

GIVING PROMISES THE POWER OF PROPHECY

I. Picturing the Process - *Eph. 1:4-12*

- A) God has always known who will be saved - *1 Pet. 1:2, Rom 8:29*
 - 1) Because He is Omniscient
 - 2) Because He is Omnipresent
- B) God has always had a purpose that for those He foreknows
- C) God has predestinated all things to work according to His counsel

II. Turning Purposes into Prophecy - *Isa. 46:9-11*

- A) What God purposes, He predestinates
- B) What God predestinates, His power makes it play out providentially
 - 1) It can be a person - *Isa. 44:28-45:6*
 - 2) It can be a place
 - 3) It can be a position
 - 4) It can be a special provision
 - 5) It can be a special protection
- C) When He proclaims what He has purposed, it become prophecy
- D) When it becomes prophecy, IT WILL COME TO PASS PERFECTLY
 - 1) There were 333 unique prophecies concerning Jesus - *Luke 24:44*
 - 2) Everyone was fulfilled perfectly
 - 3) There are hundreds of prophecies yet to be fulfilled -PERFECTLY!

III. Giving Promises the Power of Prophecy

- A) God's promises, like prophecies, have been proclaimed
- B) God's promises, unlike prophecies, are fulfilled conditionally - *Matt. 6:33*
 - 1) Conditional based on our priority
 - 2) Conditional based on our pursuit of His eternal purpose for us
 - 3) Conditional based on our practice of known precepts / principles
 - 4) Conditional based on prayer - *James4:2-3 / John 5:14-15*
- C) When conditions of a proclaimed promise are met, IT WILL COME TO PASS!