PROPHECY for KIDS

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You might have heard about some of the prophecies in the Bible before picking up this little book. But you can find tons more if you know where to look!

In fact, the very first prophecy in the Bible can be found in Genesis 3:15...

God spoke this prophecy with His own lips—and He was speaking directly to the serpent, Satan.
The Very First Prophecy
Prophecy Fulfilled!
This prophecy was fulfilled by Jesus 4,000 years later ...

... by His birth
Matthew 1:18

... by His death
John 19:30

... by His resurrection
Matthew 28:5, 6
The story of Joshua and the city of Jericho is one of the most popular stories of the Bible. But did you know a prophecy was also given here? Disobeying this prophetic warning came with big trouble, and everyone knew it!

It began when Joshua and the children of Israel, God’s people on Earth, witnessed the walls of Jericho fall down. Joshua then gave this prophecy...
Don't Forget About Jericho
This prophecy was fulfilled by a man named Hiel about 530 years later—he lost his sons trying to rebuild the city of Jericho!

1 Kings 16:34

“In his days Hiel of Bethel built Jericho. He laid its foundation with Abiram, his firstborn, and with his youngest son Segub he set up its gates, according to the word of the Lord, which He had spoken through Joshua the son of Nun.”
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2 Kings 22:1, 2

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The Prophecy
A Supernatural Victory

The Prophecy

2 Chronicles 20:17
"When they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy their cities and made them desolate, as it is this day. Just as the king was told, Jehoshaphat an stood still and watched the enemy destroy themselves!"

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Malachi 1:4

“Edom has said, ‘We have been impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places.’”

Edom was destroyed, yet her people were still defiant. But God didn’t change His mind—He wasn’t going to let them rebuild!

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If a fortune-teller came on the news and predicted the United States would be destroyed in two years, never to rise again—no one would believe him.

But this actually happened hundreds of years ago, when Nineveh, a powerful city, was forever destroyed from the face of the Earth.
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Imagine your mom telling you, “If you don’t clean up your room, a tornado will sweep the whole house away!” You’d probably laugh and laugh at the thought.

But God wasn’t joking when Ezekiel the prophet said every building in a wicked city called Tyre would be destroyed.
Prophecy
Alexander the Great attacked Tyre in 333 B.C., 250 years later. Tyre was toppled by an invading army, and her buildings were pushed into the sea to build a bridge.

Don't believe it? You can read all about it in your encyclopedia!
Jeremiah 25:11, 12

“This whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. Then it will come to pass, when seventy years are completed, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, says the Lord; and I will fulfill the word of the Lord which He spoke against them, to bring them up from the land of Babylon to the land of Israel. Then any remaining of the nations which came against the Lord shall return to their own land."
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Well, in the Bible, the prophet Isaiah said that a conqueror named Cyrus would destroy Babylon—100 years before Cyrus was even born! He also said this man would conquer the world and free all the Jewish exiles.

At the time of this prediction, there weren't any exiles!
His Name Is Cyrus
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This verse talks about the last days—and knowledge will increase just before Jesus comes again!
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Zechariah 11:12, 13

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Jesus' death is very important to you and me. It's also one of the most prophesized subjects in the Old Testament.

They were written down hundreds of years before by prophets of God, and each of them came true exactly as predicted.
here are dozens more too.
As you search them out,
this puzzle may reveal...
The Bible talks about Jesus coming and dying for us, but did you know Jesus Himself was a prophet too? He made an amazing prediction that happened long after He left the earth.
The Temple Is Toppled

When?

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Jesus, our Savior and Lord, often spoke about the last days. And since He is the very Son of God, we can trust what He has to say about the future.

Read Matthew 24.

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Almost Fulfilled!
A Colorful, Amazing Bible Prophecy Adventure!

Your youngest Bible explorers will be dazzled and thrilled with each and every page in this colorful, easy-to-understand prophecy learning adventure with Pastor Doug Batchelor. Watch their faith and amazement build as, step by step, they see how God and His Word can be trusted through the fulfillment of prophecy throughout human history. From Babylon to the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus to the last days and His second coming, your kids will see their future is a very exciting one and that putting their faith in Jesus today is the most important thing they can do!