

FELLOWSHIP NOTES ~ Sunday, March 10th, 2024



Part 4: “The Benefits of Bible Prophecy”

The Presence of Prophecy in the Bible

- Over one-fifth of the Bible addresses the future at the time it was written
- Altogether 27% of the Bible is prophetic – 8,352 verses out of a total of 31,124 verses in the entire Bible
- 318 times in the New Testament’s 210 chapters Christ’s second coming is mentioned

The Spiritual Benefits of Bible Prophecy to the Christian

Knowing Bible Prophecy will...

1. Keep you from _____ – 1 Cor. 4:5
2. Bring new life to your _____ – 1 Cor. 11:26; Rev. 19:6-8
3. Help you focus on the _____ more than the _____ – Col. 3:1-4
4. Grow your love for others, especially the _____ and equip you for a life of _____ – 1 Thess. 3:11-13
5. Give you a greater sense of and desire for the _____ of your church family - Hebrews 10:24-25
6. Build your _____ for life on this side of heaven – James 5:7-8
7. Aid you in living a _____ for the glory of God – 1 John 3:2-3
8. Increase your passion for _____ – Jude 20-23



Resources

At the Tower (beside the Welcome Center):

Prophetic Chart (based on the book of Revelation)

In Fellowship Café

What's Next? Israel – Gaza War – Connecting Today's Headlines to Tomorrow's Prophetic Events

Israel on High Alert – How Conflict and Wars in the Middle East are Setting the Stage for the End Times

Israel and the Church – An Israeli Examines God's Unfolding Plans For His Chosen Peoples

Basic Bible Prophecy – Essential Facts Every Christian Should Know

Bible Prophecy – The Essentials: Answers to Your Most Common Questions

The 8 Great Debates About Bible Prophecy

The End-Times in Chronological Order – A Complete Overview to Understanding Bible Prophecy

Assault on the Image of God – Understanding and Responding to Attacks on the Bible, Human Life, and the Church

The Last Hour – An Israeli Insider Looks at The End Times

Pray for Israel

1. That God will limit the evil efforts and impact of the attackers and their sponsors.
2. That He would protect all those who have been touched by this attack—the families of those killed, those injured, and those who have been taken hostage.
3. That God would bring to pass the deliverance of many who have been taken hostage.
4. That God would protect the men and women of the Israel Defense Forces, some of whom are brothers and sisters in Christ, and that He will take care of their loved ones in their absence and strengthen them for the difficult days ahead.
5. That He will provide safety and ministry blessing for all our evangelical ministry partners in Israel—messianic assemblies, ministry organizations (e.g., Friends of Israel, Jews for Jesus, Chosen People Ministries, etc.).
6. That God would provide wisdom for Israel's leaders, both political and military
7. That this region which has known such violence would soon know peace (Ps. 122:8).
8. That God will use this tragic moment in Israel's history to awaken many to the truth of the Gospel and that many will come to faith in the Messiah; that believing soldiers or believing hostages would share the life-transforming message of the Gospel to those around them.
9. Also, pray broadly for Jews and Palestinians who have been impacted by these events.

Growth Groups Study Guide for the Week of March 10th – 17th

Reminder:

- Next Sunday Pastor Eddie Passmore, Executive Director of Mexico Caravan Ministries will be our guest speaker. Also, it's Fellowship Day at the Iowa Wolves at 3:00 p.m., including the Jordan St. Cyr Concert to follow. Get your tickets on our APP or the website.
- In 2 weeks, on Palm Sunday, our special guest will be Jeremy Kluth who will do his "One Man Passion Play" in our morning services followed by his Scripture Memory Workshop after the services (with lunch provided). Sign up on our APP or website.

Group Discussion:

Describe a time when you have been separated from a loved one and how you felt when you were reunited.

Digging Deeper:

1. In the New Testament Jesus' return is mentioned 318 times! What do the following verses say about Jesus' return? (consider the context of each one)

Read Acts 1:11 _____

Read Matthew 24:29-31 _____

Read Revelation 22:12-13 _____

2. The Scriptures give 3 answers for why Jesus must come back...

- 1.) He must return to take His church to be with Him – Read 1 Thess. 4:16-18.

This is the first stage of Jesus return that we call the Rapture (the words “caught up” in verse 17 mean “to snatch away” or rapture). What does verse 18 say the reality of this return should do for us and why do you think this is true? _____

- 2.) He must return to judge the world – Read 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 & 2 Tim. 4:1. What does these verses tell us about God's judgment? _____

This judgment will be at His second coming at the end of the tribulation. This will be the second stage of Jesus' return. Unlike the first stage when Jesus only returns to the clouds, this coming will be to the earth. Read Revelation 19:11-21. What does this passage tell us occurs at the second coming of Christ? _____

- 3.) He must return to rule the world – Read Daniel 7:13-14 & Revelation 20:1-6. What does these passages tell us about the rule of Christ and what God will do before the millennium begins and what we will do during Christ's thousand-year reign on earth? _____

3. Review the Ten Benefits of Bible Prophecy we considered on Sunday morning on the front page. Each of these focuses on one primary aspect of prophecy, what is it? _____

Which one or two of the twelve speak to your heart about how the reality of Christ's return should impact the way we live now? _____

Closing

Everything the Bible says about Christ's return is meant to prepare us for that return and to comfort and give us hope. Let the surety of Jesus' return be a blessing to you this week as you look forward to the soon return of Christ.