

Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series

Study #1: Red Alert!

“Do You Have a More Sure Word of Bible Prophecy?”

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UN Red Alert UN chief issues 'red alert' for the world

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“As the world began to ring in 2018, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for global unity to overcome growing challenges.

In his New Year message on Sunday, Guterres said the world appeared to have ‘gone in reverse’ before adding, ‘On New Year's Day 2018 I am not issuing an appeal, I am issuing an alert -- a red alert for our world.’

He stressed cooperation and collaboration should be the way forward in 2018, saying: ‘Unity is the path. Our future depends on it.’

He then urged leaders ‘everywhere to make this New Year's resolution: Narrow the gaps. Bridge the divides. Rebuild trust by bringing people together around common goals.’ ”

A Red Alert is the highest level of imminent danger! The UN’s RED ALERT is pushing for a one world government lead by the papacy and a Sunday law based on the prophecies in Daniel and Revelation. The structure is already set. The papacy is already in position.

TRUE Bible prophecy’s RED ALERT reveals that we living in the hour of judgment and that Jesus is coming extremely soon! Jesus is making His final plea, “repent, be converted, and believe the everlasting gospel.” This is not the time to sleep! We are on “Red Alert”, the highest level of imminent danger! The end is near! Where are you going to be when it is time is finished?

Romans 13:11-12

11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is **high time** to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

How do you know it is “high time” to wake up out of sleep? By watching, praying, and studying God’s word especially Bible prophecy in the books of Daniel and Revelation. We MUST cast off all the works and devices of Satan, darkness, and put of the armour, God’s truth detention defense system, Light. Remember, Light and Darkness cannot mix. It is one or the other – Light so you can see the truth or Darkness so you can feel comfortable with a lie!

What does Jesus say about His Red Alert to the world?

Luke 21:34-36

34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be **overcharged [burdened] with surfeiting [headaches from drinking wine]**, and **drunkenness**, and **cares of this life**, and so that day come upon you **unawares**.

35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 Watch [keep awake] ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

We cannot ignore this RED ALERT. **We MUST be sober physically and spiritually!** Why? “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” – 1 **Peter 5:8**. The ONLY way to watch, keep awake, as the time comes swiftly to an end is study diligently study and application of Bible prophecy!

What does Jesus vehemently warns us NOT to drink spiritually?

Hint: Second Angel’s Message....

Revelation 14:8

8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made **all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication**.

Babylonian wine = false doctrine. Confusion by MIXING truth and error = Deception

Why is Babylon’s wine known as the wine of the wrath of her fornication?

Wine of wrath [Greek] - thumos

Thayer Definition:

- 1) passion, angry, heat, anger forthwith boiling up and soon subsiding again
- 2) glow, ardour, the wine of passion, inflaming wine (which either drives the drinker mad or kills him with its strength).

Just like Vodka will make you drunk physically, Babylon’s wine of wrath WILL MAKE YOU DRUNK spiritually! Jesus is telling us NOT to drink it! What is in Babylon’s wine mix? Truth and error. This is what causes them to become so confessed and drunk. All those who drink Babylon’s wine of wrath will join Babylon in her fornication. They will become harlots of Babylon!

God’s remnant faithful must drink from the pure fountain of truth, God’s word, in order to watch and be ready. We MUST study, understand, and teach Bible prophecy.

What is Bible prophecy?

Prophecy = prediction = history given to us in advance. God reveals to us His moves and Satan's (The enemy) moves. Bible prophecy is the light in darkness as we move forward until the end. Bible prophecy lets us know how close we are to the close of probation and the second coming of Jesus Christ. Bible prophecy is our time clock. Without it YOU will not know what time it is! It will be like going through time without a watch or clock. You will miss appointments. **Do you want to be on time and be ready for the second coming of Jesus?**

How does God REVEAL His present and future plans?

Amos 3:7

7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he **revealeth** his secret unto his servants the prophets.

So if I want to be in the light of God's “secrets” I must study the prophecies of God's prophets! If God reveals “his secrets” they are no longer “secrets” for those who are watching, praying, and diligently studying God’s word in the last days. What God reveals remains a “secret” for those who don’t study Bible prophecy.

Who is the central theme of Bible prophecy?

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ.....

Revelation 19:10 “ for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

The Spirit of Prophecy = Testimony of Jesus

ALL BIBLE PROPHECY IS CENTERED ON JESUS!

