

Biblical Prophecies

Basis of our Eternal Hope

Intro & Main Verse:- 2 Peter 1:20-21

“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

Scriptures to Meditate:- Mathew 24, Revelation, Daniel

What we will Study?

- **Session 1**

- Introduction
- What is Prophecy?
- What is Biblical Prophecy?
- Why should a Person study Bible Prophecies?
- Golden Rule of Biblical Interpretation
- Prophetic books of Bible
- Some prophecies already fulfilled
- Some prophecies recently fulfilled
- What are the signs of Last Days & are they being fulfilled in our times?
- Technological advancements pointing to fulfillment of Biblical Prophecies

- **Session 2**

- What is End-Time Prophecy?
- What is the role of Israel in Last Days?
- Different Views of Revelation
- Rapture- Will it happen?
- Tribulation Period
- Heaven- What Bible Says about it?
- Hell- What Bible Says about it?
- Antichrist
- White Throne Judgment
- Conclusion

Introduction – Biblical Prophecy

- **Around 50% -Bible is history**
- **About 28% -Prophecy**
- **About 25 % -Instructions for how to live and how to treat others**
- Approximately 2500 prophecies appear in the pages of the Bible
- About 2000 of which already have been fulfilled to the letter—no errors
- The remaining 500 or so reach into the future and may be seen unfolding as days go by

- **Big 3 Philosophical questions of Life:-**
 - **Why Am I here?**
 - **Where Am I going?**
 - **How to get there?**
- **Not only answer but conviction & proof of answer**
- **You have to study Bible & specially - Prophecies**

What is Prophecy?

Few definitions to understand

- It is the knowledge of the future (usually said to be obtained from a divine source)
- It is a prediction uttered under divine inspiration
- Prophecy in a broad sense, is the prediction of future events or the speaking of divine words (divine Revelation) through chosen human messengers (prophets)
- Prophecy is the proclamation of a message revealed by the Holy Spirit, suited to the specific needs of the moment, in the language of those who hear it.
- Prophecy is that experience in which a person receives a message from God. This message can be for him personally, another person, or a glimpse of something on a larger scale, such as the national visions of the Biblical Prophets.

What is Biblical Prophecies?

- In Christianity, prophecy (from Greek, "before-speech") is the divine gift of speaking the truth, especially about the future. One who speaks prophecy is called a prophet. The meaning and understanding of prophecy varies by culture and history.
- Prophecy often consisted of a warning that God's wrath would destroy the people if they disobeyed God or did not repent. Prophecies sometimes included promises of blessing for obeying God or repenting. Warning prophecies feature in Jewish scripture (Elijah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, etc.) and in the Christian New Testament (John the Baptist, Jesus, etc.) Prophecies sometimes foretell the coming of a divine figure, such as Jesus, or appear in apocalyptic literature, such as Daniel or Revelation. Apocalypse (Greek: ἀποκάλυψις - translit. apoca'lipsis, literally: the lifting of the veil), is a term applied to the disclosure to certain privileged persons of something hidden from the majority of humankind.
- Christians believe that a Bible prophecy is a God-given revelation of the future. God gave His prophets, including Moses, Ezekiel, Isaiah and Jeremiah, prophecies of the future. He did this to prepare people for the future, and to show that He is the one true God and that He is all-powerful.
- There are different kinds of prophecies. Some prophecies are about a Messiah, which means "anointed one" or "chosen one." These are called "Messianic" prophecies. Christians believe that Jesus is the fulfillment of these prophecies. There also are "end time" prophecies. These prophecies refer to a time of war, famine and pestilence, after which a Messiah will reign over the world with justice and righteousness. Christians believe that this Messiah is also Jesus, who will return in the future.

Why should a Person Study Biblical Prophecies?

- Increase your belief & faith in God & authenticity of Bible
- Study end time prophecies for it will:-
 - Give you more insight into the word of God.
 - Motivate you to lead a Holy Life
 - Encourage/ challenge us for Evangelism
 - Help us becoming missionary minded people
 - Help us to forsake things of this world and focus on eternal things
 - Become serious about God

Golden Rule of Biblical Interpretation

“When the plain sense of scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense, but take every word at its primary, literal meaning unless the facts of the immediate context clearly indicate otherwise.”

