

LESSON 10

PROPHECY

Introduction: Prophecy is generally the prediction of future events. God uses it to show His absolute power. **Isaiah 46:9,10**, and to test the believer's faith **Hebrews 11:1-6**

A. Principles of Prophecy:

1. The true understanding of Prophecy is only possible to born-again Christians who are yielded to the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit. **John 16:13; Revelation 19:10.**

a. Holy Spirit reveals Bible truth. **I Corinthians 2:7-14**

b. Holy Spirit reveals personal futures. **John 21:18,19; II Peter 1:19; II Timothy 4:6-8.**

2. God will reveal future events to those of His people who will pray to Him and praise Him for it. **Daniel 2:17-23,27,28**

3. Diligent study, learning to "*rightly divide*" and taking "*heed*" to the Bible will prepare the student for many "*revelations*" of God. **II Timothy 2:15; II Peter 1:15-21**

4. The study and understanding of prophecy is very practical:

a. Cleanses our life. **I John 3:1-3** (note **Galatians 1:3,4**)

b. Prepares the believer for the judgment seat of Christ. **II Corinthians 5:9-11**

c. Comforts the believer. **I Thessalonians 4:13-18**

5. Prophecy has a threefold testimony:

a. Of God's Sovereignty and ability to know the future and to foretell future events and bring them to pass. **Isaiah 42:8,9, 44:6,7, 46:9,10**

b. Of the Bible's Surety and Accuracy--25% of the Bible was prophetic when written; 1,000 prophecies were written in the Old Testament of which over 300 were fulfilled at the first coming of Christ.

c. Of the Believer's Salvation. **Revelation 19:10; Philipians 1:6**

B. Predictions of coming events in Prophecy according to the Book of Revelation:

1. Apostasy or the falling away of the church. **II Thessalonians 2; I Timothy 4:1; II Timothy 4:2-4**

2. Ecstasy of the Believer;s resurrection. **Revelation 4:1; John 14:1-4; I Corinthians 15:51-54; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Philippians 3:20; Titus 2:13**
3. Calamity of the coming of the Great Tribulation. **Revelation 7:14, 6:18; Matthew 24:15-22**
4. Insanity of the nations attempting to fight against God. **Revelation 16:14; Psalm 2:1-4**
5. Ferocity of the second coming of Christ. **Revelation 19:11-20; Acts 1:10**
6. Immenisty of the Lord's future Literal Kingdom. **Revelation 11:15, 20:1-6**
7. Finality of the world. **Revelation 20:7-15; II Peter 3:10-13**

1. Prophecy is generally the predicting of future events and God uses prophecy to show His _____ according to Isa. 46:9,10 and to the test the believer's _____ according to Heb. 11:1.
2. The true understanding to prophecy is only possible to a true Christian who has yielded himself to the ministry of the _____ according to John 16:13.
3. According to I Cor. 2:7-14 only the Holy Spirit can reveal Bible _____.
4. John reveals prophetic events to those believers who will _____ to Him and _____ Him for it according to Dan. 2:17-28.
5. According to II Tim. 2:15 the student must learn to _____ in order to truly understand the prophetic revelations of God.
6. Give one Bible verse for each of the following practical aspects of prophecy: a) it cleanses our life _____; b) it prepares us for the Judgment Seat of Christ _____; c) it comforts the believer _____.
7. According to Isa. 46:9,10, prophecy is a testimony of God's _____.
8. Prophecy is also a testimony of the Bible's _____ and _____.
9. In relation to the believer, prophecy is a testimony of our _____ according to Rev. 19:10.
10. List one verse or passage from the Book of Revelation that predicts the following coming events: a) apostasy of the church _____; b) ecstasy of the believer's resurrection _____; c) calamity of the coming of the Great Tribulation _____; d) insanity of the nations fighting against God _____; e) ferocity of the Second Coming of Christ _____; f) the intensity, immensity of the Lord's future Kingdom _____; g) the finality of this world's systems _____.