



Bible Prophecy Guide

Prophecy Speaks Hope

Summary 4

Revelation 12:7-9 – The Bible says war originally began in heaven. The Greek word for war here is “polemos” of which our modern day word is polemics, and is the word associated with argument or debate. So Satan warred against God and took a 1/3rd of the angels with him when he was cast out of heaven.

Genesis 3:4-5 – Satan promised Eve the knowledge of good and evil.

Romans 7:15 – When we try to do what's right we struggle, when we do what's wrong, we find it to be easy. We are thus born with the inherited nature of fallen man.

Romans 1:18-20 – Whether you know God or not, you sense a tension within between good and evil.

Jeremiah 17:9 – We can't trust ourselves. We are easily deceived.

Job 1:6-7 – Satan roams the earth today.

1 Thessalonians 2:18 – Satan tries to hinder us from following God and doing His will.

Ephesians 2:1-2 – Satan works in the lives of the wicked.

John 8:43-44 – Satan is a liar and cannot be trusted.

2 Corinthians 4:4 – Satan blinds his followers so that they will follow.

Isaiah 14:12-14 – Lucifer fell from heaven because he sought to take the place of God. Pride filled his heart and blinded him to the beauty and majesty of God.

Luke 10:18 – The Bible is clear that Satan fell from heaven. Thus the dragon in Revelation 12 and Lucifer in Isaiah are one in the same. They both are referring to Satan himself.

Genesis 3:15 - Jesus prophesied from the moment sin entered into man's heart a promise of redemption, that the controversy would one day be ended.

Genesis 4:1-8 - In anticipation of that plan, God from the beginning gave man direction on how to worship and His specifics are to be taken seriously.

Exodus 25:8-9, 40 – God instructed man to make Him a sanctuary after the pattern He gave them. He was very specific and His instructions were to be followed carefully. He did this for the purpose of dwelling with them.

Psalm 77:13 – God's plan of Salvation can be understood by a careful study of the Sanctuary.

Leviticus 4:27-31 – If you lived back in the Old Testament period and sinned, you had to take a lamb or goat and confess your sins over it and kill it. Then the priest took the blood (blood represented life) of the lamb and placed it in the Holy Place of the sanctuary. This meant that your sins were now transferred via the lamb into the sanctuary and no longer resided with you. This took place throughout the year, which means that by the end of the year, the sanctuary contained all the sins collected throughout the year.

Leviticus 16:15-17, 7, 20 - Once a year they cleansed the sanctuary of all the sin that had collected there. This day was called the Day of Atonement and was essentially a day of judgment. After the High Priest interceded before God via the blood of the sacrificed goat, he would take the other goat which remained alive and place symbolically all the sins of the sanctuary on it. Then they sent this live goat out into the wilderness to die on its own. Thus the sanctuary was now cleansed and the only way sin could reside in the camp is if someone failed to confess all their sins. This was a time of judgment for Israel.

The sanctuary was God's means of instructing His people with regards to the plan of salvation. Since the Savior had yet to come, God used ceremony and symbol to illustrate the story of redemption. We see in the sanctuary that sin isn't completely dealt with until the Sanctuary is cleansed. Based on the sequence of the Sanctuary, Jesus must have gone into the Holy Place upon leaving earth and then at some later point into the Most Holy Place. Then when the Day of Atonement is over, we should see Jesus. A careful study of Revelation and its symbols demonstrates the truth of this.

Revelation 4:5 – We see the 7 lamps of fire referred to here before the throne. This reminds us of the candlesticks in the Holy Place. Jesus went into the Holy Place upon His ascension into heaven to continue His redemptive plan.

Revelation 5:4-7 – Jesus prevailed as the Lamb. The number 7 is symbolic of perfection and here we see highly symbolic language. But the point is He is worthy. And we should note that from Him is sent the 7 spirits into the World which reminds us of his promise to send the Holy Spirit which took place at Pentecost. We see here that Jesus went into the Holy Place phase of His ministry upon His ascension into heaven. Revelation 4 & 5 takes place at the same time as Pentecost in Acts 2.

John 16:5-11 – The Holy Spirit was sent to convict man of the plan of salvation, the need for repentance, (of Jesus and His ministry on earth (the courtyard)), of righteousness (of our need of His Sanctifying power in our lives through the Holy Spirit (Holy Place)), and the judgment (of His promise to judge the world and separate the righteous from the wicked (Most Holy Place & day of Atonement)). Thus we see the Holy Spirit is integral to our being justified, sanctified, and one day glorified.

Revelation 11:19 – Later in the book we see the Ark of the Covenant suggesting a progression in the Sanctuary.

Revelation 15:8 - Here we see the conclusion of the intercession on the day of atonement signaling the judgment and close of probation.

If you consider the layout of Revelation, you see the glimpses into the sanctuary offer structure and direction in your interpretation of the book. This will be seen better as we progress in our series.

