

Prophecy 101-Why It Is Important Today

Outline – August 6, 2023

Matthew 16:1-3, 24:1-8

John 10:27, 2 Peter 1:19-21

God Wants His People To Know What's Going On

- I. **What does God bring to us through the prophetic word?**
 - A. What time is it?
 - B. We can be confident
 - C. We can be prepared
- II. **The importance of the prophetic word**
 - A. Gives us confidence/certainty God's Word is true
 - B. It is a lamp shining in a dark place
 - C. God wants us to pay attention to His Word
 - D. Be aware/discerning of the signs around us
 - E. God gave signs of first arrival
- III. **Why is this relevant and important?**
 - A. We are living in a unique time in world history
 - B. We are seeing Bible prophecy being fulfilled in the past 80 years
 - C. God is preparing this world for His Kingdom
 1. Israel has returned
 2. Jerusalem is capital 1917, 1967, 2017
 - D. Jesus declared that He would return, angels declared it, disciples declared it
 - E. The focus of Jesus is for people to be a part of His Kingdom
- IV. **Why did Jesus give us signs/events that pointed to His return and the end of the age?**
 - A. Get ready
 - B. God is in control
 - C. Good news can be given
 - D. Godly influence to another
 - E. Glory to the Savior
- V. **The questions given by the disciples.**
(What are the signs?)
 - A. Jesus said, don't be deceived
 1. Don't deceive yourself
 2. Don't let others deceive you
 - B. Beware of wars and rumors of wars
 1. In the past 80 years
 2. The possibility in the next 8 years
 - C. Ethnic conflict

- D. Natural disasters
- E. Pestilence
- F. Persecution
- G. False prophets

VI. What does this mean for us?

- A. This age is eventually coming to an end
 - 1. Disciples declared this
- B. The return of Jesus is our blessed hope (to make all things new)
- C. To know the signs, that the time is drawing near
 - 1. Jesus said, "When you see all these things it is near"
(Matthew 24:23)

VII. What's making headlines?

- A. Jerusalem
- B. Russian/Iran alliance
 - 1. An invasion of Israel – (Ezekiel 30)
- C. Pestilence brewing
- D. Great reset
- E. Collapse of basic morals
- F. Being taken over

VIII. What do we do?

- A. Be aware
- B. Be alert/ready
 - 1. Spiritually
 - 2. Relationally
 - 3. Emotionally
 - 4. Physically
- C. Be active
 - 1. Share
 - 2. Help
 - 3. Be about your Father's business
- D. Know that Jesus offers:
 - 1. Salvation
 - 2. Protection
 - 3. Provision
 - 4. Stability

**As We Get Closer To His Return
As Our Redemption Draws Near**