

Prophecy Really Matters

Sunday February 20, 2022

Series: *Knowing the Unknown—Confidence in God’s Plan*

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19–20 ESV

“and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,”

Ephesians 6:19 ESV

Circle of Ministry

1. _____ **People to Jesus**
2. _____ **Them Into the Jesus Family** (the local Church)
3. _____ **Them to Live for Jesus**

I. The _____ of Biblical Prophecy

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

Genesis 1:1 ESV

(Also Genesis 2:7)

First Biblical Prophecy

“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.””

Genesis 2:16–17 ESV

(Also Genesis 2:20, 24)

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?””

Genesis 3:1 ESV

“And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’””

Genesis 3:2–3 ESV

“And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.””

Luke 12:15 ESV

**We would know good without be able to do it,
and would know evil without be able to avoid it!**

(John Walrood, Prophecy Knowledge Handbook pg. 20)

II. The _____ of Biblical Prophecy

The Judgement on Sin

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.” Genesis 3:6 ESV

Satan’s Deception

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.” James 1:14–15 ESV

1. D _____

2. D _____

3. D _____

Adam’s Responsibility

“And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you,” Genesis 3:17a ESV

“Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.” Genesis 3:7 ESV

(Also Romans 8:22)

Consequences for Women (Eve)

“To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.”” Genesis 3:16 ESV

Consequences for Men (Adam)

“thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”” Genesis 3:17b–19 ESV

Biblical prophecy has always been about the restoration of humanity to their Creator.

The Promise of Salvation (for All)

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”” Genesis 3:15 ESV

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,” 1 Corinthians 15:3–4 ESV

How does the Lord Want Me to Respond?

“Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.” Colossians 1:28–29 ESV