT during the past 2500 years? Native Egyptians? or foreigners? Ezek. 30:13, last part.

COMMENT: From the days of Nebuchadnezzar there has never been a native Egyptian ruling supreme over the entire land of Egypt. Time and again the Egyptians rose in revolt, BUT THEY ALWAYS FAILED! The Persians ruled them, the Greeks, the Romans, the Arabs, the Turks, the French and the British -- and today native Arabs still rule Egypt.

To prove that Yahuwah is Supreme Ruler, He has given specific prophecies concerning the history of Egypt to this very day -- and a prophecy of what is still to happen to Egypt! Yahuwah has foretold the history of Egypt in advance IN TIME SEQUENCE in Daniel 11. These prophecies have come to pass in the VERY ORDER in which they were given. Only a deity could do that -- a deity who is alive today and who rules over the nations and determines the outcome of international affairs.

This is not the place to expound the entire 11th chapter of Daniel -- that would take a whole lesson by itself. But we want you to notice now what Yahuwah says will happen in the imminent future:

5. Will the land of Egypt escape the final colossal series of wars that culminate in the return of Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach? Dan. 11:42. Why will Egypt be seized? Verse 43. What is the most precious thing that Egypt possesses -- the Suez Canal? What power will finally take over the land of Egypt?

COMMENT: In this prophecy the power that takes over the land of Egypt is called the "king of the north." The king of the north first represented that division of Alexander's Empire that lay north of Palestine. It is called Syria. But Syria was swallowed up by ROME! This is described in the verses beginning with Dan. 11:30. So hereafter Rome becomes the "King of the North" in this prophecy. And the last revival of the Roman Empire IS ALREADY COMMENCING in Europe.

Yahuwah's Scriptures is again in the process of being proved true! Yahuwah defies all the power of Russia and of the Democratic Nations to stop the rise of this fascist Roman Empire -- a league of ten nations with the great religious power of the Vatican supporting and directing it! Germany undoubtedly will be its bulwark. A revived Germany, this time united with other fascist

dictatorships in Europe, and supporting the Church of Rome, will seize the entire Middle East. Yahuwah says so!

Now notice another major prophecy:

6. Did the Scriptures prophesy that the ancient city of TYRE (the great city of Phoenicia) would be ruled over by strangers for 2500 years? Or was Tyre to be destroyed? Ezekiel 26:3, 14, 20. What was the site of Tyre to become?

COMMENT: The site of Tyre IS TODAY a complete desolation. No city is there today, not even a village. A New Tyre was built, but it too was utterly destroyed just as Yahuwah prophesied through Ezekiel.

Notice that the importance of Tyre in prophecy is that HUMAN BEINGS CAN STILL THWART THE WILL OF YAHUWAH IF SCRIPTURES PROPHECY IS NOT INSPIRED. Yahuwah DARES any man to rebuild the city of Tyre. Every year, yes, EVERY HOUR that the site of Tyre remains a desolate TOP OF A ROCK for the spreading of fishermen's nets -- every hour that it remains uninhabited, and no city is built, it is SHOUTING THE PROOF of divine revelation and of the existence of a supernatural Yahuwah who overrules the desires and plans of men.

Let the agnostics and atheists find even one event that contradicts these marvellous prophecies and they will have found proof that Yahuwah is not able to keep His word! They have not found one such event! As for the city of Tyre, all that stands in the way of disproving the Scriptures is Yahuwah Himself. He defies anyone to rebuild this city -- which would be a comparatively easy physical task if any atheist wants to prove there is a deity who will prevent it. There is rich soil around it. There is an ample water supply. It has harbor possibilities with a little dredging -- but Tyre still remains desolate. Yahuwah said it would be so. He keeps His word.

7. Was the city of SIDON (Zidon) to be desolate and without inhabitants as its sister city of Tyre or was its fate to be DIFFERENT? Ezek. 28:20-23.

