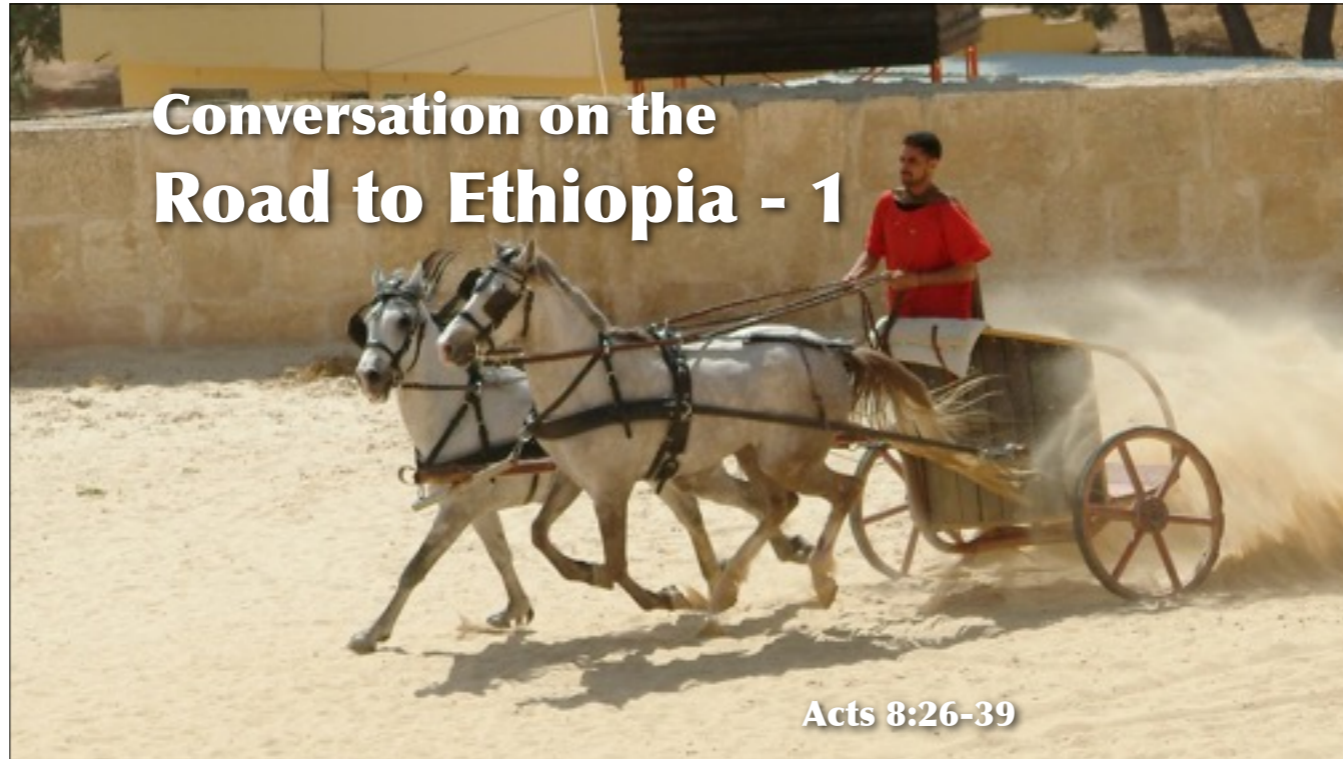


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The Importance of Prophecy



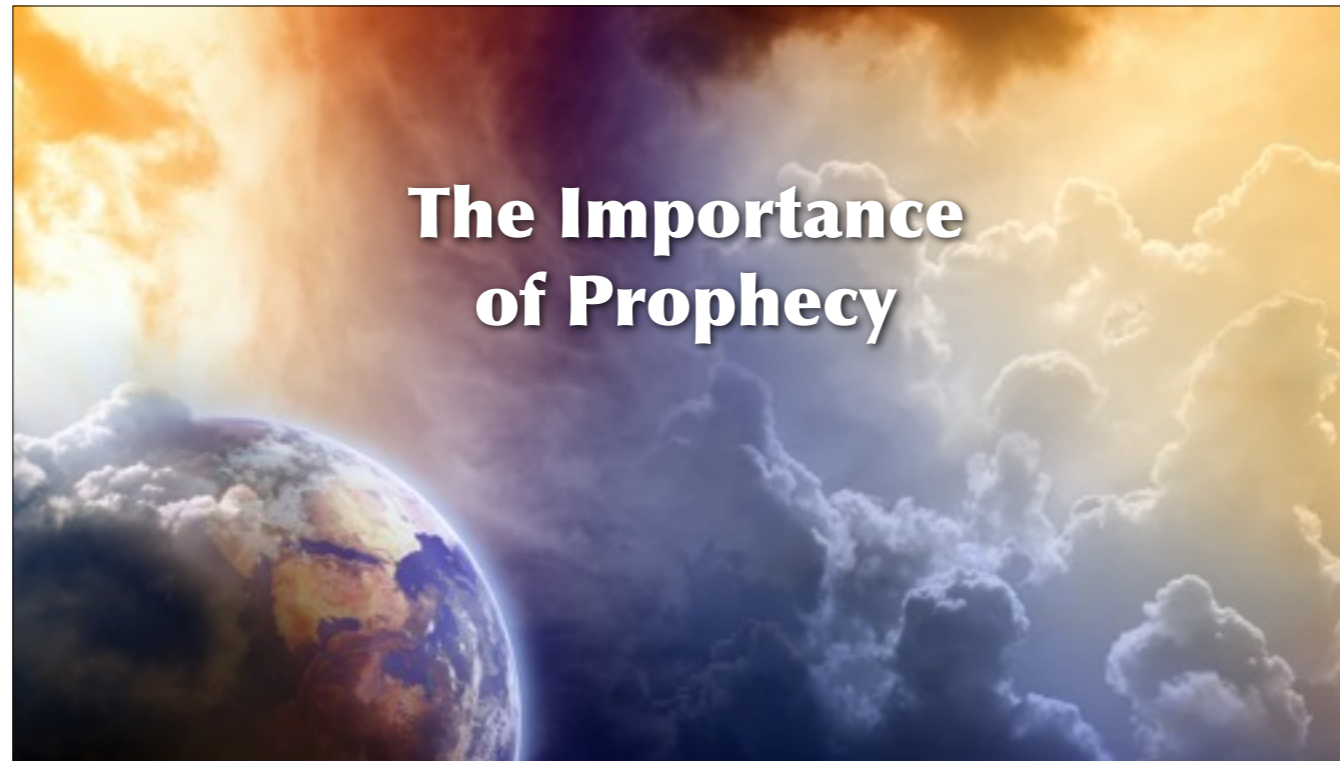
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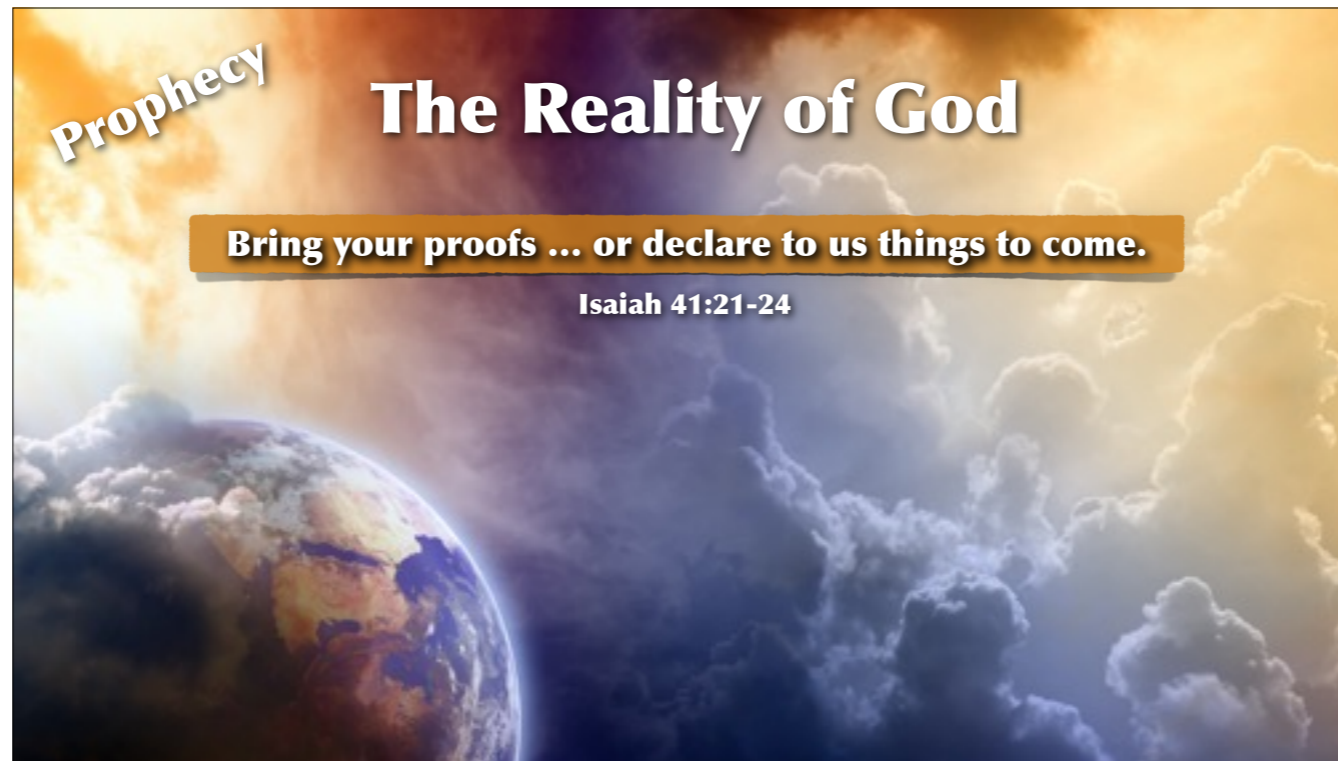
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- The Importance of Prophecy



- The Reality of God
- Esp. in contrast to false gods and idols



- Isaiah 41:21-24
- Bring your proofs ... Or declare to us the things to come.