Colossians 2:13-14, 16-17 – Jesus, the Lamb of God, fulfilled the old testament sanctuary system at the cross so that now it would be senseless to practice its ceremonies that pointed toward Calvary. The shadow has met the substance Paul says.

Matthew 27:51 – When Jesus died on Calvary's cross, the temple veil was torn from top to bottom. Thus was signified the reality that Jesus the Lamb was slain for our sake, meaning the sanctuary service was no longer necessary.

Romans 6:23 – Jesus died on Calvary's cross for us.

John 3:16 – God sent His Son to die on our behalf.

Hebrews 1:5-6 - Jesus became a son for us.

Hebrews 2:11 – Jesus, who now is called a son too, is not ashamed to call us His brothers if we have accepted His gift.

Revelation 12:9-12 – Heaven rejoiced after Calvary because now it was clear who Lucifer (the devil) was and who Jesus is.

1 Peter 5:8 – Satan is going about as a roaring lion seeing who he might devour.

2 Timothy 3:1-6 – The Bible warned us long ago that in these last days we would see a people who though having a form of godliness, really were in love with pleasure and themselves. The self-help books of today suggest our problems lie with the fact that we don't love ourselves as we should but the Bible says otherwise. Satan's original lie that we can be like God by doing as we wilt is still a lie present with us.

Matthew 26:41 – The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

Matthew 24:22 – Jesus says that He will shorten the last days for the sake of the righteous for if He were not to, not a single person would survive.

John 12:31-33 - Satan showed himself at Calvary as did Jesus. The great controversy climaxed at Calvary and hence the victory is won, but the final stages must play out so that this controversy will never raise its ugly head again. So the universe watches as mankind makes his or her choice. Sin is rotting in our midst, and the smell will finally so nauseate heaven, that Jesus will step in.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – Our bodies are likened unto a temple, a temple where God longs to dwell. That is God wants to dwell in us which means so unite himself with us

1 Corinthians 6:15-17 - He likens our unity with Him as to a husband and wife. In fact, he calls us His bride. When a husband and wife came together in sexual union, the Bible records it as

Adam “knew” Eve. God desires to dwell in us. In fact, he came as one of us to show us what this indwelling looks like.

John 14:10 – The Father carried out His works in the Son. In other words, Jesus depended upon the Father to work in and through Him as we are to depend upon Him to work through us.

John 1:18 – The Bible says that Jesus was in the bosom of the father. This is as if to say Jesus was in the heart of God suggesting a deep seated intimacy between the two. Such an experience God desires to have with us.

John 17:21 – Jesus invites us to share in this experience that He had while on earth.

John 12:23-24 – Jesus likened himself to a seed which was planted and in death to self, a plant was created that bore fruit. He demonstrated this at Calvary and this was when He was glorified.

Romans 12:1 – We are to be a living sacrifice, holy unto God. This is giving glory to God. See Rev. 14:7.

Matthew 16:24 – We experience the reality of the cross when we deny self.

Luke 22:57 – To deny self means that when the old self tries to rise up, we say, “I don’t know you.”

1 Corinthians 2:2 – When we are crucified with Christ, we desire to know nothing but Jesus.

Galatians 2:20 - When we are crucified with Christ we no longer live but He lives in us.

Colossians 1:27 – When Christ is in us, we share in the hope of glory.

Romans 8:18 – The present sufferings pale against the glory we find in Jesus.

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 – Jesus saves us from our past, our present, and will save us when He comes. Thus our glory is as nothing.

1 John 3:2 – To experience this glory is to be like Him.

Philippians 1:6 – God can and will complete His good work in us if we will allow Him.

2 Corinthians 3:18 – God desires to change our characters into that of His character.

Hebrews 12:1-2 – In looking to Jesus, we will discover His power to change us.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-8 – God will have to destroy those who never knew Him, who refused to obey the gospel. Responding to the gospel involves obedience. That is, choosing to know Him and spend time with Him day by day, because RELATIONSHIPS TAKE TIME.

2 Corinthians 10:5 – Who we think upon is who will have our hearts. To think upon Christ is to obey Christ.

Luke 6:45 – Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Revelation 22:11 – The day will come when the inhabitants of this world will finally have taken their stand for or against Christ.

Revelation 22:17 – It's our choice as to whether we will accept the gift or not.

Revelation 12:17 – Satan is still making war (polemos) against the righteous. Satan is defeated but we are his last tool to get at Jesus. It is a war of the heart and mind. Satan seeks your allegiance.

Joshua 24:15 - . . . *Choose you this day whom ye will serve . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.*

Jude 24-25 – God is able to keep you from stumbling and able to present you faultless.

The choice is yours. Today you can choose life based on God's Word. Take Him at His Word and believe that He is not only able to save you from your past sin, but able to free you from your present sin. But it requires daily dying to self, thinking upon Him rather than self. Satan will ever seek to raise doubt in your mind, but remember if God said it, I believe it, and that's good enough for me. Remember, those who will be lost will be those who never knew Him. Come to know Him today if you haven't already, and enter into the joy of the Lord.