

# Prophecies About Four Cities

They were literally fulfilled,  
even though the mathematical probability is 1:2 quintillion.

*Dear Andrew,\**

This letter is based on the Moody film “The Professor and the Prophets.” Dr. Irwin Moon, director of the Moody Institute of Science, produced this film.

- The Golden Gate of Jerusalem
- The strange rock city Petra
- Legendary Babylon
- The Rise and Fall of Tyre

## 1. The Prophecy about the Golden Gate

The walls of the old city of Jerusalem have a number of gates, which are to this day the only way to enter the city. These gates are mentioned in several biblical prophecies, including the Golden Gate, which used to be the main entrance gate on the east side. The prophet, Ezekiel, wrote about it:

*“Then He brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary which faces toward the east, but it was shut. And the LORD said to me, “This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter by it, because the LORD God of Israel has entered by it; therefore it shall be shut.” (Ezekiel 44:1-2 NKJV)*

600 years later Jesus Christ, God’s Son, went through this gate. (This event is related in all four of the gospels; Matthew 21:7-11; Mark 11:7-11; Luke 19:35-45; John 12:12-19). Thus, part of the prophecy was fulfilled. But what about the other part? Who would be so foolish as to close the main gate of the city? When the Romans destroyed Jerusalem, they tore down the walls and the gates. The new city was rebuilt further west of the Golden Gate.

In the year 1543 when Sultan Suleiman renovated the walls, he did something unusual. He had the gate rebuilt along with its arch and ornaments and then immediately had it bricked up with large stone blocks. Thus, the Golden Gate is to this day firmly closed and a silent witness to the accuracy of biblical prophecy.

\* Andrew after the biblical Andrew in John 1:40-42.  
The reason – Andrew led his brother Peter to Jesus.

## 2. Prophecy about the impregnable city of Petra

About 180 km south of Jerusalem lays the city of Petra, the former capital of the country of Edom. The terrain there is rugged and craggy and thus hard to travel through. The road to Petra goes through a narrow canyon with almost vertical cliffs. The city controlled the great caravan route, by which the treasures from Arabia and other eastern countries were transported. The rich residents had chiseled splendid tombs and temples in the red cliffs, which surrounded the city. Along with the increase in wealth and culture, brutality and pride also increased in Petra. The prophet Jeremiah prophesied the following outcome:

*“Your fierceness has deceived you, the pride of your heart, o you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, who hold the height of the hill! Though you make your nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from there, says the LORD. Edom also shall be an astonishment; everyone who goes by it will be astonished and will hiss at all its plagues.”* (Jeremiah 49:16-17 NKJV)

Such a prophecy must have seemed very foolish to the smug inhabitants of the rich and impregnable city. But today Petra is abandoned – a uninhabited, ruined city. The prophecy was fulfilled.

## 3. Babylon: Vanished Splendor

More than 1,000 km from Petra the mighty rivers Tigris and Euphrates flow, which watered ancient Mesopotamia. Here was the cradle of human civilization. The most beautiful city in this region was Babylon.

It was famous for its hanging gardens and for the most beautiful city walls, which were ever built. When Nebuchadnezzar built up his empire, it fell into lust and sin. That is why the prophet Jeremiah declared:

*“And the land will tremble and sorrow; for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon.”*

*“To make the land of Babylon a desolation without inhabitant ... Babylon shall become a heap, a dwelling place for jackals, an astonishment and a hissing, without an inhabitant.”* (Jeremiah 51:29,37 NKJV)

And this all came to pass. Less than a hundred years later the city was taken over by the Persian army and completely lost all importance.

Alexander the Great wanted to rebuild the city, but he died before the work ever began. For 2,000 years the city has remained uninhabited – a testimony to fulfilled biblical prophecy.