-Dr. David L Cooper

Prophetical Books of Bible

Old Testament Major	Old Testament Minor
Isaiah	Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah
Jeremiah	Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk
Ezekiel	Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah
Daniel	Malachi

New Testament

Revelation

Some prophecies already Fulfilled 1

Prophecy	Prophecy Verse	Fulfillment	Remarks
<p>Some time before 500 B.C. the prophet Daniel proclaimed that Israel's long-awaited Messiah would begin his public ministry 483 years after the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem.</p> <p>Messiah would be "cut off," killed, and that this event would take place prior to a second destruction of Jerusalem.</p>	<p>Daniel 9:25-26</p>	<p>The decree regarding the restoration of Jerusalem was issued by Persia's King Artaxerxes to the Hebrew priest Ezra in 458 B.C., 483 years later the ministry of Jesus Christ began in Galilee. Jesus' crucifixion occurred only a few years later, and about four decades later, in 70 A.D. came the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus.</p>	<p>(Remember that due to calendar changes, the date for the start of Christ's ministry is set by most historians at about 26 A.D. Also note that from 1 B.C. to 1 A.D. is just one year.)</p>

Some prophecies already Fulfilled 2

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Around 700 B.C. the prophet Micah named the tiny village of Bethlehem as the birthplace of Israel's Messiah -Jesus.	Micah 5:2	The fulfillment of this prophecy in the birth of Christ is one of the most widely known and widely celebrated facts in history.	Read Matthew 2:1-6; Luke 2:1-20
Zechariah declared that the Messiah would be betrayed for the price of a slave—thirty pieces of silver, according to Jewish law-and also that this money would be used to buy a burial ground for Jerusalem's poor foreigners	Zechariah 11:12-13	Bible writers and secular historians both record thirty pieces of silver as the sum paid to Judas Iscariot for betraying Jesus, and they indicate that the money went to purchase a "potter's field," used—just as predicted—for the burial of poor aliens (Matthew 27:3-10).	Read Matthew 27:3-10

Some prophecies already Fulfilled 3

Prophecy	Prophecy Verse	Fulfillment	Remarks
Some 400 years before crucifixion was invented, both Israel's King David and the prophet Zechariah described the Messiah's death in words that perfectly depict that mode of execution. Further, they said that the body would be pierced and that none of the bones would be broken, contrary to customary procedure in cases of crucifixion	Psalms 22 and 34:20; Zechariah 12:10	Again, historians and New Testament writers confirm the fulfillment: Jesus of Nazareth died on a Roman cross, and his extraordinarily quick death eliminated the need for the usual breaking of bones. A spear was thrust into his side to verify that he was, indeed, dead.	Read John 19:31-36

Some prophecies already Fulfilled 4

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The prophet Isaiah foretold that a conqueror named Cyrus would destroy seemingly impregnable Babylon and subdue Egypt along with most of the rest of the known world. This same man, said Isaiah, would decide to let the Jewish exiles in his territory go free without any payment of ransom	Isaiah 44:28; 45:1; and 45:13	Isaiah made this prophecy 150 years before Cyrus was born, 180 years before Cyrus performed any of these feats (and he did, eventually, perform them all), and 80 years before the Jews were taken into exile.	Read Ezra 1

Some prophecies already Fulfilled 5

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Jeremiah predicted that despite its fertility and despite the accessibility of its water supply, the land of Edom (today a part of Jordan) would become a barren, uninhabited wasteland.	Jeremiah 49:15-20; Ezekiel 25:12-14	His description accurately tells the history of that now bleak region.	
Joshua prophesied that Jericho would be rebuilt by one man. He also said that the man's eldest son would die when the reconstruction began and that his youngest son would die when the work reached completion	Joshua 6:26	About five centuries later this prophecy found its fulfillment in the life and family of a man named Hiel .	Read I Kings 16:33-34

Some Prophecies recently Fulfilled 1

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It was written between 701-681 BC that trees would flourish again in a desolate Israel	Isaiah 41:18-20	It was fulfilled in our times in modern Israel - the construction of a vast irrigation system to improve farming. The lack of available water, including rain, is one reason why Israel had been a desolate, unproductive land during much of the past 2000 years.	But, during the 1900s, when many Jews returned to their ancient homeland, they built a network of irrigation systems. And during the past century, more than 200 million trees have been planted in Israel.

Some Prophecies recently Fulfilled 2

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<p>People of Israel will come back from distant lands and rebuild their cities and gain control over the land and that they would never be uprooted again. Amos lived about 2700 years ago, during a time when the people of Israel were being forced out of their homeland by a succession of foreign invasions.</p>	<p>Amos 9:14-15</p>	<p>1948-Despite many centuries of exile, many Jews returned to Israel and reclaimed sovereignty over a portion of their ancient homeland. This declaration of independence, in 1948, triggered a war with the surrounding countries, which objected to the presence of a Jewish state.</p>	<p>On May 15, 1948, the day that armies from the surrounding countries invaded, Azzam Pasha, the Secretary General of the Arab League, said "This will be a war of extermination and a momentous massacre which will be spoken of like the Mongolian massacres and the Crusades." Similar quotes were uttered by others during the war of 1948-49 and during the two major wars that followed. Despite its tiny size, Israel prevailed in these wars.</p>
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Some Prophecies recently Fulfilled 3

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<p>In between 593-571 BC</p> <p>“I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land.”</p>	<p>Ezekiel 34:13</p>	<p>after May 14, 1948</p> <p>After many centuries of dispersion, hundreds of thousands of Jews returned to their ancient homeland beginning in the late 1800s. But, millions more returned <i>after</i> Israel declared independence in 1948.</p>	<p>In other words, millions of exiles returned to their ancient homeland which was now truly "their own land" in the sense that it was now a sovereign Jewish state.</p>



