END TIMES

What You Should Know
What You Can Do

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Watch the accompanying videos for *End Times* at www.debbietaylorwilliams.com/

The written and video materials are humbly shared with you not as one who is a scholar of eschatology nor as one intent on defending a certain position. Rather, I invite you to join me in reading the scriptures with fresh eyes and childlike wonder, praying the Lord enlighten the eyes of your heart.

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe." Ephesians 1:18-19

A Bad Prognosis with a Happy Ending

I saw the signs. I was in the wilderness in a cabin. Opening the door to enjoy the fresh mountain air, I noticed dark movement in the woods. Was it a bear? "Close the door," my brain warned. Before I could, the bear raced toward me. Instinctively, I turned and covered my face with my hands. Trying to slow my racing heart, I irrationally attempted to stop quivering, hoping the bear would sniff my hair, decide I was harmless as a rock, and move on. It was a futile attempt. Huge furry arms enveloped me.

Many of us consider the Bible's warning of end times as I did the bear. We see the movement. The darkening of our nation and world is upon us. Yet we hope that if we turn off the news the darkness will go away and everything will be okay. That is not the case. The Bible speaks clearly about the days ahead. This session will answer the question, "Why study Bible prophesy?"

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To dismiss prophecy is to dismiss one-third of the Bible.[1]
Max Lucado

1. Second Timothy 3:16-17 tells us why we should read and apply Biblical teachings, which includes prophecy. Check the benefits below.

   All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

   _____Prophecy is God breathed.
   _____Prophecy is useful.
   _____Prophecy will equip me for every good work.

2. Revelation 1:3 tells us two other reasons to study prophecy. Record the reasons in the blanks below.

[1] Tipping Point, Jimmy Evans, Foreward by Max Lucado, XO Publishing, 2020

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

I will be _____.
The time is _____.

How exciting that reading prophecy comes with the promise of being blessed.

4. First Thessalonians 4:13 adds to our reasons for studying. Check the following two true statements.

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.
1 Thessalonians 4:13

____We study to be informed.
____We study so we are hope-filled Christians.
____We study to know the exact hour and day Jesus is returning.

5. Based on 1 Thessalonians 4:18, check the following statement that expresses the intent of Scripture.

Therefore encourage one another with these words.
1 Thessalonians 4:18

____Scripture is meant to encourage us by seeing that God is in control.
____Scripture is meant to discourage us when we see God's plan.

6. Jesus intentionally prophesied His death, ascension to heaven, and that Satan would rule the world after His departure. In John 14:27-31 He explained to His disciples why He was telling them what was going to happen before it occurred. Record Christ's reason.

Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe.
John 14:27

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Yes, there are reasons to study prophecy. It is a significant portion of the Bible. It increases our faith, informs, instructs, equips, encourages, and blesses us.

End Times: What You Can Do

My bad dream about the bear would not have had a happy ending if I'd remained asleep. Many people look at end times like I did the bear - no happy ending. However, when we wake up to the truth about the end times, repent of sin, and confess Jesus as Lord, we find our happy ending in Christ.

Now that you know there are important reasons to read and heed prophecy, will you act on the portion of our study, "What You Can Do"? First, be sure you are prepared to meet Jesus. "Assurance of Salvation" verses and "How to Know Jesus" can be found at debbietaylorwilliams.com. Second, be the light pointing others to Jesus. Share a point or quote from our study on Instagram or Facebook along with the link to the study; inviting them to join us. Share your testimony with an unsaved person and invite them to church.

Complete the following sentence. On the basis of today's study, I can and will…..

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VIDEO NOTES (Record points from the video you want to remember or further study.)

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Which of the reasons for studying prophecy from today's Bible study most encourages you to read and heed God's Word?

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2. In the video, Debbie added to the ways knowing God's prophetic Word is a gift to you. How does being familiar with prophecy help you?

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3. What points from the video do you want to remember and/or study more in-depth?

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4. What is the "golden nugget" you want to remember from this week?

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5. How is God speaking to you? What action will you take as a result?

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Write a prayer asking God to enlighten the eyes of your heart (Ephesians 1:18) to understand His prophetic words and to increase your faith so you are a hope-filled Christian who points others to Jesus.

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You can leave your comments about the study, what you are learning, and how it is impacting you on the End Times Online Bible Study page at debbie@debbietaylorwilliams.com.

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