Prophecy

The Reality of God

Bring your proofs ... or declare to us things to come.

Isaiah 41:21-24

Tell us what is to come hereafter, that we may know you are gods

- Tell us what is to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods
- Behold you are nothing, and your work is less than nothing.

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- I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, “My counsel shall stand and I will accomplish all my purpose ...

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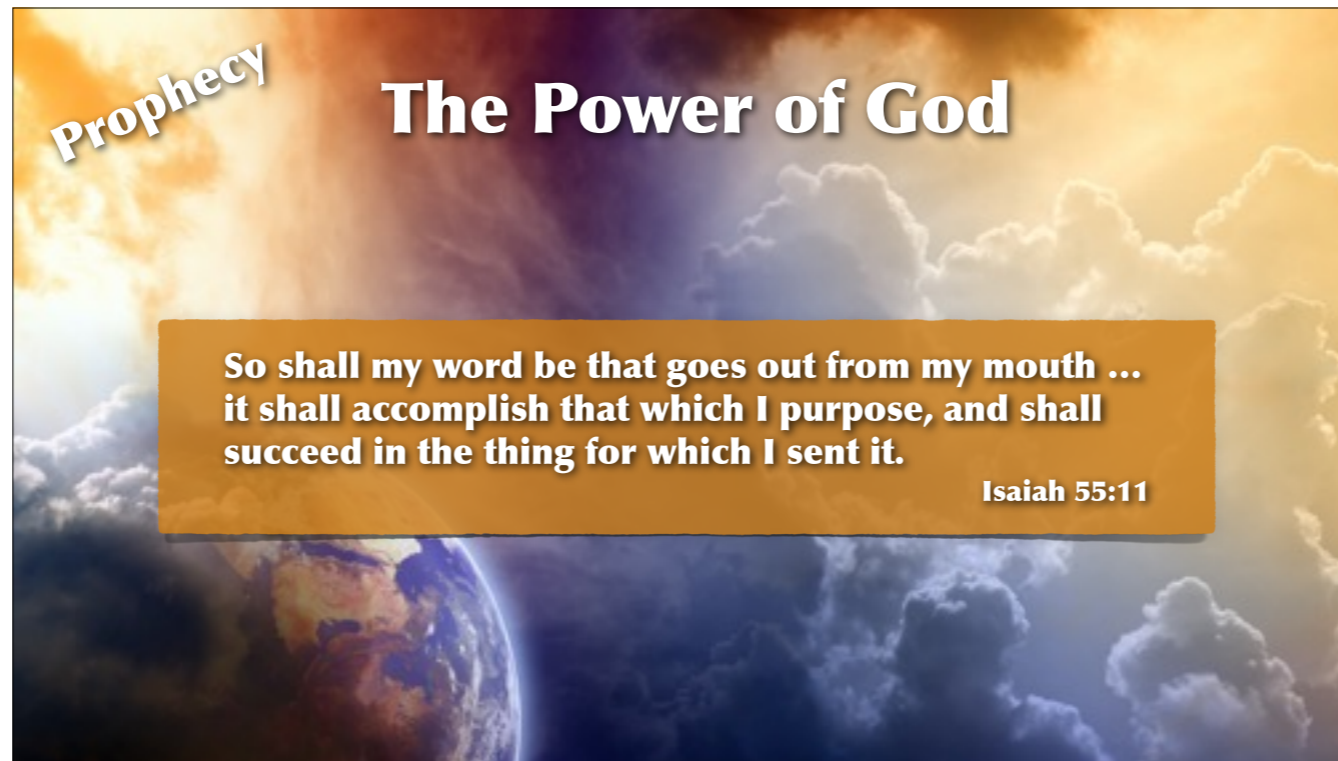
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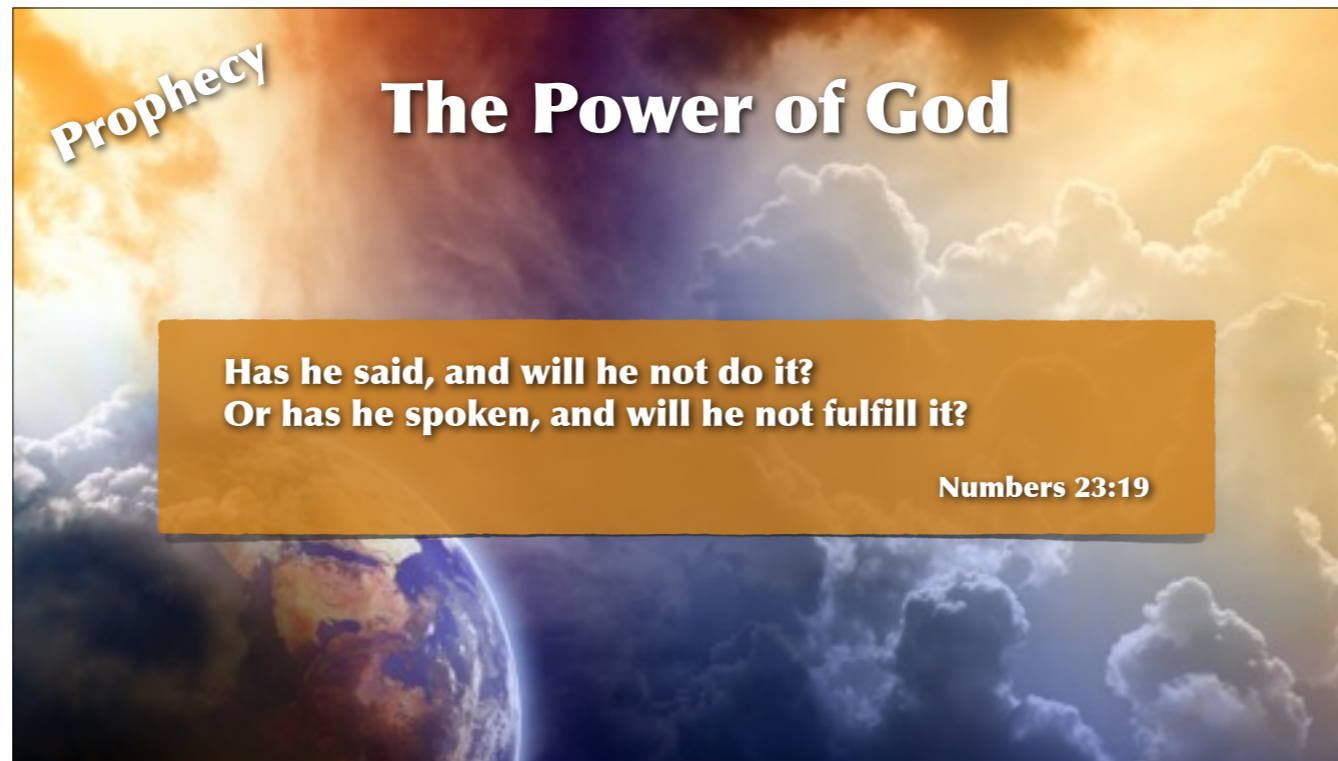
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- The Power of God
- Demonstrates God's ability to state His purposes and the accomplish them through His power.