COMMENT: The city of Sidon exists today, having suffered the rampages of war throughout the centuries. Notice not one word of Ezekiel's prophecy says that Sidon was to be destroyed and never rebuilt. Yahuwah's judgment on Sidon was not one of utter extinction as it was on Tyre, but BLOOD in her streets, WOUNDED in her city, the SWORD on every side -- a CONTINUOUSLY EXISTING CITY, but reduced in population (now about 10,000) and in constant trouble!

8. What was to happen to ASHKELON? Zephaniah 2:4; Zechariah 9:5. Was it to become desolate? Why are the prophecies right EVERY TIME -- even though centuries and millenniums have passed since these predictions were written?

COMMENT: Here is what the Encyclopedia Britannica says about the city of Ashkelon: "Ashkelon, now a DESOLATE SITE" -- THE VERY WORDS THAT THE SCRIPTURES USES -- and "protruding from this sand-swept terrain, shattered columns and the remnants of ruined buildings and broken walls bear ample testimony to a past magnificence The country around is fertile. Vines, olives ... fruit trees flourish."

Here is yet another city which doubters could easily use to disprove the existence of Yahuwah. Why not rebuild the city? Why not? -- because Yahuwah said it would be a desolation!

9. What did Amanuwal prophesy would happen to JERUSALEM? Luke 21:24. Has this happened? Is Jerusalem trodden down by the Gentiles to this very day? What country now controls Old Jerusalem?

COMMENT: The Yahudim have moved their capital to New Jerusalem, but the OLD city is STILL trodden down by the present Kingdom of Jordan. Could all the power of the United Nations change this prophecy? Has the United Nations TRIED to intervene in the affairs of Palestine to free Jerusalem from exclusive Gentile control?

10. In previous lessons we have covered in broad outline the prophecies revealed in Daniel 2 and Daniel 7 and Daniel 8. In these chapters Daniel pictures the rise and fall of MAJOR POWERS, beginning with Babylon, Medo-Persia, Alexander's Grecian Empire and Rome. Notice that each of the first three was destroyed by another power that replaced it. If Daniel were merely guessing about the future, he would also logically have supposed that the fourth one would be devoured and supplanted by yet a fifth HUMAN empire. But Daniel does not say that!

What did Yahuwah INSPIRE Daniel to write? Dan. 7:23-24, 26. How long was this fourth empire to continue? Would it have revivals and declines until the very return of Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach? Verses 24 and 26.

COMMENT: Mussolini was the last international figure to revive the "ROMAN Empire." During the Middle Ages it was called "The Holy ROMAN Empire." (In a later lesson we shall cover in complete detail the various revivals of the Roman Empire. But these facts already mentioned should amply prove that Daniel was not guessing when he foretold that the first three kingdoms, which lasted only 500 years, would be succeeded by a fourth which would last for over 2000 years! Daniel did NOT foretell this prophecy by analogy with previous events. NO ONE BUT YAHUWAH could have revealed it to the prophet!

Yahuwah's Assembly Fulfills Prophecy

Just as Egypt, Tyre and Sidon witness to the inspiration of Old Testament prophecies, so the very presence of YAHUWAH'S assembly is proof of Yahuwah's existence and of the divine inspiration of New Testament prophecy!

All skeptics admit that the Scriptures have been completely written in its present form for over 18 centuries. THEREFORE ANYTHING IN THE SCRIPTURES relating to the assembly which AMANUWAL SAID HE WOULD BUILD COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN FORGED DURING THE PAST FEW HUNDRED YEARS. We have many manuscripts proving that our present Greek New Testament text is the same as it was 18 centuries ago.

What did Amanuwal say would happen to His Assembly? Would His assembly be a great, powerful "Mother" church from which would spring many PROTESTING "daughter" churches? Would His Church end in a babel of confusion -- in hundreds of conflicting church denominations?

