

## **Prophecy**

A prediction of what the future will bring.

Prophecy is to do with:

A statement of what is going to happen

A promised reward if conditions are met

A punishment or judgement which can be avoided if certain things are no longer done.

Anything else is a form of words of knowledge.

In this sense prophecy can be a result of evaluation of facts so that a prediction is made so that business, government and scientists can prophecy about what they believe will happen.

In a sense astrology is a form of prophecy which is why it attracts so many people.

Christian prophecy is different in that God tells people through the prophet things that cannot be worked out or predicted by man's reasonings.

## **Personal Prophecy**

God gives you a personal prophecy to either:

Warn you of things to come so you can prepare

warn you of coming judgement if you do not change certain things in your life

## **What to do if you are given a personal prophecy**

You test it to see if it meets the conditions of a prophecy.

You do what God says to do if He has given a condition for it to occur

If it is for the future you put it in a 'pigeon hole' in your brain to call it back at the appropriate time

You heed any warning and do what God says to do.

You do not try to help it occur as you may hinder it or make it occur at the wrong time so that it does not do what it said it would do.

Remember Satan is quite happy to help you bring a prophecy to pass so that you do not do what God wants done with it.

You continue to live as God requires you to do so that you will be in the position He needs you to be in for the prophecy to occur.

## **Testing prophecy**

You must always have two witnesses to a prophecy but not necessarily at the same time or close to each other.

It must not contradict The Bible

It will give peace to the receiver because it will be accepted by their spirit.

It will give clear guidance

If it is to do with future reward or judgement it will have a condition that must be met for the prophecy to occur.

If it does not meet these conditions it is either incomplete or a word of knowledge.

### **End time prophecy**

Should pursuing and understanding end times prophecy be an objective of The Christian Life?

No. Nowhere in His teachings does Jesus state this is an objective of The Christian Life.

What were the objectives of Jesus?

Firstly, He would like you to understand your role as a citizen of His Kingdom and what you are to do as a citizen of His Kingdom., So we have the advice in Matt 6:33:

*(BBE) But let your first care be for his kingdom and his righteousness; and all these other things will be given to you in addition.*

You should seek to develop the relationship you have with Jesus (Jn 17:3) because all else flows from this as well as seek what He desires you to do for His Kingdom.

Secondly, he desires you to free people from the clutches of Satan through evangelism, disciplining and deliverance:

*Mat 28:18-20 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

*Luk 24:47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*

*Mar 16:17-18 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

Thirdly, that we should live a life worthy of our calling to follow Jesus:

*1Pe 1:15-16 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."*

Fourthly, that His quality of Love should be behind everything we do:

*Luk 10:25-27 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself."*

What was the objective of Jesus?

*(Luk 19:10) For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

This should be our objective.

Jesus referred to prophecy to point to Him being the Messiah and neither He or the apostles appeared to make it a propriety. However Satan will to distract you from seeking Jesus and His Kingdom and to cause division in the church.

So seek Jesus and where He desires you to be and He will tell you all you need to know and will not be distracted by what Satan tells you that you need to know (Duet 29:29, Jn `16:13).

However, God is giving many visions of the rapture and tribulation as a warning so these should be examined as a guide as what to avoid in the days to come so that you do not miss the rapture.

Warn people of the tribulation and rapture bu concentrate on them knowing Jesus and living the Christian life.