- Isaiah 55:11: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.



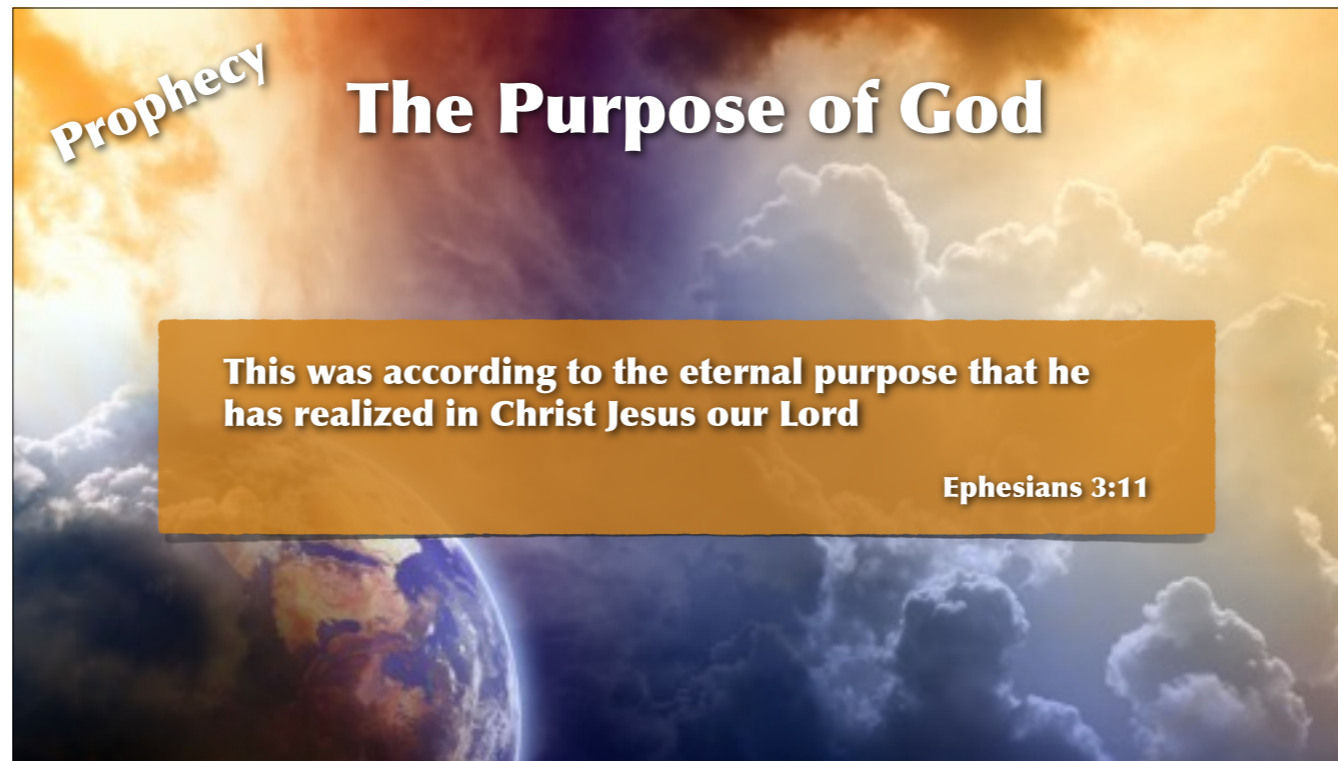
- Numbers 23:19: God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?



