



UNDERSTANDING PROPHECY

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FROM PROMISE TO FULFILMENT
— ALL POINTS TO JESUS —

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Bible prophecy is one of the most powerful demonstrations that the God of Scripture is the living God — the One who declares “the end from the beginning” and fulfils His word with perfect accuracy. Yet for many people, prophecy seems confusing, mysterious, or even intimidating. This course is designed to cut through that uncertainty and guide you gently but confidently into the heart of God’s revealed plan.

Prophecy is not about predicting the future for curiosity’s sake. It is not a secret code, and it is certainly not meant to frighten believers. Prophecy is God’s gracious way of showing us His sovereignty, His faithfulness, and above all, His Son. Every prophecy, whether already fulfilled or still future, ultimately points to Jesus Christ — His first coming, His present work, and His return in glory. As He said, “Search the scriptures... they are they which testify of me” (John 5:39, KJV).

In this course, you will explore the foundations of biblical prophecy, the major themes that run throughout the Old and New Testaments, the prophecies already fulfilled in astonishing detail, and the ones that remain yet to come. You will see how prophecy reveals the character of God, strengthens personal faith, and equips believers to live with clarity and hope in an age of uncertainty. You will also learn to recognise common misunderstandings, avoid sensationalism, and handle Scripture with humility and confidence.

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Tips for Using This Study Guide

1. Read one lesson at a time, reflect, and answer the study questions.
2. Highlight key Scriptures and memorise those that resonate.
3. Keep a journal of insights and prayer responses.
4. Use the guide for teaching small groups or personal devotion.
5. Return to past lessons for review; prophecy is cumulative.



Lesson 1

What is Bible Prophecy?

“God declaring the end from the Beginning”

If you ask a dozen people what “prophecy” means, you will usually get thirteen answers. Some think of fortune-telling, some imagine frightening predictions, and others assume it belongs to over-excited preachers on late-night television or social media. But none of these ideas reflects what the Bible actually teaches.

Prophecy is far more beautiful, far more hopeful, and far more Christ-centred than most people realise. It is not a strange corner of Scripture. It is God speaking clearly so that His people can walk confidently.

1.1 – A Simple Definition

In Scripture, prophecy is God revealing His plans, purposes, and truth — often beforehand — so that His people may know Him, trust Him, and obey Him.

Prophecy is God saying, *“I am not silent. This is who I am. This is what I am doing. This is where history is going.”*
It is not human speculation. It is divine revelation.

1.2 – Prophecy Starts With God, Not Events

Prophecy is rooted in the character of God Himself. The Lord describes Himself as the One who already knows what has not yet happened.

“I am God ... declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done.”

— Isaiah 46:9-10, KJV —

This is the foundation of biblical prophecy:
God alone sees the whole path of history, because God alone is sovereign over history.

Prophecy is not God “guessing ahead” — it is God revealing what He already knows with perfect certainty.

1.3. Why Does God Tell Us Things Before They Happen?

Jesus gives the clearest answer possible:

“Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.”

— John 13:19, KJV —

In other words: Prophecy exists so that we may believe.

Not panic. Not speculate. Not obsess. But believe.

Prophecy is God’s way of saying, *“When this happens, you will know I am faithful. You will know I am true. You will know I am God.”*



1.4 – Prophecy Is Not About Predicting the Future – It Is About Revealing God

This is the biggest misunderstanding among Christians and non-Christians alike.

People think prophecy is all about: end-times charts, dates, global events, mysterious symbols, decoding headlines.

But biblically, prophecy is first and foremost a revelation of who God is — His holiness, His mercy, His justice, His patience, His sovereignty, and above all His salvation in Christ.

Events are only meaningful because of the Person behind them.

1.5 – Prophecy Is God’s Evidence That He Lives

Prophecy is like God placing signatures throughout history.
A prophecy given centuries earlier.

A fulfilment unfolding in front of the world.
A reminder that God’s Word cannot fail.

The Lord Himself uses prophecy as evidence of His existence.

“I have declared the former things from the beginning ... they came to pass.”

— Isaiah 48:3, KJV —

Prophecy is God saying, *“Watch this — and you will know it is Me.”*

You cannot find this in any other religion, philosophy or belief system. The Bible alone gives verifiable prophecies that have been fulfilled exactly as spoken.

1.6 – Prophecy Shows God’s Love for His People

The first impulse of God in prophecy is not judgement but care.

He warns so we will not be caught unprepared.

He comforts so we will not lose heart.

He reveals so we can walk wisely.

He promises so we may have hope.

Prophecy is pastoral. Loving. Protective.

It is the voice of a Father who refuses to leave His children in the dark.

1.7 – Prophecy Has One Central Theme – Jesus Christ

From Genesis to Revelation, prophecy does not point to a system, a timeline, a nation or an event. It points to a Person.

The Scriptures themselves declare:

“The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

— Revelation 19:10, KJV —

All prophecy whispers His name:

His coming

His cross

His resurrection

His kingdom

His return

Prophecy says, ***“Look at Jesus. Trust Him. Follow Him. He is the centre of God’s plan.”***



1.8 – Why We Begin Here

Before discussing fulfilled prophecies, future prophecies, Israel, nations, symbols, or modern challenges, learners must understand this:

Prophecy is not about predicting everything that will happen.

Prophecy is about knowing the God who holds everything that will happen.

When this foundation is set:

Fear dissolves
Confusion fades
Curiosity becomes faith
and the heart becomes anchored in Christ.

1.9 – Foundations for Interpretation How To Read Prophecy Wisely

As we begin our journey, it is vital to have a few reliable tools. Scripture is our only safe guide, and it teaches us how to approach prophecy with both confidence and humility.

Here are four foundational principles for wise interpretation:

1. The Christ-Centred Principle

This is the master key to all prophecy. As we have seen, the ultimate purpose of prophecy is to reveal Jesus Christ. When looking at any prophetic passage, our first question should be: *"How does this point to the person or work of Jesus?"* Whether it is His first coming, His present reign, or His future return, all prophetic roads lead to Him.

He said to them, ***"This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."*** - Luke 24:44 (NIV)



2. The Context Principle

No verse of Scripture is an island. To understand a prophecy, we must first understand its context. Who was the prophet speaking to? What was the historical situation? What do the surrounding verses and the theme of the book tell us?

Ignoring the context is the surest way to misinterpret Scripture. A prophecy often had an original, immediate meaning for its first audience, which then serves as a foundation for a future, ultimate fulfilment.

