

Bible Prophecy Basics

1. Bible prophecy is the future revealed in advance by God.
2. Much of Bible prophecy has come true already. For instance, Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53 talked about the things that would happen to Jesus when He came the first time, before they even happened. Psalm 22:16 told us that Jesus would die by crucifixion 1,000 years before it happened.
3. Because so much has come true already, we can be sure that the rest of Bible prophecy will come true also.
4. The places in the Bible that we can find a lot of future Bible prophecy are Matthew Chapter 24, the Book of Revelation, the Book of Daniel, and the Book of Isaiah.
5. As we look through Matthew 24, we find the following:
 - a. 24:6-8, wars and natural disasters throughout human history
 - b. 24:5, 11-12, 23-28, false religion and false teaching
 - c. 24:9-10, persecution of Christians because of their faith
 - d. 24:29-31, the Second Coming of Jesus Christ
 - e. 24:36, that nobody can say for sure when the end will come, so anybody who says they know is a false prophet
 - f. 24:45-51, that we need to be ready to meet Jesus at all times, because we don't know when He is coming back
6. Revelation 22:18-19 warns people against adding more prophecy to what is in the Bible, or saying that any of the Bible is not true.
7. Isaiah 8:19-20 warns us not to look outside the Bible to tell the future, for witchcraft and the occult are of evil, not of God.
8. As long as we follow God faithfully, we won't have to worry about anything bad happening, because in the end we can know that Jesus will take care of us always (John 14:1-6; Revelation 22:20-21).

For further reference, please see "End Times Bible Prophecy Study", posted on www.firmfoundationri.com, or request a copy from the church.