



Week 5 – Days 29 - 35 - NOTES

Is the Bible God's Word? Part 2
Prophecies
December 21, 2003



Small Group Questions

- 1) In the sermon, a Prophet was defined as the mouthpiece of God. How do you know if you are a prophet? How would you define a prophet to a non believer?
- 2) Define prophecy. Does this gift exist today?
- 3) How many prophecies concerning the coming messiah were made in the Old Testament? How many of them were fulfilled?
- 4) Discuss the following 5 prophecies detailed in the sermon:
 - a. Rapture of the church (1 Thess 4:16-18). Define the rapture. Who is “the church”? Read through all 7 raptures detailed in the bible.
 - i. Enoch – Genesis 5
 - ii. Elijah – 2 Kings 2
 - iii. Philip – Acts 8
 - iv. Paul – 2 Cor. 12
 - v. Jesus –
 - vi. John - Revelation 4
 - vii. 2 Witnesses – Revelation 11
 - b. Second Coming (Rev 19:11-16). Do you know how many references there are in the Bible concerning the second coming? (300). How would you describe the second coming to a non believer?
 - c. Thousand year reign (Rev 20:1-6). Read the account of the thousand year reign in Revelation and discuss what that will be like. As a believer today, what role will you play in the thousand year reign?
 - d. Great White throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11-15) IS this the final judgment on mankind? If you were judged today, how would you do? Remember, God has “books” full of your thoughts, actions, etc...How does the blood of Jesus affect these books in terms of a believer?
 - e. Eternity – New heaven and a New earth (Rev 21:1-8) WOW, THIS IS OUR HOPE!!!! Praise God! Discuss the following: God will wipe away every tear, no death, no sorrow, no pain....
- 5) Knowing what you know about the messianic prophecies, you should feel equipped to share these things with others. We have provided you with a powerful way of explaining the Messianic Prophecy and the fulfillment in Jesus. Read the discussion (below) about Jesus fulfilling just 8 of the 300 messianic prophecies and the silver dollars, etc...Share this with a non believer – POWERFUL!



Small Group Announcements

Memory Verse

Isa 7:14-15 “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. “

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Small Groups



Did you know...The following things began in Genesis?

- The Beginning of Creation
- The Beginning of Relationships
- The Beginning of Sin and Death
- The Beginning of Murder and Strife
- The Beginning of Prophecy
- The Beginning of the End
- The Beginning of the Races
- The Beginning of Redemption
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Our Next session of Small Groups will begin on January 4 entitled “Genesis...Foundations”. For in-depth discussion and teaching about these things, you need to get into a Small Group. For more information, go to the Small Groups table, or check out the website at <http://www.therocksandiego.org/smallgroups/>.

The purpose of small groups is to lead people into a life-changing and productive relationship with Jesus Christ. Each small group consists of 4-12 people who meet weekly for prayer, accountability and group discussion. Our hope is that everyone walking through the doors of the Rock will be involved in a Small Group. Are you in one?





Sermon Notes

Is the Bible God's Word? Part 1

BIBLE SCIENCE

December 14, 2003

KEY TERMS:

Prophet - _____ (*Mouthpiece*) _____ of God

Prophecy - _____ (*"Thus saith the Lord"*) _____ statements which could only be known by God.

Messianic Prophecy - "Thus saith the Lord" comments pertaining to the future _____ (*Messiah*) _____.

If He was faithful then, He will be faithful later.

FIVE PROPHECIES YET TO BE FULFILLED

1. _____ (*Rapture*) _____ of the church (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)

2. _____ (*Second*) _____ coming (Revelation 19:11-16)
Parousia - "presence after absence"

3. _____ (*1000-year*) _____ reign (Revelation 20:1-6)

4. _____ (*Great White throne*) _____ Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15)

