The Marvel of God’s Hand through Prophecy

Though the exact details of some points of prophecy will only be completely understood once they come to pass, God’s Word has revealed much by which to be amazed:

➢ Prophecies Relating to God’s People
  • Promises made to Israel:
    > God said Israel would rebel and be judged, but that in the latter days a remnant would recognize their sin and return to the Lord (Deut. 4:24-31; Zech. 12:10; Hosea 3:5). The NT confirms this, pointing to its fulfillment (Rom. 9:27; 11:5; Rev. 7:4).
    > The specific promises made to Israel have not yet been fulfilled in full (example Zech. 14). However, the promises are still theirs and will be fulfilled when they return to Him (Lev. 26:40-45; Rom. 9:3-4; 11:12).
  • Promises made to the Gentiles:
    > God said that He would bless the Gentiles through Abraham (Gen. 12:3). Through faith in Christ, the Gentiles benefit from God’s promises. In Christ (Abraham’s seed), we are included as Abraham’s seed and are therefore heirs of salvation (Gal. 3:9, 29).
    > Gentiles, who were “far off,” have been brought “near.” (Is. 57:19; Eph. 2:17-18; note Hosea 2:23 with Rom. 9:25; Is. 65:1 with Rom. 10:20)

➢ Prophecies Relating to the World Overall
  • A judgment on the earth was prophesied (Is. 28:22). The tribulation fulfills this (Rev. 3:10; 6:17; 15:1), ending with Christ’s Second Coming (Is. 66:15; Rev. 19:11-16).
  • The Old Testament prophesied that people from all nations would experiencing the salvation of God (Ps. 46:10; Is. 52:10), which will be fulfilled (Rev. 5:9).

➢ Prophecies Relating to God Himself
  • God ensures He will do what He has said. Isaiah 46:9-11 states, “I am God... declaring the end from the beginning... I have purposed, and I will do it.”
  • God will fulfill what He has prophesied for His own “name’s sake” (Ezek. 36:21-23) and that His “name may be declared in all the earth” (Ex. 9:16).