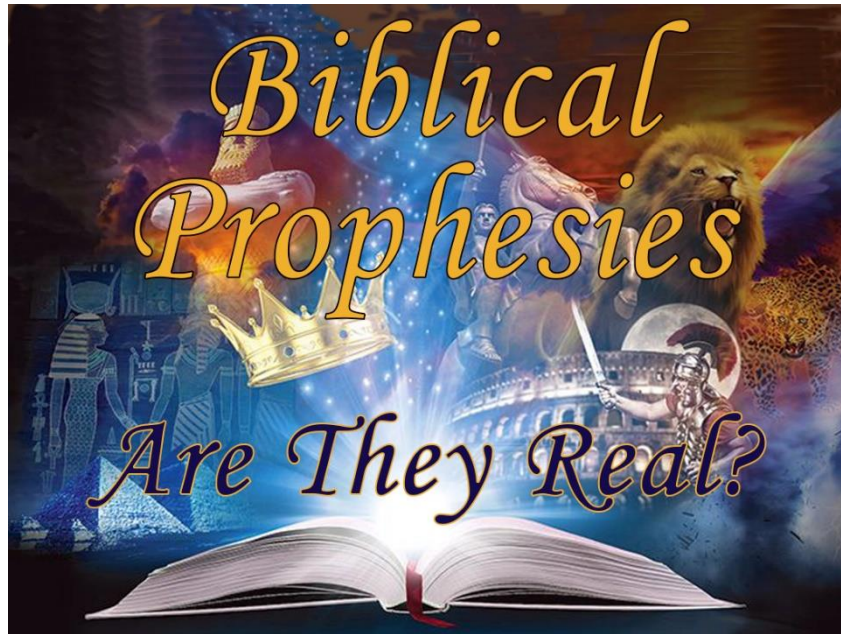




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2-MINUTE WARNING #1



Biblical Prophecies... Are They Real?

Matthew 24

KEY POINT

God didn't speak about the End Times to **SCARE** us... but to **PREPARE** us.

I. HAS GOD SAID MUCH ABOUT THE END TIMES?

- 1 out of every 30 verses in Bible talks about the End Times in general terms
- It's specifically mentioned over 329 times
- 23 of the 27 books of New Testament mention the End of the World.
- There are 16 OT prophets... 10 of them talk about the End of the World.

II. THREE THINGS TO WATCH FOR

... so you can live in **HOPE** and not **DESPAIR**. Matthew 24:1-3

1. Watch out for **DECEIVERS**

Matthew 24:4-5/Matthew 7:15/Romans 12:9/ Philippians 1:10

- A TRUE prophet: Predicts something
 - (1) specific,
 - (2) time specific
 - (3) it comes true.

2. Watch for increase in **WARS** and **NATURAL DISASTERS**

Matthew 24:6-8

3. Watch for an increase in **ANGER** towards Christians.

Matthew 24:9-13/John 14:6

When you try to squash Christianity or the Church – it tends to GROW.

III. WHEN WILL THE END COME?

One thing we know for sure... is that we **DON'T KNOW** for sure.

Matthew 24:36

IV. WHEN WILL THE END COME? DOES IT MATTER?

It will be totally **UNEXPECTED**.

Matthew 24:42

- We are to be HIS hands and feet until He returns.
- We are to WATCH – His House, His Church, His people, His flock until He returns.

Q. Am I ready?

1. How am I using my time? Wisely? Deepening my faith? Prayer? Word?
2. How am I using my talents, spiritual gifts, et al?
2 Peter 3:9/2 Peter 3:15

KEY: Jesus wants us to be **PREPARED, not **SCARED**.**

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