

Benefits of Studying Prophecy

Four Benefits from Biblical Prophecy

For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Acts 20:27
(English Standard Version)

1. Reaffirms my conviction that the Bible is the Word of God

“Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. Isaiah 46:9-10

God’s covenant with Abraham

Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." Genesis 15:4

He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars--if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. Genesis 15:5-6

Abraham taking Hagar to have a child was not God’s will.

God predicts Ishmael’s race and temperament

The angel of the LORD also said to her: "You are now with child and you will have a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the LORD has heard of your misery. He will be a wild donkey of a man; Genesis 16:11

his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers." Genesis 16:11-12

God predicts the destruction of Tyre

- Ezekiel 26:14 predicts that Tyre will be destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar

2. Realization that God is active in History

Eastern Gate of Jerusalem Prophecy

- Ezekiel 44:2-3 Predicts that the Eastern Gate of Jerusalem would be shut
- Not to be opened again until the Messiah enters through it

The Eastern Gate to be opened...

1. World War I evacuation by the Turks
2. King Hussein to build an International Hotel

God's activity in history continues to this present day and into the future.

3. Respect for the Wrath of God

*Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Philippians 2:9-11***

America needs to be aware of God's wrath

- America is not mentioned in End Time Prophecy
- Other nations mentioned
Ezekiel 37-38

*But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. **Luke 12:48***

*And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you." **Matthew 11:23-24***

God judges Israel with a nation "more evil"

- The prophet Habakkuk asked, When would God would judge the nation?

*I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected. **Habakkuk 2:1***

*LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O LORD. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy. **Habakkuk 3:2***

*Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. **Proverbs 14:34***

The study of Prophecy is hopeful because It Assures Us Jesus Will Return

*"When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." **Luke 21:28***

*Therefore encourage each other with these words. **1 Thessalonians 4:18***

4. Rekindles my enthusiasm for the things of God

*Since the world is going to be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? **2 Peter 3:11***

*You ought to live holy and Godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. **2 Peter 3:11-12***

*So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. **Matthew 24:44***

If you are not a Christian you are not ready for the Second Coming Of Jesus to the Earth.

"Every saved person this side of heaven owes the gospel to every unsaved person this side of hell." — C. S. Lewis

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. "May peace be within your walls, And prosperity within your palaces." For the sake of my brothers and my friends, I will now say, [Shalom] "May peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good. **Psalms 122:6-9 (NASB)***