

Jesus Christ's Prophecy

Many of us avoid prophecy because it seems difficult to understand, more open to interpretation than other Bible verses, but God has placed so much prophecy in the Bible that it makes up about one third of the total.

Obviously, God considers it to be important for us to study, and when we look closely we can see why.

The fact is that most prophecy is about the End-Time – the closing of this age in which we live, when more prophecy is actually being fulfilled before our eyes than ever before, starting with the second world war. My grandfather started his working life working for Shell oil, but with a horse and cart, not the big petrol tanker I once accompanied him around his garages in, and he was delivering paraffin for lamps then for the farms, not petrol, but he went on to see men walk on the moon! The point is that everything has speeded up, after thousands of years when things stayed much the same, and most people can recognise that change is taking place so fast that the whole of God's creation is threatened with danger, whether in the sea, on the land, in the climate, or by mankind's actions. Life on earth seems more at risk than ever before, and that is what the Bible predicts for the future in Matthew 24:21-22, *'For there will be greater anguish than at any time since the world began. And it will never be so great again. In fact, unless that time of calamity is shortened, not a single person will survive. But it will be shortened for the sake of God's chosen ones.'* New Living Translation.

What we are reading of here is the End Time risk of the mass extinction of all fleshly life upon the earth, something that could not have occurred until the invention of nuclear weapons. Thankfully, it also explains that those extremely dangerous years to come, will be cut short for the sake of God's chosen people (No, not the Jews) after a huge loss of life.

God has always utilised prophecy *to bring people to repentance*, Amos 3:7, *"For the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets."* Matthew 23:37, *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!"* The Bible contains 39 named prophets, men to whom God spoke, or informed by dreams or visions, and whom often risked their lives to announce God's message. Numbers 12:6, *'And he said, "Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream."*

They often felt alone and in danger, Romans 11:3-4, *"Lord, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars. I am the only one left, and they are seeking my life as well"* And what was the divine reply to him? *"I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."* In the same way, **at the present time** there is a remnant *chosen by grace.'* Nevertheless, God had them speak out so that those in society who still tried to please God might be informed of God's requirements and encouraged to do His will.

The only problem for us is that there are still false prophets. While the Old Testament prophets often used the words, ‘[Thus says the Lord...](#)’, such close relationships do not seem to exist today because we have the complete word of God. Nowadays, though they can be guided by God’s Holy Spirit, the nearest thing to a prophet of old is one who expounds the written prophecies already found in God’s word, indeed the word prophecy can mean ‘to preach God’s Truth’, relating it to the events of the time in which we live.

So, prophets have often been compared to a watchman, watching out for danger and moral compromise in society, and warning the people to repent of their sins. Ezekiel 33: 3-6, ‘[he sees the sword coming against that land and blows his trumpet to warn the people. Then if anyone hears the sound of the trumpet but fails to heed the warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood will be on his own head. Since he heard the sound of the trumpet but failed to heed the warning, his blood will be on his own head. If he had taken warning, he would have saved his life. But if the watchman sees the sword coming and fails to blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes away a life, then that one is taken away in his iniquity, but I will hold the watchman accountable for his blood.](#)’

Even then, Christ warns us to measure such prophets by their fruits, Matthew 7:15, ‘[“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognise them *by their fruits*. Are grapes gathered from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles?”](#) A prophet or minister of God will also be recognised by their obedience to Christ’s instructions in Matthew 20:25-28, ‘[“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their superiors exercise authority over them. It shall **not be** this way among you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you **must be your servant**, and whoever wants to be first among you must be **your slave**— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”](#)’

In addition, we are to measure or prove them by their words, to see if they are consistent with scripture, 1 Corinthians 14:29, ‘[Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said.](#)’ NIV. We can see that prophecy is now more about expounding God’s word, by verse 31, ‘[For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged.](#)’

Thus, a truly genuine prophet will, through his Spirit inspired knowledge of God’s word, reveal from the scripture understanding not hitherto available, because it was not then appropriate for God to reveal it. Daniel 12:8-9, ‘[I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, “O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?” He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed **until the time of the end.**”](#)’

Now is the time for God to reveal many things, so that His faithful people might be prepared for that coming most dangerous time that has ever existed (Matthew 24:22). Why is it that such things have not been previously expounded? Because men have failed to put ALL the scriptures together, relying instead upon earlier teaching which has become the accepted doctrine and tradition in their church, but unfortunately providing a false scenario of this most dangerous time.

We can recognise such error when the true servant of God brings forth and inserts the scriptures that have been missed or ignored but which, when included in their place, suddenly make logical sense, because we know the mercy and character of our God.

It is a sad fact though, that the genuine prophet is never going to be popular. Luke 6: 26, “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.” Hosea 9:8, ‘The prophet is a watchman over Israel for my God, yet traps are laid for him wherever he goes. He faces hostility **even in the house of God.**’ New Living Translation. Why? Because he speaks the Truth – the whole word of God rather than the traditions of the churches which have neglected God’s clear instructions for the End-Time.

On the other hand, we see that the false prophets have many followers, and often hold hierarchical dominion over their churches, and their followers love to have it so. Jeremiah 5:31, ‘the prophets give false prophecies, and the priests rule with an iron hand. Worse yet, **my people like it that way! But what will you do when the end comes?**’ The answer is that, if they are deceived by the false scenarios delivered by false prophets, they will miss out of the first resurrection and enter the Great Tribulation!

Yes, it is hard to believe, but the vast majority of God’s people are happy to live with dominion, and do not question long held, traditional beliefs about the End-Time! In effect they are looking to their church and its Pope, President, Hierarchy or Oligarchy instead of Jesus Christ, and *His* words. The word for this is idolatry. Revelation 22:15, ‘The unclean are shut out, and so are all who practise magic, all fornicators, all murderers, and **those who worship idols, and every one who loves falsehood and tells lies.**’

So, as the End-Time nears, God’s faithful people must differentiate between true and false prophecy, true and false prophets, because our lives, even our eternal lives, may depend upon it! Somewhere in God’s Church there are true prophets. 1 Corinthians 12:28, ‘**And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.**’ They will be found expounding the scriptures about the End-Time because God has always warned His people before He acts in punishment for their sin.

The purpose of such prophecy is to prepare them to be ready for those events, which they can clearly read of in Matthew 24, Revelation 6, and Revelation 14. By **simply making their own** chronological time chart from those chapters, as part of their Bible study, putting those key scriptures into order, and maybe then inserting extra information from the Old Testament if they wish, they can find the falsehood in the traditional scenarios, clearly understand the order of events leading up to the first resurrection, and then be in a position to obey God’s End Time instructions, which are often accompanied by such code words as ‘in that day’, ‘the day of the Lord’, ‘in the last days’, ‘the latter days’, ‘end of days’, and ‘the time of the end’. YOU CAN DO IT, and find the Truth!

Don’t just accept what is taught by ministers. Remember Christ’s Apostles were simple fishermen, who became teachers through the Holy Spirit and *diligent* study and prayer. ‘**And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul’s message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and**

Silas were teaching the truth.' NLT.

Jesus Christ has called you for an unimaginably tremendous future, but only the diligent can expect to be so blessed! He has given you His word and helps like this website to enable you find His instructions, but in the end, it is your responsibility to study His words and follow in His steps, 1 Peter 2:21, '**For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.**' Yes, it takes time and effort to come to grips with Jesus Christ's prophecy, but He gave it so that His chosen people, His Bride to be, would be prepared, and carry out His End-Time commands!

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