

## WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE? (Prophecy and the Book of Revelation)

### I. THE REACTIONS TO STUDYING PROPHECY

#### A. The NORMAL Reactions.

1. The reaction: "It's confusing."  
The response: The Bible is designed to be \_\_\_\_\_, including prophecy. (John 16:12-14; Acts 1:4-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4)
2. The reaction: "It's impractical."  
The response: The Bible correctly applied leads to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(2 Timothy 3:15-17)
3. The reaction: "It's not important."  
The response: \_\_\_\_\_ says prophecy is important. (2 Peter 1:15-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5)
4. The reaction: "It's going to happen anyhow."  
The response: There is a special \_\_\_\_\_ attached to hearing and heeding prophetic truth. (Revelation 1:3)
5. The reaction: "It's scary."  
The response: Yes, prophecy can be \_\_\_\_\_ if you don't know the \_\_\_\_\_. (Revelation 10:8-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10)

#### B. The DANGEROUS Reactions.

1. Getting involved in \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 24:35-36)
2. Making the study of prophecy an \_\_\_\_\_ in itself. (1 Corinthians 8:1-2)
3. Getting involved in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ behavior. (Titus 2:11-14)

## II. THE REASONS FOR STUDYING PROPHECY

### A. THEOLOGICALLY

We should study prophecy...

1. Because it is a \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture.
2. Because it gives us \_\_\_\_\_ to the hard questions of the future.
3. Because it affirms the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Scriptures.
4. Because it impresses us with \_\_\_\_\_ as Savior, Lord, and King.  
(Luke 24:44; Revelation 1:1, 19:10)

### B. PRACTICALLY

We should study prophecy...

1. Because it can produce \_\_\_\_\_ in times of uncertainty. (John 14:1-6)
2. Because it can produce \_\_\_\_\_ in the hearts of the lost. (Acts 17:30-34)
3. Because it can produce \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of difficulty and disappointment.  
(1 Corinthians 15:51-58)
4. Because it can produce \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of sorrow. (1 Thess. 4:13-18)
5. Because it can produce \_\_\_\_\_ in the light of Christ's return. (1 John 3:1-3)

\* How does this apply to you? (2 Peter 3)