

UNDERSTANDING PROPHECY:  
What Lies Before Us?

INTRO:

I. IMPORTANT PRELIMINARY ITEMS

- A. The Definition of Prophecy
- B. The Importance of Studying Prophecy
- C. The Major Historical Events
  - 1. God and Creation 4000 BC
  - 2. Noah and the Flood 2300 BC
  - 3. Abraham and the Jews 2000 BC
  - 4. Moses and the Pentateuch 1500 BC
  - 5. David and the Kings of Israel 1000 BC
  - 6. The Jews and the loss of their nation
  - 7. Malachi and the last Bible book 400 BC
  - 8. Jesus and Bethlehem
  - 9. Jesus and the Cross 30 AD
  - 10. The Church and the Gentiles 30 AD
  - 11. The destruction of Jerusalem 70 AD
  - 12. John and Revelation 90 AD
  - 13. The Jews and Israel 1948 AD
- D. The Method of Interpretation
- E. The Major Views
  - 1. A millennialism
  - 2. Post millennialism
  - 3. Premillennialism
    - a. Pretribulational premillennialist
    - b. Midtribulational premillennialist
    - c. Post tribulational premillennialist
- F. A Brief Explanation of Doctrine
- G. A brief history of prophetic views in the Church

II. IMPORTANT PROPHETIC EVENTS

- A. The Closing Days of the Church Age
  - a. What will the spiritual climate be like?
  - b. What will be the major political efforts?
  - c. What will be in the news?
  - d. What will life be like in general?
  - e. What will be happening in Israel?
- B. The Rapture
  - 1. What is it?
  - 2. Is the rapture the second coming?
  - 3. When will the rapture happen?
    - a. In some general teachings
      - 1) The blessed hope
      - 2) Occupants of the millennium

- 3) Wife of God verses bride of Christ
  - 4) Jewish weddings
  - 5) Return like in days of Noah
  - 6) One taken the other left
  - 7) Imminency
- b. In some specific verses
- C. The Tribulation
    1. The beginning
      - a. How it is described
      - b. When it begins
      - c. How long it will be
      - d. How it begins
    2. The middle
    3. The end
  - D. The Millennium
    1. Introduction to the millennium
    2. Preparation for the millennium
      - a. The thirty-day time period
      - b. The seventy-five day period
    3. Descriptions of the millennium
  - E. The Short Season
    1. Events of this time
    2. The closing of this time
  - F. The New Heavens and New Earth

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