

PROPHECY AND THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Is biblical prophecy important?

I. Some Reactions To Studying Prophecy

A. Some Normal Reactions.

1. The **reaction** of: “It’s *confusing*”
The **response**: The bible is designed to be _____, including prophecy. (John 16:12-14; Acts 1:4-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4)
2. The **reaction** of: “It’s *impractical*”
The **response**: The bible correctly applied leads to _____.
(2 Timothy 3:15-17)
3. The **reaction** of: “it’s not *important*”
The **response**: _____ says prophecy is _____ (2 Peter 1:15-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5)
4. The **reaction** of: “it’s going to *happen anyhow*”
The **response**: There is a special _____ attached to hearing & heeding prophetic truth
(Revelation 1:3)
5. The **reaction** of: “It’s *scary*”
The **response**: Yes, prophecy can be _____ it you don’t know the
_____ (Revelation 10:8-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10)

B. Some Dangerous Reactions.

1. Getting involved in _____ (Matthew 24:35-36)
2. Making the study of prophecy an _____ (1 Corinthians 8:1-2)
3. Getting involved in _____ and _____ behavior (Titus 2:11-14)

II. The Biblical Reasons For Studying Prophecy

A. Theologically

We should study prophecy....

1. Because it is a _____ in scripture.
2. Because it gives us _____ to hard questions concerning the future.
3. Because it affirms the _____ of the scriptures.
4. Because it impresses us with _____ as Savior, Lord, and King. (Luke 24:44; Revelation 1:1, 19:10)

B. Practically

We should study prophecy....

1. Because it can produce _____ in times of uncertainty (John 14:1-6)
2. Because it can produce _____ in the hearts of the lost (Acts 17:30-34)
3. Because it can produce _____ in the midst of difficulty & disappointment (1 Corinthians 15:51-58)
4. Because it can produce _____ in the face of sorrow (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
5. Because it can produce _____ in light of Christ's return (1 John 3:1-3)

* How does all this apply to you?