

Why study Biblical Prophecy? (25-30% of the Bible is prophetic)

Prophecy defined – foretelling or predicting the future based on divine revelation.

The inspired utterance of a prophet as the divine will and purpose of things to come.

1. Fulfilment of the first coming of Messiah. (over 330 mentioned in scripture)
2. Unfulfilled promises of His second coming:

Much of the Bible is dedicated to the theme of the Second Coming. There are over 1500 prophecies of Jesus' Second Coming recorded in the Bible. Some say that for every prophecy of His first coming mentioned in the Old Testament, there are eight predicting His Second Coming. Christ's return is also mentioned once in every five verses in the New Testament.

Many Old Testament prophets were given visions and instructions concerning this period, often called "the time of the end." Daniel was told that his writings were for the time of the end ([Daniel 12:9](#)). John's book of Revelation is also full of prophecies concerning the Second Coming and the period just before it.

God's capability and integrity are on the line. He does not need to prove Himself, but He does.

He reveals Himself through prophecy. Christ is not a prophet; He is the fulfillment of the prophets. Our salvation depends on the integrity of those prophecies. Our eternal salvation, and God's ability to save us from the apocalyptic end of the world as we know it.

At His first coming, many were not prepared for Him and they missed it (Pharisees, Sadducees, etc). Many will also miss Him at His second coming. Many people are blind when the truth is right in front of them, others are uninformed and ignorant because we have not shared what we know about the gospel and the prophecies of His coming.

This is a big part of God's plan to reveal Himself to us...don't miss it!

Matt 25:1-13 – the wise are prepared and the foolish are not ready

1 Thess 5:2 (Rev 16:15)– He will come like a thief in the night

Matt 24:37 – as it was in the days of Noah, people were caught off guard.