

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Should we study prophecy? Why?
2. If everyone studied prophecy, would everyone believe the Bible? Why?
3. How does the knowledge of prophecy affect you?

SUMMARY:

No other study of the Bible gives such a definite proof of the validity of the scripture than the study of prophecy. Hundreds of predictions concerning Israel, Babylon, Egypt, Christ, and many others have been fulfilled by men ignorant of them; or men trying to prevent them from happening, even by the elements. In these last times it is important that we are aware of the events that are taking place in the world around us. The great event which would determine our eternal destiny could happen today.

NOTES:

[SoF:1] We believe that the Bible is inspired by God, and is the complete, infallible Word of God.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #3

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Third Quarter

PROPHECY PROVES THE BIBLE [SoF:1]

LESSON TEXT: *1 Kings 13:1-6; 2 Kings 23:1-20*

LESSON SETTING: During the reign of Jeroboam.

TIME: The law was written approximately 1490 BC. The New Testament was written in the first century.

- I. A PROPHECY GIVEN.** 1 Kings 13:1-3
 - A. By the Word of God. Luke 1:70; 1 Corinthians 12:10; 2 Peter 1:18-21
 - B. They Who Uttered. Jeremiah 7:25; Amos 2:11; Acts 11:28
- II. A PROPHECY VERIFIED.** 1 Kings 13:4-6
 - A. Power Revealed. 1 Kings 13:4; John 11:42-44; Acts 9:3-9
 - B. God's Power Seen by All. Genesis 8:22; 9:13-14; Romans 1:20
- III. A PROPHECY FULFILLED.** 1 Kings 23:1-20
 - A. Past. Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; 26:19; 35:5-6; 53:12; Matthew 11:4-6; 27:38; Luke 2:7; 24:6; Galatians 4:4
 - B. Present. Daniel 12:4; Matthew 24:14; 2 Timothy 3:1-5
 - C. Future. Luke 21:24-28; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Revelation 20:11-15; 21:1

GOLDEN TEXT: *FOR THE PROPHECY CAME NOT IN OLD TIME BY THE WILL OF MAN: BUT HOLY MEN OF GOD SPAKE AS THEY WERE MOVED BY THE HOLY GHOST.*
2 Peter 1:21

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Roman 3:7-26

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 1:18-32

QUARTERLY THEME: The Bible and The Christian Life

TOPIC: SALVATION - MAN'S NEED

INTRODUCTION:

This world is Satan's dominion. We are actually living in his territory and as such he seemingly has complete control over the individual. Only as the Light penetrates this dominion and the Kingdom of God is brought to the world is the power of Satan controlled.

Without God's power we are utterly his. Mankind's thoughts, words and actions are under the devil's control. Even if man wishes to do good and free himself from his sinful desires, it is impossible to do so. All are sinners and obey the devil as their master. They are unable to save themselves from this power. God in His love, gave His children the law asking them to obey it and leave their sinful life, but because of their fleshly weakness, they are unable to resist the devil. Indeed they could not because they are carnally minded and not subject to God's law. (Romans 8:7)

A human being made of the elements of this earth, the devil's territory, can have no spiritual discernment, which is of the heavenly realm. All are sinners and lost, but God has provided a way for them to become spiritual through Christ. Because Jesus came to the earth and was victorious over Satan we too can be victorious through the power of the Holy Spirit which was given to all believers after Jesus was glorified. (John 7:39; Romans 6:11-12; 8:37)

CENTRAL TRUTH: The fulfilled prophecies of the Bible prove its divine inspiration.

GOLDEN TEXT: *FOR ALL HAVE SINNED, AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD.*

Romans 3:23

How unhappy is mankind when under the law, under the curse of sin, so short of the glory of God. For God created man higher than His other creatures, yet lower than the angels. (Hebrews 2:7) There is that part in man that yearns for God and for purity and holiness, "*My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?*" (Psalm 42:2) But there is also the part of man, flesh and self which would lust after the "forbidden fruit" of this temporal world. Encouraged by Satan, flesh has ever triumphed over man's inner longing, so truly "*all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*"

Therefore God, in His mercy has provided a remedy, "a balm to heal the sin-sick soul," when His Son was offered for all the sins of mankind. May we all, personally, let the blood be applied to **our** sins, that they may be blotted out, so that God who is just, can also be "*the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.*" Romans 3:26

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 21 - 27

M. God's Blessings Proclaimed. Psalm 103:1-12

T. God's Pardon Expressed. Psalm 103:13-22

W. God's Patience Extolled. Hosea 11:1-11

T. God's Requirements Listed. Micah 6:1-8

F. *Salvation - Man's Need. Romans 3:7-26

S. Man's Need Described. Romans 7:14-25

S. Man's Hope Defined. 2 Corinthians 5:11-19