

Why Bible Prophecy Is Important

Isaiah 42:9

Everything I prophesied has come true, and now I will prophesy again.

I will tell you the future before it happens.

Prophecy is a major part of divine revelation...

- Many people are surprised to learn that 27% (up to 33%) of the Bible was prophecy at the time it was given.
- Prophecy being accurately fulfilled gives us confidence in both the truth of our faith and future
- Much of the Bible was written to not only tell us of what is to come, but more so to prepare us for our own future. Therefore it would be most wise to study the prophetic scriptures as if our life depended on it, because, it really does!

2 Peter 1:21 *For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

God promises a special blessing to those who study and pay attention to prophecy...

Revelation 1:3 *Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.*

Jesus Christ is the primary subject of prophecy...

Revelation 19:10 *Hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.*

Prophecy helps us understand our world today...

The rapidly increasing tempo of change in modern life has given the entire world a sense of impending crisis.

- Our world today faces convulsions and changes that threaten our very existence (e.g., constant turmoil in the Middle East, economic collapse, radical jihadists, nuclear proliferation, weather related disasters, the potential of catastrophic global plagues, and one escalating crisis after another).

Modern man is asking questions about the future as never before.

- They are solemn questions; they are searching questions.
- The Bible is certainly the best place to look for answers regarding what's going on in our world today, and prophecy spells it out in 'black and white'

Prophecy reveals the sovereignty of God over history...

Bible prophecy proves, beyond any shadow of a doubt, that the God of the Bible is the one true God who alone is supreme over times and seasons of man!

- He not only rules the ages, but He is also in total control over the events of your life too. What comfort and encouragement it is to know that God is in control!

1 Thessalonians 4:17-18 *Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

Prophecy proves the truth of God's Word...

Just as Bible prophecy establishes that our God is the 'True God', it also proves that God's Word is the 'True Word'.

- Simply put, only the Bible authenticates itself through 100% accurate prophetic utterances, proving both its relevance and authority for all of mankind.

Prophecy helps us understand the whole Bible...

Understanding God's prophetic program for this world gives a person the best overall framework possible for comprehending the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

Prophecy gives us a proper perspective in life...

Bible prophecy is important because it tells us the end of the story and our destiny.

- It reveals that just as our world had a definite beginning (Gen. 1:1), it also has an ending. This world will not continue on forever through infinite cycles of history.

Prophecy is a powerful tool for evangelism...

Many wonder what's going to happen to this world. Biblical prophecy gives the answers!

- There's no doubt that people are fascinated with the future!
- Psychic hotlines, tabloid newspapers and astrologers make a living preying upon man's innate interest in the future.

Prophecy can help insulate people from heresy...

Think of all the many false teachers who have gained a following by appealing to Bible prophecy:

William Miller (The Great Disappointment of 1844)... Jehovah's Witnesses... Joseph Smith (Mormonism/LDS)... David Koresh (Branch Davidians)... Heaven's Gate cult... Harold Camping's 2nd Coming date (May 21, 2011), Edgar Whisenant (88 Reasons Why Jesus Is Coming Back In 1988), Sun Myung Moon (claiming to be the 2nd Coming of Christ), et al.

- They all deceptively appealed to Bible prophecies of the future to gain a listening ear, and all were in error, but those who understand authentic Bible prophecy will not be deceived.

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