

The little book of Revelation 10

[Historicist interpretation]

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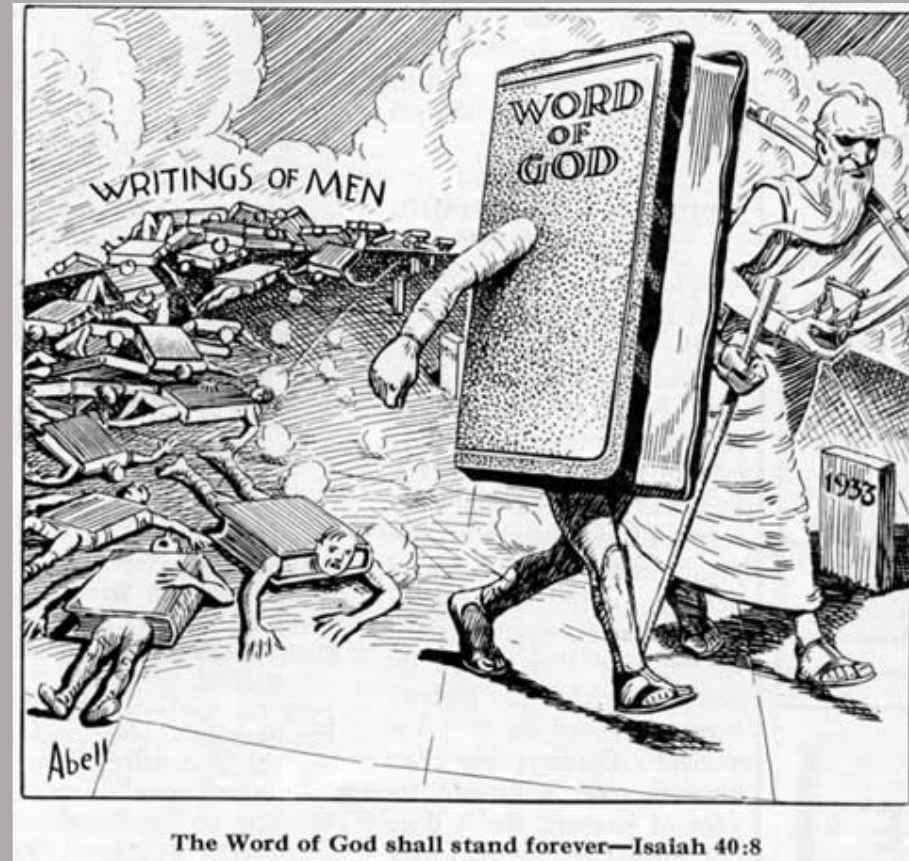
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Why is Bible prophecy a proof of the Bible's divine origin?

“Remember the former things of old:
for I am God, and there is none else; I
am God, and there is none like me,
Declaring the end from the beginning,
and from ancient times the things that
are not yet done, saying, My counsel
shall stand, and I will do all my
pleasure” (Isaiah 46:9, 10; see also Isaiah 45:21)

