

A Treasure of Truth

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:
“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him
Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). **Matthew 1:22-23**

Prophecy is a statement from God about the _____, spoken
through a human, that proves to be _____.

Five Precise Predications in the Christmas Story

- 1) The _____ birth of Jesus (Matt 1:22-23 - Isaiah 7:14)
- 2) Jesus would be _____ in Bethlehem (Matt 2:4-5 - Mic 5:2)
- 3) Jesus would come up from _____ (Matt 2:13-15 - Hos 11:1)
- 4) Mothers _____ for their children (Matt 2:16-17 - Jer 31:15)
- 5) Jesus would be called a _____ (Matt 2:23 - Jn 1:45-46)

The odds of fulfilling 8 _____ is like covering California
to a depth of 40 inches with silver dollars, marking 1 to be unique, and
selecting it on the first attempt.

True predictions prove a person or source to be _____.

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came
about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. For prophecy
never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human,
spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:20-21

Bringing the Message to Life

Jot down a brief answer to the following questions

1. Reflecting on this week’s sermon, is there any principle or insight
that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to
grasp?
2. Explain how prophecy provides a basis for truth. How can you be
certain that the Bible is indeed true and a reliable source for finding
answers to life’s questions?
3. Which of the prophecies found in the Christmas story do you find to
be the most compelling?
4. Do you have a favorite scripture that has greatly impacted your life?
If so, what is it and how has it made a difference?
5. Describe your daily interaction with the Word of God. Do you feel
like you spend the right amount of time in the Word? Is your time
related more to reading, studying, meditating, or memorizing?