Prophecy devo #2

"Surely I am coming quickly" (Revelation 22:20).

How likely is it the yet to be fulfilled prophecies concerning Christ's second coming will occur? The answer to that question is that they are just as likely to be fulfilled as the promises concerning His first coming. Peter Stoner, in the book Science Speaks, gave a mathematical analysis based on principles of probability in reference to 8 specific prophecies regarding Christ's first coming: 1. The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. 2. He would be preceded by a messenger. 3. He would enter Jerusalem on a donkey. 4. He would be betrayed by a friend and his hands and his feet pierced. 5. His betrayer would be given 30 pieces of silver. 6. The betrayal money would be thrown into the house of God and used to buy a potter's field. 7. He would be silent before his accusers. 8. His hands and feet would be pierced, and he would die among criminals. The chance that any man might have fulfilled all 8 prophecies is one in 10 to the 17th power. That would be 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 (17 zeroes after the 1). Now take that many silver dollars and lay them over the face of Texas. They will cover the whole state two feet deep. Mark one of the silver dollars, and stir them thoroughly over the whole state. Blindfold a man, then tell him he can travel as far as he wants, but he must pick up the marked silver dollar. What chance would he have of getting the right one? The same chance that the prophets would have had of writing these 8 prophecies and having them all come true in any man from their day to the present time. Stoner then considered a group of 48 prophecies: The chance that any one man would fulfill all 48 prophecies would be 1 in 10 to the 157th power (157 zeros after the 1). At one time the Christian Victory Publishing Company of Denver offered a $1,000 reward to anyone who could identify someone who fulfilled just half the predictions concerning the Messiah. No one was able to collect that reward. I guess no one need the extra cash.