What He has done in the past; what He is doing presently and what he will do in the future.

What is the first rule of studying Bible prophecy?

2 Peter 1:20

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

Let the Bible be it's own prophecy interpreter – especially when it comes to the prophetic symbols of the Bible.

What does God give to those who study prophecy such as the book of Revelation and do what is written in it?

Revelation 1:3

3 Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time *is* at hand.

What is the warning for those who add to or take away words from the book of Revelation total misapplying its words?

Revelation 22:18-19

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Why should you study Bible prophecy? What are the spiritual benefits for you?

John 14:29

29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

Remember this is Jesus the Son of God talking to His disciples. In John chapters 12 ,13, and 14 Jesus prepares His disciples for His soon coming death. From the beginning of John chapter 14, Jesus gives His disciple a prophetic promise that He is coming again to receive them and that He will leave with them a Comforter the Holy Spirit after His death and resurrection. In John 14:29 the reason why Jesus Christ told His disciples of His death, resurrection, and His ascension into heaven before they were filled so that they [the disciples] can have confidence and believe strongly in God and His Word.

What is another reason to study Bible prophecy?

2 Peter 1:19

19 We have also a **more sure (Gk:Stable) word of prophecy**; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a **light that shineth in a dark place**, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.

Who is the “Word” of prophecy?

John 1:14

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

“A More SURE 'Jesus' of prophecy.... Remember all Bible prophecy centers arounds Jesus!

Why does Peter have a MORE sure (STABLE) word of prophecy?

2 Peter 1:16-18

¹⁶For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were **eyewitnesses** of his majesty.

¹⁷For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

¹⁸And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.”

The event that Peter is referring is found in Matthew 17:1 -9. It is the time that he along with James and John saw Jesus briefly transfigured into all of His glory and heard the voice of God the Father affirm that Jesus was the son of God!

Peter had NO doubt. After we study Bible prophecy, we should have NOT DOUBT! Like Peter we should have a MORE SURE (Stable) Word of Prophecy... A more sure Jesus of Bible prophecy!

What are more very compelling reasons why you need to study Bible prophecy?

1 Corinthians 14:3

3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men *to* edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

Bible Prophecy also is given to:

1-Edify (Building up - construction)

2-Exhortation (Encouragement)

3-Comfort

What did Jesus use to edify, encourage and comfort His disciples after His death, burial, and resurrection?

Luke 24:44, 45

44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

45 Then **opened** he their understanding, that they might **understand the scriptures**.

Jesus used Bible prophecy concerning the prophecies that spoke of Himself as the Messiah in the Old Testament.

Do you want a MORE sure word? Let's look at some of these prophecies that Jesus taught of Himself to His disciples that give them a A MORE SURE WORD!

More than 125 Prophecies

Did you know that there are more than 125 prophecies in the Old Testament about the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that was accurately fulfilled in the New Testament. Statistics prove that all of these prophecies that we are going to look at today did not happen just by chance. Matter of fact, according to statisticians the probably of only eight of the prophecies of Jesus in the Old Testament happening by chance or by luck is 1 in 1 giga-zillion.

The study of the prophecies of Jesus Christ's first coming not only affirms our faith, but it builds our faith in the prophecies of the second coming of Jesus.

Let's look at **seven of the 125 prophecies** of Christ that was predicted in the old testament and fulfilled in the new testament.

In Isaiah 7:14 Isaiah prophesies that the Messiah, God with us, would be born of a virgin

OT prophecy:

Isaiah 7:14 – “¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel [God with us].”

Fulfillment of that prophecy in the NT:

Luke 1:26, 27, 31, 32 “²⁶And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, ²⁷To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. ³¹And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. ³²He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest.”

Isn't that amazing, Isaiah prophesied and predicted that Jesus will be born of a virgin and that He would be God with us. This prophecy was accurately fulfilled in the New Testament. He was born of Mary a virgin, and He was God with us, the Son of God. Amen. Let's take a look at another prophecy about the Jesus first coming as a baby.

Did you know it was prophesied in Micah [book between Jonah and Nahum in the OT] that the Messiah was going to be born in the small town of Bethlehem?

OT prophecy:

Micah 5:2 – “²But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah {ef-raw'-thaw} *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting [eternal]. According to Genesis 35:19, Bethlehem was also known as Ephrathah {ef-raw'-thaw}.

Fulfillment of that prophecy in the NT:

Matthew 2:1 – “¹Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.”

Did you see it? Before Jesus was even born, it was prophesied and predicted that He would be born in Bethlehem and it was fulfilled as prophesied. Amazing! God word is true. It is accurate. Amen. Let's look at a prophecy concerning the death of Jesus on that Cross.

It was prophesied that Jesus would ride upon a colt as a King

OT prophecy:

Zechariah 9:9 - 9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

Fulfillment of that prophecy in the NT:**Matthew 21:4-9**

4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,
 5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.
 6 And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,
 7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.
 8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.
 9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

It was prophesied that Jesus would be betrayed by one of His disciples**OT prophecy:****Psalms 41:9**

9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

Fulfillment of that prophecy in the NT:**John 13:18-21, 26 and 27**

18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.
 19 Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.
 20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.
 21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.
 26 Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.
 27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

Did you know that nearly one thousand years before the death of the Messiah, King David, prophesied that the Messiah, Our Saviour would die a violent death on the cross and that some will divide His garments and gamble or cast lots for a piece of His torn clothing?**OT prophecy:**

Psalms 22:16,18 ¹⁶For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. ¹⁸They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture [clothing].

Fulfillment of that prophecy in the NT:

Mark 15:24 – “²⁴And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.”

It was prophesied that those who would put Jesus on the cross would basically gamble for His clothes and it was accurately fulfilled in the NT as prophesied in the OT. Are you getting a picture of how the fulfillment of prophecy works? Amen. Now let's look at one more prophecy. Let's look at a prophecy concerning the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Do you know that it was prophesied in the OT in Hosea 6:2 that the Messiah, Jesus Christ, would rise on the third day after His crucifixion and death?

OT prophecy:

Hosea 6:1, 2 – This is Hosea prophesying to the people of Judah, ¹Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up ²After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.”

Fulfillment of that prophecy in the NT:

Acts 10:39-40 – Concerning Jesus, “³⁹And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: ⁴⁰Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly”

Prophesied that NOT one bone in Jesus body will be broken

OT Prophecy

Psalms 34:20 - He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

NT Fulfillment

John 19:36 - For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

We are **ON RED ALERT** by Jesus Christ Himself and the only way to be ready is to clearly understand and take heed to the end-time prophecies in the Word of God.

Daniel and Revelation – Issues the **GREAT RED ALERT!** It is the alarm clock and prophetic time clock of where we are in relation to the end of time!

OT: Daniel (judge of God) has 12 chapters, but are divided into 2 books. 1st half Daniel (Chapters 1 – 6) reveals the character we **MUST** develop in order to make it through the last days and make it into God's heavenly kingdom.

2nd half Chapter 7 – 12 are prophecies built from prophecy and life's lessons in Daniel chapter 2.

NT: Revelation (To reveal / appearing) 22 Books (2 books in one) The 1st half Revelation 1-11 and 2nd half Revelation 12 – 22. Both take you from history to the second coming of Jesus.

Daniel and Revelation are sister books that MUST be studied!

Noah and the FLOOD

God gave Noah a Red ALERT message that the earth was going to be destroyed by a worldwide flood because the imaginations of the world was evil continually. He told Noah to build an ark of safety and that everyone who gets aboard will be saved from destruction. This was a direct prophecy by

God. He gave them 120 years! Faithfully Noah gave the RED ALERT! When the time of the flood came only Noah and his family heeded the warning. The majority of the world rejected the RED ALERT and was doomed to death.

Jesus says,

Luke 17:26-29

26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

Do you have a more sure word of Bible prophecy? The storm is coming. The wind is already blowing and it is about to get stronger and stronger. The whole world will get hit by the storm. Those who built their foundation on self, feelings, others, money, entertainment, career, worldliness, Babylonian wine, etc are on sifting sand. They will fall and be over taken. The only one who will be standing are those who have built their faith on the rock, Jesus Christ. They have a more sure word of Bible prophecy. Is that you?

At the time of Jesus first coming the majority of God's people ignored the RED ALERT! When Jesus personally ministered to His people face to face the majority ignored the RED ALERT – Israel probation closed as prophesied. Today the RED ALERT from Daniel and Revelation is sounding! Jesus is coming extremely soon. The majority of the people will ignore it or cannot hear it because too many other things are turned up in their lives. Do you hear it! What are you going to do?

.....A MORE SURE WORD OF PROPHECY APPEAL & COMMITMENT.....