

Prophecy: A View through the Lenses of Faith Pt 5

Who is at the center of all Prophecies?

- We read last week that to truly understand Jesus we must be prepared to read His Word > **Heb 10:7**- “**He comes in the volume of the Book**” meaning He is at the center of everything that is happening in scripture. The beautiful part about all this is for Jesus to reveal Himself in this manner, meant He wanted us His servants to get to know Him, so that we can not only properly serve Him, but also so that we can tell others how to worship and glorify Him as well.
- Which brings us back to Prophecy, and why it’s so important, in **Eph 4:11-12** scripture says God as a gift gave us Apostles, Prophets,, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers, to do two things > **1st** Equip the saints, **2nd** so that we can edify one another. “**To equip**” means to prepare by supplying someone with everything they need to do the job, this is what the gifts mentioned in **V11** is suppose to do prepare us for every good work God has for His people to perform.
- “**Edify**” means to build up gradually, meaning it’s not a quick fix to spiritual maturity, every new believer should be expected to one day become a mature believer so they may be able to help and lead others into maturity also, sadly the church has become a place of low expectations. In the OT the Prophets who Prophesied their Prophecies did three things > **1st** it testified of God’s will, it reminded the people exactly what the Lord has said and kept the people accountable to it
- **2nd** it prepared them for the future, heeding the message whether it was a warning, a correction, some instruction, helped the people to prepare for what’s to come and not be surprised by it. **3rd** it guided them in all situations and circumstances, we need to know what God thinks about what we want to do before we go and do it, that means we need His revelation, His instruction, His counsel, to manage family relationships, like marriage, parenting, dealing with and maintaining faith during personal trials, and having financial wisdom.
- Without God’s Word, from God’s people, then we will lean on our own understanding and wrongly think we can pull ourselves out from under any circumstance or situation we face by ourselves. Folks this is the world we live in today, it wants peace and prosperity right! But it doesn’t know what God says about that, and worse it doesn’t care, so it goes about securing these things by continuing to make decisions that end up being disastrous in the long run.
- **Math 24:1-8** the Disciples asked Jesus what are the signs they should look for that signal the last days and Jesus it was not one but a convergence of signs to look for > **People claiming to be the Messiah** (check), **Wars and rumors of Wars** (check), **Nations rising against Nations** (check), **Famines** (check), **Pestilence** (check), **Earthquakes** (check), but all these are just the beginning of sorrow not yet the end. Notice it’s not merely one thing but a combination of things, which brings us to what was man’s answer to what is going on > E.U. the European Union. This was formed in **1993** and was suppose to provide financial stability throughout Europe but it hasn’t.

- Right now the world is in **Global economic peril**- with nations like the U.S. owing more debt than it can pay and yet continues to spend, **Global border issues**- as war, famine, and government unrest force people to flee their countries and try and cross borders in order to flee the problems, and **Global terrorism**- everywhere you turn somewhere someone is setting off a bomb or participating in a mass shooting, which leads to **Global lawlessness**- crime everywhere.
- An E.U. spokesman recently said “**we need a leader in the world to solve our problems, they’ve become too great, and it doesn’t matter if that person is a devil or a saint we need help**”. Signs of a global economic collapse is everywhere, if Nasdaq, the stock exchange, Dow Jones, Hong Kong exchange, have a bad day it affects all the rest negatively as well also. It has many leaders encouraging nations to make a global outcry for their governments to provide change.
- We saw this back in the **1940’s** after **WW11** when in **Oct 24 1945** the United Nations was formed, this led to them voting in Israel as a nation **May 14th 1948** which fulfilled **Is 66:8**- what nation is born in a day, and **Ezek 37**- the prophecy of the dry bones. God allows man and his attempt to do things without Him to bring about circumstances that prove our need for Him. This illuminates what Jesus said in **Math 24:32-35**- after Israel becomes a Nation it will begin the Eschatology clock to start ticking for things to really happen to bring utter chaos and confusion.
- In closing when Jesus went to the cross He fulfilled the **4** feasts that happen in the spring > **Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Pentecost**, but when He returns He will fulfill the last feasts that happen in the fall > **Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles**. The Trumpets happens at night between **6-10pm**, and was to be verified by two witnesses and no one would know the day or hour it would happen until the two witnesses can see last of the coming moon. Atonement was the sign of forgiveness and Tabernacles had them dwelling in booths remembering what God had done for them and afterward telling future generations about it.