

Tri-County Bible Prophecy Revival
Revelation of Jesus Series
Study #1: The Revelation of Jesus
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We live in a world that is NOW plagued with calamities, violence, and war. A world full of sickness, addiction, and abuse. This world is spiraling out of control, full of uncertainty and stress. People are looking for answers. People are looking for hope and truth in a world of thousand of voices who claim to have the answers. They all claim to have the truth even though their views oppose each other.

If you want to know the TRUTH you must go to the Creator of the Truth for absolute TRUTH.

John 14:6

6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

In other words, Jesus Street is the only street in this world's life journey that lead to truth and life.

Remember, there is only one WAY to truth. Jesus and His Word is absolute TRUTH!

The enemy, Satan lies and tells the world that there are multiple ways to the truth. That is a flat lie!

Bible Truth is absolute. It cannot be changed. Just like in math 1 + 1 will always be 2 throughout eternity. It is absolute. 1 + 1 will never be any other number besides two - period. There are no philosophies or theories that can change that. How many ways can someone dial your phone number right? One, of course. How many ways can someone dial your phone number wrong? Many! God's Bible Truth helps you dial the right "number" to connect to Jesus, holiness, and eternal life. Satan's many lies lead you to dial the wrong "number."

Jesus the Creator of Truth, came to this world to give the truth. He died for the truth. He resurrected himself because He is the truth. He gave us His truth in the Word in black and white. He interceding in the heavenly courts of all those who believe His TRUTH!

The TRUTH frees you from the bondage of sin and lies!

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Why is there an urgent need of a Bible prophecy revival?

Romans 13:11-12

11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is **high time** to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

In verse 11 there is an urgent call to awake out of sleep. This is what true Bible revival is. It is waking up and knowing your true spiritual condition. Is a revival enough? NO

In verse 12 there is an urgent call for a reformation in character. Reformation, means a change of behavior and habits that forms your character. What causes spiritual sleep are the worldly devices of Satan. For true reformation all His devices and lies must be put out of your life.

True revival and reformation are united together. If there is not a revival you cannot have a reformation, but if there is not a reformation in you, you did not have a revival. In order for a true revival and transformation of thinking and character must take place.

Romans 12:1-2

- 1 I beseech (**Gk: to call near**) you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
- 2 And be **not conformed to this world**: but be ye **transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and **perfect, will of God**.

Friend do you know that we are living at the end of time as Bible prophecy revival? NOW is the HIGH TIME to wake up! Now is HIGH TIME to cast off the works of the world and be transformed by the power of God's Word, His TRUTH.

God's TRUTH is calling for all who want true revival and reformation based only His Word and not the theories and philosophies of men.

1 Samuel 12:24

24 Only fear the LORD, and serve him **in truth** with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

What promise does God give all those who are actively seeking His TRUTH based solely on the Word of God?

Jeremiah 29:12-13

12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.
13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

What does TRUTH, Jesus Christ, invite you to do?

John 7:37

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

Are you thirsting for truth? Come and search for truth will all your heart!

What does this practically mean?

2 Timothy 2:15

15 Study to shew **thysself** approved unto God, a **workman** that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Study (Greek) = spoudazō [spoo-dad'-zo]

From G4710; to use speed, that is, **to make effort, be prompt or earnest: - do (give) diligence, be diligent (forward), endeavour, labour.**

Romans 10:17

17 So then **faith** cometh by hearing, and hearing by the **word of God**.

James 1:22

22 But be ye **doers** of the word, and **not hearers** only, deceiving your own selves.

Why is it possible that you can to place ALL your faith in God's Word from Genesis to Revelation?

2 Timothy 3:16

16 **All** scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Do you want to understand end time Bible prophecy and be revived to bible truth to be prepared for the soon coming of Jesus Christ?

Let's not forget Bible basics: Bible = little books. How many books in the Holy Bible? 66. 39 in the old testament and 27 in the new testament. The majority of the Old testament was originally written in the Hebrew language. The majority of the new testament was originally written in the Greek language.

What is Bible prophecy?

Prophecy = prediction = history given to us in advance. God reveals to us His moves and Satan's (The enemy) moves. Bible prophecy is the light in darkness as we move forward until the end. Bible prophecy lets us know how close we are to the close of probation and the second coming of Jesus Christ. Bible prophecy is our time clock. Without it YOU will not know what time it is! It will be like going through time without a watch or clock. You will miss appointments. **Do you want to be on time and be ready for the second coming of Jesus?**

How does God REVEAL His present and future plans?

Amos 3:7

7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he **revealeth** his secret unto his servants the prophets.

