

God's Power

How many Bible prophecies mention a Savior (or Messiah)?

50 100 150 200 250 Over 300

- ✓ Estimates vary. Many Bible scholars say there are over 300 Messiah prophecies.
- ✓ Amazingly, Jesus Christ fulfilled EVERY prediction about the coming Savior!
- ✓ The statistical odds of one person fulfilling all the prophecies are mind-boggling!

Peter Stoner calculated the likelihood of fulfilling just 8 prophecies listed on the side.

"We take **100 quadrillion** (100,000,000,000,000,000) silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all of the state **Two Feet Deep.**



- Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly, all over the state.
- Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and say this is the right one.

What chance would he have at getting the right one?

- Just the same chance that the prophets would have of writing these **8 prophecies and having them ALL come true in any ONE man.** "

Science Speaks by Peter Stoner, Mathematics Professor

Creation

"For in Him [God] all things were created:

*things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things have been created through Him and for Him."*

Colossians 1:16, NIV



- ❖ **Circle eight** things God "created."
- ❖ **Underline** the reason God created "all things".

*"But God made the earth by His **POWER**;
He founded the world by His wisdom
and stretched out the heavens by His understanding."*

Jeremiah 10:12, NIV

- ❖ **Underline** how "God made the earth."

*"He [God] counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.
Great is our Lord, and mighty in **POWER**; His understanding is infinite."*

Psalm 147:4-5, NKJV



- ❖ **Circle** what God "counts" and "calls" by name.
 - ◆ Astronomers say about **70 sextillion stars** (7 followed by 22 zeros) are in the universe!
- ❖ **Underline** the description of God's "understanding."
 - ◆ "Infinite" means endless, limitless, or impossible to measure.

"If you were to take every single, solitary grain of **SAND** off of every square inch of beach on the face of the earth, you wouldn't equal the number of **STARS** in the galaxies of the universe.

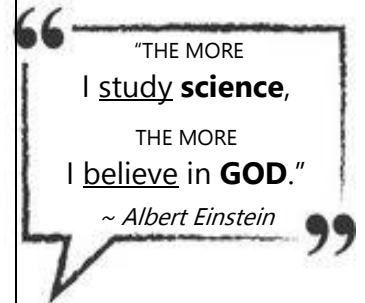
- ★ And your God **made them all!**
- ★ More amazing still, **He named them all!** ~ Sam Storms

8 Messiah Prophecies

- ❶ Born in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2)
- ❷ Preceded by a messenger. (Malachi 3:1)
- ❸ Enter Jerusalem as a ruler, riding on a donkey. (Zechariah 9:9)
- ❹ Betrayed by a friend and wounded in hands. (Zechariah 13:6)
- ❺ Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver. (Zechariah 11:12)
- ❻ Betrayed will throw money in temple. Bribe buys potter's field. (Zechariah 11:13)
- ❼ Will not speak in own defense. (Isaiah 53:7)
- ❽ Hands and feet will be pierced. (Psalm 22:16)

*"In the beginning
God created the
heaven and the earth."*

Genesis 1:1, KJV



"In the absence of any other proof, the **THUMB** alone would convince me of **God's existence.**"

~ Isaac Newton

*"The **finite** cannot grasp the **INFINITE.**"*

~ Anonymous

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Isaac's Birth

*"God also said to Abraham,
'As for...Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her...'
Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself,
'Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old?
Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?'"*
Genesis 17:15-17, NIV



- ❖ **Circle** how old Abraham was.
- ❖ **Underline** how old Sarah was.

Abraham and Sarah were the age to be grandparents or great-grandparents—not parents!

*"Then the Lord said to Abraham,
'Why did Sarah laugh and say, Will I really have a child, now that I am old?
Is anything too hard for the Lord?
I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.'"*
Genesis 18:13-14, NIV

- ❖ **Frame** when God said Sarah would "have a son."

The conclusion of the story shows that **nothing** is "too hard for the Lord."

*"Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age,
at the very time God had promised him.
Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him."*
Genesis 21:2-3, NIV



- ❖ **Underline** when Sarah had a son.
- ❖ **Circle** the name of the son.
 - ◆ Isaac's miracle birth happened exactly as Almighty God promised.
 - ◆ The Bible records more about Isaac's birth than any other birth – except Jesus.

Feeding 5000

*"Then He [Jesus] ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass,
and taking the five loaves and the two fish,
He looked up to heaven and said a blessing.
Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples,
and the disciples gave them to the crowds."* Matthew 14:19, ESV



- ❖ **Underline** how much food Jesus began with.
 - ◆ This started out as one boy's lunch, but the boy willingly gave it all to Jesus. (John 6:9)

*"And they all ate and were satisfied.
And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.
And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children."*
Matthew 14:20-21, ESV

- ❖ **Circle** how many "baskets" of food were left after everyone was "satisfied."
 - ◆ Buying that much food would have cost a fortune!
 - ◆ Before everyone ate, the disciple Philip said, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" (John 6:7, NIV)
- ❖ **Underline** who ate in addition to the 5000 men.
 - ◆ A total of 15,000 to 20,000 people might have been fed. Plus, there were leftovers!



"Our God has **boundless resources**. The only limit is in us.
❖ Our asking, our thinking, our praying are too small.
❖ Our expectations are too limited." ~ A. B. Simpson

"There are **256 NAMES** given in the Bible for the Lord Jesus Christ, and I suppose this was because He was infinitely beyond all that any **1 NAME** could express."
~ Billy Sunday

*"He gives **POWER** to the weak,
and to those who have no
might He increases strength."*
Isaiah 40:29, NKJV

"Never be afraid to trust an **unknown future** to a **known God**."
~ Corrie ten Boom

*"But He said to me [Paul],
'My **grace is sufficient for you,**
for my **POWER is made perfect in weakness.**'*
*Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses,
so that the **POWER** of Christ may rest upon me."*
2 Corinthians 12:9, ESV

? What are **other** miracles Jesus did on earth?