3. The Scripture-Interprets-Scripture Principle

The Bible is its own best dictionary. This is especially true for the symbols found in prophetic books like Daniel and Revelation. When you encounter a symbol — a beast, a lampstand, a horn—the first place to look for its meaning is elsewhere in the Bible. Revelation, for example, is saturated with imagery from the Old Testament. The Holy Spirit is consistent, and He uses patterns and images throughout His Word to convey truth.

4. The Plain-Sense Principle

A good rule of thumb for Bible study is: If the plain sense makes common sense, seek no other sense. We should begin by reading prophecy in its most normal, literal sense unless the text itself gives us a clear reason to see it as symbolic or figurative. Prophecy uses powerful poetic language, metaphors, and visions, but the truths they convey are real and definite. Our goal is not to find a hidden, secret meaning, but to understand the glorious truth God is plainly revealing.



1.10 – The Holy Spirit in Prophecy

The Divine Author: The Role of the Holy Spirit

Prophecy is not a human invention. It does not originate in the mind of man, but in the heart of God. The Bible is explicit about how God's prophetic word was delivered to us: through the agency of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit as the Source of Prophecy

The prophets were not merely gifted thinkers or futurists. They were men "moved" by the Spirit of God. He was the divine author who breathed out the very words they were to speak and write, ensuring that the message was not their own, but God's.

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost"

— 2 Peter 1:21 (KJV) —

The Spirit as the Illuminator of Prophecy

The same Holy Spirit who inspired the Scriptures now lives within every believer. His role is to illuminate our minds and hearts to understand the truth He has revealed. While we must study diligently, true understanding of God's prophetic plan is not merely an intellectual exercise — it is a spiritual revelation. As we prayerfully approach His Word, we depend on the Spirit to guide us into all truth.

"...But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God"

— 1 Corinthians 2:10 (KJV) —



Lesson 1 - Reflection Question

How does knowing that prophecy exists to build faith — not fear — change the way you think about the subject?

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Lesson 2

The Purpose of Prophecy

“Why God Told Us Beforehand”

Many people assume prophecy exists simply to predict the future. They treat it like a heavenly forecast — stormy judgments ahead, a few bright intervals, followed by the distant arrival of the kingdom.

But Scripture presents something far richer, far more relational, and far more comforting.

When God reveals something in advance, He is not showing off His knowledge — He is extending His heart.

Prophecy is one of the great kindnesses of God.



2.1 – Prophecy Strengthens Faith

Jesus said:

“And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.”

— John 14:29, KJV —

Here is the Lord’s purpose in one line:

Prophecy exists to deepen trust.

God knows our frailty.

He knows how easily we grow anxious.

He knows how quickly circumstances shake us.

Prophecy is like a lamp placed in a dark corridor — not to illuminate every detail, but to show that the path is secure because the One who leads us is faithful.

When what God foretold comes to pass, our hearts say,
“He truly keeps His Word.”

2.2 – Prophecy Reveals God’s Character

Every prophecy shows us something about who God is:

His holiness — He must judge sin.

His mercy — He warns before judgement comes.

His patience — He delays wrath to give space for repentance.

His sovereignty — He rules over kings, nations, and times.

His faithfulness — He remembers His promises to His people.

His love — He provides salvation through Christ.

**Prophecy is not primarily a schedule.
It is a portrait of God.**



2.3 – Prophecy Comforts God’s People

Modern believers often associate prophecy with fear — but Scripture ties it to comfort.

Paul said of the Lord’s return:

“Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

— 1 Thessalonians 4:18, KJV —

Every prophecy relating to Christ’s coming is meant to produce comfort, courage, and expectation — never dread.

Prophecy answers our deepest fears:

Is God in control? — Yes

Is evil winning? — No

Will justice ever come? — Yes

Will Christ return for His people? — Absolutely

Is suffering the end of the story? — Not even close.

2.4 – Prophecy Shows That History Is Moving Toward a Divine Goal

History is not cyclical, random or accidental.
Scripture presents it as linear and purposeful.

God is leading all things toward:

The triumph of Christ

The redemption of creation

The restoration of all things

The eternal kingdom

Prophecy keeps believers from despair because it reminds us that all earthly chaos is temporary — and **all of God’s promises are certain.**



2.5 – Prophecy Warns – Because God Loves

Warnings are not expressions of anger.

They are expressions of compassion.

Before the Flood, God warned for 120 years.

Before the destruction of Jerusalem, Christ warned repeatedly.

Before future judgement, God still warns through Scripture and through the gospel.

Judgement surprises no one whom God loves — because He always speaks first.

Warnings in prophecy say:

“You do not need to perish. Turn to Me and live.”

Divine warnings are invitations to mercy.

2.6 – Prophecy Prepares Us for Wise Living

Jesus repeatedly said:

“Watch.”

“Be ready.”

“Take heed.”

Prophecy is not meant to satisfy curiosity — it is meant to shape character.

It teaches believers to:

Stay awake spiritually

Guard against deception

Prioritise holiness

Value eternal things

Resist the world’s pull

Persevere under pressure

Prophecy trains the Church to live with clear eyes and steady hearts.



2.7 – Prophecy Magnifies Jesus Christ

Above all, prophecy exists for this supreme reason:
to reveal, exalt, and draw attention to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Scriptures declare plainly:

“...the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

— Revelation 19:10, KJV —

Prophecy shows:

Christ’s first coming — His birth, life, death and resurrection.
Christ’s present reign — His intercession, His headship over
the Church.

Christ’s future coming — His return, kingdom, and eternal
glory.

Prophecy does not exist so Christians can win arguments.
It exists so Jesus can win hearts.

The end goal is worship, not debate.

2.8 – A Simple Summary for Learners

Here is prophecy in one sentence:

***Prophecy is God’s loving way of helping His people trust
Christ, live wisely, stay comforted, and look forward to
the fulfilment of His glorious purposes.***

Reflection Question

Which purpose of prophecy — comfort, warning, hope,
revelation, preparation — speaks to you most deeply. Why?



Lesson 3

Jesus: The Centre of all Prophecy

“The One to Whom All Scripture Points”

Imagine walking into a vast art gallery. Every painting is unique, yet as you look more closely, you realise each one contains the same central figure in some form — sometimes bold and unmistakable, sometimes subtle, sometimes hidden in shadow, but always present.

This is how prophecy works.

Every prophecy in Scripture, whether obvious or symbolic, ultimately draws the eye to one Person — the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prophecy is not a puzzle to solve; it is a Person to behold.



3.1 – Scripture Says Jesus Is the Heart of Prophecy

The Bible does not leave us guessing. **It states explicitly:**

“... for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

— Revelation 19:10, KJV —

If you remove Jesus from prophecy, you remove its life, purpose and meaning.

