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God gave a seven-day warning that a flood was coming which would destroy the entire world. The flood didn't come out of nowhere with no **advance** notice.

- **Genesis 7:4:** "For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth."

God told Abram that one day his descendants were going to leave the nation that they served (Egypt), and when they did they would leave with great wealth. This was revealed hundreds of years in **advance**. (God also said that He was going to judge that nation.)

- **Genesis 15:14:** "And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance."

God told Moses in **advance** that Pharaoh wasn't going to listen to him and wouldn't free the Israelites until after He smote Egypt. It seems that Moses didn't listen, even though God told him this *twice* in the same conversation.

- **Exodus 3:19-20:** "And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand. And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you

go.

- **Exodus 4:21:** "And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.""

God repeatedly told Moses that Pharaoh wasn't going to listen to him. Moses was told this in **advance** several times.

- **Exodus 7:4:** "But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments."

There are times when God tells people in **advance** that a judgment is coming.

- **Exodus 8:23:** "And I will put a division between my people and thy people: to morrow shall this sign be."

God gave Pharaoh an **advance** warning of an entire day that He was going to kill Egypt's livestock if Pharaoh didn't let the Israelites go.

- **Exodus 9:5:** "And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, To morrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land."

God gave Pharaoh an **advance** warning of an entire day that He was going to send hail upon Egypt if Pharaoh didn't let the Israelites go.

- **Exodus 9:18:** "Behold, to morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now."

God gave Pharaoh an **advance** warning of an entire day that He was going to send locusts upon Egypt if Pharaoh didn't let the Israelites go.

- **Exodus 10:4:** "Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast:"

It seems God didn't give Pharaoh **advance** notice that the plague of darkness was going to happen.

- **Exodus 10:21:** "And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt."

Moses told Pharaoh in **advance** that the death of the firstborn was coming.

- **Exodus 11:4-5, 8b:** "And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first born of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts... And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger."

God told Moses in **advance** that Pharaoh was going to chase after the Israelites after he drove them out of Egypt.

- **Exodus 14:4:** "And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so."

When the Israelites were at mount Sinai and were preparing to hear the voice of God, they were told in **advance** how to prepare for the sounding of the trumpet.

- **Exodus 19:13:** "There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount."

Balaam warned Balak in **advance** that even if Balak gave him his house full of silver and gold, he could still only say what God gave him to say.

- **Numbers 24:13:** "If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the LORD saith, that will I speak?"

God warned the Israelites in **advance** that there would be painful consequences if they didn't drive out all of the inhabitants of the land of Canaan.

- **Numbers 33:55:** "But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell."

The Israelites were warned in **advance** that if they engaged in idolatry they would be removed from the land of Canaan.

- **Deuteronomy 4:25-26:** "When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of the Lord thy God, to provoke him to anger: I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed."

Moses warned the Israelites in **advance** that God might test them to see if they loved Him with all their heart and soul.

- **Deuteronomy 13:2-3:** "And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul."

The Israelites were told in **advance** that if they didn't conquer the remaining nations in Canaan but instead intermarried with them, that God would curse them and they would be removed from the land. (In the end that's exactly what happened.)

- **Joshua 23:12-13:** "Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you: Know for a

certainly that the LORD your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you."

God warned Eli in **advance** that He was going to kill Eli and his two sons, and curse his family forever because of their sins. The Lord gave Eli a chance to repent and seek forgiveness and mercy, but Eli ignored God.

- **1 Samuel 2:31-32:** "Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house. And thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever."

God warned Eli in **advance** that his sons Hophni and Phinehas would die on the same day. However, Eli didn't repent or seek God's mercy. Instead he ignored God.

- **1 Samuel 2:34:** "And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them."

God told Samuel to warn the Israelites how bad a king would be before He gave them one. The Lord wanted them to know in **advance** that when He granted their prayer, they would suffer. (There are times when God warns people will happen to them if they choose the wrong path.)

- **1 Samuel 8:9:** "Now therefore hearken unto their voice:

howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them."

God warned the Israelites in **advance** that if they chose a king then that king would greatly oppress them. If they then cried out to God, He wouldn't hear them.

- **1 Samuel 8:18:** "And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day."

