

“Prophecy signifies the speaking forth of the mind and counsel of God.” (W.E. Vine Expository Dictionary)

A prophet is defined as “one who speaks on behalf of another,” a prophecy is the message that a prophet conveys. Bible Prophecy is God's infallible message to man, spoken or written by prophets specially chosen by God. Today, many people think that prophecy deals only with predictions about the future, but this is not the complete picture. Prophecy includes any aspect of God's revelation to man as recorded in the 66 books of the Bible. 28% of the Bible is prophetic. Of the 1000 Bible prophecies ½ have been fulfilled.

## Why Should We As Born Again Believers Study Bible Prophecy?

1) Biblical Prophecy introduces us to God's most important plan for man: His blueprint for the past, present, and future.

John 1:1

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

2) Studying Bible Prophecy reinforces the reality of God's Master Plan.

Deuteronomy 18:22

*when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.*

2 Timothy 2:15-16

*15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness.*

3) The literal past fulfillment of Biblical Prophecy teaches us that Prophecy yet to be, should be interpreted literally

2 Timothy 3:16-17

*16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

4) The study of Biblical Prophecy prepares the Christian to avoid the deceptions of the many false prophets of the past and present.

Ephesians 4:14-15

*14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ*

Ephesians 6:11

*Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

5) The study of Biblical Prophecy encourages the assembly of Believers in the Body of Christ, the church (both Universal and Local), to do the work of an evangelist and spread the Gospel!

2 Timothy 4:5

*But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*

2 Corinthians 3:5-6

*5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, 6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*

Matthew 28:19-20

*19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*