*"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying,
All **POWER** is given unto me in heaven and in earth."*
Matthew 28:18, KJV

God's Power to Forgive Sins

² "Some men brought to Him [Jesus] a paralyzed man, lying on a mat.
When Jesus saw their faith,
He said to the man, 'Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven....'
⁶ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.'
So He said to the paralyzed man, 'Get up, take your mat and go home.'
⁷ Then the man got up and went home.
⁸ When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God...."
Matthew 9:2, 6-8, NIV

- ❖ **Underline** what Jesus said to the paralyzed man in verse 2.
- ❖ **Frame** what Jesus said to the paralyzed man in verse 6.
- ❖ **Circle** what the paralyzed man was able to do.

By enabling a paralyzed man to walk, Jesus proved He also had power to forgive sin.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."
Ephesians 2:8-9, ESV

- ❖ **Circle** how we are saved.
- ❖ **Underline why** God choose to save us "through faith" instead of "by works."

"There are basically only **two kinds of religion** in the world: those based on **HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT** and those based on **DIVINE ACCOMPLISHMENT**.



- One says you can earn your way to heaven.
- The other says you must trust in Jesus Christ alone."

~ John MacArthur

God's Power Is Unlimited

"Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth
by your great power and by your outstretched arm!
Nothing is too hard for you."
Jeremiah 32:17, ESV

- ❖ **Frame** what is "too hard" for God.

"Jesus replied, 'What is impossible with man is possible with God.'" Luke 18:27, NIV

- ❖ **Underline** what Jesus said.

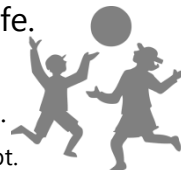
"**FAITH** does not operate in the realm of the possible.

- ~ There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible.
- ~ **FAITH begins where man's power ends.**" ~ George Muller

During the 19th century, **GEORGE MULLER** started **five orphanages** which cared for a total of **10,024 orphans** during his life.


Through the orphanages, he wanted to show the world that God is still living and answers the prayers of those who trust Him.

- George Muller **never** asked anyone for money and **never** went into debt.
- Instead, he **prayed** for God to take care of the orphans' needs. **God always provided!**



"A religion that is small enough for our **understanding** would not be big enough for our **needs**."
~ Corrie ten Boom

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us...."
Titus 3:5, KJV

 "His divine **POWER** has given us everything we need for a godly life...."
2 Peter 1:3, NIV

"...God, the blessed and only Ruler, the **KING** of kings and Lord of lords."
1 Timothy 6:15, NIV

"God never made a **promise** that was too good to be true."
~ D. L. Moody

 *Philippians 4:13*

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God's Power to Help Us

"...Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!
Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory...."
Revelation 19:6-7, NKJV



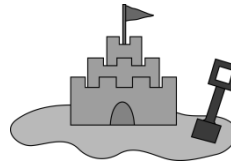
- ❖ **Circle** who reigns.
 - ◆ "Omnipotent" is **all-powerful**. That means God has authority and ability to do anything.
- ❖ **Underline three** things we should do because God "reigns."

God's Care for Us

"I [Paul] pray that the **eyes of your heart** may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, and His incomparably great **POWER** for us who believe. That **POWER** is the same as the **mighty strength** He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms" Ephesians 1:18-20, NIV

- ❖ **Underline** why Paul prayed the "eyes" of their "heart" would be "enlightened."
 - ◆ Paul prayed the Ephesians would have spiritual understanding to "see" all the blessings God gives to His children.
- ❖ **Circle two** examples of God's "mighty strength."
 - ◆ Christ's resurrection is the most important miracle that ever happened. Because God raised Christ from the dead, we know God has power to help all who trust Him.

"How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God,
How vast is the sum of them!
If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand...."
Psalm 139:17-18, NASB



- ❖ **Underline** what "outnumbers the sand."


"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.
But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.
Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." Matthew 10:29-31, ESV



- ❖ **Circle** how much "two sparrows" cost.
- ❖ **Underline** why we are not to "fear."

"It is impossible for that man to despair who remembers that his helper is **OMNIPOTENT**."

~ Jeremy Taylor

 2 Chronicles 20:6

"Every **tomorrow** has 2 **Handles**. We can take hold of it with the **Handle of ANXIETY** or the **Handle of FAITH**."

~ Henry Ward Beecher

"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins."
1 Corinthians 15:17, NASB

"And **JABEZ** called on the God of Israel saying,

- Oh, that You would bless me indeed,
- and enlarge my territory,
- that Your hand would be with me,
- and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!"

So God granted him what he requested."

1 Chronicles 4:10, NKJV

PRAYER OF JABEZ

? Would you like to experience more of God's POWER in your life?

⇒ **Read** Jabez's prayer on the side column.

Since Jabez's life had a rough start, it shows God's POWER to answer prayer!

- Jabez has one of the shortest bios in the Bible – only 2 verses. See **1 Chronicles 4:9-10**.

If you pray for God to show His POWER through your life ... **Be Prepared!**

- God may **first** take you through a difficult time as preparation for an expanded ministry.

PRAYER

Almighty God, Your power is displayed in everything You created! May I have "eyes" that see all the many blessings You have given me and faith to fully trust You. Amen.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in **His mighty POWER**."
Ephesians 6:10, NIV

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