



Class 1 – Why do we study prophecy?

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1. Prophecy is important to God

*“Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
And gather you from the west.
‘I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’
And to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’
Bring My sons from afar
And My daughters from the ends of the earth,
Everyone who is called by My name,
And whom I have created for My glory,
Whom I have formed, even whom I have made.” (Isaiah 43:5-7 KJV)*

2. God did not give us a spirit of fear.

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” (2 Timothy 1:7, KJV)

3. We are not to be in darkness.

“⁴But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. ⁶Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.” (1 Thessalonians 5:4-6. KJV)

“³⁶But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.” (Matt 24:36, KJV).

“⁷Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He revealeth his secret unto His servants the prophets.” (Amos 3:7. KJV)

“¹The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?” (Matthew 16:1-3, KJV)



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4. We should study the whole counsel of God.
“¹⁶All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17, KJV).
5. Prophecy proves the existence of God.
“²⁴ ...I am the Lord that maketh all things; ²⁷ That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers.²⁸ That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.” (Isaiah 44:24, 27-28, KJV)
6. The spirit of prophecy is Jesus and Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
“⁴⁴These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.” (Luke 24:44, KJV)

*“¹⁰See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of **Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**”* (Rev 19:10, KJV, emphasis added)

“Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.” (Daniel 12:9, KJV)
7. For those left behind.
8. We are the Watchman on the Wall.
“² Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: ³ If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;” (Ezekiel 33:2-3, KJV)
“⁴Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. ⁵ He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. ⁶But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.” (Ezekiel 33:4-6, KJV)

“³ Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.” (Revelation 1:3, KJV)