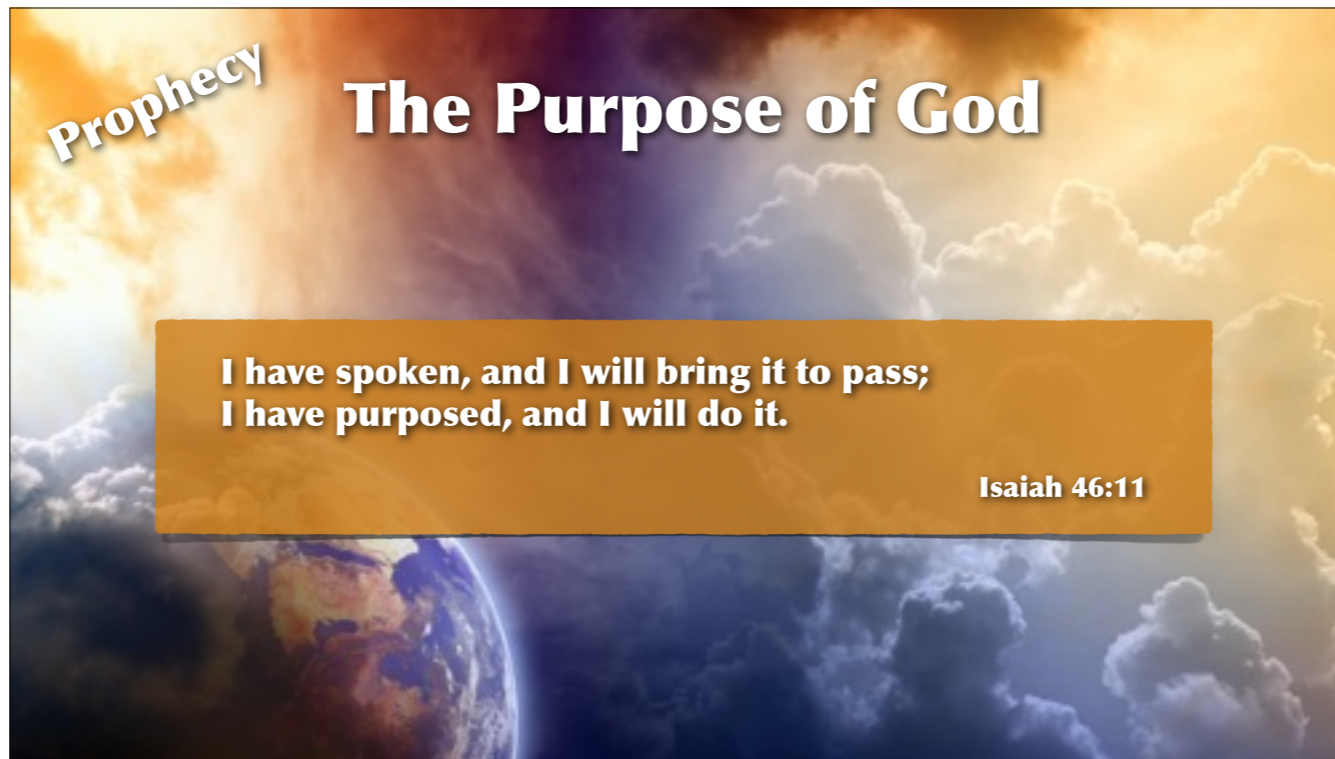
- Isaiah 9:7: Of the increase of his government and of peace
- there will be no end,
- on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
- to establish it and to uphold it
- with justice and with righteousness
- from this time forth and forevermore.
- The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.



