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Understand the
Word of God

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“Above all” - in front of, as a leading principle or chief priority

“Above” - marker of primary importance - ‘more important than, of greatest importance, above.’

The Word of God is Power for Godliness

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¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Prophecy is Fulfilled in Three Ways:

1. Theologically
2. Historically
3. Scientifically

Prophecy Fulfilled Theologically

¹Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ²He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

Isaiah 53:1-6

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Prophecy Fulfilled Theologically

⁴Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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HEAD OF GOLD

CHEST AND ARMS
OF SILVER

BELLY AND
THIGHS OF
BRONZE

LEGS OF IRON

FEET OF IRON
AND CLAY

VISION IN CHAPTER 7

L I O N

B E A R

L E O P A R D

TERRIFYING
AND
FRIGHTENING

B E A S T

IDENTIFICATION

BABYLONIA
2:37 - 38

MEDO-PERSIA
8:20

GREECE
8:21

ROME

626 B.C.

539 B.C.

330 B.C.

63 B.C.

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Prophecy Fulfilled Scientifically

Two centuries before Pythagoras postulated the "Flat Earth Theory," Isaiah prophesied about the earth being round.

It took 21 centuries before the scientific community found out that the earth was round.

Prophecy Fulfilled Scientifically

He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

Isaiah 40:22

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⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. ⁸The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. ⁹The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

Psalms 19:7-11

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¹⁰They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.¹¹By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

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7 Promises of the Word:

1. Refreshing
2. Wisdom
3. Joy
4. Direction
5. Assurance
6. Warning
7. Reward