If Amanuwal is alive today -- if He did not lie about His Assembly -- if He stands back of every word He uttered, then we ought to find ample proof in FULFILLED prophecy about His Assembly. Here is the PROOF:

1. Did Amanuwal pray -- and therefore PROPHESY -- that His Called Out Ones would be ONE BODY, united in perfect harmony as the Father and Amanuwal the Son are united in harmony? John 17:20-23 and verse 11. Did the Father always hear Amanuwal's prayers? John 11:41-42. Then, if Yahuwah exists, if He can answer prayer, IS HE BOUND TO ANSWER AMANUWAL PRAYER?

COMMENT: Yahuwah Almighty has been answering Amanuwal' prayer for the last 1900 years! The true assemblu of Yahuwah -- which Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach built -- exists today as ONE HARMONIOUS group of Spirit begotten Truth-seekers, composing the "Body of Mashyach." They are shattered and scattered and even if they are not aware of each other, Yahuwah is.

2. Then why are there so many denominations? If Yahuwah has been answering Amanuwal's prayer, why are there so many DIFFERENT churches -- all in confusion and disharmony? Could these churches be PART of the ONE TRUE ASSEMBLY which Amanuwal said He would build? Or are they the churches of this world MASQUERADING as the true Assembly of Yahuwah? Are these many conflicting churches a PART OF THIS WORLD? -- do they meddle in politics? in reform movements? Have they adopted the customs of this world? Was Amanuwal's Assembly to be A PART OF THIS WORLD'S CUSTOMS AND WAYS? John 17:14-16.

3. Then where did this confusion arise -- where did these discordant professing "Christian" churches come from? Did Amanuwal prophesy that false ministers would CREEP into the true Assembly? Mat. 7:15. Did Kefa also warn of these false teachers who would creep into the true Assembly unawares in an attempt to corrupt it? II Pet. 2:1-3. Had they already entered the Assembly in Jude's time? Jude 3, 4. But were they KICKED OUT by the time John wrote? I John 2:18-19. Notice the Scriptures plainly states that these false ministers NEVER were a PART of the true Assembly Amanuwal founded!!

COMMENT: Amanuwal did NOT prophesy of an apostasy, or going astray, of Truth-seekers WITHIN THE WAY. His disciples were designated as "sheep." Amanuwal was not speaking of "stray sheep," but of "WOLVES." They were DECEIVERS who crept into the Assembly under FALSE PRETENSE. They pretended to be -- they masqueraded as -- sheep.

These wolves in sheep's clothing sought to enter The Way, take it over, SUBSTITUTE their own pagan Babylonish Mysteries for Yahuwah's true teachings and commandments, and make it still appear as though it were Mashyach's Way!! It was a great diabolically inspired pagan movement to stamp the name of Mashyach on their worldly, pagan religion!

The apostle Sha'ul branded them as, in true FACT, the ministers of Satan (II Cor. 11:14-15). Yet they palmed themselves off as the apostles of Mashyach -- but they were FALSE apostles (verse 13).

When Jude wrote, about 67 A.D., they had already crept in by stealth and false pretense, turning GRACE into LICENSE to disobey Yahuwah's Law (Jude 4). In their letters, James and Kefa spoke of this opposition against Yahuwah's Law. The apostle John combated it in his letters, written in the 90'S A.D. By that time these imposters had come and GONE! But now they claimed that THEY, and their followers, NOT the true Assembly of Yahuwah, constituted the original "Truth-seekers," and the ONLY original true Assembly. But they NEVER were any PART of the TRUE Assembly which Amanuwal founded! (I John 2:19.)

4. Did the world begin to listen to the heresies and fables of those false teachers, rather than listen to the Truth of Yahuwah? I John 4:5. Is this true of the world today?

5. Did Amanuwal prophesy that MANY today, not the few, would be deceived? Matthew 24:4-5 and Mark 13:5-6. What does Luke 21:8 say? Do the many -- or do the FEW -- find the way of peace that leads to eternal life? Mat. 7:13-14. Does this sound like the majority of professing Christians really belong to the Assembly of Yahuwah today? Do these prophecies declare that THE MANY are PRESENTLY ensnared by this babylon of professing "Christian" denominations?

