

Nostradamus Stinks

Internal Consistency; Inerrancy - Evidenced in Prophecy

But the prophet who dares to speak in My name a message I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods--that prophet must die.' You may say to yourself, 'How can we recognize a message the LORD has not spoken?' When a prophet speaks in the LORD's name, and the message does not come true or is not fulfilled, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously. Do not be afraid of him. - Deuteronomy 18:20-22 HCSB



Besides his famous book of "prophecies" called *Centuries*, Nostradamus (1503-1566) claimed to be a physician. He wrote a supposed "translation" of Galen and another book called *Traite des fardemens* with treatments for the plague. Not one of them worked.

His prophecies were all paraphrases of other works, with added references to various historical figures and events. He plagiarized from Livy, Suetonius, and Plutarch. The only parts of one work that were not word-for-word quotations of Richard Roussat's *Livre de l'estat et mutations des temps* were copying errors.

The language he used in his quatrains was so vague, confused and nonsensical that not one has ever been used to accurately predict any event before it actually happened.

In contrast, around 701-681 BC Isaiah accurately predicted the coming of the Messiah, describing Him as a servant of God who would be a light to the Gentiles and bring justice to the world.

- **Isaiah 42:1-9 HCSB** "This is My Servant; I strengthen Him, *this is My Chosen One*; I delight in Him. I have put My Spirit on Him; He will bring justice to the nations. (2) He will not cry out or shout or make His voice heard in the streets. (3) He will not break a bruised reed, and He will not put out a smoldering wick; He will faithfully bring justice. (4) He will not grow weak or be discouraged until He has established justice on earth. The islands will wait for His instruction." (5) This is what God the LORD says--who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and life to those who walk on it-- (6) "I, the LORD, have called you for a righteous *purpose*, and I will hold you by your hand. I will keep you, and I make you a covenant for the people *and* a light to the nations, (7) in order to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon, *and* those sitting in darkness from the prison house. (8) I am Yahweh, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, or My praise to idols. (9) The past events have indeed happened. Now I declare new events; I announce them to you before they occur."

Jesus told us that His words would never be forgotten regardless of what happened to the world.

- **Luke 21:33 HCSB** *Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.*

Over 2000 years later we are still discussing them. He predicted the destruction of the Temple saying that not one stone would be left on another but that every one would be thrown down.

- **Matthew 24:1-2 HCSB** As Jesus left and was going out of the temple complex, His disciples came up and called His attention to the temple buildings. (2) Then He replied to them, "*Don't you see all these things? I assure you: Not one stone will be left here on another that will not be thrown down!*"

He went on to prophecy that all of Jerusalem would be destroyed and its people dispersed throughout the nations.

- **Luke 21:24 HCSB** They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive into all the nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

Forty years later the Romans destroyed Jerusalem, killing around 1.5 million Jews. The Temple was set on fire, causing the gold-leaf ornamentation to run into all the crevices of the stones. The Romans pried apart every stone trying to get at that gold. Then the surviving Jews were taken as slaves and spread throughout the Roman Empire on every inhabited continent, accurately fulfilling the Lord's prophecy to the letter.

Daniel also predicted the Lord's death and the ensuing destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem, even predicting which people would bring it about, some 600 years before it happened.

- **Daniel 9:26 HCSB** After those 62 weeks the Messiah will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the coming prince will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come with a flood, and until the end there will be war; desolations are decreed.

Around 750-686 BC Micah said that Jerusalem would be "plowed like a field."

- **Micah 3:11-12 HCSB** Her leaders issue rulings for a bribe, her priests teach for payment, and her prophets practice divination for money. Yet they lean on the LORD, saying, "Isn't the LORD among us? No calamity will overtake us." (12) Therefore, because of you, Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become ruins, and the hill of the temple mount will be a thicket.

In AD 135 A Roman officer named Turnus Rufus plowed the area of the Temple.

Literally hundreds of prophecies listing dates, times, places and even individual names litter the Holy Scriptures. Some 700 years before King Cyrus was born the prophet Isaiah had the following to say:

- **Isaiah 44:28 HCSB** who says to Cyrus: My shepherd, he will fulfill all My pleasure and say to Jerusalem: She will be rebuilt, and of the temple: Its foundation will be laid.
- **Isaiah 45:1 HCSB** The LORD says this to Cyrus, His anointed, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him, to unloose the loins of kings, to open the doors before him and the gates will not be shut:

Please turn to:

- **1 Samuel 2:3 HCSB** Do not boast so proudly, or let arrogant *words* come out of your mouth, for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and actions are weighed by Him.

When comes to predicting the earth's future, who would you rather listen to? El De'ot – God of Knowledge – or a pretender like Nostradamus?