Prophecy is not about:

Israel alone
The nations alone
The Antichrist alone
Symbols alone
Events alone.

Prophecy is about Christ:

Promised
Revealed
Rejected
Crucified
Risen
Exalted
Returning.

Everything revolves around Him.

3.2 – Jesus Taught That the Entire Old Testament Points to Him

After His resurrection, Jesus met two discouraged disciples on the road to Emmaus. What did He do?

“Beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.”

— Luke 24:27, KJV —



He did not give them:

political analysis
historical trivia
or a lecture on symbolism.

He opened the Scriptures and showed them Himself.

Later, He said to the gathered disciples:

“... all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.”

— Luke 24:44, KJV —

Jesus Himself is the unifying key to prophecy.

3.3 – The Old Testament Foretells Christ in Four Main Ways

A. Direct Prophecies

These are clear, explicit predictions.

Examples:

His birth in Bethlehem — Micah 5:2

His virgin birth — Isaiah 7:14

His suffering and death — Isaiah 53

His resurrection — Psalm 16:10

His kingship — Isaiah 9:6-7

These are not vague. They are precise.



B. Types and Shadows

People and objects that foreshadow Christ:

Adam – representing Christ as the second Adam (Romans 5:14)

Joseph – rejected yet exalted

David – king and shepherd

The sacrificial lamb – pointing to Christ's sacrifice

The tabernacle – representing God dwelling with man.

C. Prophetic Symbols

The Lord sometimes used imagery:

The Passover lamb

The bronze serpent lifted up

The ark of salvation

All pointing to Christ's redemptive work.

D. Covenant Promises

Every covenant finds its fulfilment in Him:

The Abrahamic covenant — blessing to all nations

The Davidic covenant — the everlasting King

The New Covenant — forgiveness and new hearts.

All roads lead to Christ.



3.4 – Prophecy Reveals Christ’s Three Great Roles

1. Christ the Prophet

Moses foretold Him:

“...The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet...”

— Deuteronomy 18:15, KJV —

Jesus came proclaiming truth, revealing the Father, and declaring the way of salvation.

2. Christ the Priest

All priestly sacrifices and rituals foreshadowed Him.

“Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

— John 1:29, KJV —

He is both Priest and sacrifice.

3. Christ the King

Prophecy insists on the future reign of Christ.

“Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end...”

— Isaiah 9:7, KJV —

A King has come

A King is reigning

A King will return

Prophecy keeps believers looking for Him.



3.5 – Jesus Is the Centre of Both Fulfilled and Future Prophecy

Fulfilled prophecy centres on His first coming
His birth, life, death, resurrection - all foretold in astonishing detail.

Future prophecy centres on His second coming
His return, kingdom, judgement, and eternal reign are the heart of future promises.

Prophecy stretches like a golden cord from Genesis to Revelation — and Jesus Christ stands at both ends, the Alpha and Omega.

3.6 – Prophecy Without Jesus Becomes Dangerous

Remove Christ from prophecy and you get:

Endless speculation
Fear-driven teaching
Obsession with dates
Unbalanced doctrines
Misinterpretation
Spiritual confusion.

Christ Himself is the safeguard against misuse.

Where Christ is central, prophecy becomes:

Worshipful
Hopeful
Stabilising
Evangelistic
Spiritually nourishing



3.7 – Why This Lesson Matters

Every future lesson — whether about fulfilled prophecies, coming events, Israel, the nations, challenges, or symbols — must be interpreted through this truth:

Prophecy is the story of Jesus
Not the world's collapse
Not the rise of evil
Not the brilliance of prophets
But the glory of Christ.

He is the pulse running through every prophetic word.

3.8 – Simple Summary

The Bible's prophecies are not mainly predictions - they are revelations of Jesus Christ.

He is the fulfilment, the focus, and the future of all prophecy.

Reflection Question

How does seeing Jesus as the centre of prophecy change the way you feel about studying the subject?

Lesson 4

Prophecy and Jesus

“The Centre of Scripture”

By now you’ve seen that prophecy is not a mysterious add-on to Scripture; it is woven into the very fabric of the Bible. But today we come to the heart of it all — the truth that prophecy is not primarily about events; it is about a Person.

Every prophecy ultimately leads to Jesus Christ. He is the promised Seed in Genesis, the Suffering Servant in Isaiah, the King in the Psalms, the Son of Man in Daniel, and the returning Lord in Revelation.

If you can grasp this single truth, the entire Bible comes alive.



4.1 – Jesus: The Theme of All Scripture

When the risen Christ walked with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, He gave the greatest Bible study ever recorded:

“And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.”

— Luke 24:27 (KJV) —

Imagine that. Jesus showed them that Moses (the first five books), the Prophets, and the Psalms were all about Him.

This means:

- Prophecy is Christ-centred, not event-centred
- The Old Testament is forward-looking toward Christ
- The New Testament is fulfilled prophecy revealed in Him
- The future is His victory, His kingdom, His return

4.2 – The First Prophecy of Jesus (Genesis 3:15)

The Bible’s earliest prophecy appears not in Revelation but in the Garden, immediately after the fall:

“I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

— Genesis 3:15 (KJV) —

This verse is often called the proto-evangelium - the “first gospel”.

Key truths believers must see:

There will be a Saviour born of a woman

He will suffer — his heel will be bruised

He will conquer Satan — He will bruise the serpent’s head

This prophecy points straight to the cross and resurrection.

Prophecy begins with Jesus and ends with Jesus.



4.3 – Jesus Fulfilled Hundreds of Prophecies

Many religions have wise teachers.

Only Christianity presents a Saviour whose life was predicted in detail.

Key examples:

Born in Bethlehem — Micah 5:2

Born of a virgin — Isaiah 7:14

Of the tribe of Judah — Genesis 49:10

A prophet like Moses — Deuteronomy 18:18

Preceded by a forerunner — Isaiah 40:3

Betrayed for thirty pieces of silver — Zechariah 11:12–13

Hands and feet pierced — Psalm 22:16

Buried with the rich — Isaiah 53:9

Resurrected — Psalm 16:10

You may expand these in future workbook versions, but even this brief list shows:

Jesus is not one Messiah among many; He is the only One history prepared for.

4.4 – The Purpose of Prophecy Is Faith in Christ

Prophecy is not trivia or intellectual entertainment.

The Scriptures tell us why God gave prophecy:

“Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.”

— John 13:19 (KJV) —

Jesus said this!

Prophecy exists so that we might recognise Him.