COMMENT: In Amanuwal's prophecy for TODAY He foretold of deceitful ministers -- with their false "churches" -- coming in His name, posing as Mashyach's true ministers, professing The Way, yet REJECTING the message Amanuwal brought from heaven.

This fact explains why the knowledge of the truth has become lost to the world and has been PRESERVED by the Assembly of Yahuwah. For ONLY Yahuwah's Assembly LIVES by every word of Yahuwah, recognizing and submitting to Mashyach's supreme authority over its collective members!

6. Though the world was to corrupt the truth -- even though it accepted the NAME OF MASHYACH -- did Amanuwal FORETELL that His Assembly would be preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of Yahuwah in the closing hours of this age? Mat. 24:14.

7. Is Yahuwah's Assembly preaching that Good News today? Does Amanuwal's Church have the backing of powerful worldly financial interests? Or does it have only "a LITTLE strength" which YAHUWAH INSPIRES to be used WISELY in a MIGHTY WAY to preach Mashyach's warning message to the world? Rev. 3:8.

COMMENT: The existence of Yahuwah's Assembly today is yet another proof that Yahuwah exists!

These are but a few of the HUNDREDS of scriptures which prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that WHAT AMANUWAL PROPHESIED would happen to HIS ASSEMBLY IS HAPPENING

TODAY! And the world has been turned to fables which are masquerading under the guise of "good news truth" AS AMANUWAL PROPHESIED!

8. Did Amanuwal also foresee a time when Yahuwah would have to intervene in world affairs to stop the impending threat of total annihilation of human life? Mat 24:21-22. (We discussed this in the very first lesson.)

COMMENT: Here again is added proof that Yahuwah does exist! He foreknew -- He planned -the events now taking place before our very eyes. He is the One responsible for the news headlines you read daily -- HEADLINES THAT POINT TO THE RAPID FULFILLMENT OF ALL THE OUTSTANDING PROPHECIES AS SOON AS THIS GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM IS PREACHED TO ALL THE WORLD AS A WITNESS!

The LESSON of Prophecy

Now that we have demonstrated by fulfilled prophecy that Yahuwah DOES exist, we are brought face to face with the recognition that Yahuwah is Supreme Ruler. As Supreme Ruler He commands our unconditional surrender to Him and our TOTAL OBEDIENCE TO HIS LAWS AND HIS GOVERNMENT--to His WAY of Life. This is the MESSAGE OF ALL THE PROPHETS SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN!

The prophets were NOT religious enthusiasts, reformers of worldly religions and morals, or politicians who guessed about the future in order to influence the world of their day. This idea is the common mistaken concept of modernists and of rationalistic theologians.

The prophets were rather WATCHMEN, GUARDIANS of Yahuwah's truth -- sent to warn individuals, cities, nations and the world of the results of their evil ways -- the results that sin brings. The prophets received revelations from a merciful Yahuwah to deliver to men BEFORE Yahuwah poured out His judgments on the people and the nations that revolted against His Will and did what seemed right in their own eyes. Yahuwah's watchmen warn TODAY! They warn the nations to yield to Yahuwah who alone knows right from wrong.

PROPHECY FORETELLS THE CORRECTIVE PUNISHMENT Yahuwah promises to send because He LOVES human beings and WANTS TO BRING THEM TO THEIR SENSES. "Surely the Sovereign Yahuwah will do nothing, but he revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7). Yahuwah promises, through prophecy, to give us ample advance WARNING TO TURN TO YAHUWAH'S WAYS which are BEST FOR mankind.

The entire lesson of prophecy is contained in II Kings 17:6-23:

"... Assyria captured Samaria, and ... carried the Israelites away" -- Why? -- "because the people of Israel had sinned against Yahuwah their Aluhym ... and had feared other idols and walked in the customs of the nations" -- they took up a way of life that SEEMED right to the nations round about them -- "And the people of Israel did secretly against Yahuwah their Aluhym things that were not right.... yet the Yahuwah WARNED ISRAEL AND JUDAH BY EVERY PROPHET AND EVERY SEER" -- Yahuwah spoke through the prophets and those who saw visions --

"saying, 'Turn from your evil ways and KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS AND MY STATUTES, in accordance with all the law which I commanded your fathers, AND WHICH I SENT TO YOU BY MY SERVANTS THE PROPHETS''' (verses 6-13).

