

OVERVIEW OF SESSION ONE

Lesson 1: **The Period of Bible Prophecy**

- *When will the Rapture happen?*
- *Are we in the Tribulation period?*
- *Is the Kingdom of God in operation today?*

Lesson 2: **The People of Bible Prophecy**

- *How do Jews, Muslims, and others fit into Bible Prophecy?*
- *What is the role of the Christians in Bible Prophecy?*

Lesson 3: **The Program of Bible Prophecy**

- *The three main books for understanding Bible Prophecy.*
- *The Biblical keys to unlocking Bible Prophecy.*

WHY STUDY PROPHECY?

1. It is **Profitable**. It comprises at least 25% of scripture.
II Timothy 2:15, II Timothy 3:16
 2. It is **Proven**. There are over 1000 prophecies in the Bible. Of those, 500 have been fulfilled. The fulfillment of the other 500 is just as sure as those that have already come to pass.
II Peter 1:19
 3. It is **Practical**. Just as practical as discerning the daily weather.
Matthew 16:2-4
 4. It is **Purifying**. Knowing that Christ can return at any moment makes every moment count.
I John 3:2-3
 5. It is **Promised**. There will be an eternal reward for students of prophecy.
II Timothy 4:8, Revelation 1:3
- ◆ Since you will be making decisions **Today** that will affect **Tomorrow**, you must know **Today** what will happen **Tomorrow**.
 - ◆ Everyone has a **Worldview**, how we see and understand the events in our world today. Therefore we must have a prophetic-Biblical **Worldview** to understand why our world is acting as it is today.
 - ◆ Since **One-Fourth** of the Bible is prophecy, we must know how to study and understand prophecy.

INTRODUCTION TO PROPHECY:

*Jesus compared the ability to discern prophecy to discerning the **Weather.***

*Jesus spent the six months leading up to His Crucifixion teaching **Prophecy.***

*Jesus prophesied His own **Death, Burial and Resurrection.***

*There are 1000 prophecies in the Bible.
500 have already been fulfilled,
500 are yet future...*

*How many prophecies must be fulfilled before the Rapture of the Church? **None***

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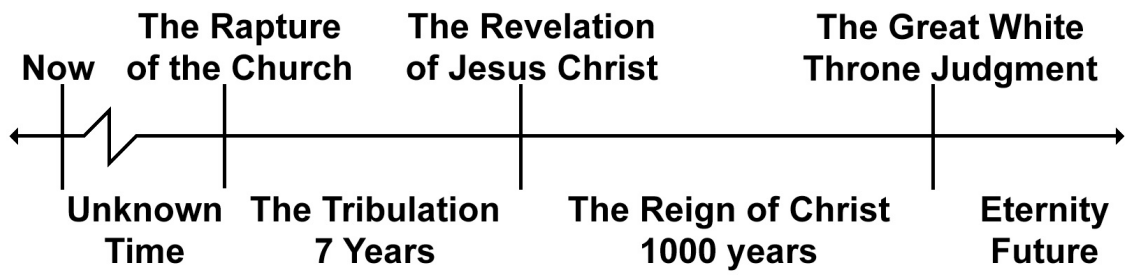
The Period of Bible Prophecy

The 3 remaining main events in God’s Timetable

- ◆ The *Rapture* of the *Church*
- ◆ The *Revelation* of *Jesus*
- ◆ The *Great White Throne* Judgment

In between those 3 Events

- ◆ The *Tribulation*
- ◆ The *Millennial Kingdom* of Christ
- ◆ *Eternity* Future
 - New *Heaven*, New *Earth*, and New *Jerusalem*



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The Rapture ... and the Tribulation

Descriptions of the Rapture

- ◆ John 14:1-4 - *Jesus* alludes to the Rapture
- ◆ I Thessalonians 4:13-18 - *Paul* describes the Rapture

Why a -Tribulational Rapture?

