

Why Study Prophecy

Many Christians think of end times prophecy as a gigantic, intimidating puzzle -- difficult to piece together and impossible to figure out. But every puzzle can be solved if you approach it the right way. Paul Benware compares prophecy to a picture puzzle. Putting the edge pieces together first builds the 'framework' that makes it easier to fit the other pieces in their place. According to Benware, the framework for eschatology is the biblical covenants. He begins his comprehensive survey by explaining the major covenants. Then he discusses several different interpretations of end times prophecy. Benware digs into the details of the Rapture, the Great Tribulation, the judgements and resurrections, and the millennial kingdom. But he also adds a unique, personal element to the study, answering questions as: -Why study bible prophecy? -What difference does it make if I'm premillennial or amillennial? If what the Bible says about the future puzzles you, Understanding End Times Prophecy will help you put together the pieces and see the big picture.

Where can you find answers for an uncertain world? The answers have been waiting for you all along. They're in the pages of the Bible. By studying Bible prophecy, you can learn crucial information about future prophetic events - the time of the end. Whether you are unsure of the value of the Bible's prophecies or regard them with deep respect, this Bible Study aid, "You Can Understand Bible Prophecy", is meant to help you accurately understand Bible prophecy. We want you to see the true scope of prophecy - how it links mankind's past, present and future. Learn how a knowledge of prophecy can provide you with a balanced perspective and the details of God's wonderful plan for humanity. Chapters in this ebook: -- Why Prophecy? -- The Fundamentals of Bible Prophecy -- Jesus Christ's Life and Death in Prophecy -- Promise and Covenants: A Prophetic Legacy -- God Confirms His Credibility to the World -- History Proves the Accuracy of Bible Prophecy -- The International Scope of Prophecy -- The End of 'This Present Evil Age' -- The Coming "Abomination of Desolation" -- What Is 'the Lord's Day'? -- The Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ -- Beyond the Millennium Inside this Bible Study Aid ebook: "God inspired much of prophecy to relate to the first and second appearances of Jesus as the Messiah." "Another purpose of prophecy is to urge repentance and offer everyone forgiveness through Jesus Christ's suffering and death." "The history of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah is a powerful testimony to the accuracy and precision of Bible prophecy." "Many prophetic passages describe the time of God's preparation of the world to accept the rule of Jesus Christ and the establishment of the Kingdom of God."

Presence and Prophecy is an extensive resource for everyone involved in theological education to help rethink its challenges. Students and teachers in theological colleges, seminaries, courses and schemes will find it useful, but it is also relevant to those involved with Christian basics courses, local church study groups and other informal educational events. This Study Guide will help many different groups tackle the different issues raised in Presence and Prophecy. It lays out some ways of engaging with the ideas in the book, linking the themes and joining in an important conversation about how the Churches in mission can really make a difference in people's lives. Whilst this Study Guide contains a summary of the material in the main book, it will be difficult to use to full effect without a copy of the full report Presence and Prophecy.

When prophecy is mentioned in churches and Bible studies many people tend to only consider eschatological (last things) passages and books. That is, many only think about the future and terms such as "the last days," and "end times." These are important studies and we must remember that much of Holy Scripture is made up of prophecy. If we only consider the sheer volume of prophetic passages in the Bible it should become obvious that our Perfect Father has provided information and proved its authority through several means including prophecy. The study of prophecy provides a foundation for understanding God and seeing His patterns. The God of Heaven is a God of order and He has patterns that have played out in human history. There should be no surprise that similar patterns can be seen in mankind's future as well. In observing how past prophecies have been fulfilled one can rest assured in the confidence of knowing that there is a future plan for the world. But there is confidence that there is a specific plan for each person individually as well. Prophecy of the past has been fulfilled in incredible detail rather than just general or allegorical terms. The observation of how specifically prophecy is fulfilled can be the basis for seeing how God uses language to reveal Himself and His plans to the world. God has chosen to use human language for His revelation primarily through the written word as found in the canon of Scripture. The study of prophecy provides a basis for apologetics in that one can demonstrate that the Bible is unique among all literature, including all other religious books. It alone provides passages that can be demonstrated to have been penned long before fulfillment. This is a great frustration to Biblical critics who attempt to rationalize how these predictions could possibly be real. God declared that He had called His servant Cyrus to overthrow Babylon and begin the restoration of Jerusalem (Isaiah 43:3). This prediction was fulfilled, even the name of the one called as an instrument of God, demonstrating that God is LORD. One must also point to the hundreds of specific prophecies about Jesus' first ministry on Earth. These prophecies predate Jesus by hundreds and even thousands of years and can be seen in Hebrew manuscripts as well as the Greek translation of the Old Testament that predates Jesus by over two hundred years. The study of prophecy also gives a unique hope especially for those being persecuted for their faith. In addition, it provides a foundation for living a holy life. The trust that Jesus will return at any moment provides encouragement to live for the one that has provided the means of salvation to eternal life. There is also a special kind of urgency that the church age could end at any moment. Many would observe that the world seems to be on a trajectory of corruption, chaos, and depravity. Some would argue this is setting the stage for the state of the world at the time just before the return of Christ. The matter becomes even more urgent with that observation, time is short and there is only salvation in Jesus Christ. Those that know Him look forward to His return but to those that don't yet know Him should find a stark warning in prophecy. But those that don't know Jesus should be able to see the truth in the Written Word. The truth points to a savior that can provide the means of life after death in a perfect existence. That is why we study prophecy and why you should too.

