

The Benefits of Prophecy

There are spiritual benefits to considering future events:

1. To promote _____ (2 Peter 3:10-15; 1 Timothy 6:14; Titus 2:11).
2. To encourage and _____ (John 14:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 2 Thessalonians 5:5-10).
3. To promote _____ (2 Peter 3:3-8).
4. To encourage faith and _____ (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Hebrews 10:23-25).

There are important truths that are related to future events:

1. Consider the body of doctrine.
2. Consider the first _____ (Luke 24:25-28).

The Big Goal of future events promotes worship.

1. Remember the story line.
2. Remember the beginning and end.

The Challenges of Prophecy

Prophecy can be challenging because of multifaceted _____ :

The Terms of the Future:

1. The Day of the Lord (Isa. 13:6, 9; 58:13; Ezek. 13:5; 30:3; Joel 1:15; 2:1; 11; 31; 3:14; Amos 5:18; 20; Obad. 1:15; Zeph. 1:7; 14; Mal. 4:5; Acts 2:20; 1 Cor. 5:5; 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Thess. 2:2; 2 Pet. 3:10).
2. The End of the _____ (Dan. 12:13; Matt. 13:39; 40; 49; 24:3; 28:20)
3. The Second _____ /Appearing of Christ (John 14:1-4; Acts 1:10; Mark 16:19)
4. The Last Day (Neh. 8:18; Jn. 6:39; 40; 44; 54; 7:37; 11:24; 12:48) / Last Days (Isa. 2:2; Jer. 23:20; 49:39; Ezek. 38:16; Hos. 3:5; Mic. 4:1; Acts 2:17; 2 Tim. 3:1; Heb. 1:2; Jas. 5:3; 2 Pet. 3:3)

Prophecy can be challenging because of the literature style:

1. Visions / _____ (Daniel's interpretations)
2. Imagery / Symbols (Root of the Tribe of Jesse; Lamb having been slain)
3. Apocalyptic Scenes (Revelation 6:12-17)

Prophecy can be challenging because of telescoping events (Isaiah 61:1-3).

Prophecy can be challenging because of fear of the unknown.