

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT PROPHECY

INTRO: The word means to tell forth—not just foretelling—but revealing God’s Word where it was before unknown. Revelation is revealing something beforehand.

I. WHAT IS BIBLE PROPHECY?

THE BIBLE SAYS: II PETER 1:18-21

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. Bible prophecies comes from Heaven. (18)
2. Bible prophecies are more sure than eye-witnesses. (19)
3. Bible prophecies are intended to be heeded—obeyed—observed—implemented. (19)
4. Bible prophecies are given to shed light. (19)
5. Bible prophecies are not the result of an individual—man is merely the conduit. (20)
6. Bible prophecies can not be conjured up by man. (21)
7. Bible prophecies are given to holy men. (21)
8. Bible prophecies are given by the Holy Spirit to man. (21)

II. DO BIBLE PROPHECIES DIFFER FROM OTHER PROPHECIES?

THE BIBLE SAYS:	ISA 45:1-3	MICAH 5:2	LK 19:41-44
DAN 7; 9:24-27	JER 25:11-12	ISA 13:3-5; 45:1-3; 53	PSA 22
REV 19:11-21	II TIM 1:7-9; 3:16	JUDE 14:15	MATT 24:30

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. Bible prophecies are detailed rather than general.
 - A. Names are given. Cyrus is mentioned 150 years before the event. Isa 45:1-3
 - B. Locations are given— more than 600 years before. Micah 5:2
 - C. Minute details given: PSALM 22
 1. Vs 1--words of Jesus.
 2. Vs 8-- exactly what they said as He hung on the cross.
 3. Vs 14-- bones out of joint.
 4. Vs 16—pierced hands & feet.
 5. Vs 18—gambled for his clothes.
 6. Vs2—when Messiah comes—not from the elite.
 7. Vs 3—not popular or highly esteemed.
 8. Vs 4-5-- substitute for us.
 9. Vs 5—beaten & whipped.
 10. Vs7-- would not open his mouth in defiance.
 11. Vs 8—be killed.
 12. Vs 9—buried with rich.
 13. Vs 9—peaceful & pure man.
 14. Vs 10—offered for sin offering.
 15. Vs 11—bear iniquities of others.
 16. Vs 12—numbered with transgressors.
 17. Vs 12—interceded for others.
 18. Luke 19:41-44--how Jerusalem would be destroyed.
- D. Dates are given:
1. Dan 9:24-27 written 600 BC—150 years before commandment to restore was given. Date to rebuild walls was firmly fixed.
 2. When Christ entered Jerusalem on back of a colt, 445BC to 32 AD (march 14, 445 BC to April 6, 32 AD; Jews had 360 days in their years) is exactly 483 years.

3. Jeremiah tells us 70 years of captivity.

E. Exact order is given:

1. In Dan 7, four great beasts refers to four nations.
2. Bible prophecy never fails.
3. Bible prophets agree with each other.
4. Bible prophets lived holy lives in harmony with their message.
5. Did not prophecy for money.

II Tim 3:16
Jude 14-15, Isa 13:3-5
II Peter 1:21

III. WHY SHOULD WE STUDY PROPHECY?

THE BIBLE SAYS:	DEUT 29:29	MATT 13:10-12; 24:25-27	JN 8:56
II TIM 3:16-17	II PET 1:19-21	ROM 15:4; 13:11-14	I THES 4:18
II COR 4:16-18	I COR 15:51-58	PS 73:1-3, 12-17	REV 1:3

FROM THIS WE LEARN

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| 1. Prophecy is Bible teaching for those who want the truth.
a. Reveals truth—does not hide it b. Light – not darkness | Deut 29:29,
Matt 13:10-12
Rev 1:3 |
| 2. Prophecy carries a special blessing. | II Tim 3:16-17 |
| 3. Prophecy is necessary to mature Christians. | II Pet 1:19-21 |
| 4. Prophecy is dependable. | Matt 24:25-27 |
| 5. Prophecy is necessary to obey Christ fully. | Rom 15:4 |
| 6. Prophecy is given to bring hope in hard times. | Jn 8:56 |
| 7. Prophecy is given to bring joy . | I Thes 4:18 |
| 8. Prophecy is given to bring comfort. | Rom 13:11-14 |
| 9. Prophecy is given to encourage purity in our living. | II Cor 4:16-18 |
| 10. Prophecy is given to bring endurance in travail and suffering. | I Cor 15:51-58 |
| 11. Prophecy stimulates labor for Christ. | Psalm 73:1-3, 12-17 |
| 12. Prophecy brings balance between time, life, & eternity. | |