A quick review of a "secret" discovered in your Bible but preached to the men only!

We revel in our God's prophetic power to foretell events in detail long before they occur, <u>like Cyrus!</u>

That saith of **Cyrus**,

He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to **Cyrus**, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

Isaiah 44:28 - 45:1

The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Isaiah 1:1

Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

There is a <u>long time</u> between Isaiah and Jeremiah ... before the 70-year captivity even starts ... and Cyrus ending it by his grand decree.

Isaiah told of Cyrus <u>by name</u> about 200 years before he became king in Babylon!

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2829	Tola.	3232	Athaliah.	,,,	Ezekiel begins to prophesy.
2852	Jair.	3239	Joash.	3536	Epoch of the 70 years' Indignation.
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2874	5th Servitude, Ammon.	3308	Interregnum (11 years).	3538	End of the 40 years of Ezek. 45.6.
2892	Jephthah.	3319	Uzziah.	3539	Jerusalem taken. Temple burnt.
2898	Ibzan.	3371	Jotham.	,,	Epoch of the 70 years of the Fasts.
2905	Elon.	3386	Ahaz.	3564	Evil-merodach.
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3003	Samuel.	3486	Josiah.	3589	Cyrus.
3023	End of the 450 years of Acts 1320.	3499	Jeremiah begins to prophecy.	,,,	Return of Zerubbabel and Joshua with 42.360 exiles.
KINGS		3517	Jehoahaz and Jehoiakim.	,,	End of the 70 years' Servitude.
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We love thinking about Daniel showing Cyrus the book of Isaiah with <u>his name</u> in it 200 years earlier!

Only the true and living God can declare things before they happen. He is our God!

But we have found another event foretold with a name even longer before it happened! Hallelujah!

The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah,
of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:
To whom the word of the LORD came in the days
of <u>Josiah</u> the son of Amon king of Judah,
in the thirteenth year of his reign.

Jeremiah 1:1-2

Jeremiah prophesied for 18 years under King Josiah and the other 22 years under Josiah's sons, so Josiah is important.

Josiah also earned two superlatives from our God and Jeremiah helped Josiah earn them.

No other king ever <u>turned</u> as much to God. His Passover was better than all others.

Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.

II Kings 22:1

And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD;

Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David,

Josiah by name;

and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.

I Kings 13:1-2

Wait a Minute!

There is a long time between I Kings 13 and II Kings 22.

Wow!

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And the man of God foretold this event and included "Josiah by name"?

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In Fact!

There are <u>343 years</u> between the prophecy and Josiah taking the throne when he was 8.

How Do We Know This?

Easily ... by adding one king's reign to the next king's reign from the first year of Jeroboam in I Kings 13 to Josiah's first year in II Kings 22.

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And as Josiah turned himself,
he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount,
and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres,
and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it,
according to the word of the LORD which
the man of God proclaimed, who
proclaimed these words.

II Kings 23:16

Furthermore!

There are <u>361 years</u> between the prophecy and Josiah burning priests' bones and defiling the pagan altar in the 18th year of his reign.

Two Incredibly Neat Prophecies!

"Cyrus" by name 200 years before reign/decree! "Josiah by name" 361 years before altar event!

Our God and Religion Are Fantastic!

God's supernatural revelation in our Bibles with prophecies fulfilled internally and externally prove its divine origin far above man.