



Nipawin Bible College
Course: BT313 - Bible Prophecy
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

What is Bible prophecy, and how do we understand it? The first prophecy of humanity's salvation from sin and death was made by the LORD soon after Adam and Eve first sinned (Genesis 3:15). The Bible says: "As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that *would come* to you made careful searches and inquires, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow" (1 Peter 1:10-11; NASB). This passage shows that, "...the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Revelation 19:10b). The LORD has revealed in His Word, the Bible, what is to take place in the future. Many prophecies have been fulfilled, like those regarding Jesus' First Coming. Many more have yet to be fulfilled.

It is estimated that about one-third of the Bible is prophecy, yet this material is often neglected or poorly treated. In this course, students will study the prophetic portions of Scripture, from the first prophecy and fulfilment of Jesus' First Coming, to the last prophecies of the Second Coming, Millennial Kingdom, and beyond. The students will learn to properly interpret Bible prophecy, understand the sequence of history's events as prophesied in Scripture, and discover their current place in God's prophetic plan for all things. We will heed the LORD's instructions through His apostles regarding prophecy: "So we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place..." (2 Peter 1:19a).

COURSE TEXTBOOKS

The Holy Bible (A translation of your choosing). **47 pages:**

Selected readings: **WHAT PROPHECY IS:** Isaiah 37:26, 44:9-20, 46:9-11; Jeremiah 7:8-11; Daniel 2:45b; Amos 5:21-4; Matthew 24:37-9; Acts 2:14-36; Romans 8:18, 13:11-14; 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 1:10-12; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Revelation 19:10, 22:20. **INTERPRETATION:** Matthew 22:29, 31; Acts 15:15-16, 28:25; 1 Corinthians 2:10-16; 1 Peter 1:10-12; 2 Peter 1:20-21. **OLD TESTAMENT JESUS:** Genesis 1:1 (John 1:1-3; Colossian 1:16), Genesis 16:7-14, 22:9-16, 31:11-13, 32:24-30; Exodus 3:1-5; 23:20-23; Judges 2:1, 6:11-24, 13:2-24; Isaiah 37:36, 48:12-16, 63:7-14. **JESUS' FIRST COMING:** Genesis 3:15, 4:1, 5:21-9, 6:1-4, 22:18, 49:10; Numbers 24:17a; Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Isaiah 7:14, 8:9-10, 9:6-7, 11:1-2, 40:3-5, 42:1-6, 49:1-13, 50:4-9,

52:13-53:12, 61:1-3; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Micah 5:2; Zechariah 9:9, 11:1-17, 12:10, 13:7; Malachi 3:1; 1 Chronicles 17:10b-14; Psalm 2:7-12, 16:1-11, 22:1-31, 80:17, 110:1-7; Proverbs 30:4; Daniel 9:1-27; Luke 24:25-7, 44-48.

ISRAEL AND CHURCH IN LAST DAYS: Isaiah 11:11-12, 35:1-6, 66:1-8; Ezekiel 20:33-38, 22:17-22, 36:22-24, 38:1-39:16; Daniel 7:1-9:27; Joel 2:28-30; Zephaniah 2:1-2; Zechariah 12:3-6; Matthew 24:3-39; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:10-11; John 14:1-3; Romans 11:25-36; 1 Corinthians 15:50-8; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 4:13-18, 5:1-3, 9-10; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4; 1 Timothy 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 2 Peter 2:1-22, 3:3-4; Jude 17-19; Revelation 11:1-2, 19:6-9, 21:9-22:5. **RAPTURE AND TRIBULATION:** Deuteronomy 4:27-31, 32:35; Isaiah 13:9, 24:19-20, 26:20, 28:15, 18, 21, 34:8, 35:4, 61:2; Jeremiah 30:7; Daniel 9:27, 11:36, 12:1; Joel 2:2; Amos 5:18, 20; Obadiah 12-14; Zephaniah 1:14-18; Matthew 24:21, 29; Luke 21:34-6; John 14:1-3; Romans 13:11-12; 1 Corinthians 15:50-8; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, 4:13-18, 5:1-10; James 5:7-9; Revelation 2:22, 3:10, 6:16-17, 7:14, 11:18, 14:7, 10, 19, 15:1, 7, 16:1, 19:14, 22:20. **JESUS' SECOND COMING:** Leviticus 26:40-42; Psalm 2:1-6, 80:1-19; Isaiah 63:1-6; Jeremiah 3:11-18; Daniel 7:13-14, 12:11; Hosea 5:15, 6:1-3; Joel 3:1-3, 9-13; Micah 2:12-13; Zechariah 12:10, 14:3-4; Matthew 12:22-45, 22:1-14, 23:1-39, 24:30, 25:1-13, 31-46; Luke 19:41-44; John 11:1-57; Romans 11:25-7; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23; Revelation 16:12-16; 18:1-24, 19:9, 11-16, 20, 20:1-3, 5-6. **MILLENNIUM AND CONSUMMATION:** Psalm 2:6-8, 24:7-10, 72:1-19; Isaiah 2:2-4, 9:6-7, 11:1-9, 16:5, 65:17-25; Jeremiah 23:5-6, 33:14-17; Micah 4:1-5; Matthew 11:20-4; Luke 1:30-33, 12:47-8; John 5:22, 19:11; 1 Corinthians 15:24-8; Galatians 4:26; Hebrews 11:9-10, 12:22-24; Revelation 12:5, 19:15, 20:1-15, 21:1-22:5.