He does not say,

“... that ye may believe it happened,”

but

“... that ye may believe that I am He.”

Fulfilled prophecy is a divine signature.



4.5 – Jesus Claimed the Prophetic Role Fully

Jesus did not just fulfil prophecy; He embraced His identity as its fulfilment.

He declared He is the Messiah

“This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.”

— Luke 4:21 (KJV) —

He claimed to be the **Son of Man** (Daniel 7:13)

“Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.”

— Matthew 26:64 (KJV) —

He affirmed His death and resurrection as foretold.

“How then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?”

— Matthew 26:54 (KJV) —

If Jesus isn't the fulfilment of prophecy, then He is not who He claimed to be.

But the evidence shows He is exactly who He said He is.

4.6 – The Future Still Belongs to Him

Prophecy is not only about the past.

Jesus is returning

“This same Jesus... shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”

— Acts 1:11 (KJV) —

He will reign as King

“The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ.”

— Revelation 11:15 (KJV) —

Every knee will bow

“That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.”

— Philippians 2:10 (KJV) —

Prophecy assures believers of the ending — a victorious Christ and a redeemed creation.



Lesson 4 – Simple Summary

Here's the core point to conclude Lesson 4:

Prophecy is God's way of revealing His Son — His birth, His death, His resurrection, His kingdom, and His return. It is all about Jesus.

Prophecy is the Lord saying:

“This is My Beloved Son; hear ye Him.”

Reflection Questions

- Which prophecy about Jesus strengthened your faith the most, and why?
- How does fulfilled prophecy confirm that Jesus is the promised Messiah?
- How does shifting your focus from prophetic events to the person of Christ change your perspective on the future?"
- What difference does it make to know that all future prophecy is centred on His return?



Lesson 5

Prophecies Already Fulfilled

“Evidence That Demands a Verdict”

By now, you will understand that prophecy is God’s way of revealing, confirming, and glorifying His Son.

But how do we communicate to sceptics — or even to believers who doubt — that the Bible’s prophecies are not vague predictions?

We show them what God has already done.

Fulfilled prophecy is one of the strongest proofs that the Bible is divine in origin. No other religious book compares.

What God foretells, God performs.

Today’s lesson is foundational: you will learn through the most significant fulfilled prophecies, with clear explanations and Scripture references.



Categories of Fulfilled Prophecy

To help you grasp the scope, we will divide **fulfilled** prophecy into three major categories:

A. Prophecies Concerning Nations

Evidence in world history.

B. Prophecies Concerning Israel

Evidence in the survival and restoration of God's covenant people.

C. Prophecies Concerning the Messiah

Evidence in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Each category builds conviction.



5.1 – Prophecies concerning the nations

Prophecies concerning Nations



5.1.A – BABYLON – ONCE THE GLORY OF KINGDOMS, NOW A RUIN

Prophecy

Babylon would fall suddenly and never be rebuilt.

Isaiah 13:19-20; Jeremiah 51:26

Fulfilment

Babylon fell to the Medo-Persian Empire. Though Alexander the Great attempted to restore it, the city ultimately collapsed into ruin — exactly as foretold.

Key Point

A world super-power vanished exactly as Scripture predicted. No revival attempts have succeeded, fulfilling God's Word to the letter.

5.1.B – TYRE – THE CITY SCRAPED LIKE A ROCK

Prophecy

Tyre would be destroyed, scraped bare, and fishermen would spread their nets there.

Ezekiel 26:3-5

Fulfilment

Nebuchadnezzar attacked mainland Tyre; centuries later Alexander scraped the ruins into the sea to build a causeway to the island fortress. Today the site is used by fishermen — exactly as prophesied.

Key Point

Two separate events across centuries together fulfilled a single prophecy. Only God can write history in advance with such precision.



5.1.C – **NINEVEH** – THE PROUD CITY BROUGHT TO NOTHING

Prophecy

Nineveh would be utterly destroyed and lie desolate.

Nahum 3:7, 15

Fulfilment

Nineveh fell in 612 BC and remained hidden under the sands for over two thousand years.

Key Point

A capital city of a mighty empire disappeared from the face of the earth — just as God said.



5.2 – Prophecies concerning Israel

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5.2.A – ISRAEL – SCATTERED AMONG ALL NATIONS

Prophecy

Israel would be scattered due to disobedience.

Deuteronomy 28:64; Ezekiel 12:15

Fulfilment

After AD 70 and again in AD 135, Jews were dispersed across the world. For nearly two thousand years they remained scattered - yet preserved.

Key Point

No nation has retained identity without land and government for this long. **Israel did - because God said they would.**

5.2.B – ISRAEL – PRESERVED AS A PEOPLE

Prophecy

Israel would never be completely destroyed.

Jeremiah 31:35–37

Fulfilment

Despite persecution, dispersion, and countless attempts at annihilation, the Jewish people remain.

Key Point

Their survival is not accidental but supernatural.



5.2.C – ISRAEL – REGATHERED IN THE LAST DAYS

Prophecy

God would bring His people back to their land.

Ezekiel 36:24; Isaiah 11:11-12

Fulfilment

Beginning in the late 1800s and dramatically in 1948 and 1967, Jews returned to the land and re-established their nation.

Key Point

Israel's modern existence is one of the clearest signs of fulfilled prophecy in our generation.

5.2.D – ISRAEL – RESTORED BUT CONTESTED

Prophecy

Jerusalem would be rebuilt yet remain “a burdensome stone” to the nations.

Zechariah 12:2-3

Fulfilment

Jerusalem is again under Jewish control — and remains at the centre of global political tension.

Key Point

Even current events are fulfilling ancient Scripture.



5.3 – Prophecies concerning the Messiah (Jesus Christ)

Prophecies concerning The Messiah (JESUS CHRIST)

This is the heart of the lesson.
The entire weight of Christian truth rests here.
These are the clearest Messianic prophecies
already fulfilled in Jesus.



5.3.A – JESUS – HIS GENEALOGY AND BIRTH

Born of a woman — Genesis 3:15

Born of a virgin — Isaiah 7:14

Born in Bethlehem — Micah 5:2

From the tribe of Judah — Genesis 49:10

A descendant of David — Jeremiah 23:5

Key Point

A person cannot arrange the circumstances of their own birth.

5.3.B – JESUS – HIS LIFE AND MINISTRY

A messenger would prepare His way — Isaiah 40:3

He would minister in Galilee — Isaiah 9:1-2

He would speak in parables — Psalm 78:2

He would perform miracles — Isaiah 35:5-6

He would enter Jerusalem riding a donkey — Zechariah 9:9

Key Point

Jesus fulfilled not only where He would live, but how He would teach and minister.



