

## PROPHECY

Prophecy is literally what the Word of God says. All of the 300 plus predictions of Christ's first coming were literally fulfilled.

Can we know the general time of Christ's second coming? In Daniel 12:4, Dan. 8:15-17 he was told that the book was closed until the end time. In I Thess. 5:1-4 Paul teaches that when people are saying, "All is well, peace and safety, then in a moment"... "but you are not in darkness for that day to overtake you by surprise". The general time is recognizable, the generation.

### Steps Toward the End of this Church Age

1. The Organized Church will fall away from the truth as revealed in Scripture. This time is called THE great Apostasy. The church, which began at Pentecost, with the filling of the Holy Spirit, will have finished its work with the event called the Rapture. II Thess. 2:3-4, Dan. 9:24-27, Rev. 7, 14.

Characteristics of the race: II Tim. 4

- a) Breakdown of law and order
- b) Children disobedient to parents
- c) Breakdown of law and order in government
- d) No longer induce sound doctrine as the false teachers: (III Tim. 4)
  - Deny the Deity of Christ
  - speak evil of the Bible
  - make light of the second coming of 'Christ

In August 1961 issue of Redbook, survey of seminary students, called the "Startling Theological Beliefs in our Seminaries".

- a) Majority no longer accepted deity of Christ
- b) 74% said that whether there is an after life is of no importance
- c) 99% rejected the second coming of Christ

As far as the Liberals are concerned the issue of the inspiration of the Bible was settled in the 1950s, they teach that it is full of errors and contradictions. In the 1966 Britannica Theology without God is described as a current trend "dispensing with the very concept of God".

Once you take away the Bible there is no norm, no standard to go by. In Rev. 3:14-2 the Laodicean church Christ is pictured as outside the church knocking on the hearts of individuals. These individuals will make up an army of laymen the Lord will use for a period of grace before judgment.

2. That Israel would become a nation again, which she did in 1948 after 2000 years.  
Deut. 28:63-68; Ez. 38: 12, 16; Matt. 24
3. Rise of the great power to the north (Russia)  
Ez. 38, 39; Dan. 11:40-45; Joel 2:20
4. King of the south (United Arab states)  
Dan. 11:40
5. King of the East (Red China, 200 million militia)  
Rev. 9:14-16; Rev. 16:14-16.
6. Last great prediction, the four powers named, and they have a pedigree in history.  
Dan. 2:40-44; Dan. 7:7-26; Rev. 17, 13:1-10.
  - a) Babylonian Dan. 8
  - b) Medio-Persian Dan. 8
  - c) Macedonian (Greek) Dan. 8
  - d) Roman Dan. 8. It will be revived before Christ's return with 10 nations.

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as members and ruled by a Roman dictator, and it will rule the world for a time, It appears to be forming with the European Common Market, which is heading for a political and economic United States of Europe. The Dictator will be the Anti-Christ. Rev. 17:18

7. Movement toward the One-World Church

8. Final offer of grace before judgment with a world-wide preaching of the gospel

9. The Rapture—the mystery of the church revealed to believers.

Those who are alive when Christ returns in the clouds will exchange mortality for immortality; those who are dead, corruption for incorruption. No one will see Christ but those who meet Him in the air.

Heb. 9:28; I John 3:1-4; Titus 2:12-14; Phil. 3:20-21; Rev. 3:10  
I Thess. 4:13 - 5:9

10. The judgment in heaven for the believers, the church of Christ

I Cor 3:10-15; Rev. 4,5; II Cor. 5:1-11

11. Conversion of 144,000 Jewish evangelists who believe in Christ and go all over the world preaching like it has never been done since the early church. The believers will be known by the way they treat "these my brethren" (Matt. 25). The Holy Spirit will minister outside the individual, as in the O.T., except for the Jewish evangelists.

12. Sudden appearance of the anti-Christ (Roman Dictator) (I Thess. 5:1-11; Dan. 8:23-25), who will be in league with a Jewish religious leader (False Profit) (John 5, Rev. 13:11-18; Dan 11:3 -39) and will take over the 10 nations (Roman).

He will launch a peace offensive by force and use 3 means to conquer the world:

- a) Promise of global peace
- b) By economic prosperity - Dan. 8:25 and Rev. 18
- c) World-wide religious system - Rev. 17
- d) Global calamities will increase

13. Great Tribulation will begin (7 years) with:

- a) Defense pact between Jewish leader and Roman dictator (Isa 2)
- b) Multitudes will believe (Rev. 17)
- c) Last 3 and a half years of great tribulation the Jewish false prophet will proclaim the Roman dictator god and demand worship of him, (abomination of desolation)
- d) Russia will invade, Arabia will invade, more than half of the World's population will be destroyed; Christians massacred;
- e) World-wide rationing system will be established, can buy nothing without seal on forehead which proves worship of anti-Christ as god.
- f) The Roman empire versus the Asiatic powers and five-sixths of their men killed (Battle of Armageddon) Dan. 11:40-47; Ez 38 and 39
- g) There will be a heavenly sign that Christ will return to save His people Isa. 24,34,63; Zech. 12-14; Rev. 16-19; Matt. 24. All the unbelievers will unite to fight Christ.
- h) Judgment of all living peoples, both Jews and Gentile, and those remaining will repopulate the earth. Satan bound for 1000 years.
- i) Christ's Reign for 1000 years, unprecedented spirituality in living the Sermon on the Mount literally. Isa. 11 & 13
- j) Satan will be released to show the existence of unbelievers (descendents of the first believers).
- k) God will judge Satan and his followers and eternity will begin
- l) A new heaven and new earth will be created to replace the one destroyed and we will be with Him forever. Rev. 21, 22; Isa 56

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