PROPHECTIC PROOF

Many people do not realise that the Bible is a prophetic book. In fact, it is estimated that over one quarter of its contents of are prophetic revelations. Some have been fulfilled, some have yet to be fulfilled, and some *are being fulfilled* right before our eyes!

Take **Daniel 12:4** for example. This is one of the simpler prophecies to understand. In it, the Lord said to the prophet Daniel: ***"But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall increase"*** (NKJV). Here Daniel is told that his message will be, largely speaking, 'a closed book' until the end times. Then two things will multiply to help people understand it: travel and knowledge.

Well, just look how both have exploded in the last century. We have the Internet with its bottomless pit of knowledge! Plus, a wealth of books, preachers, and Bible study aids to help us understand the Scriptures better. And when it comes to travel, we have cars, planes, trains, even rockets into space. Who can doubt that this prophecy is coming true? And because of it, we understand Daniel's message better!

ROCK SOLID EVIDENCE

Is there any evidence to confirm the Bible? Tons of it! One of the most plentiful forms is in archaeology. Take Erastus for example. To many people he is a little-known character in the New Testament, one of the people mentioned in Paul's letters. *"Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you"* (Romans 16:23) said the apostle. And then again *"Erastus stayed in Corinth"* (2 Timothy 4:20). So, putting those two verses together, what do we know about him? Just this: that he was the city treasurer of Corinth in Greece.

Well, guess what! In 1929 a stone inscription to *Erastus* was discovered *in Corinth!* It was a marble paving slab which declared that he had laid this pavement at his own expense for his job as one of the cities aedile men – a job which included being *treasurer!* It seems to be more rock-solid evidence that the Bible is fact not fiction.