To the Student of Bible Prophecy, I have studied Bible Prophecy since 1984. I have read a lot of books on prophecy and found that most of them assume you know certain basics about prophecy, so they discuss end time events and usually don't tell you the background and other information you need to know to understand what they are telling you. They give you the meat of prophecy without the milk you need to digest the big stuff. This study course gives you the background and the facts you need to understand prophecy. In other words, it takes you from the milk to the meat of the word. PURPOSE: The intent is to teach the interested about the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to this earth, to claim the victory He won on the cross, for you and me. The study does not intend to be denominational, rather it's intent is to enlighten and to bring all of the Body of Christ, His Church, together as one. SCOPE: The scope of the study is from the beginning to the end: from Genesis to Revelation. The student is taken through the

study from scratch. The study concentrates strongly on prophecy that has already been fulfilled, showing the steps leading up to today and what the Bible says will soon occur. The outline shows there are 30 Lessons arranged into 11 Lesson Sets. Each Lesson Set has a pre-test, a test, answers, Extra Information Sheets, other aides to help understanding, along with a Subject Reference in the back. It is my fervent hope that the Holy Spirit will impress upon you the need to be aware of the Lord's imminent return (Luke 21:36) and God's blessings for studying prophecy (Revelation 1:3)

Joachim of Fiore proclaimed a philosophy of history which exercised a powerful influence in succeeding centuries. This book traces the influence of his prophecies concerning a Third Age of the Spirit to come, as later expressed in the themes of New Spiritual Men, Last World Emperor, Angelic Pope, and Renovatio Mundi. It shows that these ideas were not only the mainspring of various heterodox groups, but also engaged the attention of certain church leaders, university scholars, Renaissance thinkers, Protestant theologians, and political rulers down to the seventeenth century.

Understanding End Times Prophecy A Comprehensive Approach Moody Publishers

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The standard theory of Old Testament canon formation describes a literary process of linear development in three successive stages. In spite of intermittent criticism, the theory has continued to find its place in textbooks and introductions. Here Stephen B. Chapman marshals all of the important counter-arguments to the theory and proposes a fresh way to conceive of the canonical process, based upon evidence internal and external to the biblical text. He argues against the standard theory by exposing its internal inconsistencies and critiquing its methodological presuppositions, especially its assumptions about human agency and the nature of 'canonization.' Using Charles Altieri's literary application of Canadian philosopher Charles Taylor's theory of the self, the author redescribes the canonization of the Old Testament as a process of 'strong evaluation', whose goal was to provide a religious framework for the evaluation of personal and communal alternatives, rather than the imposition of ideology. He redefines the Old Testament 'canon' as the theological 'grammar' formed by the coordination of discrete scriptures into a coherent collection, but retaining their plurality as integral to canonicity. Stephen B. Chapman also demonstrates that the status of the prophetic writings prior to their canonization has remained an intractable problem for the standard theory. He shows how nomistic assumptions about canonization have sustained the view that the prophetic corpus was always subordinate to the Pentateuch, even though this view is at odds with the exegetical evidence. By detailed analysis of 'canon-conscious' editing within the Pentateuch and the prophetic corpus, he illustrates how collections of Law and Prophets developed simultaneously and mutually influenced each other.

Thirty years ago John Hull wrote "What Prevents Christian Adults from Learning?". This new book asks "What Prevents Christian Adults from Acting?" How has it come about that the Church appears to be so preoccupied with itself? What happened to the quest for the social justice of the Kingdom of God? John Hull's search for understanding took him back to the prophetic tradition of the Bible, and he discovered that this has become neglected and even betrayed. Christian discipleship must be more than church-going and prayer. Christians must resist the unjust structures of society in the prophetic tradition. Theological reflection is not enough!