So if I want to be in the light of God's "secrets" I must study the prophecies of God's prophets! If God reveals "his secrets" they are no longer "secrets" for those who are watching, praying, and diligently studying God's word in the last days. What God reveals remains a "secret" for those who don't study Bible prophecy.

Who is the central theme of Bible prophecy?

Let's go to the book of Revelation...

Revelation 1:1

1 **The Revelation of Jesus Christ**, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Revelation (Greek) = apokalupsis [ap-ok-al'-oop-sis], "be revealed."

Revelation 19:10 " for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

The Spirit of Prophecy = Testimony of Jesus

ALL BIBLE PROPHECY IS CENTERED ON JESUS to reveal what Jesus has done in the past; what He is doing presently and what he will do in the future.

Not only is the revelation of Jesus the center theme of Bible prophecy, but He is the reason for the everlasting gospel that leads to everlasting life.

Galatians 1:10 - 12

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but **by the revelation of Jesus Christ**.

What does the name "Jesus Christ" mean? His name reveals his character and mission.

Matthew 1:21

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Jesus (Greek): Iēsous [ee-ay-sooce']
 Jesus (Hebrew): **yehôshûa'** = **Joshua**, "Jehovah is salvation"
 Jehovah means Lord "self-existing one."

Christ (Greek): Christos [khris-tos'] anointed, that is, the Messiah.

Jesus Christ our salvation is the fulfillment of the Messiah that was prophesied throughout the old testament.

What is the first rule of studying Bible prophecy?

2 Peter 1:20

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

Let the Bible be it's own prophecy interpreter – especially when it comes to the prophetic symbols of the Bible.

What does God give to those who study prophecy such as the book of Revelation and do what is written in it?

Revelation 1:3

3 Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time *is* at hand.

What is the warning for those who add to or take away words from the book of Revelation totally misapplying its words?

Revelation 22:18-19

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Why should you study Bible prophecy? What are the spiritual benefits for you?

John 14:29

29 *And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.*

Remember this is Jesus the Son of God talking to His disciples. In John chapters 12, 13, and 14 Jesus prepares His disciples for His soon coming death. From the beginning of John chapter 14, Jesus gives His disciple a prophetic promise that He is coming again to receive them and that He will leave with them a Comforter the Holy Spirit after His death and resurrection. In John 14:29 the reason why Jesus Christ told His disciples of His death, resurrection, and His ascension into heaven before they were filled so that they [the disciples] can have confidence and believe strongly in God and His Word.

What is another reason to study Bible prophecy?

2 Peter 1:19

19 We have also a **more sure (Gk:Stable) word of prophecy**; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a **light that shineth in a dark place**, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.

Who is the "Word" of prophecy?

John 1:14

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

“A More SURE 'Jesus' of prophecy.... Remember all Bible prophecy centers around Jesus!

Why does Peter have a MORE sure word of prophecy?**2 Peter 1:16-18**

16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.”

The event that Peter is referring is found in Matthew 17:1 -9. It is the time that he along with James and John saw Jesus briefly transfigured into all of His glory and heard the voice of God the Father affirm that Jesus was the son of God!

Peter had NO doubt. After we study Bible prophecy, we should have NOT DOUBT! Like Peter we should have a MORE SURE (Stable) Word of Prophecy... A more sure Jesus of Bible prophecy!

What are more very compelling reasons why you need to study Bible prophecy?**1 Corinthians 14:3**

3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men *to* edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

Bible Prophecy also is given to:

- 1-Edify (Building up - construction)
- 2-Exhortation (Encouragement)
- 3-Comfort

What did Jesus use to edify, encourage and comfort His disciples after His death, burial, and resurrection?**Luke 24:44, 45**

44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

45 Then **opened** he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.

Jesus used Bible prophecy concerning the prophecies that spoke of Himself as the Messiah in the Old Testament.

Do you want a MORE sure word? Let's look at some of these prophecies that Jesus taught of Himself to His disciples that give them a A MORE SURE WORD!**More than 125 Prophecies**

Did you know that there are more than 125 prophecies in the Old Testament about the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that was accurately fulfilled in the New Testament. Statistics prove that all of these prophecies that we are going to look at today did not happen just by chance. Matter of fact, according to statisticians the probably of only eight of the prophecies of Jesus in the Old Testament happening by chance or by luck is 1 in 1 giga-zillion.

The study of the prophecies of Jesus Christ's first coming not only affirms our faith, but it builds our faith in the prophecies of the second coming of Jesus.

Let's look at **seven of the 125 prophecies** of Christ that was predicted in the old testament and fulfilled in the new testament.

