

## DAVID'S PROPHECY OF JUDAS

Acts 1:16 ... "Men and brethren, this scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus."

You are probably familiar with the prophecies in the Old Testament book of Isaiah concerning the coming of Christ. There are several very clear and precise predictions that God would send his son as a baby, that the baby would grow up to be man who would die on a cross for our sins, be resurrected and return to heaven. God gave this information to the prophets of old through his Holy Spirit so man would be prepared for Christ's coming.

In today's verse, Peter is speaking to Jesus' disciples following Jesus' return to heaven. He tells them King David prophesied that one of Jesus' disciples would turn against him and lead the Roman soldiers to arrest Jesus in exchange for money. Peter is referring to Judas. Peter found the Old Testament prediction in Psalm 41:9 which reads: "Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me."

I know people who read only from the Psalms and Proverbs in their daily Bible reading. Others read only the Gospels. When you limit your Bible reading to a few books, you miss the ingenious power of scripture that God gave us. We call the Bible "God's Word," because it is his actual words and message to us. When you instruct your employee to do something, will you be happy if he only listens to one word of your instruction? If you are a teacher, will you be pleased if your students answer only one question on an exam correctly, because that is all they studied in their assignments? Will your wife be happy if she talks to you about her day and you do not listen? Not only is God not pleased when we ignore parts of his Word, but he is disappointed when we sin because we did not read his warnings.

David lived about 1,000 years before Jesus appeared on earth. Do you not find it incredible that God spoke to David through his Holy Spirit about 1,000 years before Judas betrayed Jesus? I do. It is amazing! If you want to read something exciting and mind-blowing, read your Bible...from cover to cover, over and over again. I have been studying the Bible for about sixty years and I still find it exciting. I still find something new in it. I am still overwhelmed by the majesty of our God who formed the universe and documented it for us to read thousands of years later, in perfect accuracy. Do not neglect God's Word.

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