
Why Is It So Important to Study Prophecy? Here Are 23 Reasons!

Prophecy: Something God reveals about the future. This includes what God had revealed about the future which has already come to pass.

1. **To Teach the Whole Counsel of God:**

Prophecy can be found in most books of the Bible. You would have a hard time NOT studying prophecy. Ignoring prophecy requires ignoring much of the Bible.

2. **To See How All of the Bible Fits Together**

The Bible is a group of books that tells an overall story. Prophecy connects these books together into a single story and a single Book.

3. **To Illustrate that the Bible Is True and Reliable**

Prophecy provides faultless evidence that the Bible is true. It has predicted events in the past and they have come true. Unfulfilled prophecies will come to pass as well.

4. **To Help Us See that God Keeps His Word**

When God says something, you can fully count on it to be true. When He says something will happen, you can fully count on it to come to pass.

5. **To Understand that God Knows the Future**

How amazing is it that God can tell you what will happen in the future, often times in great detail? God knows what is ahead! God is that smart. He is all-knowing.

6. **To Understand that God Controls the Future**

God cannot, with certainty, tell you the future without having full control of the future. God is The Controller of everything (Matt 28:18). God is all-powerful and sovereign.

7. **To Understand that God Has a Plan**

God did not just start things, and then walk away. He has a plan for the universe, and for humanity, from start to finish. He shares much of His plan in the Bible.

8. **To Help Us Know Where We Are in God's Timetable**

Knowing prophecy helps us gauge where we ourselves are in God's timeline.

9. **To See the Grace of God in Action**

Prophecy helps us see that God loves the human race, and that He has worked throughout history to encourage mankind to know Him and to repent through belief in His promises. His first prophecy involved sending the seed of the woman to crush the serpent's head in order that mankind could be saved from their sin and sins.

10. **To See the Rebellion of Mankind in Action**

Prophecy shows us just how evil and rebellious people will be. From the beginning to the end sinful men will refuse God's grace and shake their fists in His face.

11. **To Understand the Vanity of Mankind**

Connected to rebellion is mankind's vanity pursuing the temporal and the empty. "Wide is the path that leads to destruction" is such a prophecy.

12. **To Know How God Will Deal with Various Nations**

God reveals what He will ultimately do with several nations. Some He will completely wipe out. Others He will rescue and raise up, as nations.

13. **To See How God Will Fulfill His Promises to Israel**

History centers around one tiny nation – Israel. Beginning with Abraham, God has made unconditional promises specifically to the nation of Israel that He will fulfill. Israel will have an eternal presence, and an Eternal Ruler of the seed of David.

14. **To Know that God Will Ultimately Judge Wicked Men**

Though in the present wicked people seem to "get away" with their often very oppressive sins. We can take comfort in the fact that God misses nothing, and that He will repay people for their works if they do not believe in His Offering for Sin.

15. **To Authenticate the Son of God (Both Arrivals)**

There are over 60 key prophecies about the coming Messiah Ruler and Lamb of God. Jesus fulfilled many of those prophecies at His first coming (including His place of birth, lineage, and form of death) and will fulfil the rest at His second coming. Jesus is unmistakably the Son of God.

16. **To Give Us a Right View of Life**

Prophecy gives us the right perspective on life. It helps us to focus on what is important. It helps us to stay on track.

17. **To Make Sense of World Events**

Happenings in the world can seem crazy at times. Prophecy helps us to see that God is working and still in control.,

18. **To Give Hope in the Midst of Discouraging Circumstances**

Events and circumstances can overwhelm us. Knowing prophecy helps us sort through events, keeps us from getting distracted, and helps us stay on course.

19. **To Encourage Believers Undergoing Suffering**

Knowing prophecy is a huge help when going through suffering or difficult times. Prophecy gives hope, because it tells us that our present circumstances are not permanent, and they are not final.

20. **To Encourage Us to Live for the Eternal**

Since this life is not the end, and what this life has to offer is temporary and passing away, knowing the future helps us to live for the future.

21. **To Inform Us that Our Works Will Be Judged**

Part of the motivation for living for eternity is the fact that as believers all of our works will be judged. That puts life in an entirely new perspective, and it should.

22. **To Warn Us of Things that Will Come**

We should never be caught off guard, because prophecy forewarns us of things. For example, we are warned of perilous times and deceptive teachers that will come.

23. **To Share What Eternity Will Be Like**

Prophecy gives us a glimpse of what eternity will be like. It tells us about our new bodies, new heavens, a new earth, and a new Jerusalem. It tells us that sinners will be judged forever in the Lake of Fire and believers will live forever in the presence of God on the new earth with great blessing. It encourages all men to be saved but declares that many will not be.