

Prophecy: Devo 1

“The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law” (Deuteronomy 29:29).

The ability to accurately foretell the future without error is something that transcends human limitations. Divine revelation is required to know and foretell the future. The office of prophet was one of the amazing phenomena of the Old Testament. Their voices foretold the first coming of Jesus Christ in remarkable detail. Alfred Edersheim found 456 Old Testament verses referring to the Messiah or the times of the Messiah. Conservatively at least 300 prophecies were fulfilled in the time Jesus was on earth. By one count, about 27 percent of the Bible is predictive (J.B. Payne, “The Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy,” Baker Pub. Group, 1980). Payne lists 1,817 prophecies in the Bible. At least half of all biblical predictions have already been fulfilled precisely as God had declared through His prophets. In this series I will discuss the yet unfulfilled prophecies concerning the end times, including Israel in the last days, the Rapture, the Tribulation, the Antichrist and the False Prophet, the Battle of Gog and Magog, the Battle of Armageddon, the 2nd coming of Christ to earth, the conversion of Israel, the judgment of the nations, the 1,000-year reign of Christ, the final rebellion, and the eternal state. “Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world” (Acts 15:18). It is unfortunate that the prophetic scriptures are more neglected than any other portion of God’s Word. We will uncover what God knows by what He has revealed through the Old Testament and New Testament prophets. The Divine predictions will be studied thoroughly and carefully. That is why they were given.