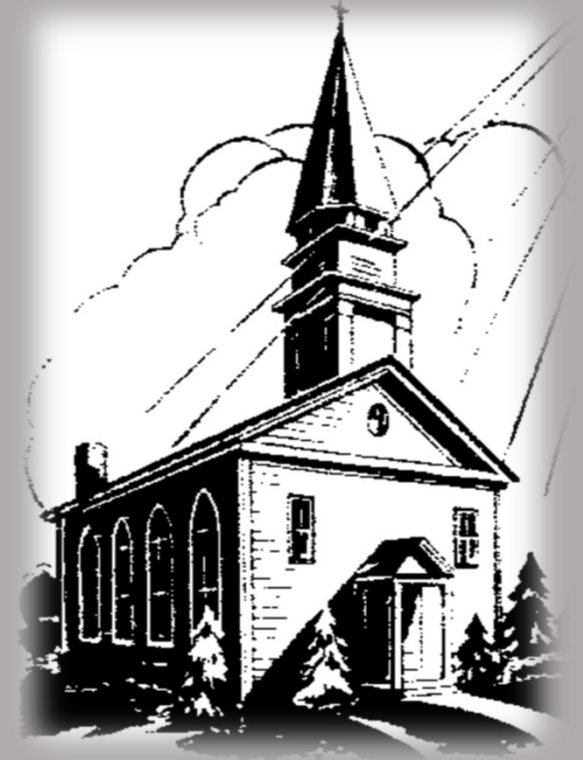


Interpretation of the Book of Revelation

“The Book of Revelation, in the Historicist interpretation*, gives an outline of world events relevant to Church history from the days of the Roman Emperors and from the death of John the Apostle to a future triumph of the Christian faith.” (Craig Savage, Matthew Verschuur

& Samantha Savage, *God's Word and Spirit direction for the Church*, 2018, p. 26.)

* Developed by Protestants from the Reformation.



**History predicted
and fulfilled**

Antichrist types

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A look at the Islam Antichrist

The events of the sixth trumpet of Revelation led to the Revelation 10 events. The sixth trumpet describes the rise and progress of the Turks (Muslims) in their conquest of Constantinople.*

“^[13] And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, ^[14] Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.” (Revelation 9:13,14)

* Special note: Revelation 16 deals with the demise of the Turkish Empire with the Euphrates drying up.

A look at the Islam Antichrist

“Out of the depths of Asia came a fierce Tartar people, called the Turkmens or Turk. Soon they ruled the eastern side of Euphrates, but the river itself represented a barrier to their advance. They had only converted to Islam in about 950 AD, and were looking to make a name for themselves when their leaders entered Baghdad.” (M. Verschuur, *Bible Prophecy Primer*, p. 22.)

Prophetic time

“After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.” (Numbers 14:34)

1 prophetic day = 1 year



A look at the Islam Antichrist

“And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.”

(Revelation 9:15)

360 days + 30 days + a day + an hour = 391 days and an hour = **391 years and 15 days** (1/24th of 360) – “the time from when the Turks were ready to cross the Euphrates River to the fall of Constantinople, which was the great extinguishing of the Eastern Roman Empire and the triumph of Islam in the East.” (M. Verschuur, *Bible Prophecy Primer*, 2017, p. 23.)

A look at the Islam Antichrist

“The Turks moved westwards from Baghdad in 1057 AD, and Alp Arslan led the Turkish Cavalry across Euphrates in 1062 AD. In 1453, that is 391 years later, Constantinople fell to the Turks.” (Neser (1974), p. 136.)



The fall of Constantinople in 1453

Bible prophecy predicted the fall of Constantinople in 1453, which coincided with significant historical events for the true Church:

1. The movable type printing press was being invented in Europe.
2. England effectively lost its major French possessions (solidifying English as the language of England).
3. The Greek New Testament manuscripts were making their way into Western Europe (used to correct the Latin Text).

Where the Protestant Reformation fits

ANTICHRIST RELIGION	TRIGGER FOR ITS DESTRUCTION	GOD'S MOVEMENT
Paganism (began pre-Pentecost) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emperor worship • Worshipping false gods • Idolatry 	Constantine converts to Christ, then issues a decree of toleration for Christians in 313 AD.	The establishment of Bible Christianity across the Roman Empire.
Papalism (began 538 AD)* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • False church • Exaltation of popes • Salvation by works 	Martin Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses in 1517 AD on the door of the Roman Catholic church at Wittenberg.	The Protestant Reformation
Infidelity (began 1798 AD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideological and intellectual attack on Christianity • Atheistic, humanistic, secular • Worshipping natural forces 	The supernatural defeat of Gog, the Eastern Antichrist.	The Word and Spirit movement, leading to the Church Restitution

* The 1260 days (42 months of prophetic days) prophecy of Revelation 13:5 went from 538 AD – 1798 AD = 1260 years.