Everything You Wanted to Understand About the Book of Revelation Explained If the final book of the Bible has ever left you scratching your head or wondering what to make of plagues and horsemen, your friendly Non-Prophet is here to help you read Revelation as never before. Full of engaging graphics, author and illustrator Todd Hampson has created a user-friendly guide to John's prophecies about the last days. This concise and appealing study removes the fear factor and demystifies the capstone book of the Bible provides biblical clarity about the key events in the end-times helps reclaim your hope, confidence, and joy in the promised future The Non-Prophet's Guide™ to the Book of Revelation offers informative study tools for understanding its prophecies, and practical challenges to apply God's truths to your life today. The Day of Judgment is nearer now than ever before. There's no better time to understand the present in light of history's final outcome.

Designed to be used by individuals or study groups, this guide written by the bestselling "Left Behind(" author takes readers step by step through the high points of Bible prophecy and gives them the opportunity to intensely study about the Rapture, the Tribulation, the return of Christ, the judgment, and much more. This resource can be used with or without "Charting the End Times."

These Prophets and the Revelation is an in-depth study of prophetic truths interfaced with insights from history and geopolitical developments clearly emerging in a rapidly changing global scene. It contains political developments and economic realities in light of a clear global objective to establish a one-world government. Extensive treatment of the prophecies of Daniel are supported and assisted by the revelations given to the Apostle John in the Book of Revelation. These truths are enhanced by the prophetic words of Christ as well as the other writers of both the Old and New Testaments. History, economics, political realities, and the ongoing spiritual warfare bringing us to the end of the age are detailed and explained in an order of chronology to enable the reader to put all of the relevant content and parts of difficult passages together.

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Get a Clear Picture of the Last Days In these unpredictable times, nothing is more encouraging than realizing the God who loves you has a fabulous future awaiting all who love Him. The more you study Bible prophecy, the more hope and assurance you'll gain in the midst of today's chaos. From author and TV host John Ankerberg (The John Ankerberg Show) and the late theologian Renald E. Showers (The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry) comes this helpful guide to better understanding God's soon-to-be-fulfilled plans for His people. In this book, you will find... concise, biblical answers to your challenging questions about the signs, timelines, and mysteries of Bible prophecy clarity on the key Scripture passages that illuminate end-time events connections between the ancient assurances of the Bible and the pressing issues of today The Most Asked Prophecy Questions will enrich your knowledge of one of the Bible's most important subjects—and empower you to live in light of Jesus' soon return, heaven, and eternity.

Learn about the end-times prophecy revealed in the books of Daniel and Revelation. You will see how the end-times are predicted to play out and learn of the signs revealed in the Bible. Read the 14 lessons in this book and then do some digging on your own to really get into the prophecy. Bring it with you to a group study and start a discussion. Do whatever you can to learn and share this study. The end-times are a very interesting topic and many people want to know more about it. The only way to learn about the end-times is to study them and that is exactly what this book will help you do. You will study the end-times as they are written in the books of Daniel and Revelation. This study will provide you with 14 great lessons that take you step-by-step through each detail of the visions of the end-times. They are written in a simple easy to read format and are great for starting a discussion or research. You can use this study on your own or take it with you to a church group study. The more people you involve the better discussion you will have. Either way, start studying!

The headlines are unmistakable. Our world is on the precipice of extraordinary, cataclysmic change. The conflict between two great world religions—Islam and Christianity—is fast approaching a devastating climax that will shake the whole world. Indeed, the fact of Western Europe has already been transformed through rapid Islamic expansion, and the fear of terror and holy war pervade the American psyche as multiple conflicts rage in the Middle East. But what happens next, and when? In an age of constant unpredictability, how can we really know what the future holds? After a decade of careful study and scholarly legwork, international speaker Tim Roosenberg unveils a staggering new study of Bible prophecy that demonstrates that God's Word is not silent regarding Islam in these last days. Islam and Christianity in Prophecy carefully explores and unlocks the mysterious book of Daniel, specifically chapters 11 and 12, unveiling a thrilling picture of prophecy that includes the past, present, and future roles of Catholicism, Protestantism, Islam, and the United States in the final conflict ahead. Along the way, Pastor Roosenberg provides the answers you need to survive the coming holy war, answers that will give you complete confidence in God's Word, and faith in the promises of Jesus Christ. "From the ancestors of Abraham sprang the world's two largest religions today, Christianity and Islam. While there is still much that is unknown, it is hard to deny that Islam will have a significant role in last day prophecy. With Scripture, history, and reason, Pastor Tim Roosenberg presents a compelling scenario for the prominent place of Islam in future prophecy." —Doug Batchelor, Amazing Facts International