5.3.C – JESUS – HIS BETRAYAL & CRUCIFIXION

Betrayed by a friend — Psalm 41:9
Sold for thirty pieces of silver — Zechariah 11:12-13
Silent before His accusers — Isaiah 53:7
Hands and feet pierced — Psalm 22:16
Crucified with transgressors — Isaiah 53:12
Mocked, insulted, given vinegar — Psalm 69:20-21
Lots cast for His clothing — Psalm 22:18
None of His bones broken — Psalm 34:20

Key Point

The details of the crucifixion were written centuries before crucifixion was invented.

5.3.D – JESUS – HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

Buried with the rich — Isaiah 53:9
Not left in the grave — Psalm 16:10
He would rise again — Hosea 6:2 (implied)
He would ascend to heaven — Psalm 68:18

Key Point

The resurrection is not an isolated miracle; it is the fulfilment of prophecy.



5.3.E – A GOLDEN CORD: CONNECTING O.T. PROMISE TO NEW TESTAMENT FULFILMENT

As we have seen above, the unity of the Bible is one of the most powerful proofs of its divine origin. Centuries before Jesus was born, prophets inspired by the Holy Spirit recorded specific details of His life and ministry. The New Testament writers, under the inspiration of the same Spirit, consistently pointed back to these promises to show that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah.

This is the heart of the lesson.

The entire weight of Christian truth rests here.

These are the clearest Messianic prophecies already fulfilled in Jesus.

The Prophecy Made (Old Testament)

A forerunner would prepare the way.

"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me..."
(Malachi 3:1)

"His ministry would be centred in Galilee." *"...Galilee of the nations. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light..."* (Isaiah 9:1-2)

He would be betrayed by a familiar friend. *"Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me."* (Psalm 41:9)

He would be silent before His accusers. *"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth..."* (Isaiah 53:7)

The Fulfilment Recorded (New Testament)

John the Baptist fulfilled this role.

"For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord..."
(Matthew 3:3)

Jesus began His public ministry there. *"And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum... That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying..."*
(Matthew 4:13-14)

Jesus identified Judas as the betrayer. *"But that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me."*
(John 13:18)

Jesus did not defend Himself. *"And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing."* (Matthew 27:12)

5.4 – WHY FULFILLED PROPHECY MATTERS TODAY

1. It confirms the Bible is trustworthy.

The Scriptures do not guess — they reveal.

2. It proves Jesus is the Messiah.

Christianity rests on a Person verified by prophecy.

3. It strengthens faith in future prophecy.

Everything already fulfilled assures us that everything still future will also come to pass.

4. It provides confidence in a world of uncertainty.

God has written history before it happens — and He holds the future.

Lesson 5 - Reflection Questions

- Which fulfilled prophecies stood out most clearly to you, and why?
- How does fulfilled prophecy strengthen your confidence in Scripture?
- Why is Israel's survival and regathering so significant?
- Which Messianic prophecy do you think is most compelling for sceptics?
- How do fulfilled prophecies help us trust the ones still to come?



Lesson 6

Prophecies Yet to be Fulfilled

“What God Has Promised Still to Come”

Prophecy is not simply a record of what God once did; it is also a declaration of what God will yet do.

Because so many prophecies have already been fulfilled in exact detail, believers can trust that every remaining prophecy will likewise unfold precisely as written.

In this lesson, we shift from the past to the future — examining the great events still ahead.

The key message: future prophecy is not meant to frighten believers but to anchor their hope in Christ's final victory.



Major Categories of Future Prophecy

To understand this clearly, divide **future** prophecy into **five major categories**:

- 6.1 The Prophetic Climate of the Last Days
- 6.2 The Return of Jesus Christ
(two phases: coming **for** His people and coming **with** His people)
- 6.3 The Resurrection and Final Judgements
- 6.4 The Future of Israel and the Nations
- 6.5 The Kingdom Age and the Eternal State

This structure keeps the lesson orderly and avoids overwhelming one with detail.



6.1 – Prophetic Climate of the Last Days

6.1.A – MORAL DECLINE

“In the last days perilous times shall come... men shall be lovers of their own selves...”

— 2 Timothy 3:1-5 —

6.1.B – MOCKERS AND SCOFFERS

“There shall come in the last days scoffers...”

— 2 Peter 3:3-4 —

6.1.C – GROWTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND TRAVEL

“Knowledge shall be increased.”

— Daniel 12:4 —

6.1.D – GLOBAL COMMUNICATION & VISIBILITY

Events will be seen by *“all kindreds of the earth”* — **Revelation 1:7** — something only recently possible.

6.1.E – THE NATION OF ISRAEL RESTORED

Israel must be in the land for end-time prophecies to unfold. This has already begun (covered in Lesson 5), but its final stages are yet future.



6.2– The Return of Jesus Christ

6.2.A – CHRIST COMING FOR HIS PEOPLE

This is often called “the blessed hope”.

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven... and the dead in Christ shall rise first.”

— 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 —

This event includes:

- The resurrection of sleeping saints
- The catching up of living saints
- The gathering of all believers to Christ

Purpose:

To remove His people before God’s wrath is poured out on the unbelieving world.

6.2.B – CHRIST COMING WITH HIS PEOPLE

After a period of tribulation and judgement on earth,
Scripture describes Christ returning openly:

“He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him.”

— Revelation 1:7 —

This climactic event includes:

- The visible return of Christ in power
- The defeat of the world’s rebellion
- The deliverance of Israel
- The establishment of His kingdom



6.3– The Resurrection and Final Judgements

Prophecy reveals multiple resurrections and judgements, each with a distinct purpose.

6.3.A – RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS

“Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection.”

— Revelation 20:6 —

This includes all true believers in Christ.

6.3.B – JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST (BEMA SEAT)

Believers judged for rewards, not salvation.

— 2 Corinthians 5:10 —

6.3.C – JUDGEMENT OF THE UNBELIEVING DEAD

“The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.”

— Revelation 20:5 —

6.3.D – THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT

All unbelievers judged according to their works.

“Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

— Revelation 20:15 —

**God’s justice will stand — perfectly righteous,
utterly fair, and inescapable.**



6.4– The Future of Israel and the Nations

Future prophecy gives great detail concerning Israel's role in the last days.

6.4.A – ISRAEL'S SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

“I will pour upon the house of David... the spirit of grace...”

— Zechariah 12:10 —

Israel will recognise their Messiah at His return.

