

The Prophecy Series: Concluding Thoughts

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I. A Reminder

- With no understanding concerning prophecy, believers are open to false and sensational claims about the end.
- There is a tendency to downplay the eternal destinies of mankind.
- There is a rise in antisemitism among believers.
- The evangelism of the lost becomes less of a priority for believers.

II. Conclusion: The Nature of Prophecy

- Prophecy does not provide a detailed road map concerning what will happen in the future.
- Not everything has been revealed, as certain portions of scripture indicate that not all information is recorded.

Scripture: Revelation 10:4 (ESV)

And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down.”

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:2-4 (ESV)

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.

- Rather prophecy is providing an understanding of what is happening around us and the direction that humanity is moving to.
- The central focus of prophecy is God's fulfillment of his promises to the patriarchs and Israel.

III. Conclusion: Key Components of Prophecy

- A. Israel
- B. The Coming Near-Annihilation of Israel
- C. The Man of Evil - the Antichrist
- D. The Coming of the Messiah - Return of Jesus Christ
- E. The Blessings of the Kingdom to Come and Eternity Beyond That

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F. The Judgment of the Wicked and Satan

IV. Conclusion: Summary

- With regards to prophecy, we need to guard ourselves against sensationalism which is an easy trap to fall into
- We need to allow the scriptures to give us an understanding of what is happening and help us to watchful and prepared for the sudden coming of Jesus Christ.

Scripture: Daniel 12:10 (ESV)

Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand.

- The scriptures call us to patiently endure until the end.

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:12 (ESV)

if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us;