

## **The Miracle of Our World**

Did you know that if the Earth was even just 12% of its diameter, that's 1,088 kilometers, either closer to or farther away from the sun, life as we know it could not exist? Did you know that the universe is so vast that some of the stars we see from earth when we look up at the night sky actually died a hundred years ago? They are so far away that their light takes that long to reach us. In other words the light you might see tonight was actually given off by the star a hundred years ago. That's pretty amazing. Such a vast universe, yet our planet is located within the 2,176 km zone that allows life as we know it. It is harder to believe that our location is a "lucky break" than that our loving God placed us here specifically!

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork."*

*Psalm 19:1*

## **Proof that God is Active in Our World**

It's amazing the world that our God has created for us, so intricate that even today, some 6,000 years after man first was on the earth, we are still learning about our home planet and its other inhabitants. However, for truly staggering evidence of God's existence, the best examples come from prophecy. Prophecy is God telling man what is going to happen before it happens. It's sort of like the weatherman telling you what the weather will be like next week, except that God is always right, unlike the weatherman. Many people know of the legendary city of Babylon, but did you know that God prophesied of its destruction before it happened? Not only that, but God told exactly who was going to conquer it! But that's not even the end of it! God also said that for the rest of time there would be no one who lived in it.

In Jeremiah chapter 51 verse 11, God says through the prophet that He had strengthened the king of the Medes and Persians to conquer the Babylonians, and history confirms that Darius the Mede was the one who led the invasion into Babylon. Later in the same chapter, the LORD proclaims that Babylon shall be "desolate forever". Today, the site of the ancient city has been found, and even restored a little by Saddam Hussein. You can see pictures of it on the internet, yet no one lives there. To this day the LORD's prophecy of almost 3000 years ago holds true.

Prophecies like this show that God is present in the universe, and that He does have a

purpose for us. He has not abandoned us, nor has He died, as some have speculated. God is there, and His existence is shown every second of every day by the intricacies of His creations, and the validity of His word.

*"Make the arrows bright! Gather the shields! The LORD has raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes. For His plan is against Babylon to destroy it, because it is the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance for His temple." Jeremiah 51:11*



**Our Perfectly Sized World**



**Modern Day Babylon**