God held Jonathan responsible for breaking Saul's command, even though Jonathan acted out of ignorance and had no way of knowing in **advance** that he was doing something the king had forbidden.

- **1 Samuel 14:42:** "And Saul said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken."

Solomon warned Shimei in **advance** that if he left Jerusalem then he would be put to death.

- **1 Kings 2:37:** "For it shall be, that on the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head."

The prophet told Ahab in **advance** that the following year, Benhadad would return and attack Ahab again.

- **1 Kings 20:22:** "And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest: for at the return of the

year the king of Syria will come up against thee."

When the day came that God took Elijah into heaven, both Elisha and the sons of the prophets knew about it in **advance**.

- **2 Kings 2:3:** "And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace."
- **2 Kings 2:5:** "And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace."

Elisha told the woman in **advance** that she was going to be filling vessels with oil (which meant the amount of oil she would collect depended on the number of empty vessels she borrowed).

- **2 Kings 4:4:** "And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full."

Elisha told the woman in **advance** that a famine was coming so she could take her family somewhere else before it hit.

- **2 Kings 8:1:** "Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD hath called for a famine; and it shall

also come upon the land seven years."

God decides the future of nations long in **advance**.

- **2 Kings 19:25:** "Hast thou not heard long ago how I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps."

God told Hezekiah in **advance** that everything in his house would be taken away to Babylon, and nothing would be left. (Yet Hezekiah didn't intercede on behalf of his nation or cry out to God for mercy. Instead he didn't care.)

- **2 Kings 20:17:** "Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD."

God told Hezekiah in **advance** that his descendants would be taken captive by the king of Babylon and turned into eunuchs. (Yet Hezekiah didn't intercede or ask God to spare them.)

- **2 Kings 20:18:** "And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."

After Josiah commanded that the temple be repaired, Shaphan brought a report of the **progress** to him.

- **2 Kings 22:9:** "And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house,

and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD."

Ahab was told in **advance** that if he went to Ramothgilead, Israel would be defeated in battle and he would die.

- **2 Chronicles 18:16:** "Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace."

The enemies of the Jews heard about the **progress** Nehemiah had made rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem.

- **Nehemiah 6:1:** "Now it came to pass when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;)"

If Nehemiah left, the work of rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem would cease. It seems the work only **progressed** as long as he was there to direct it.

- **Nehemiah 6:3:** "And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?"

God told the wicked about His wrath in **advance**, so that they might repent of their sins and be delivered from His wrath.

- **Psalms 50:22:** "Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I

tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver."

It's not always possible to see the destruction of the wicked in **advance**. Their destruction can come suddenly.

- **Proverbs 24:22:** "For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?"
- **Isaiah 30:13:** "Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant."

Even though locusts have no king, they **advance** in bands (groups).

- **Proverbs 30:27:** "The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;"

Life in this world is unsatisfying because history repeats itself in an endless cycle. The things that people did in the past will be done again. In other words, this life is an endless repetition of the same thing with no **progress** or change. This is empty and unsatisfying.

- **Ecclesiastes 1:9:** "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun."

The only things we can do in this life are the same sort of things that were done by those who came before us. This is empty and unsatisfying. Instead of making **progress** we're going in a cycle.

- **Ecclesiastes 2:12:** "And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what can the man do that cometh after the king? even that which hath been already done."

There's no way to tell in **advance** whether something will succeed or not.

- **Ecclesiastes 11:6:** "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

God warned the Jews in **advance** about the terrible things that were going to happen to Judah and Jerusalem. The Lord gave them an opportunity to repent, but they didn't.

- **Isaiah 3:26:** "And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she being desolate shall sit upon the ground."

God has the power to stop kings from **advancing** against a nation.

- **Isaiah 37:29:** "Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest."

God warned Judah in **advance** that one day the Babylonians would take away everything and leave nothing behind.

- **Isaiah 39:6:** "Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in

store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD."

God warned Judah in **advance** that one day the Babylonians would conquer the nation, enslave the nation's rulers, and make the people serve the king of Babylon.

- **Isaiah 39:7**: "And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."

God tells people in **advance** what the future would hold.

- **Isaiah 41:4**: "Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he."

God told the Jews in **advance** that He was going to destroy their nation because of their idolatry. (However, they didn't repent.)

