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"Prophecy in the New Testament".

15 1968 IN BIBLE

PROPHECY?

Intrd:- (1). PROPHECY! What a tremendous, intriguing subject for any man to study..to listen to! God guide... I have not brought along my CRYSTAL BALL..(McKenzie King) Nor pack of CARDS to shuffle,,cut. I have no TEA*CUP here Not going look at your PALMS. Or examine BUMPS ON HEAD.. (Phrenology.."phrenos".."mind"..) No mind reader. No powers of hyponotism..I WILL HAVE NO DEALINGS WITH SPIRITS except Holy Spirit. I come merely as mortal/man..limited. (2). But I come with the WORD OF GOD..This miracle Book. And what I say tonight must be checked always, and careful with this Book. It MUST match the BOOK..c/f Isa. 8:20. This is our constant safeguard..our defence against deceit. Open the Book then with me..seek truth of its pages. Bible?

I. Let me begin with question..WHAT IS PROPHECY?

(a). It is NOT the speculation of smart men. Some might guess a future trend..a general result of certain forces in action. So-called polit. pundits..news analysts do that ev. day. Weather forecasters try hard! Sports writers.

(b). Bible prophecy utterly diff. In three ways:-

1. It was process utterly beyond and apart from men. No man can see tomorrow. Impossible. We are limited to NOW. See I Pet.1:11-12. Something beyond own understanding.
2. It was done in minute detail..quite diff, from GENERAL human spec..c/f Zech. 11:13, 12:10. 13:6. Myriads of such
3. It was done by the Spirit of God. Rev. 1:10, II Pet.1:19-21. Proph. came not of the finite, but of the infinite. plan..

II. Now, with this in mind..seek pinpoint 1968 in proph.

(a). We are in the post-Bible Age..living AFTER all inspir proph. been recorded. O.T. contains hundreds of prophecies espec. concerning LJC..Ev. one of those referring to His earthly life, crucifixion, resurrec, atoning work, ascensio were literally, exactly fulfilled. c/f Ps. 22:1. Isa. 7:14..Dan. 9:25-26...Great proof of inspir. of Bible.

(b). Then came N.T..Record of the "fulfillment"..filling full of proph.."Fulfill" 40 times in Gospels and Acts. c/f Matt.2:14-15. Nature of proph..Stream ~~SP~~ history flows into its mold..fills it full. c/f God's plan for me. Virgin birth..Calvary..resurrec..all faithfully recorded. Then N.T. also contains RE-AFFIRMATION AND ELABORATION..of multitude of proph. yet in future..lying beyond the history covered by N.T..that is, beyond about 100 A.D. (c). Since then, mankind been living in the HIDDEN AGE..Dispens. of Grace. Unknown in O.T..O.T. proph. saw 2 mtn peaks..not the valley bet. Thus question c

Mc. 5:2

7 c/f ENOCH
ERIDAN (SEARCHED) ② Got used to it - its coming!

Then at last came the great revelations God gave to Paul..
Read about some of them:- Rom.16:25..Gal.1:11-12..Ephes.3:2-6,
Col.1:21-27. In real sense this is the "PAULINE AGE"..and it
was totally hidden from the O.T. prophets..even from 12 apostle
Thus they gave us no prophecy for our days. Never suspected...
Paul gave us ONE GREAT PROPHECY concerning this Age...
I Cor. 15:51-52...I Thess. 4:13-18...Titus 2:11-14..
Rev. 4:1-2.. Paul was given rev. of both beginning and end
of this Age of Grace. And for this event WE ARE TO LOOK..
AND LET THE LOOKING AFFECT THE LIVING..I John 3:1-3.

III. Thus we wait..for Lord from heaven..AND THEN THE HEREAFTER

(a). Simply means the "after here". At this point we enter
the prophetic door indeed..What lies beyond the catching away?
Bible is precise, exact, certain. FIRST:- For the Christian..
God's child..born again...either by death or translation..
HEAVEN! II Cor. 5:6-8..Phil. 1:23..Translated.."With the Lord"
And in heaven..the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST...Rom.14:10-12.
II Cor. 5:10..I Cor. 3:11-15. Account of "himSELF"..DEEDS DON
Later on we shall return WITH the Lord..Jude 14..Rev. 19:11-16
We shall return to take up appointed places..Rev. 5:8-10..
and finally enter into new heaven and earth..Rev. 21:1-2.

(b). For unsaved world. Darkest of pictures..II Thess
2:1-12. Three stages to take place..here given in invert.
or entimastic order. 1. The H.S. is to be taken away.."HE"
a person. One who hinders work of evil. c/f (Isa.59:19.)
With Him, the Church.."always". 2. Man of sin revealed..AntiX/..
Opposite of X..Son of perdition..per. mirac. born..forming
mock trinity..Devil, AntiX, False Prophet..Mock resurrec..
(Rev. 13). Coming to sieze world rule..prevent X from taking.
3. A great falling away..following this great AntiX..Super-
Communist. Forsaking all that of true God..Pressed by decrees
of False Prophet..Rev. 13:15-17. Taking fatal mark of Beast..
In this last time..oft called Tribulation..culminating in period
called Great Tribulation..most of dreadful scenes of Bk. of Rev
take place..war..famine..plagues..death rampant..terrestrial
upheavals..stellar disturbances, in sun, moon, stars. SATAN...
And then will come that GREAT DAY OF THE LORD..II Thess. 1:7-9..
Rev. 20:1-15. And "Jesus shall reign where're the sun, doth
his successive journeys run. His kingdom stretch from
shore to shore, till moon shall wax and wane no more".

CONCLUS:- 1. A last question constantly remains.. "WHEN"?
Our Lord's disciples asked it..Matt. 24:3. In ans. He gave
them 17 signs. Can you find our place...Read them...THERE!
2. And then a personal question:- What all this mean to me? You?
One thing:- BE READY. At any moment..twink. of eye. Today?
Perb. Are unfinished Business? Attend to it at once!
ings..a. Salvation. b. Service. c. Separation. ③

3 STAGES - WE ABOUT END
OF 2ND PHASE AT DOGS
SHADOWS
FALLING