

# Isaiah 34:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

## Analysis

The command to "seek...out of the book of the LORD" emphasizes Scripture's authority and reliability in prophecy. "No one of these shall fail" declares the absolute certainty of God's word—every prophesied detail will occur. The phrase "his mouth hath commanded" points to divine authorship, while "his spirit hath gathered them" shows the Holy Spirit's role in fulfilling prophecy. This self-authentication of Scripture undergirds the Reformed principle of *sola scriptura*.

## Historical Context

Isaiah calls readers to verify his prophecies' fulfillment by consulting written records, demonstrating Scripture's self-validating nature through fulfilled prophecy.

## Related Passages

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

1. How does fulfilled prophecy strengthen our confidence in all Scripture?

2. What does the command to search Scripture teach about personal responsibility in faith?
3. How should the certainty of God's word affect our response to biblical warnings?

## Interlinear Text

מִתְבָּאֵת	אָמַת	לְקַבֵּץ	אָמַת	מִתְבָּאֵת
Seek ye out	H5921	of the book	of the LORD	and read
H1875		H5612	H3068	H7121
shall fail	H5737	none	her mate	shall want
H3808		H802	H7468	H6485
it hath commanded	H6680	and his spirit	H7307	H6908
H1931			H1931	it hath gathered
אָמַת	H2007	לְקַבֵּץ	H3588	פִּי
מִתְבָּאֵת		אָמַת	H6310	פִּי
אָמַת		לְקַבֵּץ		לְאָמַת
מִתְבָּאֵת		אָמַת		מִתְבָּאֵת

## Additional Cross-References

**Psalms 33:9** (Parallel theme): For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

**Joshua 1:8** (Parallel theme): This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

**Matthew 5:18** (Parallel theme): For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

**Isaiah 30:8** (Parallel theme): Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever:

**Psalms 33:6** (References Lord): By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

**Proverbs 23:12** (Parallel theme): Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

**John 10:35** (Parallel theme): If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

**Luke 21:33** (Parallel theme): Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

**Amos 3:7** (References Lord): Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

**Malachi 3:16** (References Lord): Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.