Nunnelley, Darryl and David R. Reagan. 2018. *The Basics of Bible Prophecy: Building a Firm Foundation Through God's Prophetic Word*. McKinney, Tex.: Lamb and Lion Ministries. **88 pages:**

Read the entire book (all twenty-four lessons) and write a three to five-page (3-5) review. Please respond to the questions after each lesson, writing your responses in your book only (not in the review), which will aid in personal reflection and in writing your review.

Reagan, David R. 2011. *Jesus the Lamb and the Lion: A Study of Jesus in Bible Prophecy*. McKinney, Tex.: Lamb and Lion Ministries. **238 pages:**

Read the entire book. Sign and submit the declaration to that effect.

Reagan, David R. 2006. *Christ in Prophecy: Study Guide*. McKinney, Tex.: Lamb and Lion Ministries. **Resource for reference.**

Handouts (recommended reading):

- “Types of Literature in the Bible” (Lisle, *Understanding Genesis*, 79-105).
- “The Bible’s Scientific Authority” (Morris, *Biblical Basis*, 19-21).
- “The Trinity in the Old Testament” (Fruchtenbaum, *Mashiach*, 110-28).
- “New Testament Usage of the Old” (Fruchtenbaum, *Mashiach*, 181-5).
- “How Did the Wise Men Know?” (Fruchtenbaum, *Mashiach*, 156-60).
- “The Shechinah Glory in History and Prophecy” (Fruchtenbaum, *Footsteps*, 591-620).
- “The Six Abodes of Satan” (Fruchtenbaum, *Footsteps*, 543-63).
- “Life and Death in the Messianic Kingdom” (Fruchtenbaum, *Footsteps*, 381-3).
- “The Second Death: The Lake of Fire” (Fruchtenbaum, *Footsteps*, 517-19).

THE BIG QUESTION

Which prophecies of God have been fulfilled, and can we know which prophecies are next to be fulfilled?

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will:

- 1) Develop an understanding of, and be able to describe, the nature and types of Bible prophecy.
- 2) Learn, and be able to articulate, the basic principles of interpretation of Bible prophecy.
- 3) Learn, and be able to identify, the key Scriptural texts for the main events of history as prophesied in God’s Word.
- 4) Develop knowledge of, and be able to reconstruct, the basic sequence of God’s prophesied events and their fulfillment in history.
- 5) Discover the student’s own place in the LORD’s prophetic calendar, the great assurance that fulfilled prophecy brings, and the ‘blessed hope’ of everyone ‘in Christ’.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Participation – 10%

- In addition to general attentiveness and note-taking, students are expected to participate in class by reading Scripture aloud in turn and contributing to class discussions of Scripture.
- Grading: /10. Students begin with full participation marks and may lose marks only through conspicuous and repeated lack of participation.

Daily Quiz on the Previous Day's Lecture and the Books of the Bible – 14%

- At the beginning of the second through eighth days of class, students will
- write a short quiz on: 1) key principles learnt the previous day, 2) key Scriptures from the previous day, and 3) a prophetic sequence of events.
- Grading: /4 per quiz.

Quiz Due: 7 quizzes total, written and submitted at the beginning of class

Book Review – 15%

- Read *The Basics of Bible Prophecy* by Nunnelley and Reagan in its entirety. I recommend underlining and/or highlighting the text as you read, and making notes as desired in the margins. This practice aids in focussing on the text and imbibing its message. Also, your notes will help in writing your review. Using the guidelines provided in class, you will write a three to five-page (3-5) review of the book.
- Grading: /15

Book Review Due: Monday, October 1st at 5:00 pm

Reading Assignment – 6%

- Read *Jesus the Lamb and the Lion* by Reagan in its entirety. Sign the declaration when you have finished and submit it to receive credit toward your final grade.

Reading Assignment Due: Friday, October 5th at 5:00 pm

Prophetic Sequence Paper – 20%

- Write an eight to ten-page (8-10) paper outlining the sequence of actions in a major prophesied event as revealed in God's Word. The paper should demonstrate the Scriptural basis for the sequence of prophesied acts in the event, and discuss the larger significance of the event in Biblical history. A goal of the paper is to observe the LORD Jesus' central presence in the event, and what He is doing. In your conclusion, include reflection on what the LORD is showing you regarding the relation of this prophesied event to yourself as a Church saint. You will be provided further guidelines in class for writing the paper.
- Grading: /20

Prophetic Sequence Paper: Friday, October 5th at 5:00 pm

Final Exam – 30%

- **Friday, October 5th, 8:30 am**

All written assignments are to be typed in accordance with the NBC Study Guide for papers. Assignments will be graded on the basis of content, clarity,

grammar, and spelling. Assignments will be due **no later than 5:00 pm** on the day that they are assigned.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2018/2019

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY:

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2018/2019

Reading: 337 pages

Writing: 11-15 pages

SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY ON BIBLE PROPHECY

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Recommended Online Resources

The searchable Holy Bible in every English translation:

www.biblegateway.com

Searchable Bible in English and the original languages with concordances, lexica, and commentaries:

www.biblehub.com

Resources on the reliability of Bible prophecy (about one-third of the Bible is prophecy):

www.ariel.org ; www.beholdisrael.org ; www.christinprophecy.org