- **Jeremiah 1:16**: "And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands."

God told Jeremiah in **advance**, at the beginning of his ministry, that the rulers, priests, and people of Judah would reject his message and fight against him. Jeremiah knew the Jews weren't going to listen to him (which meant he knew they weren't going to be saved.)

- **Jeremiah 1:19**: "And they shall fight against thee; but

they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee."

- **Jeremiah 7:27:** "Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee."
- **Jeremiah 15:20:** "And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD."

God told the Jews in **advance** that Egypt wouldn't save them, but they didn't listen.

- **Jeremiah 2:36:** "Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria."

God gave the Jews **advance** warning that great destruction was coming upon Judah and Jerusalem. He told them to flee the city so they could escape the coming destruction.

- **Jeremiah 6:1:** "O ye children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a sign of fire in Bethhaccerem: for evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction."

God told the Jews in **advance** that He was going to destroy Jerusalem, the temple, and the land of Judah if they didn't repent, just as He destroyed Shiloh in the past (where the tabernacle had once been). (However, they didn't repent.)

- **Jeremiah 7:14:** "Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh."
- **Jeremiah 26:6:** "Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth."

God warned the Jews in **advance** that He was going to bring evil upon them. (However, they refused to listen to Him.)

- **Jeremiah 11:11:** "Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them."

God warned the Jews in **advance** that their enemies were going to besiege Jerusalem and cause a famine which was so terrible that people would engage in cannibalism. (The Lord told the Jews to flee from the city so they didn't have to go through this, but they ignored Him.)

- **Jeremiah 19:9:** "And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend in the siege and straitness, wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall straiten them."

God warned the Jews in **advance** that His judgment was coming upon both them and Jerusalem.

- **Jeremiah 19:11:** "And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Even so will I break this people and this

city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury them in Tophet, till there be no place to bury."

God warned the Jews in **advance** that the king of Babylon was going to conquer Judah, kill many Jews, and carry its people away captive.

- **Jeremiah 20:4:** "For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword."

Jeremiah warned the people who were with Johanan in **advance** that if they went to Egypt they would die there. (However, they didn't listen.)

- **Jeremiah 42:22:** "Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go and to sojourn."

God gave the Moabites **advanced** warning of the coming judgment so they could escape it by fleeing.

- **Jeremiah 48:6:** "Flee, save your lives, and be like the heath in the wilderness."
- **Jeremiah 48:9:** "Give wings unto Moab, that it may flee and get away: for the cities thereof shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein."

God gave the inhabitants of Hazor **advanced** notice that Nebuchadnezzar was plotting against them so they could flee.

- **Jeremiah 49:30:** "Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the LORD; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you."

God told Ezekiel in **advance** that the Jews would be against him and wouldn't listen to him.

- **Ezekiel 2:6:** "And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house."
- **Ezekiel 3:7:** "But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted."

God knows in **advance** how people would respond to His prophets if He sent them to him.

- **Ezekiel 3:6:** "Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee."

God warned the Jews in **advance** that He was going to make their land desolate, and yet they still didn't repent.

- **Ezekiel 15:8:** "And I will make the land desolate, because

they have committed a trespass, saith the Lord GOD."

- **Ezekiel 21:3:** "And say to the land of Israel, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I am against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of his sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked."

In ancient times, the sound of the trumpet meant that war was at hand. It meant people needed to take shelter because the enemy was **advancing** toward them.

- **Ezekiel 33:3:** "If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;"

Just as watchmen looked for **advancing** armies and warned the people of their approach, so God appointed Ezekiel to be a watchman over Israel.

- **Ezekiel 33:7:** "So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me."

God warned Nebuchadnezzar in **advance** that his day of judgment was coming.

- **Daniel 4:5:** "I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me."

God warned people in **advance** that He was going to destroy the kingdom of Israel. He didn't destroy them without warning.

- **Hosea 1:4:** "And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel."
- **Amos 9:8:** "Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD."

God told the tribes of Israel in **advance** what He was going to do. He warned them of the coming judgment before He sent it.

- **Hosea 5:9:** "Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be."
- **Hosea 10:4:** "They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant: thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field."

God told the children of Israel in **advance** that He was going to judge them for their idolatry, but they still didn't repent.

