

# DISCOVER PROPHECY



## On The Eve Of Armageddon

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### Removing the Confusion About Prophecy

#### 1. Biblical Interpretation Only

“But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation” 2 Peter 1:20.

Genesis 6-8

#### Biblical Symbols

1. *Angel = Messenger.* "The angel answered and said to him, 'I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news'" Luke 1:19.
2. *Mark = Sign or seal of approval or disapproval.* "And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads'" Revelation 7:2,3.
3. *Water = Inhabited area/people, nations.* "The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues" Revelation 17:15.
4. *Beast = Kingdom/government/political power.* "These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth" Daniel 7:17.
5. *Babylon = Religious apostasy/confusion.* "The LORD said, 'Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.' So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel" Genesis 11:6-9

#### 2. Revelation of Jesus

“The revelation of Jesus Christ” Revelation 1:1.

#### 3. Preparation for the End-time

“Behold, I am going to let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for it pertains to the appointed time of the end” Daniel 8:19.

“And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book” Revelation 22:7.

“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near” Revelation 1:3.

#### Daniel's Writing Forms

1. *Prophecy - What is coming*
2. *Narrative - How to be ready*

#### Daniel's Message

How to be ready for the events coming in the future.

#### Jesus Wants You To Be Ready

“The Lord is not slow about His promise [the promise of His second coming], as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance” 2 Peter 3:9.

“Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. For this reason, you be ready too; for the Son of man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will” Matthew 24:42-44.

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## Discussion Questions

1. How do you feel when you see prophecies in the Bible that refer to scary beasts and dragons?
2. How can we know that God is still in control when the world seems out of control?
3. Can you think of ways people interpret the Bible without using the Bible?
4. How do you study the Bible? How does the way you study it help you find the meaning of difficult texts? What could you do to make your study deeper?
5. Why does the book of Daniel include both Narrative and Prophetic writings?
6. Daniel and his friends remained faithful to God in the midst of captivity. What challenges to remaining faithful do you face?

## Next Steps

1. If you are not already, begin reading your Bible on a daily basis. If you're looking for a new place to start, begin with the book of Daniel.
2. As you read your Bible, pray- asking God to show you what it means.
3. Choose to come every night of the Discover Prophecy series.
4. According to Pastor Tim, a greater understanding of Bible prophecy effects our faith in Jesus. Pray that you not only understand the book of Daniel but that your faith in Jesus will grow stronger.
5. Are there any areas of your life that you need to be faithful to God like Daniel? What steps can you take to be more faithful?
6. Jesus gives us Bible prophecy to increase our faith and help us be ready for His second coming. Are you ready for His return? If not what prevents you from being ready?