



# Before It Happens

## Checking the Prophetic Record

### The Purpose of Biblical Prophecy

1. God signaled prophecy as important by \_\_\_\_\_.

“Taking it in bulk, more than one-half of the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.”

Prophecy is important because it is part of \_\_\_\_\_ and God wrote it for \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Prophecy answers questions about the \_\_\_\_\_ world.

People ask:

- “What happens to us when we \_\_\_\_\_?”
- “What will happen to the \_\_\_\_\_ in the days to come?”
- “Is there a \_\_\_\_\_ of the dead?”
- “How and when will God \_\_\_\_\_ men and women?”

Prophetic portions help peel back the \_\_\_\_\_ to deeper questions.

3. Prophecy teaches us that \_\_\_\_\_ is a virtue.

James said we must be patient like the \_\_\_\_\_ who waits for \_\_\_\_\_.

“Instant” is not a normal descriptor for God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Prophecy helps us keep \_\_\_\_\_ in hardship.

We are reminded that one day the \_\_\_\_\_ of Kings will be revealed as the \_\_\_\_\_.

Knowing the outcome helps us endure \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Prophecy prepares us so we are not \_\_\_\_\_ by evil.

Paul warned that in the last days people would:

- Be lovers of \_\_\_\_\_
- Be \_\_\_\_\_ and arrogant
- Lose respect for \_\_\_\_\_
- Reject Biblical \_\_\_\_\_
- Use the Bible but not its true \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of these warnings was so believers would be \_\_\_\_\_.

## What Prophecy Reveals About God

Prophecy reveals God's:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

At the Great White Throne, no one can \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ God.

Justice means every crime will be \_\_\_\_\_ and every victim will be \_\_\_\_\_.

Prophecy also shows God's \_\_\_\_\_ for His creation.

## The Day of the Lord

"The Day of the Lord" appears \_\_\_\_\_ times by \_\_\_\_\_ Old Testament writers.

It is mentioned by:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## Four Stages of Prophetic Revelation

### I) The Divided Kingdom Period (928–722 BCE)

This was about \_\_\_\_\_ years.

The Northern Kingdom had \_\_\_\_\_ kings, all in \_\_\_\_\_.

God sent prophets like:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

The earliest writing prophets:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

The rising superpower was \_\_\_\_\_ with its capital at \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Day of the Lord in the Divided Kingdom

Obadiah said the Day of the Lord was God's standard of \_\_\_\_\_.

"As you have done, it will be done to \_\_\_\_\_."

Amos said the Day of the Lord would be \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_.

Isaiah said it would bring the \_\_\_\_\_ of man and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

### 2) Judah Alone (722–586 BCE)

This was about \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Judah was left \_\_\_\_\_ after Israel was taken.

Prophets included:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_

Zephaniah said the Day of the Lord would be a day of:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_ would deliver anyone on that day.

### 3) Judah's Exile (606–536 BCE)

Three waves of captives were taken:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

God used \_\_\_\_\_ to describe false prophets.

The Day of the Lord would include judgment on \_\_\_\_\_ and other nations.

### 4) Post-Exilic Period (516–400 BCE)

God brought the people back under:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Prophets included:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Zechariah said the Day of the Lord would include:

- The nations attacking \_\_\_\_\_
- The Lord standing on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_
- The mountain splitting \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

## Malachi and the Day of the Lord

The Day of the Lord will burn like a \_\_\_\_\_.

For those who fear God:

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness will rise
- There will be \_\_\_\_\_ in its wings

God will send \_\_\_\_\_ before the great and terrible Day of the Lord.

Families will be \_\_\_\_\_

## What the Day of the Lord Includes

The Day of the Lord is a \_\_\_\_\_ period of time that includes:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

It ends with:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## The Big Truth

God is \_\_\_\_\_.

He will never:

- \_\_\_\_\_ His promises
- \_\_\_\_\_ His people
- \_\_\_\_\_ His covenant

Darkness will not \_\_\_\_\_.

God is still \_\_\_\_\_ in human history.

“Keep your eye upon the \_\_\_\_\_, for your redemption draweth nigh.”

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