

## Why Study Bible Prophecy?

"Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." (Revelation 22:7)

1. A related and even more fundamental question: Why study the Bible?

2. What is the key reason given by 2 Timothy 3:16 why we should study Bible Prophecy?

3. How can such an old book be relevant for today?

## The Authority of the Prophetic Word

4. 2 Peter 1:16-18 - What event in the life of Jesus do these verses refer to?

5. 2 Peter 1:16 - What did the apostle Peter say the story about Jesus was not?

6. 2 Peter 1:19 - What is Peter speaking of that is "confirmed" or "made more sure"?

7. Why is the Word of God better than seeing and hearing?

8. How then should we regard the Word of God?

9. Why are the Old and New Testaments consistent?

10. 2 Peter 1:19 - How long should you heed the Bible?

11. Does this verse mean that we do not need to study the Bible after we're saved?

12. 2 Peter 1:20 - What does it mean the Bible is not of any private interpretation?

13. 2 Peter 1:21 - From where and where not did the apostle Peter say the Bible came?

14. 2 Peter 1:21 - Why were these men called "holy"?

Were thy called holy because they were super saints?

15. 2 Peter 1:16-18 - How did Peter know the story was true about Jesus on the mount of transfiguration?

16. 2 Peter 1:19-21 - What source did Peter indicate was superior to his experience?

17. How can the Bible be more sure than an experience like witnessing the transfiguration of Jesus?

14. Isaiah 46:9-10 - What is the only reliable source for knowing about the future?

15. What other major religions have prophetic writings?

16. How accurate are new age prophets?

17. How is it that cults, New Agers, and psychics can sometimes get it right?

18. There are over 330 prophecies (108 separate) in the Old Testament concerning the first coming of Christ. What percentage of them were literally fulfilled?

19. How would you counter skeptics who say, "Jesus could have read the prophecies & fulfilled them on purpose"?

20. 2 Timothy 4:8 - What reason did Paul give for why we should study Bible prophecy?

21. Revelation 1:3 - What is the three-fold promise we are given concerning Bible prophecy in this verse?

22. What does it mean to hear God's Word?

23. What does it mean that the time is near?

24. Revelation 19:10 - What reason did the angel give John for the importance of prophecy?

## Why Most Churches Avoid Studying Prophecy

25. Malachi 4:1 - What example of an excuse not to study prophecy might this verse represent?

26. How should you view the "scary" prophecies about the Lord's second coming?

27. Matthew 7:15-16 - What excuse not to study prophecy might this verse provide?

28. Are false prophets a valid concern?

29. How are people duped by cults and date-setters?

30. What characteristics distinguishes cults?

31. Matthew 24:36 - What excuse not to study prophecy might this verse provide?

32. If we can not know when Christ will return, why bother to study Bible prophecy?

33. What Day is Hebrews 10:25 talking about?

34. 2 Peter 3:3-6 - What reason did Peter give for why

people would not study prophecy?

35. Why do people scoff at the Lord's return?

36. How do professing Christians rationalize their personal rebellion?

37. Does anyone know the term which describes the collective personal rebellion of the professing church that occurs in the time prior to the Lord's return?

38. Every generation of Christians have thought Christ would return during their life and He did not, so why should this generation be any different?

39. Why doesn't it say a hundred-thousand or a million years is as one day?

40. What if mankind has only walked the earth for about 6,000 years?

41. How long has it been since Christ first came?

42. Can we know how long has it been between the Creation and the first coming of Christ?

43. How does knowing that it has only been a couple thousand years between significant events in history give

you a sense that Christ could return at any moment?

44. Why is belief in a young earth an important doctrine?

45. Does God work in patterns?

46. Is it true that history repeats itself? Why?

47. How might you see the six days of creation and God resting on the seventh as a type of history itself?

48. What other reasons can you think of for why churches avoid studying Bible prophecy?