## 4. Tyre: Metropolis on a Rocky Island

One of the most remarkable prophecies was given about Tyre, the famous city of the Phoenicians. Ezekiel prophesied:

*“For thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Behold, I will bring against Tyre from the north Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon ... (verse 7) ... he will slay your people by the sword, and your strong pillars will fall to the ground. (verse 11) ... Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against you ... And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers; I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock. (verses 3-4)*

... you shall be a place for spreading nets, and you shall never be rebuilt, for I the LORD have spoken,' says the Lord GOD." (verse 14) (Ezekiel 26:3,4,7,11,14 NKJV)

Nebuchadnezzar attacked Tyre and fought his way into the city and killed most of the inhabitants. Thus, the first part of the prophecy was fulfilled. But the wealthy citizens fled to a small island, which was a kilometer from the coast and built themselves a new city. There they lived in prosperity and safety for more than two centuries. Then Alexander the Great came with his armies from Macedonia, Greece, Thrace, Crete, Rhodes, Cyprus, Sidon and other countries and islands and conquered the city on the island. However, the well-equipped fleet of Tyre and a cleverly contrived underwater system prevented an attack from sea. Hence, Alexander had a dam built from the mainland to the island, so that his army could attack. He used the stones and rubble of the old city for the dam. Finally, even the dust was swept together to fill the gaps. And he captured the city and killed all the inhabitants.

Today, old Tyre is barren and forsaken – a place where a few fishermen spread their nets to dry. The only thing left is the spring of Ras El Ain, which could provide enough water for a large city. But this site has remained uninhabited and thus the prophecy was fulfilled.

### Coincidence or Plan

How is it possible that these prophecies are been completely fulfilled? Some say that it is very simple: the prophets prophesied so much that some of it had to come true. If we want to believe this, then we have to ask: To what

extent were the prophets lucky with their predictions?

Well, there is a mathematical branch, which is called probability calculation. This method can be used to mathematical calculate the likelihood of an event taking place or not.

Professor Peter Stoner studied the probability of the biblical prophecies. He used the numerical data from the analysis of more than 600 students, who studied these questions under his guidance. Here are the results from their estimates.

1. Closing the Golden Gate 1:1.000
2. The demise of Petra 1:10
3. The devastation of Edom 1:50
4. Edom being uninhabitable 1:100
5. The conquest of Babylon 1:10
6. Babylon being uninhabitable 1: 100
7. The destruction of Tyre by Nebuchadnezzar 1:2
8. The destruction of Tyre by Alexander 1:5
9. The construction of the dam to the island 1:10
10. The use of the dust in the dam construction 1:2.000
11. Spreading fishing nets on the ruins 1:10
12. The ongoing desolation 1:20

When all the results are combined, then you have the probability for these 12 estimates:

$$1:1.000 \times 1:10 \times 1:50 \times 1:100 \times 1:10 \times 1:100 \times 1:2 \times 1:5 \times 1:10 \times 1:2.000 \times 1:10 \times 1:20 = 1: 2.000.000.000.000.000.000$$

The probability is then 1 to 2 quintillion that all 12 of these prophecies would be fulfilled, if the prophet had only guessed.

Well, 2 quintillion is a huge number, but what does it really express?

Let's assume that we have 2 quintillion silver dollars, from which only one is marked. Two quintillion silver dollars would cover the whole surface area of the state of Texas to a height of about 12 meters. Now we blindfold a man and send him to look for the marked silver dollar. He can go where he wants. He can dig as deep as he wants. But at some point, he has to say: Here is the marked silver dollar. What chance does this man have to find the silver dollar? It is the same chance for these biblical prophecies above to be fulfilled.

This calculation applies only to four prophecies. And how many are there in the Bible? We only need to add a portion of the prophecies to reach a number of silver dollars, which would fill outer space. How is it possible that so many prophecies have been fulfilled, although the calculations with the theory of probability can't comprehend them? Hence, it is clear that they could by no means be guesses.

### Your Personal Prophecy

The Bible, which contains these prophecies, isn't a product of human knowledge, but rather it is a revelation from God.

And the Bible can also say a lot about your future. You can find predictions from the first to the last page and there are especially many in the gospel of John.

In the third chapter of John it says:

*"He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."* (John 3:36 NKJV)

And further on: *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."* (John 5:24 NKJV)

Fulfilled prophecies show us that the Bible is indeed God's word. God has given us a message of love, hope and eternal life with the entire contents of the Bible. Our limited senses cannot penetrate the veil of the future, but God has revealed the future in the Bible. What this future holds for us personally depends on our decision.

With warm greetings,

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