

Prophetic Proof

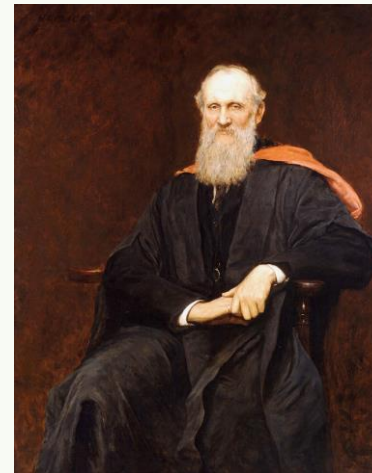
One of the many prophecies that proves the Bible to be God's Word and not merely man's, is **Genesis 49:10**. Here the dying Jacob revealed a prophetic clue to the coming of the Messiah: ***"The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people."*** Shiloh is a title for the Jewish Messiah derived from the word 'shalom'. Therefore, this prophecy, given approximately 1600 B.C., revealed that the Messiah would come before Israel lost its own judicial power ("scepter").



This prophecy came true, in 7 A.D. when the Romans took away judicial power from the Sanhedrin Council in Judah to pronounce the death penalty. The Talmud (the Jewish oral tradition) records that there was *"general consternation"* among the council, and they *"covered their heads with ashes and their bodies with sackcloth, exclaiming: 'Woe unto us, for the sceptre has departed from Judah, and the Messiah has not come!'"* But He had! They didn't realise that the Lord Jesus had been born in Bethlehem around 4 BC. So, the prophecy was fulfilled, the Bible was verified yet again, and Jesus Christ became the fulfiller of this prophecy. Anyone else is too late!

SCIENTISTS WHO BELIEVED THE BIBLE

Lord Kelvin's real name was William Thomson (1824-1907), but he was honoured with the title of *First Baron Kelvin* for his contributions to science. He was a mathematical physicist and engineer who helped formulate the first and second laws of thermodynamics, amongst other achievements. As a boy, he was a child genius attending the University of Glasgow at only ten years old! He published his first scientific paper when he was just 16, defending the work of the controversial French mathematician Jean-Baptiste Fourier! He went on to become professor of physics at Glasgow University when he was merely 22 years old.



Thomson's great discovery was *The Absolute Temperature Scale* which shows that gas particles stop moving at -273°C . The unit on this scale is *the kelvin*, (written as a 'K') in honour of him. He remains a respected scholar who had a strong Christian faith, rejecting both evolution and atheism.

As he said: *"Overwhelmingly strong proofs of intelligent and benevolent design lie around us...the atheistic idea is so non-sensical that I cannot put it into words."* So, don't be fooled by the 'science has disproved God' argument. This great scientist believed!