

## Was the crucifixion planned?

The question of the knowledge of God especially with respect to future things is debatable by many. Some view God simply sees what will happen. Some view God as causing things to happen. Others view God as working in the events of men to bring about His will without actually causing it to be.

1. What does the Old Testament tell us about the crucifixion?

Genesis **3:15** cmp Hebrews **2:14-15** Psalm **22:15-18**  
Zechariah **12:10** Isaiah **53:3-7**

God new about the details of the crucifixion from at least the early moments of the fall of man. As the scriptures continue, they expose more and more about the reality of the crucifixion, its details and its impact on mankind. It could be viewed that God simply knew what would happen in the future or that He worked to orchestrate it.

2. What do we know about God's knowledge of future events?

Amos 3:6 Isaiah **48:3-8**  
Daniel **2:27-30** Genesis 50:19-20  
1 Kings **13:1-2**

God knows everything about the future. There is nothing that escapes His attention nor His control.

3. What do we know about how God works to bring about future events?

Genesis **41:32** Numbers **22:21-28**  
Exodus **7:9-13** Exodus **7:20-23**  
Exodus **8:16-19** Jeremiah **4:28**  
Ezekiel **12:28**

In so many places, the scriptures explain that God not only knows what will happen but He is actually in control of what will happen. God is the one who can make sure that whatever he wants to happen will happen. God will use man's own ego and sinful nature to bring about what He wants accomplished. With Pharaoh God started off with signs and wonders that Pharaoh's magicians were able to mimic. God used these "simple" signs in conjunction with Pharaoh's ego in order to get Pharaoh to do just what He wanted him to do.

4. What do we know about when God planned historical events?

1 Peter **1:18-20** Ephesians **1:4-5**  
Revelation **13:8** Acts **2:22-24**

The scriptures are clear that God knew and therefore planned and set everything in motion to bring about the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This plan of God took place even before the heavens and earth were formed by the word of God.