

What Is, and Was, and Is to Come...

A Biblical End Times and Prophecy Study

I. Why Should We Study Prophecy? (Top 10 Reasons)

1. The Almighty God, our Heavenly Father considers it important, because the Bible (His Word) is full of prophecy. In other words, it's in the Bible!

There are 16 books referencing literal prophetic themes or messages in the Old Testament, including the Major and Minor Prophets. There are 7 books in the New Testament, plus Christ's own references in the 4 Gospels. That's 40% of the books in the Bible (27 books) which contain prophetic references. There are more references to the events surrounding the second coming of Christ than His first.

2. Prophecy reveals the Lord Jesus Christ as He really is.

Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 25:31-32

Revelation 11:14-16
Revelation 19:11-16

3. A proper understanding of prophecy (Scripture) arms the believer against false prophets and false doctrines.

Matthew 24:5, 10-13, 24

4. The study of prophecy tends to purify the believer, impact the Christian's behavior and strengthen his faith.

I John 3:2-3

Philippians 3:20-21

5. The study of prophecy almost always increases the desire to study the Scriptures further.

Acts 17:11

Psalms 119

6. Christ's return offers the ultimate and only certain hope in a hopeless age.

Titus 2:11-13

7. Reaffirms Israel's (and Jerusalem's) role in God's plan and His promises to them.

Amos 9:14-15

Ezekiel 36-34-36

Zechariah 14:16-17

8. The study of prophecy should promote an evangelical sense of urgency in the Christian and the Church.

Matthew 9:37-38

9. Emphasizes, reinforces and further proves the validity, accuracy and harmony of God's Word.

10. There is a blessing for those who study prophecy.

Revelation 1:3