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Jeremiah 33:3 3 ‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’

Lesson 1

**March 29–April 4*

Some Principles of Prophecy

SABBATH AFTERNOON

Read for This Week's Study: Jer. 29:23, 24; Ps. 139:1–6; Dan. 12:4; Rev. 22:10; 2 Tim. 3:15–17; Heb. 4:12.

Memory Text: “ ‘But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,’ says the LORD” (Jeremiah 9:24, NKJV).

As with most everything else in Scripture, **Christians disagree about prophecy**, which often convinces others that Bible prophecy is a waste of time. After all, if Christians fight over every prophetic jot and tittle, how valid could it be? **Unfortunately, many believers also begin to think that some books of the Bible, like Revelation, are simply incomprehensible.** Instead of reading them, they avoid them, sometimes with the encouragement of a well-meaning pastor who thinks that studying prophecy causes more problems than it solves.

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Yes, **some early Christians questioned whether the Book of Revelation should be considered canonical. The book was debated in the early church,** and its canonical status was not always clear.

Reasons for questioning Revelation

- **Difficulty to understand:** Some found the book obscure and nonsensical, with internal contradictions and strange creatures and scenery
- **Doctrinal concerns:** Some passages were felt to be doctrinally suspect, such as the portrayal of the spiritual heavens and the mention of seven holy spirits

Reasons for accepting Revelation

- **Early positive reception:** Revelation was initially well received in many parts of the church
- **Support from early church fathers:** Revelation was quoted by early church fathers as authoritative

<https://hermeneutics.stackexchange.com/questions/13997/what-historical-reasons-resulted-in-revelation-being-included-in-most-christian#:~:text=On the other hand, many, Montanists use Revelation so often.>

@Bloch I'm sure hermeneutical studies(if your interested) shed considerable light on the Book of Revelations. **The greatest reason why it is canonical is it's authenticity; Polycarp was a disciple of John and attested to it's veracity; both Irenaeus and Hippolytus have written and exegeted it. Justin Martyr, a disciple of Polycarp quotes it and Jerome states it authorship and included it in the Vulgate. Modern criticism in it's desire to affirm it's date before 70AD has attempted to challenge it's canonicity, but further evidence has established it's composition between 92-95AD. –**

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Revelation contains a higher percentage of Old Testament allusions in its verses than any other New Testament work (278 allusions in 404 verses).⁶ Also lending credence to the Jewishness of the author, Revelation uses many semitisms and grammatical solecisms that a Greek would be unlikely to use.⁷

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It was not always so. **For the first eighteen centuries of Christian history**, most Christians were very comfortable with biblical prophecy, and there was a surprising level of agreement on what the key messages of the prophecies were. This is how God intended for it to be: "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1:10, NKJV).

This week, we will explore some principles that yield a consistent and reliable understanding of prophecy.

**Study this week's lesson to prepare for Sabbath, April 5.*

SUNDAY

March 30

Whoever Reads, Let Him Understand

Walk into any Christian bookstore and scan through the titles on Bible prophecy. You will quickly discover that there is a mind-boggling assortment of views and interpretations, and it can be tempting to believe that no one can truly understand

what books like Revelation are saying. **For example, one author says the antichrist is nothing but a metaphor; another says he is still coming in the future; and another that he was a reference to something or someone in the days of the pagan Roman Empire.** As one old preacher put it, "Perhaps the Bible is like an old violin; you can play any tune you'd like on it."

The Bible itself, however, does not suggest any such thing. Instead, it invites us to read, assuming that God is not speaking in vain, and that we can know the truth of what He is saying through His Word.

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Read Matthew 24:15; Revelation 1:3; Matthew 11:29; and Jeremiah 9:23, 24. What do these texts suggest about God's intention to make Himself understood?

Matthew 24:15 15 "Therefore **when you see the 'abomination of desolation,'** spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (**whoever reads, let him understand**),

Blessed is he who reads

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

learn from Me

Matthew 11:29 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

>>> this is a personal invitation from Jesus. Where can you find a better teacher.

glory in this, That he understands and knows Me

Jeremiah 9:23 23 Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might, Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches; 24 But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I *am* the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.

Lead me in Your truth and teach me: **NIL:**

Psalms 25:5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You *are* the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.

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Many universities offer courses on “The Bible as Literature,” or something similar. For the believer, it can be astonishing to sit through countless lectures, only to discover that the professor reads the Bible the same way one might read pagan mythology. The idea is that there may be a kernel of moral “truth” in the stories, but one can make of the stories whatever one wishes. To these teachers, the idea that this book was inspired by God is laughable.

Thus, the instructor reads the Bible but does not hear the voice of God speaking.

Others come to conclusions clearly at odds with the message of the Bible. Without being surrendered to the Lord, and without a heart open to learning the truth, those who read the Bible will likely come away not only missing its message but misunderstanding the loving and holy character of the God revealed in its pages. This could be easier to do than many realize, which is why just reading the Bible, but without the right tools and (most importantly) the right attitude, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, can be hurtful.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

]]> if you really want to learn and understand the Bible, the best way to approach it is essay learner, a student of the Lord.

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Jeremiah 33:3 3 ‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’

Ask Me of things to come : [NIL:](#)

Isaiah 45:11 11 Thus says the Lord, The Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: “Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons; And concerning the work of My hands, you command Me.

>>> God has an open door policy...

Someone not known to be pious was found reading the Bible. When asked what he was doing, he responded, “Looking for loopholes. Looking for loopholes.” Why is that exactly the wrong attitude to have when reading God’s Word?