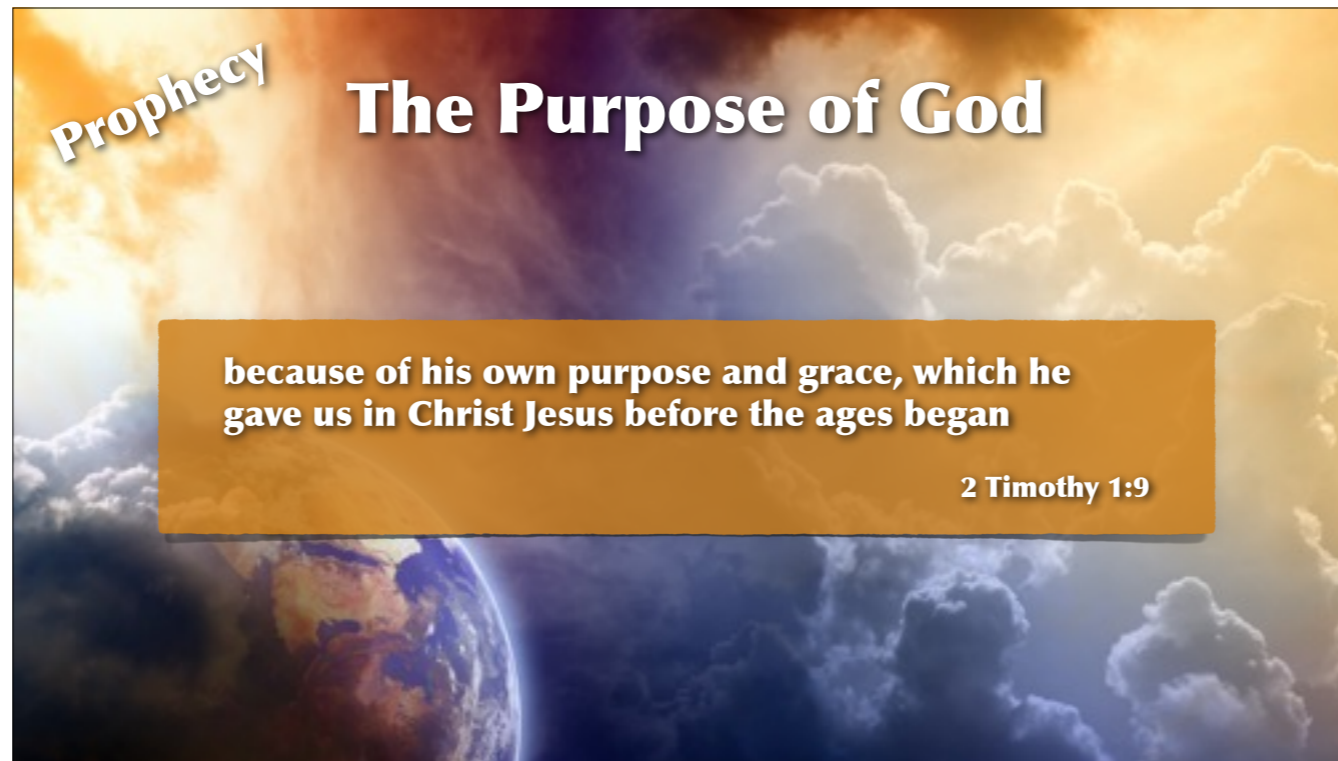
- Purpose of God
- Reminds us that the things that have happened were not accidental or coincidental.
- Result of God's plan for our salvation; His purpose from eternity.



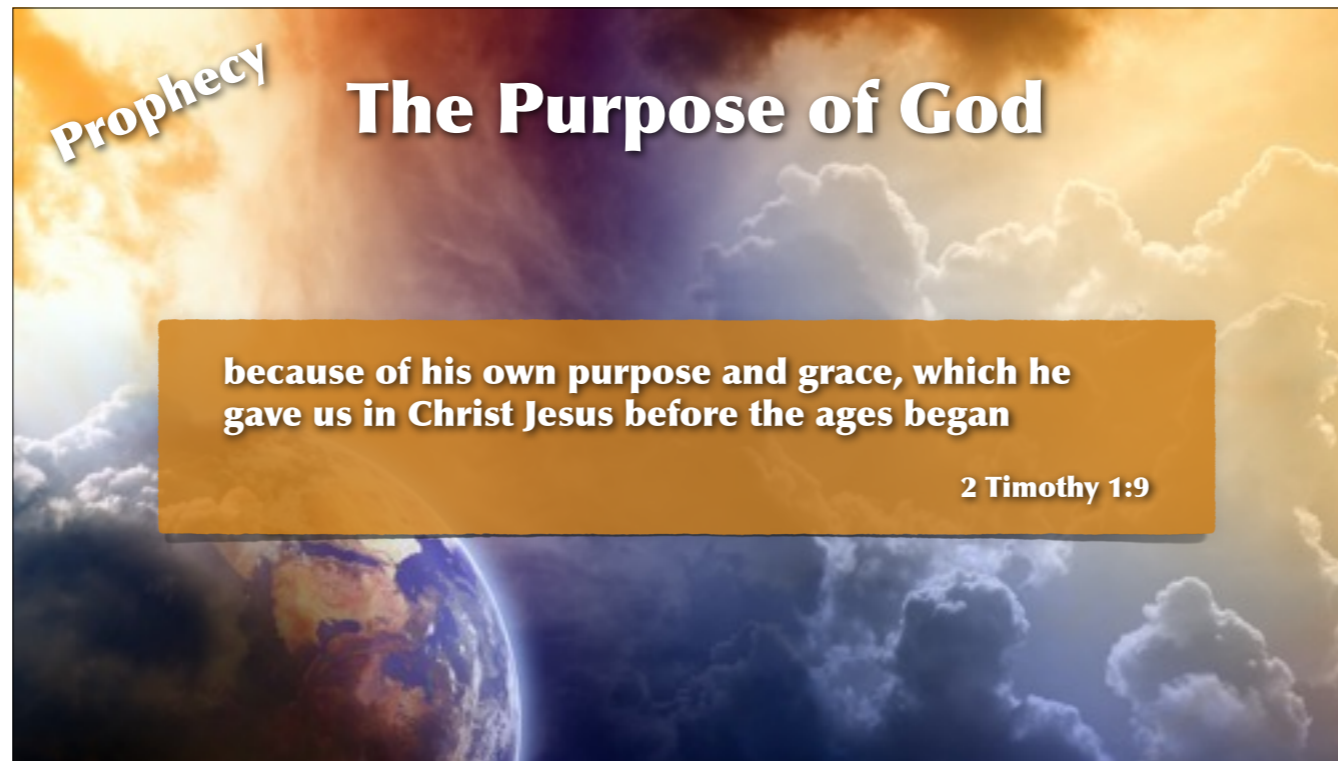
- Ephesians 3:11: This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,