5. Eternity - New _____ (*Heaven*) _____ and New _____ (*Earth*) _____
(Revelation 21:1-8)





Messianic Prophecy

Old Testament Scriptures That Describe The Coming Messiah		
The Messianic Prophecy (paraphrased)	Where the prophecy appears in the Old Testament (written between 1450 BC and 430BC)	Jesus' fulfillment of the prophecy in the New Testament (written between 45 and 95 AD)
The Messiah will be the offspring (descendant) of the woman (Eve)	Genesis 3:15	Galatians 4:4
The Messiah will be a descendant of Abraham, through whom everyone on earth will be blessed	Genesis 12:3; 18:18	Acts 3:25,26
The Messiah will be a descendant of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Matthew 1:2 and Luke 3:33
The Messiah will be a prophet like Moses	Deuteronomy 18:15-19	Acts 3:22,23
The Messiah will be the Son of God	Psalms 2:7	Matthew 3:17; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22
The Messiah will be raised from the dead (resurrected)	Psalms 16:10,11 and 49:15	Matthew 28:5-9; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:4-7; John 20:11-16; Acts 1:3 and 2:32
The Messiah crucifixion experience	Psalms 22 (contains 11 prophecies—not all listed here)	Matthew 27:34-50 and John 19:17-30
The Messiah will be sneered at and mocked	Psalms 22:7	Luke 23:11,35-39
The Messiah will be pierced through hands and feet	Psalms 22:16	Luke 23:33 and 24:36-39; John 19:18 and 20:19-20,24-27
The Messiah's bones will not be broken (a person's legs were usually broken after being crucified to speed up their death)	Psalms 22:17 and 34:20	John 19:31-33,36
Men Will Gamble for the Messiah's clothing	Psalms 22:18	Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:34; John 19:23,24



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The Messiah will be accused by false witnesses	Psalm 35:11	Matthew 26:59,60 and Mark 14:56,57
The Messiah will be hated without a cause	Psalm 35:19 and 69:4	John 15:23-25
The Messiah will be betrayed by a friend	Psalm 41:9	John 13:18,21
The Messiah will ascend to heaven (at the right hand of God)	Psalm 68:18	Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9; 2:33-35; 3:20-21; 5:31,32; 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20,21; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; 1 Pet 3:22
The Messiah will be given vinegar and gall to drink	Psalm 69:21	Matthew 27:34; Mark 15:23; John 19:29,30
Great kings will pay homage and tribute to the Messiah	Psalm 72:10,11	Matthew 2:1-11
The Messiah is a "stone the builders rejected" who will become the "head cornerstone"	Psalm 118:22,23 and Isaiah 28:16	Matthew 21:42,43; Acts 4:11; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:6-8
The Messiah will be a descendant of David	Psalm 132:11 and Jeremiah 23:5,6; 33:15,16	Luke 1:32,33
The Messiah will be born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 1:26-35
The Messiah's first spiritual work will be in Galilee	Isaiah 9:1-7	Matthew 4:12-16
The Messiah will make the blind see, the deaf hear, etc.	Isaiah 35:5-6	Many places. Also see Matthew 11:3-6 and John 11:47
The Messiah will be beaten, mocked, and spat upon	Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 26:67 and 27:26-31
The "Gospel according to Isaiah"	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
People will hear and not believe the "arm of the LORD" (Messiah)	Isaiah 53:1	John 12:37,38



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The Messiah will be rejected	Isaiah 53:3	Matthew 27:20-25; Mark 15:8-14; Luke 23:18-23; John 19:14,15
The Messiah will be killed	Isaiah 53:5-9	Matthew 27:50; Mark 15:37-39; Luke 23:46; John 19:30
The Messiah will be silent in front of his accusers	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 26:62,63 and 27:12-14
The Messiah will be buried with the rich	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:59,60; Mark 15:46; Luke 23:52,53; John 19:38-42
The Messiah will be crucified with criminals	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38; Mark 15:27; Luke 23:32,33
The Messiah is part of the new and everlasting covenant	Isaiah 55:3-4 and Jeremiah 31:31-34	Matthew 26:28; Mark 14:24; Luke 22:20; Hebrews 8:6-13
The Messiah will be our intercessor (intervene for us and plead on our behalf)	Isaiah 59:16	Hebrews 9:15
The Messiah has two missions	Isaiah 61:1-3 (first mission ends at "... year of the LORD's favor")	First mission: Luke 4:16-21; Second mission: to be fulfilled at the end of the world
The Messiah will come at a specific time	Daniel 9:25-26	Galatians 4:4 and Ephesians 1:10
The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1 and Luke 2:4-7
The Messiah will enter Jerusalem riding a donkey	Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 21:1-11
The Messiah will be sold for 30 pieces of silver	Zechariah 11:12,13	Matthew 26:15 with Matthew 27:3-10
The Messiah will forsaken by His disciples	Zechariah 13:7	Matthew 26:31,56
The Messiah will enter the Temple with authority	Malachi 3:1	Matthew 21:12 and Luke 19:45



Prophecy

(From *Easton's Bible Dictionary*)

or prediction, was one of the functions of the prophet. It has been defined as a "miracle of knowledge, a declaration or description or representation of something future, beyond the power of human sagacity to foresee, discern, or conjecture." (See PROPHET .)