Some Prophecies recently Fulfilled 4

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<p>Israel's army will be powerful and will become mighty.</p>	<p>Leviticus 26:3, 7-8 & Various other scriptures promising God's blessing</p>	<p>Within hours of Israel's declaration of independence in 1948, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, and Lebanon invaded Israel. The combined population of those countries was at least 20 million at that time. Israel had fewer than 1 million Jews. Even so, the Jews won the war and expanded the size of Israel by 50 percent.</p> <p>During the War of 1967, Israel attacked the air force bases of the surrounding countries and took control of Jerusalem for the first time in about 2000 years. They also seized additional territory. That war lasted a mere 6 days.</p>	<p>On Oct. 6, 1973, Israel was attacked by Egypt and Syria. Other countries later joined the attack. But the Jews were able to push back the attacking armies and occupy land outside of Israel's borders.</p>
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What are the signs of Last Days & are they being fulfilled in our time? –Mathew 24

Sign	Verse	Remarks
Wars 	Matthew 24:6,7 “You will hear of wars & treats of wars”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•There have been 165 wars or tyrannies of the 20th Century which have killed more than 6,000 people. Five of these events claimed more than <u>6 million</u> victims. Twenty-one events claimed between <u>600,000</u> and 6 million lives. Sixty-one events claimed between <u>60</u> and <u>600</u> thousand, and seventy-eight events killed between <u>6</u> and <u>60</u> thousand.•In 1993 a record 29 major wars were fought•At this time about 27 Wars are going on (Wikipedia)


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Famine 	Matthew 24:7 “There will be famines....”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1 missile cost= 5yrs Lunch for 1 School Students •WHO – 1/3 Well-Fed •1/3 Under-Fed •1/3 Starving •4 million die/ year of starvation •1 billion go to sleep hungry every night
Earthquakes 	Matthew 24:7 “There will be famines and earthquakes....”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1000-1800 – 21 major (800 yrs) •1800-1900 – 18 major (100 yrs) •1900-1950 – 33 major (50 yrs) •1950-1991 - 93 major (41 yrs) Seismic Disturbances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1987 - 11,290 • 1997 - 19,872 •Now average more than 20,000/year

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Plagues / Pestilences 	Luke 21:11 “...pestilences in various places..”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •In 2004, 39.4 million people around the world were living with HIV/AIDS. More than 64.9 million people have been infected with HIV since the pandemic began. •There were 4.9 million new HIV infections in 2004, or almost 13,500 people per day. •Almost 8,500 people die every day due to AIDS. AIDS caused 3.1 million deaths in 2004, 510,000 among children under 15. An estimated 32 million people have died from AIDS since the beginning of the pandemic. •More than 100 types of Cancer – more than 5 million/year •Depletion of Ozone layer- Skin Cancer •Things like plague, bird flu, Chickungunya, denki, rat and malaria fever
Increase in Violence/ Evil	Matthew 24:37 “Noah’s Days....” Gen. 6:5,11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •News reports have news of violence •Evil & wickedness is Increasing

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Knowledge Increase 	Daniel 12:4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •80% of Scientists lived are alive today •Human knowledge – Doubles/ 8 yrs •More than 2000 Pages/minute published- Research etc •More than 10,00,000 books published every year (2006) •Material published in 24 hrs- Take a person more than 7-8 yrs to read.
False Prophets & Witches	Matthew 24:11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Universities teach witchcraft •Lot of false prophets & people who claim as Christ has come up these days.

Technological Advancements pointing to fulfillment of Prophecy

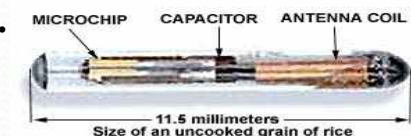
“For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.” —Rev 11:9-10

- **TV, Satellite, Internet etc have made this prophecy look very simple. We have live web casting which brings things live to our table.**

“He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.” -Rev. 13:16-17

- **Plans are Underway to Microchip every Newborn in U.S. and Europe...**
- **Federal Drug Administration approves use of Microchips for medical Patients...**
- **Security has reached the subcutaneous level for Mexico's attorney general and at least 160 people in his office - they have been implanted with microchips that get them access to secure areas of their headquarters.**
- **Bio-chip implant "VeriPay" arrives for cashless checkless society...**
- **U.N. meeting hears proposal for global human database, ID numbers, to register everyone...**
- **Florida firm first to sell ID microchips to be implanted under skin.**

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Conclusion

- Careful Study of Biblical Prophecy is needed to understand the times.
- 1st Session focused on Biblical Prophecy & some end time signs.
- 2nd Session will focus more on End time events and our future hope.
- Rev. 22-12 -"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done."
- Let's Prepare ourselves to meet Jesus Christ