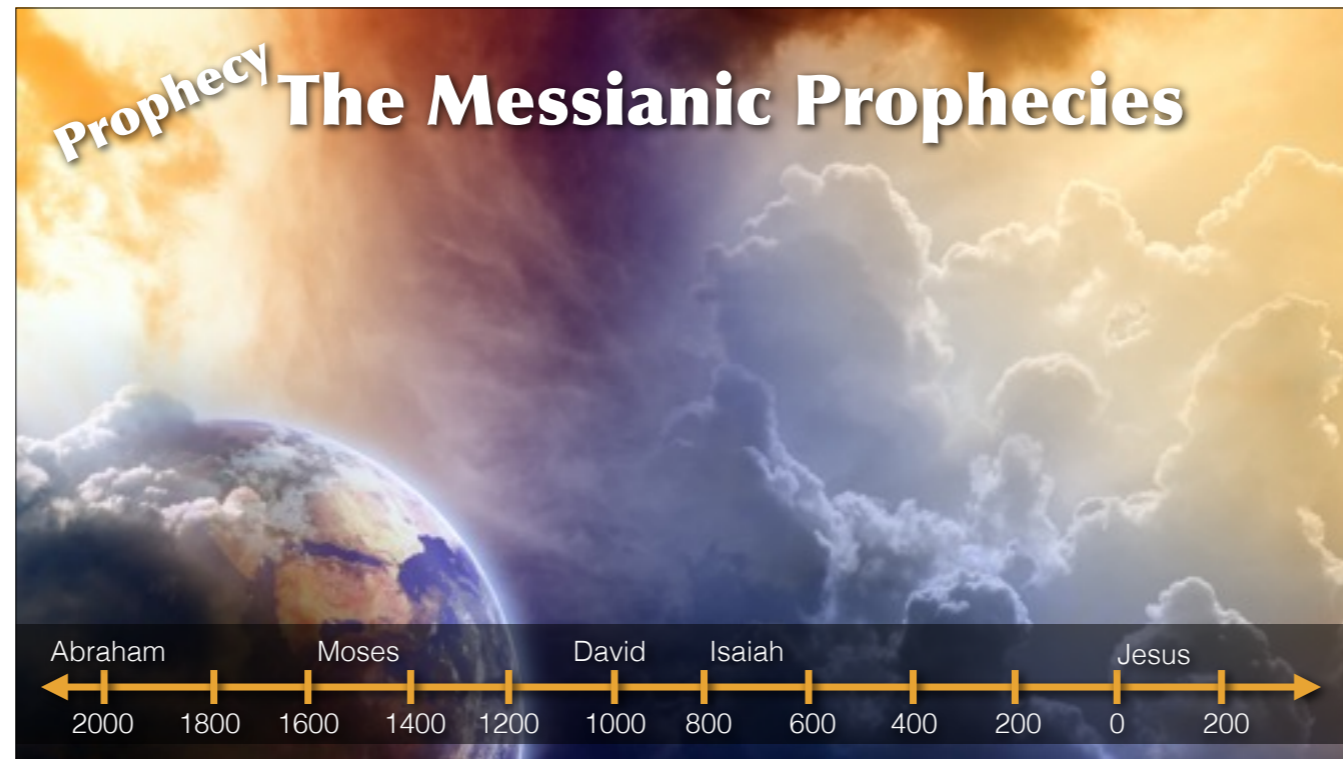
- Isaiah 46:11: calling a bird of prey from the east,
- the man of my counsel from a far country.
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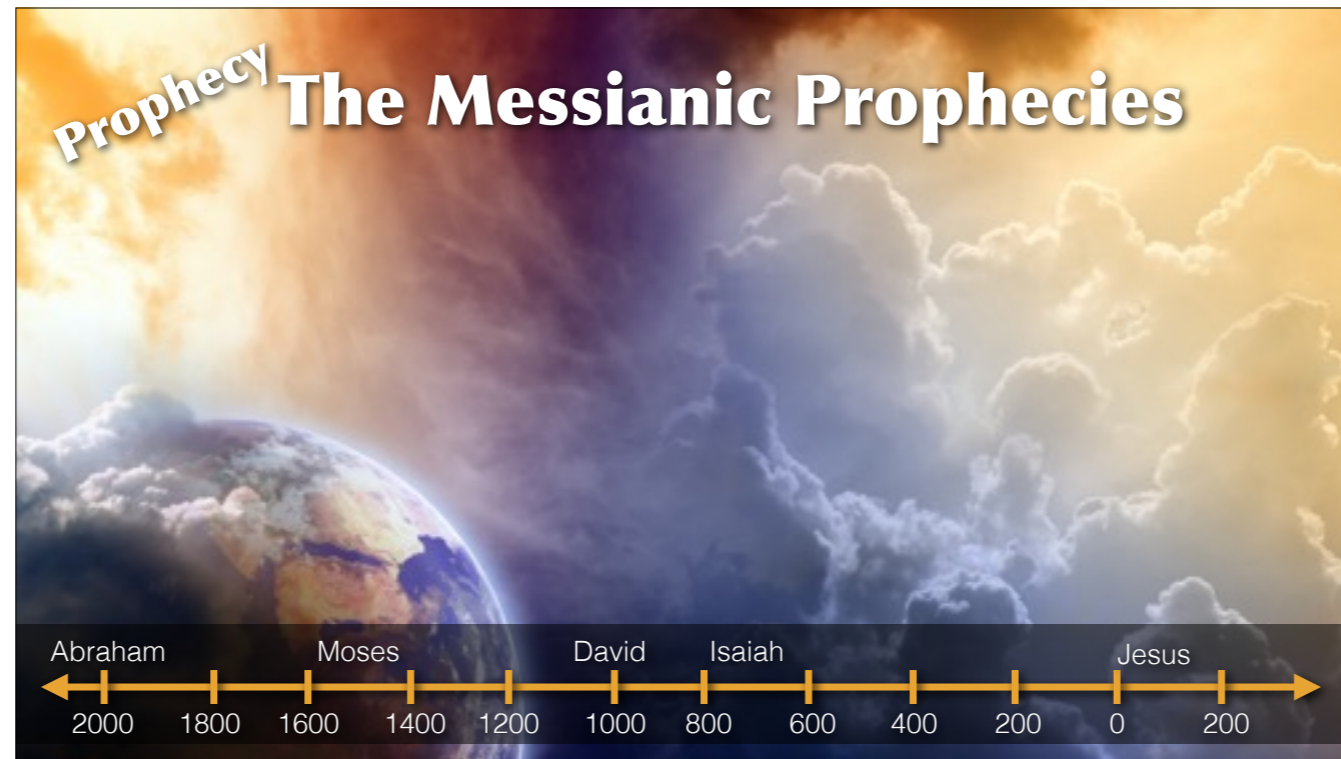
- 2 Timothy 1:9: who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,