6.4.B – ISRAEL'S RESTORATION IN THE KINGDOM

“In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David.”

— Amos 9:11 —

Israel will be the head of the nations, not the tail.

6.4.C – JUDGEMENT OF THE NATIONS

Nations will be judged for how they treated Israel.

Joel 3:1-2

6.4.D – THE GOSPEL WORLDWIDE

“This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world...”

— Matthew 24:14 —

God is not finished with Israel. His covenant promises stand.



6.5– The Kingdom Age - Christ Reigning on Earth

6.5.A – THE MILLENNIUM

A literal thousand-year reign of Christ on earth.

“And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

— Revelation 20:4 —

During this era:

Satan is bound

Nations are at peace

Righteousness fills the earth

Creation is restored

The knowledge of the Lord covers the world

Israel is restored and honoured

The world experiences what God intended all along.

6.5.B – THE RELEASE OF SATAN

At the end of the thousand years, Satan is released briefly, leading to a final rebellion (easily defeated).

Revelation 20:7-10

This demonstrates that even in a perfect environment, the unregenerate heart rebels without Christ.



6.6– The Eternal State - The Final Home of God’s People

After the final judgement, God reveals the eternal future of His redeemed.

6.6.A – THE NEW HEAVEN & THE NEW EARTH

“Behold, I make all things new.”

— Revelation 21:5 —

6.6.B – THE NEW JERUSALEM

“Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”

— Revelation 21:2 —

6.6.C – THE PRESENCE OF GOD

“They shall see his face.”

— Revelation 22:4 —

6.6.D – THE END OF SORROW

“There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying...”

— Revelation 21:4 —

This is the destiny of every believer — a restored creation, unbroken fellowship with God, and everlasting joy.



6.7– Why Future Prophecy Matters

How future prophecy affects daily life:

6.7.A – IT PURIFIES

“Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself.”

— 1 John 3.3 —

6.7.B – IT PRODUCES WATCHFULNESS

Believers live prepared, obedient, expectant.

6.7.C – IT BRINGS COMFORT

Jesus is coming — that changes everything.

6.7.D – IT FUELS MISSION

The time is short; souls are eternal.

6.7.E – IT GLORIFIES CHRIST

The end of prophecy is not an event but a Person — the returning King.



Reflection Questions

LESSON 6 - FUTURE PROPHECY

- Which future prophecy gives you the greatest sense of hope?
- How does understanding the return of Christ influence your daily walk?
- Why is the distinction between Christ coming for and with His saints important?
- What stands out most about Israel's future role?
- How does the promise of a New Heaven and New Earth affect your understanding of eternity?



Lesson 7

Modern Challenges to Prophecy

How to Answer Them with Confidence & Clarity

In every generation, Christians have faced resistance when speaking about prophecy.

In the modern world — loud, sceptical, distracted, and strangely confident in its own ignorance — the challenge seems even sharper.

But nothing about our age surprises Scripture:

“There shall come in the last days scoffers.”

— 2 Peter 3:3 —

This lesson will help you understand the key obstacles people have today and provide simple, confident responses that point back to Christ.



7.1 – Why Prophecy Is Challenging in a Modern World

Many people struggle with prophecy for several reasons:

7.1.A – THE AGE OF DISTRUST

We live in a world conditioned to doubt everything — institutions, leaders, facts, and certainly religion.

7.1.B – REJECTION OF THE SUPERNATURAL

Modern education trains people to believe only what can be measured, leaving no room for divine revelation.

7.1.C – THE NOISE OF CONSTANT INFORMATION

Endless entertainment and digital distraction leave little space for deep thought, let alone eternal truth.

7.1.D – THE FEAR OF ACCOUNTABILITY

Prophecy declares that history has a goal — and a Judge. Many reject prophecy because they reject responsibility before God.

7.1.E – CONFUSION TAUGHT BY POOR TEACHING

A sad reality: some Christians misuse prophecy, sensationalising everything from political trends to natural disasters. This weakens credibility.

The problem is not prophecy — it's the modern heart. Prophecy demands humility, and our age excels at pride.



CHALLENGE 1 – “PROPHECY IS TOO COMPLICATED.”

The Issue

Many assume prophecy is an intellectual maze.

Why People Think This

Symbolic language

Multiple fulfillments

Future events they cannot visualise

Teachers who make it sound harder than it is

The Clear Answer

Prophecy is not meant to confuse but to reveal.

“Write the vision, and make it plain...”

— Habakkuk 2:2 —

How to Explain this with Clarity & Grace:

1. Break it into major themes, not endless details.
2. Emphasise what Scripture makes plain: Jesus is coming again.
3. Remind learners that God reveals truth to the humble, not the clever.



CHALLENGE 2 – “CHRISTIANS DISAGREE, SO WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE IT?”

The Issue

Some use denominational disagreements as an excuse to dismiss the whole subject.

The Clear Answer

Christians may disagree on the sequence of events — but not on the central truth.

All true believers affirm:

Jesus **will** return.

There **will** be resurrection and judgement.

Christ **will** reign.

God **will** restore all things.

The core message is not debated.

Only the finer details are.

How to Explain this with Clarity & Grace:

1. Keep bringing seekers back to Jesus.
2. Do not let them get lost in timelines and charts.
3. Emphasise the unity of essential prophecy.



CHALLENGE 3 – “PROPHECY IS FEAR-MONGERING.”

The Issue

People assume prophecy is dark, gloomy, and intended to terrify.

The Clear Answer

Prophecy was given to comfort believers — never to terrify them.

“Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

— 1 Thessalonians 4:18 —

Fear arises when people read prophecy without Christ at the centre.

How to Explain this with Clarity & Grace:

1. Show how every prophecy leads to Christ’s victory.
2. Emphasise hope, not horror.
3. Remind seekers that judgement is real — but salvation is offered freely.



CHALLENGE 4 – “PROPHECY FAILED BECAUSE JESUS HAS NOT RETURNED.”

The Issue

This is the oldest argument in the book.
2 Peter 3 recorded it two thousand years ago.

“Where is the promise of his coming?”

— 2 Peter 3:4 —

The Clear Answer

God’s timing is not man’s timing.

“One day is with the Lord as a thousand years.”

— 2 Peter 3:8 —

Delay is not failure — it is mercy:

“The Lord... is long-suffering... not willing that any should perish.”

— 2 Peter 3:9 —

How to Explain this with Clarity & Grace:

1. God is giving the world more time to repent.
2. The delay proves His patience, not His absence.
3. Prophecy has a 100% fulfilment record so far — why doubt the final chapters?



