
Pleasant View church of Christ
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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
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Proverbs 12:1-2
“Whoever loves discipline
loves knowledge, but he who
hates reproof is stupid. A
good man will obtain favor
from the Lord, but He will
condemn a man who devises
evil.”

*“God is waiting eagerly to respond with new
strength to each little act of self-control, small
disciplines of prayer, feeble searching after Him.
And His children shall be filled if they will only
hunger and thirst after what He offers.”*

Richard Holloway

The Proof Is In The Prophecy

There are three broad classes of prophecy in the Bible: (1) prophecies regarding the nation of Israel; (2) prophecies regarding foreign nations; and (3) prophecies regarding the Messiah. The most numerous are the ones concerning Jesus. D.R. Dungan, in *Hermeneutics*, lists 60 different prophecies in the Old Testament regarding some aspect of Jesus' life. Each prophecy was written several hundred years prior to Christ's life. (Scholars who challenge Jesus' divinity reject those dates.) So, what are the odds that each one of those prophecies could be fulfilled in just one man? In *Science Speaks*, Dr. Peter Stone used the probability theory to determine the likelihood

of such an event. He determined that the likelihood was 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000. He went on to illustrate his findings this way: Imagine the state of Texas covered two feet deep by silver dollars. Mark one of the silver dollars and then mix them up. Blindfold a man and tell him to walk in any direction across that state. The odds of him stopping, bending over and picking up the marked silver dollar are the same as all of the Old Testament prophecies of Jesus being fulfilled in one man.

When we consider the dates of the Old Testament books and the fact that only Jesus fulfilled each Messianic prophecy, it is no wonder that

Peter wrote, “But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God” (II Peter 1:20-21).

We can trust God's word. We have no reason to trust the prophecies of today's uninspired men. “When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken” (Deut. 18:22).

James Hayes

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Smart People Can Make Bad Calendars

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The Mayans inhabited the Yucatan Peninsula of modern Mexico from about 2000 B.C. to A.D. 900. During their most prosperous years, their population was roughly equal to that of Los Angeles County. They were highly skilled in mathematics and astronomy. They were also the first civilization to develop a detailed calendar system that allowed them to record events on a timeline. According to Mayan tradition, the world began on August 11, 3114 B.C. They fixed each day with a number, and as days passed the numbers rolled over like the mileage on an odometer. The last day that could be recorded on their calendar

would be December 21, 2012. Although the Mayans never predicted a worldwide calamity on December 21, 2012, since they were the masterminds of the calendar, many assumed that December 21, 2012 would be the end of our existence. But, of course, it wasn't.

Sadly, December 21 *was* the last day for many people. Millions of people worldwide died on that day. For those that were generally healthy, their death was unexpected. One day they were eating, drinking, working, loving, hating, hoping, criticizing, encouraging, and doing everything else people do what they thinking that tomorrow will al-

ways come. But would their actions have been different on December 20 if they knew that December 21 would be their last day?

After explaining that the world would be destroyed with intense heat one day, Peter wrote, "Since all these things are to be destroyed this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat." (II Peter 3:11-12).

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Nearly 20% of our membership is either sick or recovering from injuries. Please remember Freddie Brown, the Baker men, Donna Young, Steve Buchanan, Eddie Ray, Terry Walker, Mildred Walker, and Jay Newell, who fell out of his chair and broke his hip. He had surgery at Centennial on Wednesday.
- Thanks to Houston Bynum for a great presentation on Happy Haven Sunday night.

Building Fund Contribution Is Next Sunday Read Hebrews For Class Wednesday Night

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: C. Rose

Pray: Reed

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: J. Walker

Serve: Donkin, Trent, Gupton

Pray: M. Newell