

Prophecy

Prophecy is _____ and varied and it reveals God's sovereignty.

The purpose of prophecy in scripture is to reveal the _____,
_____, and _____ of God.

Types of Prophecy

Judgment Prophecy

This comes across often in the form of if/then _____
proclamations or predictions.

This prophecy served to encourage _____ and
_____.

Jeremiah 18:7-10 ⁷ *If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, ⁸ and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. ⁹ And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, ¹⁰ and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.*

Foretelling Prophecy - is _____ and _____.

Foretelling prophecy often had _____ meaning for the present generation and for generations to come in the church age.

Genesis 12:2-3 ² *And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

Fulfilled in Isaac during Abraham's life and later and in Christ beginning the church age.

Isaiah 8:1 *"The Lord said to me, "Take a large tablet and write on it in common characters...and I will get reliable witnesses...to attest for me."*

8:12-16 *"Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. ¹³ But the LORD of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. ¹⁴ And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ¹⁵ And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken." ¹⁶ **Bind up the testimony; seal the teaching among my disciples.**"*

WHY BIND UP THIS TESTIMONY FOR MORE THAN JUST ITS HEARERS???

Matthew 22:15 *Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him (Jesus) in his words.*

1 Peter 2:6-8 ⁶ *For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"⁸ and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.*

All foretelling prophecy eventually becomes _____.

History is a testimony to God's sovereignty.

Foretelling, while often cryptic, is not intended to be a riddle to be solved. God's Word never requires guess work or speculation to extrapolate meaning.

Forth-telling Prophecy

Forthtelling is _____.

This is the authoritative and Spirit-led application and delivery of God's Word in a given situation.

2 Timothy 2:15 ¹⁵ *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*

James 3:1 *Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.*

Isaiah 9:1-7

9 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.

³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon¹ his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Matthew 4:13-16

¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

Revelation 20:4-6

⁴ Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

What is being prophesied in the Isaiah passage?

What kind of prophecy is this?

How does the Matthew passage affirm the prophecy in Isaiah?

How does the foretelling prophecy of Revelation connect to both of the previous passages?