2 Prophecies from Genesis

1. **Genesis 3:15** – here we have both a declaration of war to the enemy as well as a preview of the virgin birth.
2. The Hidden Message found in **Genesis 5** – check out what the meaning of the names proclaims in Genesis 5:

ADAM – Man
SETH – Appointed
ENOSH – Mortal
CAINAN – Sorrow
MAHALALEL – The Blessed God
JARED – Shall come down
ENOCK – Teaching
METHUSELAH – His death shall bring
LAMECH – The despairing
NOAH – Comfort – Rest

When we put it all together we get this incredible prophecy from the book of Genesis:

“Man (is) appointed mortal sorrow (but) the Blessed God shall come down, teaching (that) His death shall bring the despairing rest (or comfort).



Odds that Jesus could fulfill just 8 of the 300 Messianic Prophecies...

We all in some way or another are trying to beat the odds, only to find that we have become one of the alarming statistics that shapes the odds. For every winner, there are thousands of losers. We never hear of the losers, just the winners. This stirs us up to try to beat the odds again and again in a never-ending cycle.

Science has developed a method of studying odds. It is called the science of compound probabilities; a mathematical study of situations and the odds of possible outcomes.

One of the most amazing studies conducted using this method was recorded by Professor Peter Stoner in Science Speaks. The purpose of the study was to determine the odds of one man in history fulfilling all the prophecies, recorded in the Bible, that point to the Jewish Messiah. There are 300 different messianic Bible prophecies; Stoner chose 61 that are clearly defined and specific for this study. It is interesting that one man has already fulfilled all 300 prophecies; His name is Jesus Christ.

To begin, eight prophecies were chosen that were totally beyond the human control of Jesus, such as:

1. His place of birth (Micah 5:2)
2. Time of birth (Daniel 9:25, Genesis 49:10)
3. Manner of birth (Isaiah 7:14)
4. Betrayal (Zechariah 11:11-13)
5. Manner of Death (Psalm 22:16), (Crucifixion). Note the crucifixion in detail, down to the gambling of the Roman soldiers for his robe. This was written 800 years before crucifixion was invented by the Romans.
6. Piercing of hands, feet and side (Psalm 22, Zechariah 12:10)
7. People mocking (Isaiah 53, Psalm 22)
8. Burial (Isaiah 53:9)

The compound probability of these eight prophecies being fulfilled is 1 in 10^{17} . That is 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000. To illustrate this, take 10^{17} silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They cover the entire state two feet deep. Next, mark a silver dollar, fly over Texas, and drop it out anywhere. Then blindfold someone and let him parachute in anywhere he wants. He should take his time; he only gets one pick and the coin he picks must be the one you marked. What chance would he have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets had of writing these





eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one man. Jesus fulfilled them all.

Now let's raise the odds using 48 prophecies. We find the chance of any one man fulfilling 48 prophecies to be 1 in 10^{157} . To visualize this the silver dollar we have been using is too large. So let's use an electron. Electrons are so small that it takes 2.5 times 10^{18} of them laid side by side to make a line, one inch long. To count the electrons in this one-inch line, you would have to count them at the rate of 250 each minute, day and night for 19 million years. If we had a cubic inch of these electrons, it would take us counting steadily 250 each minute, 19 million years or 6.9×10^{21} years.

To create a 1 in 10^{157} situation, we need a mass of electron balls the size of our known universe. The universe is 12 billion light years in diameter. This number of electron balls will require 6 billion years of around-the-clock production. Mark one electron, in one electron ball and send it about 6 billion light years away from the earth. Then send a man in a space probe in search of the marked electron, blindfolded of course! The odds of this man choosing the marked electron on his first try are equal to the odds of one man fulfilling only 48 Bible prophecies. Jesus fulfilled over 300 Bible prophecies.