- **Hosea 8:8:** "Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure."

God warned Samaria in **advance** about the terrible judgment that was going to come against them (and yet they didn't repent or seek salvation from the Lord).

- **Hosea 13:16:** "Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their

women with child shall be ripped up."

God has told people in **advance** what the signs of the end-times tribulation are so that people can watch for them.

- **Joel 2:31:** "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD come."

God told Israel in **advance** what the coming judgment would be like, and yet the people still didn't repent. (Since they ignored God and continued on in their sins, the judgment came.)

- **Amos 8:3:** "And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD: there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence."

God told the people in **advance** that when the judgment came, the Jews wouldn't be wiped out as a people. There would be survivors.

- **Amos 9:8:** "Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD."

God told His people in **advance** that their King (the Messiah) was coming.

- **Zechariah 9:9:** "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto

thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."

In our prayers, we should seek the **advancement** of the kingdom of God.

- **Matthew 6:10**: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

God warned us in **advance** that we would have problems.

- **Matthew 7:25**: "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

Jesus warned His disciples in **advance** that they would be scourged in synagogues for His sake.

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- **Matthew 10:18:** "And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles."

There are times when God tells people what they need to say in the same hour that they need to say it, and doesn't tell them in **advance**.

- **Matthew 10:19:** "But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak."
- **Mark 13:11:** "But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost."
- **Luke 12:11-12:** "And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say."

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Jesus warned His disciples in **advance** that they would be hated for His sake.

- **Matthew 10:22:** "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."
- **Luke 21:17:** "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake."

Jesus told people in **advance** that He was going to be in the grave for three days and three nights.

- **Matthew 12:40:** "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

The wicked grow worse as their lives **progress**. This is because God takes truth away from those who don't believe in Him.

- **Matthew 13:12:** "For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath."

When Jesus went to Jerusalem, His disciples should have understood that He was about to be killed and then resurrected on the third day, because He told them in **advance**. However, they didn't believe Him.

- **Matthew 16:21:** "From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day."
- **Matthew 17:23:** "And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry."
- **Matthew 20:18:** "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death,"

- **Matthew 20:28:** "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."
- **Mark 8:31:** "And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again."
- **Mark 9:31:** "For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day."
- **Luke 9:22:** "Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day."
- **Luke 13:32:** "And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected."
- **Luke 18:31-33:** "Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again."

Jesus warned His disciples in **advance** that He was going to be betrayed.

- **Matthew 17:22:** "And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the

hands of men:"

- **Matthew 26:21:** "And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me."
- **Matthew 26:23:** "And he answered and said, He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me."
- **Mark 14:18:** "And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me."
- **John 13:18:** "I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me."

In the parable of the vineyard, the workers who agreed to a fixed salary received the same from the householder as those who agreed to work for him without being told in **advance** what they would be given. Everyone was given what they needed.

- **Matthew 20:14:** "Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee."

Jesus told His disciples in **advance** that Judas was the one who would betray Him.

- **Matthew 26:25:** "Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said."

Jesus told His disciples in **advance** that all of them would flee from Him that night.

- **Matthew 26:31:** "Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad."
- **Mark 14:27:** "And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered."
- **John 16:32:** "Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me."

Jesus told Peter in **advance** that he was going to deny Him three times that very night.

- **Matthew 26:34:** "Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice."

Jesus warned the religious leadership of His day in **advance** what the consequences were going to be for rejecting and killing Him, and yet they did it anyway.

- **Mark 12:9-12:** "What shall therefore the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others. And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner: This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? And they sought to lay hold on him, but feared the people: for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them: and they left him, and went their way."

Jesus told the people of Judea in **advance** how to save themselves from the coming abomination of desolation (they were to immediately flee for their lives).

- **Mark 13:14-16:** "But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house: And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment."

Jesus told us in **advance** what would happen in the end times.

- **Mark 13:23:** "But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things."

Jesus warned Judas in **advance** that He knew Judas was planning on betraying Him, but Judas did it anyway.

- **Mark 14:21:** "The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born."

Jesus told His disciples in **advance** that when He was arrested they would all flee, and that is exactly what they did. Things happened exactly as He said they would.

- **Mark 14:50:** "And they all forsook him, and fled."

