

- Babylon Deserted: Jer 51:42-43 (contrast Nineveh)
No one lives there, no sheep, stones not used
- Edom: Ezk 25:12-14; Mal 1:2-4; Ob 1-4
Continual destruction, vengeance by Israel
- Egypt: Ezk 29:14-15
Will become a lowly kingdom, not to rule over neighbors

(4) Paired Cities:

(see Bloom, "Finding Truth in Religion," IBRI RR 26, where materials similar to (3), above, structured in terms of using pairs to test real prediction by testing reversal of pair to see if equally good

- Memphis/Thebes
- Tyre/Sidon
- Gaza/Ashkelon
- Babylon/Nineveh

4. Advantages of this Line of Evidence:

- a. **Shortcuts** earlier lines of evidence, pointing to God of Bible.
- b. **Messianic prophecy** joins OT and NT and points to Jesus.
- c. Does **not** require as much **technical knowledge** outside the range that a seminary graduate would likely have.

5. Slide Talk "Prophecy: Ancient and Modern"

a. TESTS FOR CONFIRMED PROPHECY:

How can we recognize real supernatural prediction?

- (1) Prophecy clear enough to recognize
- (2) Prophecy known to precede fulfillment
- (3) Prophecy not influenced by prophet
- (4) Prophecy sufficiently remote from fulfillment and/or detailed enough to preclude guessing.

b. SOME EXAMPLES WHICH FAIL THESE TESTS:

- (1) Koran: only predicts last judgment
by then it will be too late to change religions!
- (2) Book of Mormon: not clearly written before fulfillment
easy to "predict" the past!
- (3) Nostradamus: very ambiguous
impressive when right, but hard to prove wrong!
- (4) Oracle at Delphi to Croesus: ambiguous
dangerous to stake life on unclear instructions!