Importance of the Protestant Reformation

Look at “Protestantism in prophecy” for a good summary.

(Matthew Verschuur, www.victoryfaithcentre.org.au/videos)

“The great miracle is that the Word of God has come via the Reformation to believers’ fingertips today, and that the Bible can be found all around the world, and most especially that it is fully available in English, not locked away in a language that few understand or have access to.” (M. Verschuur & C. Savige, *Multiple Fulfilments of Bible Prophecy*, 2015, p. 31.)

Importance of the Protestant Reformation

“Many today think that science is anti-God. Atheists encourage this view by claiming that their way of thinking is ‘scientific’. In claiming this, they are merely redefining science to exclude God. In fact, science began to flourish only when the biblical view of creation took fresh root in Europe as the Reformation spread its influence.” (Creation Ministries

International, *Does God exist?*, 2008, p. 19.)

The angel with the ‘little book’

“[1] And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: [2] And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth” (Revelation 10:1, 2).

The angel with the ‘little book’

“[2] And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, [3] And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.” (Revelation 10:2, 3).

The angel with the ‘little book’

“At this point in Bible prophecy, Revelation 10 describes symbolically the Reformation as an angel holding a little book open*. This angel also cried like a lion, indicating symbolically the English language, and seven thunders, which point to the Bible in English.” (Craig Savige, Matthew Verschuur &

Samantha Savige, *God’s Word and Spirit direction for the Church*, 2018, p. 27.)

* Spiritual understanding is needed (see 1 Corinthians 2:12 & Luke 24:44, 45).

The angel with the ‘little book’

“The vision of the angel with the little book falls under the category of the sixth trumpet.” (M. Verschuur & C. Savage, *Multiple Fulfilments of Bible Prophecy*, 2015, p. 590.)

The vision is symbolic of the nature and influence of the Protestant Reformation, centred around a book.



Reference: Dürer's illustration

The angel with the ‘little book’

“And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven”

Symbolic of a movement of God to bring something glorious into the hands of believers.

The angel with the ‘little book’

“clothed with a cloud”

Symbolic of many witnesses attesting to what the angel is
to do. (see Hebrews 12:1)

The angel with the ‘little book’

“and a rainbow was upon his head”

Symbolic of God’s promise, specifically that the revelation of the Word to the world would bring the great harvest of souls into the Kingdom of God. (see Genesis 9:12-16; Matthew 24:14)

The angel with the ‘little book’

“and his face was as it were the sun”

Symbolic of the revelation of God’s glory through the light of His Word (see Psalm 119:105, 130), “the glorious gospel of Christ” (see 2 Corinthians 4:4) to be manifested in the “glorious church” (see Ephesians 5:27).

The angel with the ‘little book’

“and his feet as pillars of fire”

It is symbolic of the firmness of God’s revelation, and implies God’s guardianship of His glorious revelation against the darkness of the world as seen in God appearing to Israel “by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light” (Exodus 13:21).

The angel with the ‘little book’

“And he had in his hand a little book open”

The book that came out of the events of the sixth trumpet was the English Bible of the Protestant Reformation. This book was open to the common man, meaning that the words of God were freely distributed and accessed wherever the doctrines of the Reformation were preached.

The angel with the ‘little book’

“and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth”

Symbolic of the breadth of how far the little book was to reach. “The sea represents mankind and the earth the body politic of men.” (M. Verschuur & C. Savige, *Multiple Fulfilments of Bible Prophecy*, 2015, p. 595.)

The angel with the ‘little book’

“And cried with a loud voice, as
when a lion roareth”

Symbolic of the English as a
pre-eminent language. The coat
of arms of England is three
lions walking and guarding.



Royal Arms of England

The angel with the ‘little book’

“and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices”

Symbolic of important announcements (see John 12:27-33). With respect to the English Bible, the thunders represent the various Reformation Bibles from Tyndale to the final version, the King James Bible. (see also Psalm 12:6, 7).

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