



## **Clear Bible Truth on God's Sovereignty - XI**

### **God's Sovereignty and Prophecy - II**

“We have also a more sure word of prophecy...” (2 Peter 1:19)

More than 300 Old Testament prophecies speak of Jesus Christ. An immediate question crowds the issue. How could these prophecies be, as Peter said, "sure" if God isn't sovereign?

The issues that must be executed for these prophecies to occur are too numerous to even think of. Only the absolutely sovereign God could bring them to pass at just the right time. Consider some of these prophecies and their fulfillment.

His tribe –

Prophecy: “The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be” (Gen 49:10)

Fulfilled: “And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel” (Matt 2:6; Heb 7:14; Rev 5:5; 7:5)

His birthplace –

Prophecy: “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting” (Micah 5:2)

Fulfilled: “Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea...”  
(Matt 2:1, 5-6; Lk 2:11, 15; Jn 7:42)

His forerunner –

Prophecy: “Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me...” (Mal 3:1)

Fulfilled: “For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee”

(Matt 11:10)

Because God is sovereign over the details of life, Paul could say: "But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son..." (Galatians 4:4).

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