- Most clearly seen in Jesus Christ
- Messianic prophecies reveal the truth not only about God and His plan
- But verifies the salvation through His Son the Messiah



- Messianic prophecies
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- Over 300 prophecies in OT about Messiah ... fulfilled in Jesus Christ
- All prophecies over 400 yrs before Jesus born (dead sea scrolls)
- Most much older
- Isaiah about 700 years before Jesus.

Prophecy

The Messianic Prophecies

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Micah 5:2



- Micah 5:2: born in bethlehem
- Matthew 2:1
- Out of Jesus' control
- Not the home town of Jesus' parents: Joseph and Mary, Nazareth in Galilee

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Moses David Isaiah Jesus

- God would have to make sure that Mary is in Bethlehem for Jesus to be born.
 - How accomplished? Luke 2:1-7
 - A decree from Caesar Augustus for all the world to be registered, so both Joseph and Mary were required to travel to Bethlehem (House of David)

Prophecy **The Messianic Prophecies**

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:21



A horizontal timeline with a double-headed arrow, showing the progression of time from 2000 years ago to 200 years ago. Key figures are marked with vertical lines and labeled above: Abraham (2000), Moses (1600), David (1000), Isaiah (800), and Jesus (0). The timeline is set against a background of a sunset or sunrise over a cloudy sky.

Year	Figure
2000	Abraham
1800	
1600	Moses
1400	
1200	
1000	David
800	Isaiah
600	
400	
200	
0	Jesus
200	

- 2 Peter 1:19-21: And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit

Prophecy **The Messianic Prophecies**

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and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
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and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people**

Isaiah 53:7-8

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- telling us what will happen
 - 1, 3) Rejected
 - 5) wounded and crushed
 - 7) opened not his mouth
 - 8) killed
 - 9) buried with rich

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- also WHY it happened
 - 5-6
 - 12

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20



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Synopsis: The Ethiopian Eunuch's conversion provides (for this lesson) three very important lessons: the importance of prophecy, understanding the scriptures, baptism. This lesson explores the first of these.

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