- ◆ Revelation 4:2-19:10 - The *Tribulation*
 - There are 0 mentions of the Church in these verses
- ◆ Daniel 9 - Time is based on the *Jewish* calendar
- ◆ The *70* Weeks of Daniel

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The Revelation ... and the Kingdom

The Promise of the Kingdom

- ◆ Daniel 2:44-45, 7:13-15

The Period of the Kingdom

- ◆ The Kingdom lasts **1,000** years
- ◆ Revelation 20:4-6

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| | <p><i>Since the Kingdom, or Millennial Reign of Christ, follows the Revelation of Christ, we must not be in the Kingdom now.</i></p> | |
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The People of the Kingdom

- ◆ Living **Jews** - Matthew 25:1-13
- ◆ Living **Gentiles** - Matthew 25:31-45
- ◆ **Millennial** Children - Isaiah 65:20

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The Great White Throne ... *and Eternity Future*

- ◆ Revelation 20:11-15
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The Judge - *Jesus*

The Judged - *The Lost*

The Judgment - *Lake of Fire*

- ◆ *Hell* - "The Lake of Fire"
 - ◆ *Hades* - Torment, Thirst, and Thinking
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The People of Bible Prophecy
The Gentile, the Jew, and the Christian
I Corinthians 10:32

There are three strands of the human family in the world today,

- ◆ *Gentiles*
- ◆ *Jews*
- ◆ *Christians*

The Gentiles - From the beginning
- Genesis 10:5

*When God created **Adam**,
He created a Gentile...*

*From Genesis Chapters 1 - 12,
a period of 2000 years,
all of the people on earth were
Gentiles.*

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The Jews - God's Chosen People

The Origin of the Jewish People

- ◆ **Hebrew** - Genesis 14:13
- ◆ **Israel** - Genesis 32:28
- ◆ **Jew** - II Kings 16:6

*The first **Man** was a **Gentile**,*
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*The first **Jew** was a **Gentile**.*

Important Personalities of Jewish History:

- ◆ Abraham - Genesis 11:25-30, Genesis 17:4-6
- ◆ Isaac - Genesis 17:18-20, Genesis 22:1-18
- ◆ Jacob - Genesis 25:23-34, Genesis 32:24-30
- ◆ Judah - Genesis 29:35, Genesis 49:8-12

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*From Genesis 12 to **Acts 1**
- a period of nearly 2000 years -
there were only two groups of people:
Jews and Gentiles.*

*In the Gospels of Matthew,
Mark, Luke, and John,
the people to whom Christ was speaking,
and therefore the people to whom
His teaching directly applies are the
Jews .*

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The Christians - *The Church of God*

*From the **Resurrection**
to the **Rapture**
is the only time that
Christians will be alive on this earth.*

*Christians are not Jews or Gentiles.
However, they used to be one or the other
- They are now a new creation.*

The People of Bible Prophecy

What about the Muslims - *where do they fit?*

*Are all of the Arabs
descended from Ishmael?*

No

*Ishmael is the Father of
Islam.*

The Program of Bible Prophecy

*"The **Times** of the **Gentiles**"
is when the city of Jerusalem
and the Jewish people
are under the control
of the **Gentile** world.*

*Study the Chapters of
the Book of Daniel in this order:*

*1, 2, 3, 4, **7**, **8**, **5**, **6**, 9, 10, 11, 12*

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The Book of Ezekiel - *Prophetic Outline for the Jews*

*Ezekiel starts with
the **Babylonian Empire**
and goes to
the **Millennial Kingdom.***

Ezekiel 1-32: A Message of *Retribution*

- ◆ Judgment pronounced against **Israel**
Chapters 1-24
 - ◆ Judgment pronounced against **Israel's Neighbors**
Chapters 25-32
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Ezekiel 32-48: A Message of *Restoration*

- ◆ Restoration for the Kingdom *People*
Chapters 33-39
- ◆ Restoration for the Kingdom *Practices*
Chapters 40-48

100% of the land that God promised to the Jewish people will one day belong to Israel.

Matthew 1:17 records the Genealogy of Abraham to Christ. It is the only biblical genealogy to contain a(n) **Event**.