Jesus did not fall victim to the odds, nor did he beat the odds. Jesus shapes the odds! There is much more involved here than just prophecies being fulfilled. In fact these Bible prophecies reveal a specific plan made by the God of the Bible for the redemption and salvation of mankind, His creation, from the lost, degenerate state he has fallen to. These Bible prophecies were written to reveal God's desire to re-establish a personal relationship between Himself and every individual human being. This relationship is to be based upon God's love, which each person experiences when they respond to the prophecies written in God's Word, the Bible, by putting their trust in Jesus who fulfilled them all.

Now that the odds pertaining to Jesus and the Bible prophecies have been literally fulfilled, they are no longer odds. They are facts that have become established realities. These are realities that cannot be ignored. Each person reading this article is left with a choice to respond to the facts about Jesus: to receive or reject Him.

Now I will close with one final question, "Are the odds in your favor?"





Prophecies concerning what's left

1. rapture his church -

1 Cor 15:50-58

⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."^[7]

⁵⁵"O Death, where is your sting?^[8]
O Hades, where is your victory?"^[9]

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Thess. 4:13-17

¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.^[1]

¹⁵For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Is 26:19f;

¹⁹Your dead shall live;
Together with my dead body^[1] they shall arise.
Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust;
For your dew is like the dew of herbs,
And the earth shall cast out the dead.
²⁰ Come, my people, enter your chambers,
And shut your doors behind you;
Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment,





Until the indignation is past.

²¹For behold, the LORD comes out of His place
To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity;
The earth will also disclose her blood,
And will no more cover her slain.

Zeph 2:3

³Seek the LORD, all you meek of the earth,
Who have upheld His justice.
Seek righteousness, seek humility.
It may be that you will be hidden
In the day of the LORD's anger.

Ps. 27:5

⁵For in the time of trouble
He shall hide me in His pavilion;
In the secret place of His tabernacle
He shall hide me;
He shall set me high upon a rock.

2. the 70th week of Daniel (The Great Tribulation)

Daniel 9

²⁴"Seventy weeks^[1] are determined
For your people and for your holy city,
To finish the transgression,
To make an end of^[2] sins,
To make reconciliation for iniquity,
To bring in everlasting righteousness,
To seal up vision and prophecy,
And to anoint the Most Holy.

²⁵"Know therefore and understand,
That from the going forth of the command
To restore and build Jerusalem
Until Messiah the Prince,
There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks;
The street^[3] shall be built again, and the wall,^[4]
Even in troublesome times.

²⁶"And after the sixty-two weeks
Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;
And the people of the prince who is to come





Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.
The end of it shall be with a flood,
And till the end of the war desolations are determined.
27Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;
But in the middle of the week
He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.
And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,
Even until the consummation, which is determined,
Is poured out on the desolate."

