

Prophecy & More

D.R. Dungan: Hermeneutics: We know that if we shall interpret literal language as if it were figurative, or figurative as if it were literal, we will certainly miss the meaning" (pg 195).

The prophetic sections of the Bible present the most difficult to understand for most Bible students. There are some common thoughts about prophecy that will help us as we study those sections.

In Deut 18, we see two things: First, Jesus is considered a prophet (v. 18-19). Second, the sign of a true prophet was whether he spoke accurately (20), or if what he says doesn't come about (22).



1. Prophecy isn't always about things way in the distant _____
 - Jn 2:19-21 about 3 years later
 - Mt 26:34, 75 a few hours later
2. Prophets often dealt with the _____ conditions and served as preachers of righteousness, calling upon the people to repent and return to God (Jer 7:25-28)
3. Prophecies about Jesus are called "M_____" Prophecies.
 - There are over 300 Messianic prophecies in the Bible
4. Prophecies have a _____ context that is essential to understanding the nature of the prophecy
5. Some prophecies are straight forward and can be understood _____, while others are wrapped in _____ language (example John 2:19)
6. There are many places where the fulfillment is realized later _____ the Bible
 - Acts 2:16 "but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel"
 - Luke 24:27 "And beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures."
7. Within prophetic books, large sections are not _____ but historical and expository
8. Prophecies were not _____ or predictions. They was a _____ thing. It was just a matter of when it would be.
9. Prophecies were not _____, but very specific, down to the details
 - the exact words that someone would say:
 - the specific town something would happen in:
 - the right amount of money used:

Prophecies & Jesus

- John 1:45 "Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the **Prophets** wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'"

Prophecies About Jesus

Seed of woman	Gen 3:15	Gal 4:4	Priest	Ps 110:4	Hebrews 4:14-16
Line of Abraham	Gen 12:2	Matt 1:1	Bore world's sins	Isa 53:4-5	Hebrews 9:28
Line of Judah	Gen 49:10	Matt 1:2	Ridiculed	Ps 22:7,8	Matt 27:39, 43
Line of David	2 Sam 17:16	Matt 1:1	Hands & feet pierced	Ps 22:16	John 20:25
Born of a virgin	Isa 7:14	Matt 1:23	No bones broken	Ps 22:17	John 19:33-36
Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matt 2:6	Scourging and death	Isa 53:5	John 19:1, 18
John the forerunner	Mal 3:1	Matt 3:3	Buried in rich man's grave	Isa 53:9	Matt 27:57
King	Ps 2:6	Matt 21:5	Resurrection	John 2:19-22	Matt 28:6

APOCALYPTIC LITERATURE:

- Another type of literature within the Bible is called "Apocalyptic"
- Daniel, Ezekiel, Zechariah and Revelation are examples
- The general theme of this type of literature is that God is in charge of history and He uses people and events to shape His desired will
- Common characteristics of apocalyptic literature

- Reflects _____ times in history
- The people of God are being _____
- Personifies good and evil in situations of _____
- Prophecies are made about the outcomes of the _____
- Messages are given through _____
- _____ is used to express the message
- _____ is the key

- Common assumptions about Revelation
 - . The book is too hard to understand—nearly impossible
 - . The book involves events in our future almost entirely
 - . The book has very little practical or useful help

Memory Verse:

Colossians 3:17

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."



Five Keys to Understanding Revelation

- Realize the specific audience (1:4, 11; 22:16)
- Realize the specific setting: a period of suffering (2:10, 13; 6:9; 13:7)
- Realize the specific time table (1:1, 3; 22:10)
- Realize the specific style of writing (1:1 "signified" or "communicated")
- Realize the specific purpose of the book: this is a book of encouragement to suffering Christians. "Overcome" is used 11x.

Outline of Revelation

Ch 1-3 Introduction
 Ch 4-11 First Vision: Rome vs. the Church
 Ch 13-20 Second Vision: Satan vs. Christ
 Ch 21-22 Conclusion: Christ wins

THEME: Rev 17:14 *"These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful."*