The reason Zacharias didn't believe he would have a child was because he and his wife were old. He thought it was impossible for them to have a son at their **advanced** age.

- **Luke 1:18:** "And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years."

The **progress** to reach the house of Jairus was very slow because of the enormous amount of people who were around Jesus.

- **Luke 8:42:** "For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him."

Just as thieves don't announce their coming in **advance**, so Jesus won't announce His coming at the end of the tribulation in advance either. Instead He'll return unexpectedly. (Although God has provided us signs that foretell His arrival, God hasn't given us the exact day or hour of the return of Jesus. That's why we must watch.)

- **Luke 12:39-40:** "And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

Jesus warned the people who rejected Him in **advance** that they wouldn't be in the kingdom of God, but would be thrust out.

- **Luke 13:28:** "There shall be weeping and gnashing of

teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out."

The disciples of Jesus didn't understand that He was going to be arrested, put to death, and resurrected, even though He told them all those things in **advance** in very plain language.

- **Luke 18:34:** "And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken."

The command to not meditate in **advance** what to say was given to the disciples in the context of responding to those who were persecuting them.

- **Luke 21:14:** "Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:"

Jesus warned His disciples in **advance** that they would be put to death.

- **Luke 21:16:** "And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death."

Even though the disciples were told that Jesus had been risen from the dead, and even though some of them visited the tomb themselves and saw that it was empty, and even though Jesus told them in **advance** that He would rise from the dead, they still refused to believe that Jesus was alive.

- **Luke 24:24-25:** "And certain of them which were with us

went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:"

Jesus told people in **advance** that He was going to give His life for His sheep.

- **John 10:11:** "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

Jesus told the people in **advance** that He was going to leave them.

- **John 12:35:** "Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth."

The reason Jesus told His disciples in **advance** that one of them would betray Him was so that when it happened, they would believe that He was the Messiah.

- **John 13:19:** "Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he."

Jesus told His disciples in **advance** that they were going to be persecuted so that when the time came, they would remember that He warned them about this before it happened.

- **John 16:4:** "But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of

them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you."

The reason the miracle of healing the lame man was so amazing to the Jews was because he was more than forty years old when he was healed. His **advanced** age made the healing more remarkable.

- **Acts 4:22:** "For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed."

Jesus revealed to Saul (who later became the apostle Paul) in **advance** that he was going to have to suffer greatly for the sake of the name of Jesus.

- **Acts 9:16:** "For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake."

There are times when God doesn't tell people things in **advance**, but instead waits until it's time to act and then tells people what He wants them to do.

- **Acts 10:19:** "While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee."

When God saved the Gentiles, He was fulfilling a promise that He made. He told people in **advance** that He was going to save them.

- **Acts 15:15-17:** "And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things."

God repeatedly told Paul not to go to Jerusalem, but Paul stubbornly refused to listen. He was so determined to go that he ignored the *many* warnings that God gave him in **advance** that he shouldn't go.

- **Acts 21:11:** "And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles."

Paul told the group in **advance** that if they continued sailing they would endanger the ship's cargo, the ship itself, and their own lives.

- **Acts 27:10:** "And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives."

Paul wanted to speak to the Corinthian church on a more **advanced** level, but he was unable to do so because they were spiritually immature.

- **1 Corinthians 3:1:** "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ."

Paul was worried that he had boasted about the Corinthian

church in vain, and if he didn't send people in **advance** to warn them that a request was coming then they would fail the test.

- **2 Corinthians 9:3-4:** "Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready: Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting."

God used Paul's imprisonment to **advance** the gospel.

- **Philippians 1:12:** "But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;"

Christians who don't even understand the basics can't be taught anything more **advanced**.

- **Hebrews 5:11:** "Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing."

Christians who have a more **advanced** understanding of the faith should be teaching others what they know.

- **Hebrews 5:12:** "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat."

When Abraham had children he was "as good as dead". In other words, he had children at a very **advanced** age.

- **Hebrews 11:12:** "Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable."

God told us in **advance** that in the last days the churches would be full of corrupt and wicked people.

- **Jude 1:18:** "How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts."

The fact that merchants were selling chariots and horses during the tribulation is a sign that the end times society isn't technologically **advanced**.

- **Revelation 18:13:** "And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men."