Meet Jonah and Habakkuk, two of the crankiest prophets in the Old Testament, and discover how their candid conversations with God can inspire you with the help of God's Cranky Prophets, an uplifting evangelical Bible study guide. Just like people today, Jonah and Habakkuk complained to God about His ways of dealing with evil in the world. They struggled to find a satisfactory theodicy, meaning an explanation of God's actions with regard to evil in light of His goodness. Their cranky attitudes revealed that their hearts were not yet in line with God's heart in matters of justice, mercy, salvation, and His sovereignty. Jonah persisted in angry defiance, but Habakkuk eventually submitted to God in humility, providing an example of faith for us to imitate. Habakkuk can show you how to move from: fear to faith worry to worship low places to high places Jonah and Habakkuk's stories affirm the truth that God loves to save. We are to trust God's saving purposes revealed throughout history, ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Whether you are old friends with Jonah and Habakkuk or meeting them for the first time, they can help you have a better relationship with God. Do yourself a favor and make plans now to enjoy hanging out with God's Cranky Prophets.

This title focuses purely on company accounts, rather than dealing with areas such as group accounts, sole traders and partnerships. Many accounting reference works are aimed at larger businesses and take into account the additional requirements imposed by the Financial Services Authority (for listed companies) or international financial reporting standards. It is aimed at accountants in small to medium sized companies as it will focus on the UK accounting requirements as they affect private companies, and will pay particular attention to the exemptions available to companies that qualify as small under the Companies Act 1985.

I Believe Jesus Will Return... What More Do I Need to Know? Do you tend to avoid studying books of the Bible like Revelation and Ezekiel? Does it feel like words such as rapture and apocalypse fly right over your head? It's common to dismiss these and other topics related to Bible prophecy as irrelevant and...well...too complicated. But God's Word says, "Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near" (Revelation 1:3). Prepare to be blessed in an entertaining and meaningful way! The Non-Prophet's Guide to the End Times combines engaging illustrations with down-to-earth explanations to help you navigate the ins and outs of Bible prophecy. There's no better time to grasp God's plans for the future—and for you—than this very moment.

You can now dig deeper than ever into God's Word and the marvel of prophecy. Packed with powerful study helps and useful information, this power-packed study Bible Includes all of the following features: - Amazing Facts' 27 Study Guides - Explanations of Bible numbers and symbols - 64-page concordance - Eight pages of maps - The Biblical Cyclopedic Index - Letters of Christ in Red - End of text references - Chronology of the Old Testament - Harmony of the Gospels - The Parables and Miracles of Jesus - The Ultimate Resource (By Doug Batchelor) You won't find a more thorough and inspiring Bible edition anywhere. And it's perfect for personal and group Bible studies, witnessing, and as a gift! The black imitation leather cover is durable with a subtle, modern-looking embossed title.

Bible prophecy is a problem for many people. They don't understand what they read, so they give up in frustration. Or they misunderstand what they read, and draw wrong conclusions. But God spoke of the future in Scripture to guide and encourage us, so that we would be prepared for what is to come. He will not be surprised by tomorrow!

This is a book of great importance to all who seek to gain a true understanding of the end times events. What is written it is not the authors ideas, theories or fanciful notions. It sets out the prophetic Word as given to us in the Holy Bible, composed into short, easily read articles along with other verses that help to explain the text. We are now in the end times and at last it has become possible to see and understand what lies ahead for all of us. I trust this book will help and encourage all who read it.

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The author has made every effort to limit the text in this book to three main categories. The content of this book, he maintains, is either history, prophecy or theology. HISTORY Writings that fall under this heading include historical facts or findings, scientific data or information,

and any other compilation made by man that has been established out of a non-Biblical perspective. This includes any factual information that cannot be substantiated by scripture. PROPHECY This includes all the writings of the prophets, and any text translated out of the original Greek and Hebrew scriptures. This category also includes every scripture quoted verbatim, chapter and verse, from the Bible. THEOLOGY This includes all writings where two or more scriptures have been used to draw a conclusion or when the author renders the interpretation of a particular prophecy or a series of scriptures. This also includes text where the author has theorized to make a point or when the text being read is a paraphrase of scripture.

This is the second most important book ever published. It finally reveals the hidden Bible prophecies that Christ Jesus gave to His disciples about two thousand years ago, but have been kept sealed closed by the hand of God for all this time. This book on eschatology interprets hundreds of End Time parables recorded in five chapters of the New Testament Gospels, and from them teaches a new End Time doctrine that consists of the Worldly Church prophecy and the Three Throne Judgments. There is a very good reason for why God has unveiled the ancient parables now, and not in the past.

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