



The Prophetic Word Confirmed (II Peter 1:16-21)

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☑ **Cunningly Devised Fables**

- ☑ **Fables and endless genealogies:** “As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that **they teach no other doctrine, nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies**, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.” I Timothy 1:3-4 NKJV

- ☑ **After the Apostles were arrested and persecuted for preaching in the name of Y’shua and ordered to STOP. This was Peter’s reply:** “But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.”” Acts 5:29-32 NKJV

☑ **Gamaliel's Advice**—Notice how he is very confident that **movements based on lies will not last**: “When they heard this, they were furious and plotted to kill them. Then one in the council stood up, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in respect by all the people, and commanded them to put the apostles outside for a little while. And he said to them: “Men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men. For some time ago **Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing.** After this man, **Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed.** And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; **for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing; but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—lest you even be found to fight against God.**”” Acts 5:33-39 NKJV

☑ **Outcome**: “And **they agreed with him**, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. So they departed from the

presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ." Acts 5:40-42 NKJV

☑ **The Power and His Coming**

☑ "Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And **what will be the sign of Your coming**, and of the end of the age?" Matthew 24:3 NKJV

☑ "And Jesus answered and said to them: "**Take heed that no one deceives you.** For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many... Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many." Matthew 24:4-5, 11 NKJV **[Do you recognize how this is the very thing that Gamaliel had addressed in Acts 5?]**

☑ ""Then if anyone says to you, '**Look, here is the Christ!**' or '**There!**' **do not believe it.** For **false christs and false prophets** will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. **See, I have told you beforehand.** "**Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out;** or '**Look, He is in the inner rooms!**' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming

of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.” Matthew 24:23-28 NKJV

☑ **The Power of Knowing the Scriptures and the Danger of Not!**

☑ “Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.” Matthew 22:29 NKJV

☑ **Deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons vs. good doctrine:** “Now **the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,** speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. **If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully**

followed. But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness." I Timothy 4:1-7 NKJV

- ☑ **The types of men to avoid:** "But know this, that in the **last days** perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **having a form of godliness but denying its power.** And from such people turn away! For of this sort are those who **creep into households** and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, **always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.** Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses **[Please see who these [Characters Might be about](#) whom Paul is referring. Some scholars believe they are the Magicians who worked for Pharaoh during the time of the Exodus],** so do these also **resist the truth:** men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; but they **will progress no further,** for their

folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.” II

Timothy 3:1-9 NKJV

☑ **Good Doctrine:** “But you have **carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life**, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. **But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned** and been assured of, knowing from whom **you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures**, which **are able to make you wise for salvation** through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **All Scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for **instruction in righteousness**, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” II Timothy 3:10-17 NKJV

☑ **Eyewitnesses**

☑ **Wait for it!** “**And being assembled together** with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” **Therefore, when they had come together**, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. **But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”” Acts 1:4-8 NKJV

☑ **Many eyewitnesses:** “Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, **and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the**

twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. **After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also,** as by one born out of due time." I Corinthians 15:1-8 NKJV

☑ *"For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: **"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."** And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain." II Peter 1:17-18 NKJV*

☑ **A voice from Heaven**

☑ **At His Baptism:** "Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, **"I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"** But Jesus answered and said to him, **"Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."** Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from

heaven, saying, **“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”**” Matthew 3:13-17 NKJV

☑ On the Mountain

- ☑ “Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, **led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light [Glory: a preview of what Y’shua will look like in His glorified body, and us too!]**. And behold, **Moses and Elijah appeared to them**, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly **a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!”** And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.”Matthew 17:1-8 NKJV

☑ Our Glory:

- ☑ “But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages **for our glory**,” 1 Corinthians 2:7 NKJV
- ☑ “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared **with the glory which shall be revealed in us**. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption **into the glorious liberty of the children of God**.” Romans 8:18-21 NKJV
- ☑ **What will this glory look like on us?** “Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— in 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. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on**

immortality. So 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.""
I Corinthians 15:50-54 NKJV

☑ **Don't tell anyone until...** "Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."" Matthew 17:9 NKJV

☑ **Moses and Elijah:** "And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"" Matthew 17:10 NKJV (see [Without Blemish or...Apostate Religion](#))

☑ **Here in II Peter:** fulfilling Y'shua's command from Matthew 17:9

☑ "And so we have ***the prophetic word confirmed***, which you do well to heed as a ***light that shines in a dark place***, until ***the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts***;" II Peter 1:19 NKJV

☑ **The prophetic word confirmed**

☑ In the next chapter we will see Peter make reference to how God has a history of fulfilling His prophetic word, as

he uses sinful angels, Noah, and Lot as examples! YOU TOO WOULD DO WELL TO HEED THE WARNINGS!

- ☑ **The Angels:** *“For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;”* II Peter 2:4 NKJV
- ☑ **With Noah:** *“and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;”* II Peter 2:5 NKJV
- ☑ **With Lot:** *“and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;”* II Peter 2:6 NKJV
- ☑ **False Prophets will lead people astray:** *“And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.”* II Peter 2:2 NKJV
- ☑ **Light out of Darkness**
 - ☑ **“For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness,** who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of

us. **We are hard-pressed on every side**, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God. **Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, **is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory**, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but

the things which are not seen are eternal." II Corinthians 4:6-18 NKJV

- ☑ See a full length teaching about light shining out of the darkness in the teaching: [Darkness You Can Feel](#)

- ☑ **Until the Day Dawns and the Morning Star Rises:**

- ☑ The Day Dawns

- ☑ **The brightness of the day abolishes darkness:** "But the path of the just is like the **shining sun**, That **shines ever brighter unto the perfect day**. The way of the **wicked is like darkness**; They do not know what makes them stumble." Proverbs 4:18-19 NKJV

- ☑ **The Sun of Righteousness in that Day:** ""For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch. But to you who fear My name **The Sun of Righteousness** shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves. You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do this, " Says the LORD of hosts." Malachi 4:1-3 NKJV

- ☑ The Morning Star

☑ **The Counterfeit:** ““How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! **For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’** Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.” Isaiah 14:12-15 NKJV

☑ **The Warning:** ““And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, ‘These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: “I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first. Nevertheless I have a few things against you, **because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants** to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they

repent of their deeds. I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works. **“Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan,** as they say, I will put on you no other burden. But hold fast what you have till I come. And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations— ‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’ — **as I also have received from My Father; and I will give him the morning star. “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”**” Revelation 2:18-29 NKJV

- ☑ **The True:** **““I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”** And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.” Revelation 22:16-17 NKJV

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☑ **Private Prophecy**

☑ “The **Revelation** of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, **who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ**, to all things that he saw.

Blessed is he who reads and those **who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it**; for the time is near.” Revelation 1:1-3 NKJV

☑ “I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. **I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day**, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,” and, **“What you see, write in a book and send it** to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to

Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”” Revelation 1:9-11 NKJV

- ☑ **“For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds** to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and **if anyone takes away** from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.” Revelation 22:18-19 NKJV


- ☑ **Man Prophesying on his own!**

- ☑ **The Spirit of the Prophets is subject to the Prophets:**
“How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.
Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged. **And**

the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

**For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.” I Corinthians 14:26-33
NKJV**

 **The Holy Spirit and Prophecy**

-  **“But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’ And if you say in your heart, ‘How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?’—**
when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the **thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.” Deuteronomy 18:20-22 NKJV**

NEXT WEEK

Destructive Doctrines PART I (II Peter 2:1-11)