CHALLENGE 5 – “ISRAEL HAS NO PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE TODAY.”

The Issue

Many modern Christians are influenced by replacement theology, academic scepticism, or political pressure.

The Clear Answer

The Bible is plain: God is not done with Israel.

“If ye can break my covenant of the day... then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant.”

— Jeremiah 33:20-21 —

How to Explain this with Clarity & Grace:

1. Israel exists today because God said they would.
2. Their return to the land was foretold.
3. Their future national turning to Christ is prophesied.

This is not politics — it is Scripture.



CHALLENGE 6 – “PROPHECY IS JUST DOOM AND DESTRUCTION.”

The Issue

People focus on wars, judgements, and disasters.

The Clear Answer

Prophecy ends not in devastation but in restoration.

“Behold, I make all things new.”

— Revelation 21:5 —

God’s purpose is not destruction — it is renewal.

How to Explain this with Clarity & Grace:

1. Use a “Creation to New Creation” framework.
2. Emphasise that the story ends with joy.
3. Christ is the Redeemer, not the Ruiner.



CHALLENGE 7 – “PROPHECY ISN’T RELEVANT FOR DAILY LIFE.”

The Issue

Many believers treat prophecy as optional knowledge.

The Clear Answer

Prophecy produces holiness, mission, comfort, courage, and hope.

“Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself.”

— 1 John 3:3 —

How to Explain this with Clarity & Grace:

1. Show its practical outworking: purity, purpose, perseverance.
2. Emphasise that knowing the ending strengthens faith in the present.

Prophecy is not merely information — it is motivation.



CHALLENGE 8 – “PROPHECY IS SYMBOLIC, SO NOTHING CAN BE KNOWN FOR SURE.”

The Issue

Some claim symbolism removes meaning.

The Clear Answer

Symbolism clarifies truth, not obscures it.
Symbols explain spiritual realities that human language cannot fully express.

How to Explain this with Clarity & Grace:

1. Treat symbols the way the Bible treats them — apply Scripture with Scripture.
2. Never invent interpretations; let the text interpret itself.
3. Keep Christ the centre of every symbolic vision.



7.3 – Key Strategies for Teaching Prophecy in a Modern Age

1. Keep it Christ-centred.

Not event-centred, not chart-centred.

2. Keep it simple.

Avoid unnecessary detail. Stick to Scripture.

3. Keep it hopeful.

Prophecy is good news for believers.

4. Keep it humble.

Acknowledge tensions and questions honestly.

5. Keep it practical.

Always draw a line from prophecy to daily discipleship.

6. Keep the tone steady.

Not sensational. Not fearful. Not speculative.
Stable, biblical, grounded.

7.4 – REFLECTIONS ON LESSON 7

- Which of the modern challenges listed above have you personally encountered?
- Which biblical answers do you find most compelling?
- How might you gently but firmly respond to a sceptic?
- Which strategies will help you teach prophecy confidently?
- How can you keep future prophecy Christ-centred rather than crisis-centred?



Lesson 8

It's All About Jesus

The Purpose, Centre, and End of Prophecy

Welcome to the final lesson of our course. By now, you have explored:

- The nature and purpose of prophecy
- Fulfilled prophecy in history
- Prophecies yet to be fulfilled
- Modern challenges to understanding prophecy

Everything points to one truth: **prophecy is about Jesus Christ.**

It is not a hobby, a guessing game, or an abstract intellectual exercise. It is God's way of saying:
"This is My Son; trust Him. Follow Him. Look to Him."



LESSON 8 – IT’S ALL ABOUT JESUS

8.1 – PROPHECY BEGINS WITH JESUS

Even the first prophecy in Scripture anticipates Him:

“I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

— Genesis 3:15 (KJV) —

The Saviour born of a woman

The conqueror of Satan

The central figure in God’s plan of redemption

Key Point: Jesus is not a later addition — He is the first prophecy and the fulfilment of all prophecy to come.

8.2 – PROPHECY CONFIRMS JESUS’ IDENTITY

Thousands of years of fulfilled prophecy testify that Jesus is exactly who He claimed to be:

Born of a virgin, in Bethlehem, of David’s line

Betrayed, pierced, crucified, buried with the rich

Raised from the dead and ascended to heaven

“Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.”

— John 13:19 (KJV) —

Prophecy’s purpose is **faith in Jesus**, not fascination with events.



8.3 – FUTURE PROPHECY REASSURES BELIEVERS

Future prophecy exists not to frighten, but to encourage and purify:

“Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”

— 1 John 3:3 (KJV) —

Knowing Jesus will return, establish His kingdom, and restore all things:

Motivates holy living

Strengthens perseverance

Inspires hope even in a fallen world

Key Point: Prophecy always points forward to the victory of Christ.

8.4 – PROPHECY SHOWS CONSISTENCY OF GOD

Prophecy demonstrates that God is sovereign and faithful:

He controls history

He keeps His promises

He works through nations, kings, and empires

He preserves Israel

He fulfils His redemptive plan in Christ

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”

— Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV) —



8.5 – PROPHECY MOTIVATES MISSION

Prophecy is not passive knowledge; it fuels action:

Urgency in evangelism – time is short

Boldness in witness – God’s plan cannot fail

Compassion for the nations – the world will hear the
gospel

Confidence in prayer – God’s promises are certain

“This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.”

– Matthew 24:14 (KJV) –

8.6 – KEY TAKEAWAYS

Jesus is the centre of prophecy.

Every vision, every word, every sign ultimately points to Him.

Faith is the purpose of prophecy.

Fulfilled prophecy proves His identity; future prophecy assures His victory.

Hope is the effect of prophecy.

Believers are strengthened, encouraged, and purified by looking to Christ.

Mission is the application of prophecy.

Knowing the future guides daily living and eternal priorities.

Sovereignty of God is revealed.

History unfolds according to His plan, with Christ at the helm.



Reflection Questions

LESSON 8 - PROPHECY: IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

1. How does seeing Jesus as the centre of prophecy change your understanding of the Bible?
2. Which fulfilled prophecies strengthen your faith in Him the most?
3. How does hope in future prophecy affect your daily life and choices?
4. How can you explain to a sceptic that prophecy is about Christ, not speculation?
5. Which aspect of prophecy — past, present, or future — inspires you to action?



Final Encouragement

Prophecy is a living, breathing testimony to the glory and faithfulness of God. It is not about dates, charts, or fear-mongering; it is about the Person of Jesus Christ.

“And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.”

— Luke 24:27 (KJV) —

Take this truth to heart: all prophecy begins and ends with Jesus. Let this knowledge strengthen your faith, guide your life, and embolden your witness.

