

Prophecy: The Telling and Retelling of God's Story

Various Scriptures

Lesson 1 Questions

First Day: Read the Introduction Lesson Notes.

The notes and lecture fortify the truth of the passage for understanding and application to daily life.

1. What stood out in the lecture to encourage or convict you? How will you respond?
2. How did the notes enrich your understanding of the authority and interconnectedness of the Bible?

Second Day: Read the Scripture passages with the questions.

Biblical prophecy reveals God's plan for creation. Revelation foretells the culmination of that glorious plan. Before studying Revelation, we will explore the nature and significance of prophecy throughout the Bible.

3. a. What does 2 Peter 1:19-21 say about prophecy?
b. Why is this truth important?
4. a. What reason did Jesus give to His disciples in John 13:19 and 14:29 for revealing future events?
b. How might this affect your life of faith?
5. In what way might the reliability of biblical prophecy connect to the character of God Himself?

Third and Fourth Days: Read the Scripture passages with the questions.

Prophecy declares God's plan to God's people.

6. a. Why does the future intrigue or alarm people?
b. What are some ways people seek to know the future?
7. a. What do the following passages say about biblical prophecy and prophets?
Isaiah 45:21

Amos 3:7

2 Timothy 3:16

Hebrews 11:32-40

1 Peter 1:10-12

- b. How do these passages give you confidence in biblical prophecy?
8. How were the Old Testament prophecies below fulfilled in the New Testament, and what do you find most interesting about them?
Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; Luke 1:26-27

Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1-6

Isaiah 53:3-6; Matthew 27:22-26
9. How does Matthew 7:15-20 help you discern false prophecy and teaching from what is reliable and true? (See also Deuteronomy 18:21-22; Matthew 24:24; 2 Peter 2:1; and 1 John 4:1.)
10. Why is it important to know that the Bible records fulfilled prophecy?

Fifth Day: Read the Scripture passages with the questions.

Prophecy ultimately points God's people to the Messiah.

11. Read Deuteronomy 18:15-19; 34:10; John 5:46; and Acts 3:18-23. Who is the greater Prophet, and how did Moses point toward Him?
12. Read Matthew 16:27; Luke 24:44-47; and John 14:3.
- a. What do these passages promise, and what confidence do you have in their fulfillment?
- b. What hope and comfort do these promises give you today and as you look ahead to your study of Revelation?

Sixth Day: Review this week's assigned passages.

Fulfilled prophecy confirms God's character and the trustworthiness of His Word.

13. What is the biggest challenge or opportunity you face this year as we approach the study of Revelation? How can your group pray for you?

No Passage Discovery (homiletics, word study, etc.) assigned for Group and Administrative Leaders.