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1. Failed prophecy about the name of Jesus:

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: **The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.**

PS : How many Christians call Jesus as Immanuel and where in the Bible Jesus is called as Immanuel ? Nowhere. Shmuel Golding, an editor of Biblical Polemics, published by the Jerusalem Institute of Biblical Polemics, has explained that verb-tense problems alone in this passage make it impossible for people who are knowledgeable in Hebrew to accept it as a prophecy of a distantly future event: In Hebrew, the verse reads in the present tense is with child and not as according to the Christian Bible will conceive and bear a child. In Hebrew it states she is pregnant, not will be pregnant. In fact, the Catholic Bible (Isaiah 7:14) reads as follows: The maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son. Jesus was not born until seven hundred years after this sign was given, which could not be described as "soon." The text reads "is with child," so how could this woman be kept pregnant for seven hundred years until Jesus arrived? ("Who Changed God's Diapers?" [pam], p. 1)

2. Failed prophecy against Cain:

Genesis 4:12

No longer will the ground yield good crops for you(Cain), no matter how hard you work! From now on you will be a homeless wanderer on the earth.”

However,

Genesis 4:17

Cain made love to his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch.

(PS: Here Cain is supposed to be a homeless guy as the Bible prophesied which is a failed prophecy)

3.Failed prophecy about Jehoiakim's heir:

Jeremiah 36:30

Therefore this is what the LORD says about Jehoiakim king of Judah: He will have no one to sit on the throne of David; his body will be thrown out and exposed to the heat by day and the frost by night.

However,

2 Kings 24:6

When Jehoiakim died, his son Jehoiachin became the next king .

(PS: Jehoiachin was the son of Jehoiakim who later became the king)

4.Failed prophecy about the destruction of Tyre (A city in modern day Lebanon):

Ezekiel 26:7

"For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: From the north I am going to bring against Tyre Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, with horses and chariots, with horsemen and a great army.

Ezekiel 26:12

They will plunder your wealth and loot your merchandise; they will break down your walls and demolish your fine houses and throw your stones, timber and rubble into the sea.

Ezekiel 26:14

I will make you a bare rock, and you will become a place to spread fishnets. You will never be rebuilt, for I the LORD have spoken, declares the Sovereign LORD.

From history we know, Alexander The Great destroyed Tyre and not Nebuchadnezzar as the Bible prophesied.

(PS: Please read the entire Ezekiel 26 if you are concerned about the context. Keep in mind that Ezekiel is a part of the Old Testament and Alexander The Great destroyed Tyre in 332 BC. The prophecy was made more than 235 years before the destruction of Tyre. According to the prophecy, Nebuchadnezzar is the one who would destroy Tyre However, Encyclopedia Americana states that The neo-Babylonian conqueror, Nebuchadnezzar II, subjected the island to a 13-year siege (585-572) without success)

5.Failed prophecy that Nebuchadnezzar would conquer Egypt:

Ezekiel (29:18-19)

"Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon caused his army to labor strenuously against Tyre; every head was made bald, and every shoulder rubbed raw; yet neither he nor his army received wages from Tyre, for the labor which they expended on it. Therefore thus says Yahweh God: 'Surely I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; he shall take away her wealth, carry off her spoil, and remove her pillage; and that will be the wages for his army'" (29:18-19).

(PS:Nebuchadnezzar campaigned against Egypt but failed to conquer it)

6.Failed prophecy about Judah :

Isaiah (7:4-7) -(Read Isaiah 7:1-7 to understand properly)

4 and say to him: Calm down and be quiet. Do not be afraid or disheartened over these two smoldering stubs of firewood—over the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and of the son of Remaliah.

5 For Aram, along with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has plotted your ruin, saying:

6 'Let us invade Judah, terrorize it, and divide it among ourselves. Then we can install the son of Tabeal over it as king.'

7 But this is what the Lord GOD says: 'It will not arise;it will not happen.

(Here Bible tells that the king of Judah Ahaz shall not be harmed by his enemies)

But

5 So the LORD his God delivered Ahaz into the hand of the king of Aram, who attacked him and took many captives to Damascus.Ahaz was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who struck him with great force.

6 For in one day Pekah son of Remaliah killed 120,000 valiant men in Judah. This happened because they had forsaken the LORD, the God of their fathers.

7 Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the son of the king, Azrikam the governor of the palace, and Elkanah the second to the king.

8 Then the Israelites took 200,000 captives from their kinsmen—women, sons, and daughters. They also carried off a great deal of plunder and brought it to Samaria.

(PS: Here as we see not only the enemies of Ahaz harmed him rather the land was plundered and people were massacred)

7. Distortion of The Old Testament to fulfill a prophecy (Birth of Jesus prophecy busted) :

Matthew (2:5-6)

So they said unto him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet : 'But you, Bethlehem , in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel'" (2:5-6).

Here we can see Matthew wrote 'it is written by the prophet' which means he is quoting a verse from the Old Testament. The verse is :

Micah 5:2

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel."

