Overview of Biblical Prophecy

"Thy Kingdom Come"

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Why is prophecy important?

Prophecy helps us understand the Scriptures

2 Timothy 2:15 NIV Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Genesis 3:15 NIV And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.

Luke 24:25-27 NIV He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Prophecy proves the Person of Jesus

Revelation 19:10 NLT Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said, "No, don't worship me. I am a servant of God, just like you and your brothers and sisters who testify about their faith in Jesus. Worship only God. For the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus.

Matthew 20:18-19 NIV We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified and on the third day he will be raised to life.

Matthew 25:31-32 NIV When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All nations will be gathered before him and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

Prophecy confirms the reliability of God's Word

2 Peter 2:19 NIV We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Prophecy motivates us in our love and service to the Lord Jesus.

1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

An expectation of Jesus' return effects how we live

- 1. A calming effect John 14:1-3
- 2. A controlling effect I Cor. 15:58
- 3. A comforting effect I Thes. 4:16-18
- 4. A cleansing effect I John 3:3
- 5. A collective effect Heb. 10:25
- 6. A continuing effect I Cor.11:26

5 Phases of the Kingdom Prophesied Presented Postponed Physical Perpetual

Ephesians 3:4-6 NIV

.....the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 1:22-23 NIV And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Matthew 16:18 NIV
And I tell you that you are
Peter, and on this rock <u>I will</u>
build my church, and the gates
of Hades will not overcome it.

1 Corinthians 12:13 NIV For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.