3. His second coming - The East Gate and the Return of the Messiah

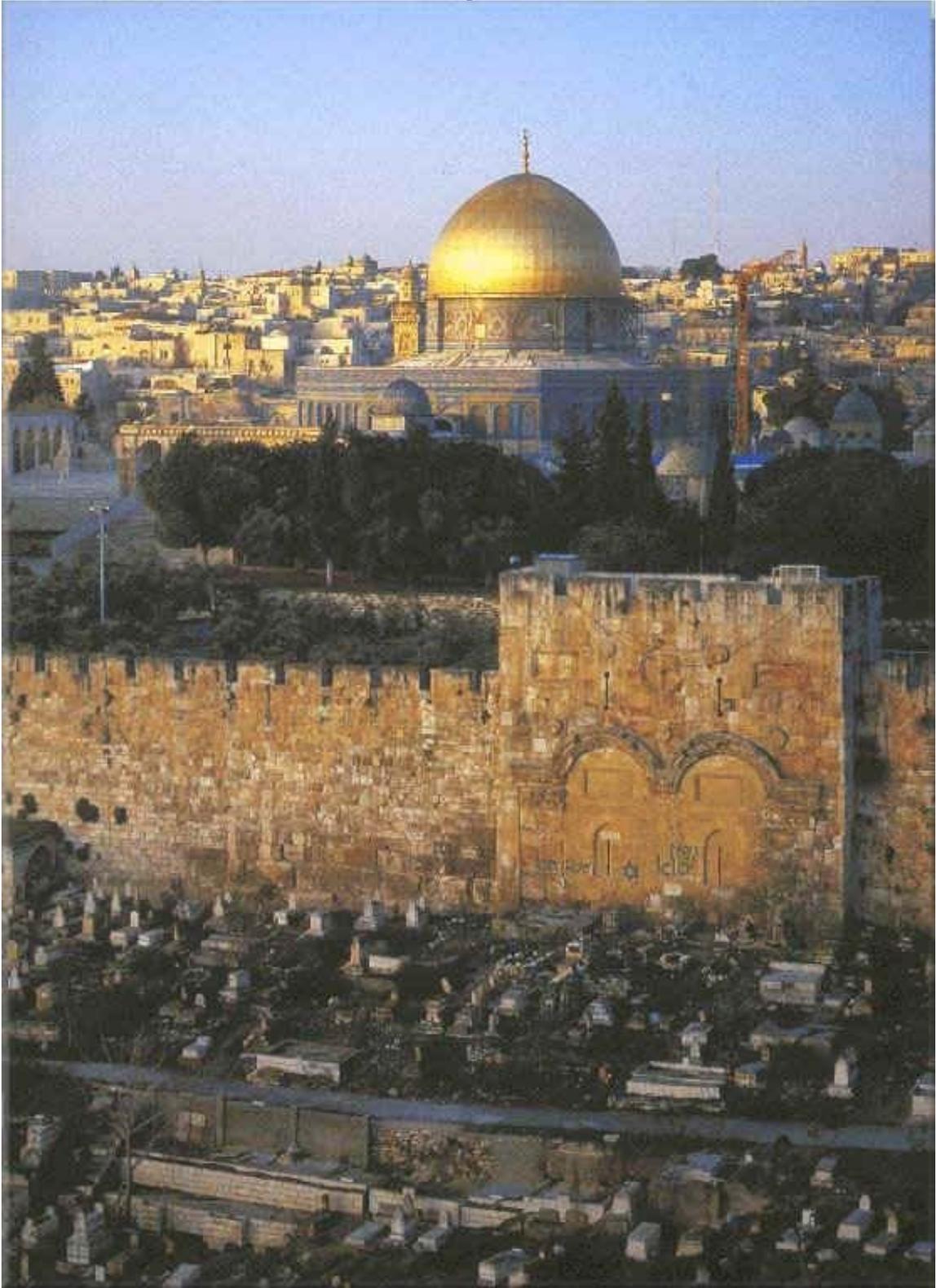
Neh. 3:29 "...the gate that looketh toward the east: And the glory of the Lord came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east."

Ezekiel 44:1-3 ¹ Then the man brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, the one facing east, and it was shut. ² The LORD said to me, "This gate is to remain shut. It must not be opened; no one may enter through it. It is to remain shut because the LORD, the God of Israel, has entered through it. ³ The prince himself is the only one who may sit inside the gateway to eat in the presence of the LORD. He is to enter by way of the portico of the gateway and go out the same way."

Jesus entered Jerusalem through the East gate around 30 A.D. (long before it was blocked by the Ottomans) as he came down from the Mount of Olives and entered the temple according to our understanding of Luke 19:28-48. He would have entered through the original gate in the wall which was destroyed with the city by the Romans in 70 A.D. Ezekiel says concerning this closed gate that the "Prince" (which the Messiah is often called throughout the Old Testament and Jesus is called in the New Testament) shall enter it again. Jesus, having entered the city, said that he would not be seen again until Jerusalem acknowledges him (Matthew 23:37-39).

Today the Temple Mount is under Muslim control, and it is just over the golden (eastern) gate and has been guarded very closely even today.

The Eastern gate is presently considered by the Arabs to be their exclusive property. It is sealed up and blocked off. However one day, the Messiah will land on the Mount of Olives, with all His saints, and walk down to and right through the Eastern Gate and into the Temple area.



The East Gate





4. His 1000 year reign - fulfills the prophecy of Jesus ruling on the earth with a rod of iron

Revelation 20

The Thousand Years

¹And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ²He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

⁴I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

rod of iron

"Ask of Me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve The Lord with fear, with trembling kiss His feet, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way; for His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him." (Psalms 2:8-12 RSV)

"Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a Name inscribed which no one knows but Himself. He is clad in a robe dipped in blood, and the Name by which He is called is The Word of God [see [The Logos](#)]. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, followed Him on white horses. From His mouth issues a sharp sword with which to smite the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; He will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On His robe and on His thigh He has a Name inscribed, King of kings and Lord of lords." (Revelation 19:11-16 RSV)

5. Great White Throne Judgment

Revelation 20

¹²And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done.