Matthew used many verses out of context from the old testament and distorted the verses to fulfill his needs. So when we read these 2 verses it seems there is nothing wrong. If we take a closer look in Micah 5:2 it mentions Bethlehem Ephrathah and that's a person. In the Old Testament Bethlehem (person) is a descendent from Celeb through Hur, the firstborn son of Caleb's wife (1 Chronicles 2:18, 1 Chronicles 2:50-52, 1 Chronicles 4:4) . Young's Analytical Concordance identifies Bethlehem as this person in addition to its having been the name of two villages one in Zebulun and the other in Judea. But when Matthew was writing he wanted to make a claim that it is the 'fulfillment of a prophecy' but he forgot that the Bethlehem in Micah 5:2 is a person rather than place. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, no doubt about it. But the important thing to notice here is that the New Testament writers quoted verses from the Old Testament without knowing the context of the verse and just to fulfill their needs.

8.Failed prophecy about the fall of Babylon :

Isaiah 13:17-20

Behold, I am stirring up the Medes against them, who have no regard for silver and do not delight in gold. Their bows will slaughter the young men; they will have no mercy on the fruit of the womb; their eyes will not pity children. And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the splendor and pride of the Chaldeans, will be like Sodom and Gomorrah when God overthrew them. It will never be inhabited or dwelt in for all generations; no Arab will pitch his tent there, no shepherds will make their flocks lie down there.

Facts :

- 1.Babylon fell to Achaemenid Empire, not Medes
- 2.It was not destroyed, rather the conquerors simply occupied it.

9.Failed prophecy about the fall of Damascus :

Isaiah 17: 1-2

An oracle concerning Damascus. Behold, Damascus will cease to be a city, and will become a heap of ruins. Her cities will be deserted for ever ; they will be for flocks, which will lie down, and none will make them afraid.

Damascus was never deserted since the day this prophecy was made. Even during the recent civil war the population of Damascus is 2,354,000(2019) . Further the birth rate actually increased from 1.44% to 1.47%

10.Failed prophecy about the language of Egypt :

Isaiah 19:18

On that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt speak the language of Canaan , and swear to the LORD of hosts; one shall be called, The city of destruction.

Facts:

- 1.Cannanite language was never spoken by Egyptians.
- 2.It is an extinct language by now

11.A Fake Prophecy about Herod's Massacre:

Matthew 2:16-18 :

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more.”

Once again Matthew used verses out of context from the Old Testament to prove fulfillment of a fake prophecy. Let's see what Jeremiah actually said :

Jeremiah 31:15-17 :

Thus says the Lord: “A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children. She refuses to be comforted by her children, because they are not.”

Thus says the Lord: “Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears for your work shall be rewarded, says the Lord, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy. There is hope for your future, says the Lord, and your children shall come back to their own country”.

Facts:

1. Jeremiah actually prophesied about 'Babylonian Captivity'
2. As you see Rachel's children are not dead

12.Fulfillment of a prophecy which was never prophesied (1) :

John 7:38

Jesus said, “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” Nowhere in the Old Testament something was prophesied like this.

13.Fulfillment of a prophecy which was never prophesied(2):

Luke 24:46

Thus it is written and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures

(PS : No such verse exists in the Old Testament)

14.Fulfillment of a prophecy which was never prophesied (3):

Matthew 27:9

Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel,

(PS:The problem with this prophecy is, Jeremiah wrote nothing related to this let alone the prophecy. Some scholars stated Matthew was quoting from Zechariah 11:12-13 but made a mistake by mentioning Jeremiah instead of Zechariah. In that case, the Christian claim of divine inspiration of Bible authors which makes the Bible infallible becomes a fallacy)

15.Fulfillment of a prophecy which was never prophesied(4):

Matthew 2:23

and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophets: "He will be called a Nazarene."

(PS : The verse talks about Joseph when he took his family to Nazareth upon their return from Egypt. The word Nazareth, as well as Nazarene, was never even mentioned in the Old Testament let alone a prophecy)

16.Fulfillment of a prophecy which was never prophesied(5):

Matthew 2:15

And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying Out of Egypt have I called my son.

(PS: Matthew said Jesus will be called out of Egypt and he mentioned it was a fulfillment of a prophecy. The verse he referred to -

Hosea 11:1

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

First of all, Matthew did not mention Israel because if he did his claim of a fulfilled prophecy would be no more. The passage in Hosea is not a prophecy of Jesus leaving Egypt but rather a reference to the exodus of the Israelites. Matthew took this verse out of context)

17.Fulfillment of a prophecy which was never prophesied(6):

John 19:37

And, as another Scripture says: "They will look on the One(Jesus) they have pierced."

(Here John claimed that a prophecy was fulfilled as Jesus was pierced. Let's take a look at which prophecy he talked about :

Zechariah 12:10

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

John did not understand the context of Zechariah 12 which is of an invading army, not a Messianic prophecy of Jesus)