

Introduction to *Prophecy*- Week #2

Key vocabulary for *Revelation*

1. Prophecy = present & future messages given by God to His people through a prophet
2. Theology = the study of God as taught in His Word (Bible)
3. Eschatology = the study of the end times
4. Day of the Lord = God's judgment on unbelieving people & nations (Tribulation & beyond)
5. Evangelism = telling others about Jesus/being a witness (representative) to the faith
6. Doctrine = a teaching from the Bible
7. Epistle = letter written from an apostle
8. Disciple/Apostle = students of the Word/teachers (students) & leaders of the Word
9. Babylon = modern day Iraq where the Antichrist will set up his camp
10. Revived Roman Empire = the 10 European countries that will fight with the Antichrist
11. Israel = God's chosen people from the Old Testament who will later come to know Jesus
12. The Church = all believers in Jesus Christ from AD. 33 - Rapture
13. Rapture = Jesus comes into the clouds to take His Church (believers) home
14. Tribulation Period = the 7 years of "hell on earth" for those who didn't make the rapture
15. Second Coming = Jesus returns to the earth after the 7 year tribulation period
16. Millennium (Kingdom) = the 1,000 year reign on earth after the Second Coming

The rules for studying *prophecy*

1. Literal interpretation of prophecy
2. The Bible is its own interpretation
3. Israel & the Church as separate
4. Revelation is in chronological order with very few exceptions
5. Need to discern the Signs of the Times

The reasons for studying *Prophecy*

1. IT IS AMAZINGLY INTERESTING & FASCINATING!!!
2. Prophecy makes up between 20-25% of the whole Bible
3. You will learn the Bible like you never have before
4. You will be able to discern better false prophets & false teaching
5. You will grow in personal holiness & closer to God
6. You will have much more hope for the future
7. You will develop more of an evangelistic mindset

Myths concerning *Revelation*

1. It's boring
2. It's scary
3. It's impossible to understand
4. It's irrelevant to my life
5. It's symbolic of good & evil

Introduction to *Prophecy* – Part II – Week #2

The Signs of the Times

1. The moral decline of society – II Timothy 3:1-5, 12-13, Isaiah 5:20
2. The apostasy of the 'church' – II Timothy 4:3-4, Revelation 17:1-6
3. The opposition to the Church – II Peter 3:1-7
4. Increase in travel – Daniel 12:1-4
5. Increase in knowledge – Daniel 12:1-4
6. Arab nations threat to Israel – Ezekiel 35-36
7. Russia threat to Israel – Ezekiel 38-39
8. Re-establishment of Israel – Isaiah 66:7-8 (already happened in 1948!)
9. Israel becomes the main focus of world politics – Zechariah 12:3
10. Movement toward one world government, religion, monetary system – Daniel 7:23-25, Revelation 13:16-18
11. Outpouring of the Holy Spirit – Joel 2:28-29
12. Unification of Europe – Daniel 2, 7, Revelation 13:1
13. Increase in technology – Revelation 11:8-9
14. Increase in occultism – I Timothy 4:1
15. Increase in wars – Matthew 24:6
16. Increase in natural disasters – Matthew 24:7
17. Increase in hatred one to the other & persecution of Jews & Christians – Matthew 24:9-10
18. Increase in false prophets, teachers & teaching – Matthew 24:11
19. Increase in lawlessness & rebellion – Matthew 24:12
20. Increase in the preaching of the Gospel – Matthew 24:14