

Why Study Prophecy?

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I. Introduction.

- A. It is worth spending time studying prophesy.
- B. There are several reasons to study prophesy.

II. Much of the Bible is prophesy—over one fifth. Prophecy is prominent from the beginning to the end. (Genesis 3:15, Genesis 12, etc.)

III. We should be aware of prophesy because it is a prominent subject that is often miss taught. Prophecy deals with large subjects that inform a person about history.

IV. We should study prophesy because of the examples of holy men before us. (Luke 2:25-32, 36, I Peter 1:10-12)

V. We ought to study prophesy because it is a corrective in life. It gives hope, endurance, joy, and purity. (I Corinthians 13, I Thessalonians 1:3, Hebrews 6:10-11, Romans 12:12, I John 3:3)

VI. We should study prophesy because of the proximity of the Lord’s return. (Matthew 24:35-39)

VII. We ought to study prophesy because it is the basis of our future hope.

- A. Our future hope rests on our present faith.
- B. Welcome Jesus into your heart for hope for the future.

Application questions:

1. Which reason for studying prophesy did you find most convincing? Why?

2. How does prophesy give joy? Are there exceptions to this?

3. What are some of the signs of the Lord’s imminent return?
