

[Psalm 22: A Statistical Phenomenon](#)

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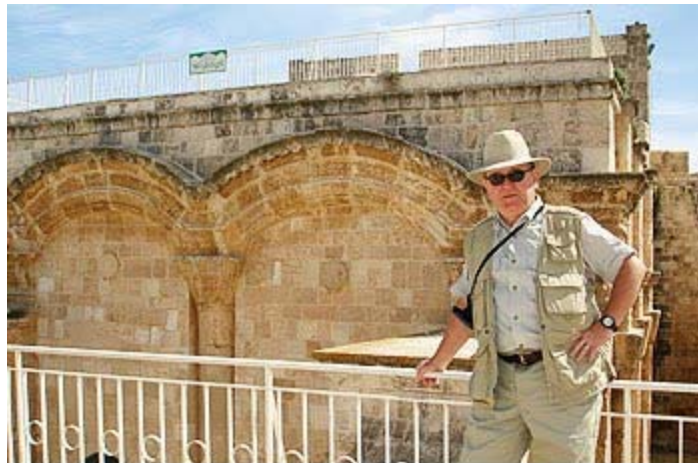


By [Dr. David R. Reagan](#)

Do you know how phenomenal the statistical probability is that so many Bible prophecies could be fulfilled in the life of one man — Jesus Christ?

I was in Jerusalem Easter of 2008 on a video shoot with my old friend Evangelist Don McGee. Don is the founder and director of [Crown & Sickle Ministries](#) based in Amite, Louisiana. Don travels all over the United States preaching about the soon return of Jesus Christ and speaking at Bible prophecy conferences.

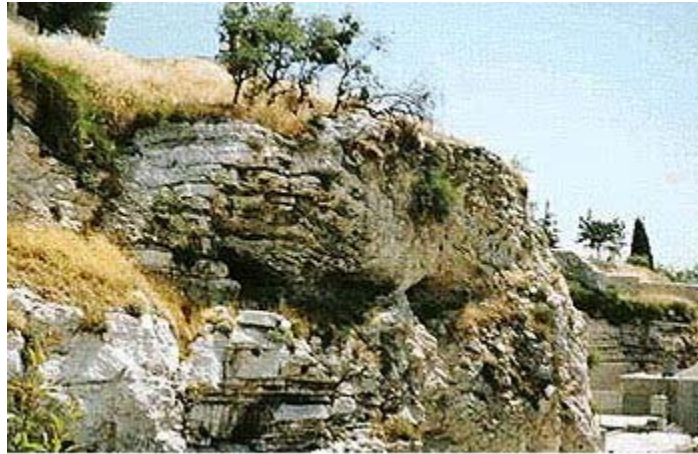
Don and I then got together on my television show "Christ in Prophecy" to discuss how Psalm 22 is one of the most prophetic chapters concerning the crucifixion of Jesus Christ ([watch!](#)). We discussed how particularly remarkable it is that the descriptive prophecy concerning Jesus' death was written more than one thousand years before Jesus was born, and more than 700 years before the Romans perfected crucifixion as a method of execution.



Evangelist Don McGee behind the Eastern Gate, Easter 2008

The Hill that Looks Like a Skull

Dr. Reagan: Skull Hill, also called Golgotha, is one of the possible sites of the crucifixion of Jesus. This hill is located in Jerusalem just north of the Old City's Damascus Gate. There is an image on the front of the hill of what appears to be a skull. You can see two eye sockets and the bridge of a nose.



Golgotha

During Old Testament times, leading up to the time of Jesus, this was a place of execution where people were stoned to death. This site fronts on the highway to Damascus. The Romans always crucified people along such major highways in order to maximize exposure to what happened when you challenged Rome. Regardless of where the crucifixion took place in Jerusalem, whether here or some other site, the event itself was prophesied in the Hebrew Scriptures over one thousand years before it occurred.

The Remarkable Statistics of Bible Prophecy

Dr. Reagan: There are many reasons to study Bible prophecy. One of the most important is that it validates Jesus as God in the flesh.

Don McGee: There are over 300 prophecies concerning the First Coming of the Messiah in the Hebrew Scriptures. One hundred and nine of these are separate and distinct. The odds of only eight being fulfilled accidentally in the life of one person are 1 in 10 to the 17th power, or one in one hundred quadrillion. Such fulfillment is beyond the realm of possibility!

Dr. Reagan: A mathematician by the name of Peter Stoner in his book *Science Speaks* illustrates the meaning of 1 in 10 to the 17th power. Now, I have never met Peter Stoner, but I tell you one thing, I know he must be a good man because he uses the state of Texas to illustrate his point!



Professor Peter Stoner

Stoner says that if you want to get an idea of 1 in 10 to the 17th power, you must start by filling the state of Texas knee deep with silver dollars. Then you fly over the state and you drop out one silver dollar from the airplane that has a black check mark on it. Then you turn about 10,000 bulldozers loose and let them just rampage around the state for several years to get those silver dollars really mixed up very well. Then you take a blindfolded man and you turn him loose in the sea of silver dollars. The odds that on the first draw he will reach down and pick up that silver dollar with the black check mark is 1 in 10 to the 17th power.

Don McGee: We're not talking about mere coincidence here. This is beyond the realm of coincidence. And, keep in mind, Stoner was only talking about eight of the prophecies fulfilled in the life of Jesus. The total that was fulfilled was 109!

For more on the science of probability in the Scriptures, please see my article entitled ["Applying the Science of Probability to the Scriptures"](#).

In the next part of this series on the Passion in Bible Prophecy, we'll delve into the most remarkable prophetic chapter concerning the crucifixion of Jesus Christ — Psalm 22.