Sunday, December 8, 2024

1Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.

<u>Title:</u> That It Might Be Fulfilled <u>Series:</u> Christmas 2024 ... 1 <u>Text:</u> Mathew 1:18 - 25

Purpose: I want to PERSUADE my congregation that the word of true prophets will 'be fulfilled' in God's appointed time.!

Introduction:

~ 2 Peter 1:19 – 21, "And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, (20) knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. (21) For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

~ Galatians 4:4 – 7, "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, (5) to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. (6) And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" (7) So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God."

~ Fulfill: verb; bring to completion or reality, achieve or realize

1. The Word of the Lord to Joseph:

~ Matthew 1:18 - 25

~ This 'took place to fulfill,' Isaiah 7:14, "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

2. The Word of the Lord Regarding the Birth Place of Christ Jesus:

~ Matthew 2:1 - 6

~ Micah 5:2, "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days."

3. The Word of the Lord Regarding Christ Jesus Coming Out of Egypt:

~ Matthew 2:13 - 15

~ Hosea 11:1, "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son." Numbers 24:1 - 9

4. The Word of the Lord Regarding Christ Jesus and the Land of Zebulun:

~ Matthew 4:12 - 16

~ Isaiah 9:1 - 7

5. The Word of the Lord Regarding Christ Jesus Performing Healings:

~ Matthew 8:14 - 17

~ Isaiah 53:1 - 6

6. The Word of the Lord Regarding Christ Jesus Being God's Servant:

~ Matthew 12:15 - 21

~ Isaiah 42:1 - 9

7. The Word of the Lord Regarding Christ Jesus' Entry Into Jerusalem:

~ Matthew 21:1 – 5

~ Zechariah 9:9, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

8. The Word of the Lord Regarding Christ Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest:

~ Matthew 26:47 – 56

~ Psalm 88:8 – 18

Conclusion:

Josh and Sean McDowell quote Professor Peter W. Stoner in their book, Evidence That Demands a Verdict: "We find that the chance that any man might have lived down to the present time and fulfilled all eight prophecies is 1 in 10 to the 17th power (1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000)."

In Case you're wondering, the Mega Millions had a 1.6 billion jackpot in October 2018, and the odds of winning it were merely 1 in 302,575,350.

Stoner went on to calculate the probability of one person fulfilling 48 prophecies: 1 in 10 to 157th power.

> Youth Pop-Up Board Game Cafe New Life Church Fri, Dec 13 - 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm