

Prophecy!

What is prophecy?

There is within God's Word, the Christian Bible, certain passages that relate to certain world events that were written by men whom the Creator God was using to express His will for all humanity, [Amos 3:7].

These inspired words of God were written well before the events happened, in the history of humanity and some are yet to come to fulfilment.

Some of these prophecies are dual, that is, referring to an event that has happened in part, but is yet to happen in full.

How was God able to make these prophecies?

Isaiah 46:8-10 [New King James] *“Remember this, and show yourselves men; recall to mind, O you transgressors. Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.’”*

God understands the “end from the beginning” because His is not limited by time and space, these were part of His physical creation.

God is also eternal, that is, He had no beginning and no creator.

Revelation 1:8 [New King James] *“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,’ says the Lord, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’”*

This is Jesus Christ who was about to reveal major prophecies of future world events to the apostle John.

John 1:1-3, 14 [New King James] *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” ... “And the Word became 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.”*

Referring to Jesus Christ who was one Person within the One Triune God, the other Persons being God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

The Greek word translated “beginning” is “archē” meaning commencement, which comes from a root word meaning commencement of time and order.

God has power over the nations –

Psalms 33:10-11 [New King James] *“The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.”*

As we all too well know, human leaders can make promises and plans but so often they come to nothing.

In total contrast, what God has planned for all humanity will come to fruition, in the time that He prophesied.

Psalms 2:1-4 [New King James] *“Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, ‘Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.’ He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the LORD shall hold them in derision.”*

Human plans do **not** come to fruition because they are **not** in harmony with the will of their Creator God.

Isaiah 40:15 [New King James] *“Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the scales; look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing.”*

All the power and authority of all the nations and their physical leaders are less than worthless compared with the Creator God.

Isaiah 40:21-23 [New King James] *“Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless.”*

The Creator God created the whole universe as easily as we draw a curtain across a window.

Isaiah 40:25-26 [New King James] *“To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?” says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; not one is missing.”*

The Creator God who set in motion the whole universe, thus creating time and space, knows the name of each of the billions of stars in the billions of galaxies, also has total control over their movement.

Principles of understanding prophecy –

Psalms 111:10 [New King James] *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.”*

The first and foremost condition to understanding prophecy is obedience to God’s Word, the Christian Bible, and a deep, humble respect for our Creator and Sustainer, the one and only Triune God, [Proverbs 1:7; Proverbs 9:10].

Daniel 12:9-10 [New King James] *“And he said, ‘Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.”*

Daniel had just been given detailed prophecies of events that would happen at the **“end time,” that is, at the time just prior to and at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to this earth.**

Yet Daniel did **not** understand what he had been given, [verse 8].

Only the wise, those who feared and obeyed God, would know what these prophecies meant and then only those alive at the time of their fulfilment.

1 Corinthians 2:7-11 [New King James] *“But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: ‘Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.’ But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all*

things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.”

All prophetic events will, in God’s chosen time, be revealed to humanity through the Holy Spirit, to those true Christians who love God.

1 Corinthians 13:9 [New King James] *“For we know in part and we prophesy in part.”*

The Greek word translated “*prophecy*” is “*prōphētēuō*” meaning an inspired speaker **not** limited as to future events but the expounding of all of God’s Word, the Christian Bible, as the Holy Spirit works in and through them, [**John 16:13**].

Acts 5:32 [New King James] *“And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.”*

The Holy Spirit is **only** given to those who obey God’s Word, the Christian Bible.

2 Timothy 1:7 [New King James] *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”*

It is the Holy Spirit which gives a person a sound mind, unlike the false prophets who are influenced by the unsound mind of Satan, being a liar, [**John 8:44**], and murderer.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 [New King James] *“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”*

Satan, who was originally Lucifer, the bringer of light, [**Isaiah 14:12-15**] until he was demoted by God, still considers himself to a being who reveals the truth [light].

1 John 4:1-6 [New King James] *“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.”*

We are to test all who say that they are inspired speakers, to be sure we know who is the being who is inspiring them, God or Satan!

God’s Church is unified in prophetic understanding –

Proverbs 3:5-7 [New King James] *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil.”*

As individuals we cannot fully understand what God is telling all humanity through His True Church.

Amos 3:7 [New King James] *“Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.”*

What God is about to do to bring about His will for all humanity He will reveal through His True Church.

2 Peter 1:20-21 [New King James] *“knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”*

Individually we cannot fully understand what God has prophesied will happen to humanity in the future, it is **only** those whom the Holy Spirit leads into all truth about the future who will know.

John 16:13 [New King James] *“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”*

Note the last part of this scripture, “tell you things to come.”

Hebrews 13:7 [Amplified Bible] *“Remember your leaders and superiors in authority, for it is they who brought to you the Word of God. Observe attentively and consider their manner of living, the outcome of their well-spent lives and imitate their faith. That is their conviction that God exists and is Creator and ruler of all things, the Provider and bestower of eternal salvation through Christ, and their leaning of their entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom and goodness.”*

Seek for such Christian leaders, for it is through them and the people they teach, motivated and inspired by the Holy Spirit working in and through them, that God will lead you into all truth and reveal the will of God for all humanity.