

Though he gives this as fact, tries to explain it away as far as any evidence is concerned. He says this was no divine intervention, no supernatural act. He says this was ~~gas~~ gas imprisoned there in the caves under the old temple and it had gradually accumulated during the centuries it had been in ruins so when they cut into it the gas was released and it exploded and the fire came out. It is not necessary to believe God performed a sudden, supernatural intervention to cause this. Maybe He did. Maybe He didn't. If some such natural thing produced it it produced it because God caused it to come about that way, and it fits exactly with the promise that was made here with the prediction that Exekiel made.

These are a few of the many illustrations to show that God is able to prophesy the future because He controls the future. He knows the end from the beginning. We can trust the Scripture. When we read a statement in it, we may not understand all that it means. The Bible is a divine book. It is infinite. You might study it 1000 yrs. and still find ~~new~~ new things. New treasures. You can't expect to understand everything in it when you first read it. But as far as you can understand what it means you can trust it. And you can know that if you go on studying it you if you trust God and look to the Holy Spirit to enlighten you, you will increase in understanding, and knowledge of it and what you find there is dependable. You can stand upon it it is entirely true.

One other interesting prediction. In Luke 17 (at the end) we find the prediction, "I tell you in that night (he's speaking of the rapture here) there shall be two men in one bed, one shall be taken, the other left." Vs. 36, "Two men shall be in the field, ~~the~~ one shall be taken, the other left." I'm sure the disciples as they pondered these words must have thought What a crazy thing to say. If anybody except the Lord Jesus said it we'd think he was out of his mind! Because in those days they did not artificial lights as today, and besides if you did have it you're not apt to go out and work in the fields at night. But he says, at that night, there shall be two men in one bed, and he says two men will be working in the field at the same time. We have baseball games at night with our artificial lights, but I don't know that they use aritfical lights for two men to work out in the field == in the barns at night even today. Certainly in those days it would sound ridiculous to say at the same time there would be two men sleeping in one bed and at the same time two men working out in the field. So though there were many in Christ's day who knew that the world was round, in fact one of the Greek scholars in Egypt not so long after that figured geometrically how far it is around the world, and came within a very small fraction of getting the exact circumference of the world as we now know it to be. But