In Isaiah 7:14 Isaiah prophesies that the Messiah, God with us, would be born of a virgin

OT prophecy:

Isaiah 7:14 – “¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel [God with us].”

Fulfillment of that prophecy in the NT:

Luke 1:26, 27, 31, 32 “²⁶And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, ²⁷To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. ³¹And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. ³²He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest:”

Isn't that amazing, Isaiah prophesied and predicted that Jesus will be born of a virgin and that He would be God with us. This prophecy was accurately fulfilled in the New Testament. He was born of Mary a virgin, and He was God with us, the Son of God. Amen. Let's take a look at another prophecy about the Jesus first coming as a baby.

Did you know it was prophesied in Micah [book between Jonah and Nahum in the OT] that the Messiah was going to be born in the small town of Bethlehem?

OT prophecy:

Micah 5:2 – “²But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah {ef-raw'-thaw} *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting [eternal]. According to Genesis 35:19, Bethlehem was also known as Ephrathah {ef-raw'-thaw}.

Fulfillment of that prophecy in the NT:

Matthew 2:1 – “¹Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.”

Did you see it? Before Jesus was even born, it was prophesied and predicted that He would be born in Bethlehem and it was fulfilled as prophesied. Amazing! God word is true. It is accurate. Amen. Let's look at a prophecy concerning the death of Jesus on that Cross.

It was prophesied that Jesus would ride upon a colt as a King

OT prophecy:

Zechariah 9:9 - 9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

Fulfillment of that prophecy in the NT:

Matthew 21:4-9

4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

6 And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,

7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.
 8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.
 9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

It was prophesied that Jesus would be betrayed by one of His disciples

OT prophecy:

Psalms 41:9

9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

Fulfillment of that prophecy in the NT:

John 13:18-21, 26 and 27

18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

19 Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

26 Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

Did you know that nearly one thousand years before the death of the Messiah, King David, prophesied that the Messiah, Our Saviour would die a violent death on the cross and that some will divide His garments and gamble or cast lots for a piece of His torn clothing?

OT prophecy:

Psalms 22:16,18 ¹⁶For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. ¹⁸They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture [clothing].

Fulfillment of that prophecy in the NT:

Mark 15:24 – ²⁴And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.”

It was prophesied that those who would put Jesus on the cross would basically gamble for His clothes and it was accurately fulfilled in the NT as prophesied in the OT. Are you getting a picture of how the fulfillment of prophecy works? Amen. Now let's look at one more prophecy. Let's look at a prophecy concerning the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Do you know that it was prophesied in the OT in Hosea 6:2 that the Messiah, Jesus Christ, would rise on the third day after His crucifixion and death?

OT prophecy:

Hosea 6:1, 2 –This is Hosea prophesying to the people of Judah, ¹Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up ²After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.”

Fulfillment of that prophecy in the NT:

Acts 10:39-40 – Concerning Jesus, “³⁹And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: ⁴⁰Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly”

Prophesied that NOT one bone in Jesus body will be broken

OT Prophecy

Psalm 34:20 - He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

NT Fulfillment

John 19:36 - For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

Before destruction God always gives a warning: Noah and the FLOOD

God gave Noah a warning message that the earth was going to be destroyed by a worldwide flood because the imaginations of the world was evil continually. He told Noah to build an ark of safety and that everyone who gets aboard will be saved from destruction. This was a direct prophecy by God. He gave them 120 years! Faithfully Noah gave the warning message. When the time of the flood came only Noah and his family heeded the warning. The majority of the world rejected it and was doomed to death.

Jesus says,

Luke 17:26-29

26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

What is an urgent message and promise of Revelation? What does Revelation teach us in the manner in which Jesus will return on this earth? Will it be a “secret rapture”? To be continued..

Appeal

Do you have a more sure word of Bible prophecy? The storm is coming. The wind is already blowing and it is about to get stronger and stronger. The whole world will get hit by the storm. Those who built their foundation on self, feelings, others, money, entertainment, career, worldliness, Babylonian wine, etc are on sifting sand. They will fall and be over taken. The only one who will be standing are those who have built their faith on the rock, Jesus Christ. They have a more sure word of Bible prophecy. Is that you?

At the time of Jesus first coming the majority of God’s people ignored the warning! When Jesus personally ministered to His people face to face the majority ignored the warning – Israel probation closed as prophesied. Today the WARNING message from Daniel and Revelation is sounding! Jesus is coming extremely soon. The majority of the people will ignore it or cannot hear it because too many other things are turned up in their lives. Do you hear it! What are you going to do?