Yahuwah's prophets were His spokesmen, revealing His law to a forgetful and rebellious nation.

"But they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers had been, who did not believe in Yahuwah their Aluhym... And Yahuwah rejected ALL the descendants of Israel ... AS HE HAD SPOKEN BY ALL HIS SERVANTS THE PROPHETS" (verses 14, 20, 23, RSV).

THE PROPHETS LAID BARE THE INNER REASONS FOR EXTERNAL CIRCUMSTANCES. They explained WORLD EVENTS in their connection with the government and the Laws of Yahuwah.

The ultimate PURPOSE for prophecy is to bring about the complete supremacy of YAHUWAH'S WILL among all human beings. It foretells to us TODAY that since most men will not voluntarily surrender themselves to the authority and laws of Yahuwah, He will have to intervene personally in world affairs to PUNISH THE DISOBEDIENT and BRING PEACE TO THE NATIONS.

Let's re-examine Romans 3 to fully understand WHY Yahuwah has prophesied punishment for our world.

1. Is it natural for human beings to understand the purpose of life? Romans 3:11, first part.

2. Can man, apart from the possibility of Yahuwah's help, naturally seek after Yahuwah and discover Him? Verse 11, last part. Does this plainly indicate that man could NEVER find Yahuwah unless He REVEALED HIMSELF? Is this what we learned from Lesson 9?

3. Now notice verse 12. Have all human beings gone the way that seems right to them? Is this Yahuwah's Way? Does Yahuwah say that humanity has STRAYED from His Way?

4. Does verse 12 imply that Yahuwah ORIGINALLY revealed His way to man and that man STRAYED from it? How else could they "have GONE out of the way"? Then are the nations BLINDED in ignorance and superstition? Are they of any profit to themselves or to Yahuwah the way they are? As usual, be sure to write down the answer to each of these questions on your notepaper.

5. How many by nature do good instead of evil? Last part of verse 12. Would you say the world believes this?

COMMENT: The SKEPTICS AND ATHEISTS obviously REJECT PROPHECY BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WANT TO DO THE WILL OF YAHUWAH! They want to do their own will which brings only heartache, suffering, sickness, war and death! Even the Fundamentalists who profess to know Yahuwah, LIE because they REFUSE TO DO HIS COMMANDMENTS: "He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His commandments, is a LIAR, and the TRUTH IS NOT IN HIM" (I John 2:4). These people TWIST the meaning of prophecy so they can continue in their willful rebellion against Yahuwah's laws.

It is not enough to recognize that Yahuwah exists. Prophecy proves that once we recognize He does exist, we are under obligation to RECOGNIZE HIS AUTHORITY and OBEY His Will which He has expressed in His commandments, statutes and judgments!

YAHUWAH DOES EXIST!

You now have the facts in briefest summary -- facts which prove that Yahuwah MUST EXIST. He must exist in order to have inspired the men who wrote the Scriptures centuries ago. He must still exist and rule over the nations in order to bring His prophecies to fulfillment!

Only a LIVING, ACTIVE DEITY could keep the agnostics and atheists from doing what Yahuwah said no man can do! Not even all the power of the atheistic Communists of Russia can rebuild what Yahuwah foretold "shall not be rebuilt." These prophecies could not have been written after the events occurred. (We have purposely left out any prophecy which the agnostics FALSELY claim was written AFTER the event.)

The prophets who wrote the Scriptures are dead. They could not fulfill their writings. Only a living, all-powerful ALUHYM could have intervened over the centuries to bring every one of these prophecies to fulfillment without exception! NOT ONE HAS FAILED!