Optional Exercise: Christ-Centred Prophecy Journal

- List 5 prophecies fulfilled in Jesus' life.
- Reflect on 3 prophecies yet to be fulfilled.
- Write one paragraph on how prophecy motivates faith and action in your daily walk.



APPENDIX A

A BRIEF GUIDE TO KEY PROPHETIC BOOKS

While prophecy is woven throughout Scripture, these books are foundational to understanding God's prophetic plan.

ISAIAH

The Prophet: Known as the "evangelical prophet," Isaiah ministered in Judah during a time of political turmoil.

Key Prophetic Themes: Isaiah presents a majestic vision of God's holiness and sovereignty. His book is rich with prophecies of the coming Messiah, including His virgin birth (7:14), His ministry in Galilee (9:1-2), and most famously, His suffering, death, and resurrection as the "Suffering Servant" (Isaiah 53).

He also speaks of future judgment and the glorious restoration of Israel and the creation.

DANIEL

The Prophet: A faithful exile serving in the highest courts of Babylon and Persia.

Key Prophetic Themes: Daniel's central message is that the God of Israel is sovereign over all human history and empires.

The book details God's plan for the "times of the Gentiles" through astonishingly accurate prophecies of rising and falling kingdoms. It also provides a foundational timeline for future events and gives Jesus one of His most important titles: the "Son of Man" (Daniel 7:13-14).



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EZEKIEL

The Prophet: A priest called to be a prophet to the exiles in Babylon.

Key Prophetic Themes: Ezekiel powerfully demonstrates the reason for God's judgment — the departure of His glory from the Temple.

However, the book's ultimate theme is restoration. It contains famous prophecies of Israel's spiritual rebirth ("the valley of dry bones," Ch. 37) and future regathering.

It concludes with a detailed vision of a future restored Temple, symbolising God's glory returning to dwell with His people forever.

REVELATION

The Apostle: John, the beloved disciple, receiving this vision while exiled on the island of Patmos.

Key Prophetic Themes: This is the capstone of all biblical prophecy. It begins and ends with the glory of the risen and returning Jesus Christ. It reveals the final unfolding of God's judgment on a rebellious world (the Tribulation), the victorious return of Christ, the final judgment of Satan, the Millennial reign, and the eternal state — the New Heaven and New Earth where God will dwell with His redeemed people forever.

Its purpose is not to incite fear, but to assure the Church that, despite present suffering, Jesus wins.



APPENDIX B

GLOSSARY OF COMMON PROPHETIC TERMS

- **Eschatology:** From the Greek words *eschatos* (last) and *logos* (word/study). It is the area of theology that studies "last things" — such as death, judgment, the second coming of Christ, and the eternal state.
- **Rapture:** From a Latin word meaning "to be caught up." This refers to the event described in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 when Christ will descend from heaven and living believers, along with the resurrected dead in Christ, will be "caught up" to meet the Lord in the air.
- **The Tribulation:** A future period of unprecedented trouble on the earth, during which God will pour out His judgment on sin and bring about the salvation of Israel. It is described in detail in Matthew 24 and the book of Revelation.
- **Millennium:** Meaning "one thousand years." This refers to the 1000-year period mentioned in Revelation 20 during which Christ will reign on the earth in righteousness and peace.
 - **Premillennialism:** The view that Christ will return *before* (pre-) the Millennial kingdom begins.
 - **Postmillennialism:** The view that Christ will return *after* (post-) the Millennium. This view sees the Millennium not as a literal 1000-year reign but as an age of peace and righteousness brought about by the advance of the gospel.
 - **Amillennialism:** The view that there is *no* (a-) literal, future 1000-year earthly reign. This view sees the Millennium as symbolic of Christ's current spiritual reign in the hearts of His people throughout the church age.



APPENDIX C

RECOMMENDED READING FOR FURTHER STUDY

For those who wish to delve deeper into the study of Bible prophecy, the following books are recommended. They are written from a perspective that is consistent with the teachings in this study, including a pre-tribulation view of the Lord's return for His Church.

As with any study outside of the Bible itself, these resources should be read with discernment, weighing every teaching against the ultimate authority of the Word of God.

Accessible Overviews & Practical Guides

These books are written for a broader audience. They are good starting points and are often filled with helpful charts, timelines, and practical applications.

The End Times Survival Guide by Mark Hitchcock

Dr. Hitchcock is a reliable and prolific contemporary author on prophecy. This book provides clear and concise answers to common questions about the end times. It is easy to read, well-organised, and grounds the reader in the hope and confidence that prophecy is meant to inspire.

The Book of Signs by Dr. David Jeremiah

Dr. Jeremiah has a gift for making complex biblical topics accessible and relevant. He walks through 31 key prophetic "signs" described in Scripture, from events concerning Israel to cultural trends, showing how they point to the fulfilment of God's eternal plan. This is a very engaging and faith-strengthening read.

Charting the End Times: A Visual Guide to Understanding Bible Prophecy by Tim LaHaye and Thomas Ice

For the visual learner, this book is an outstanding resource. It is filled with full-colour charts, diagrams, and timelines that help to clarify the sequence of prophetic events. It serves as an excellent companion to a more in-depth textual study.



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RECOMMENDED READING FOR FURTHER STUDY

In-Depth Study on Specific Prophetic Books

For those wanting to focus their study on a particular portion of Scripture, these commentaries are highly recommended.

Daniel: The Key to Prophetic Revelation by John F. Walvoord

Many believe that the book of Daniel is the foundation upon which all other future prophecy is built. This commentary provides a verse-by-verse exposition of Daniel, explaining its historical context and its crucial role in outlining God's prophetic programme for the nations and for Israel.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ by John F. Walvoord

A companion to his work on Daniel, this is a clear and conservative commentary on the Bible's final book.

Walvoord carefully navigates the symbolism of Revelation, interpreting it in light of the whole counsel of Scripture and maintaining a consistently literal-grammatical-historical approach.

The Rapture Question by John F. Walvoord

Dr. Walvoord, a former president of Dallas Theological Seminary, was one of the 20th century's leading authorities on prophecy. In this classic work, he provides a thorough and scholarly examination of every major biblical passage related to the rapture, presenting a compelling and detailed case for the pre-tribulation position.

(See book summary on [website](#))



Occupy until He comes

God's prophecies are certain because God
Himself is faithful.

Every promise He has made will stand.
Every prophecy fulfilled points to Jesus.
Every prophecy future prepares us for His
return.

Walk forward with confidence — Christ
holds all history in His hands.

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