



Prophecy Is a Major Part of Divine Revelation

Number of Verses in the Bible: 31,124

Number of Predictions in the Old Testament: 1,239

Number of O.T. Verses that Contain Predictions: 6,641 out of 23,210

Percent of the Old Testament that is Prophecy: 28.5%

Number of Predictions in the New Testament: 578

Number of N. T. Verses that Contain Predictions: 1,711 out of 7,914

Percent of the New Testament that is Prophecy: 21.5%

Percent of the Whole Bible that is Prophecy: 27%

Number of Separate Prophetic Topics in the Bible: 737³

³ J. Barton Payne, *Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1980), 674–75.

Consider these facts:

- ❖ Of the 333 prophecies concerning Christ, only 109 were fulfilled by His first coming, leaving 224 yet to be fulfilled in the Second Coming.
- ❖ There are over 300 references to the Lord's coming in the 260 chapters of the New Testament— one out of every 30 verses.
- ❖ Twenty-three of the 27 New Testament books mention the Lord's coming.
- ❖ Jesus refers to His second coming at least twenty-one times.
- ❖ [There are] 1,527 Old Testament passages [that] refer to the Second Coming.
- ❖ For every time the Bible mentions the first coming, the Second Coming is mentioned eight times.
- ❖ People are exhorted to be ready for the return of Jesus Christ over fifty times.⁴

⁴ John MacArthur Jr., *The Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ* (Valencia, CA: Word of Grace Communications, 1981), 1.

Why Study Revelation?

1. Revelation is the book of consummation. It tells us the ending of the story that began in Genesis 1

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2. Revelation is also important because it reveals and reaffirms many of the great doctrines of Scripture. Revelation is theologically rich.

Revelation Is Rich In Theology

Eschatology	Study of the End Times
Hamartiology	Study of Sin
Anthropology	Study of Man
Angelology	Study of Angels
Ecclesiology	Study of the Church
Soteriology	Study of Salvation

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- He is God (Revelation 1:17; see also Isaiah 44:6).
- He is worshipped as God (Revelation 5:13).
- He is the focus of all history and prophecy (19:10).
- Salvation comes through Christ alone by faith alone in His death on the cross (1:5).
- Only His blood can wash away our sins (5:9; 7:14).
- He is the Lion of Judah who is coming again as King of kings and Lord of lords (19:16).

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4. Revelation unveils the total depravity of man, who deserves judgment, and shows man's desperate need for the grace of God.

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5. Revelation is saturated with the Old Testament. John believes the Old Testament Scripture is the Word of God, and he claims that his own message is divinely inspired and authoritative (1:2).

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6. One final reason to study Revelation is that it's the only book of the Bible that **contains a special blessing** for those who read it and keep the things written in it (Revelation 1:3).

The Three-Fold Blessing...

"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)

READ...HEAR...HEED

KEY VERSE

Revelation 1:7

“BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.” (Revelation 1:7)

“Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”

(1 John 3:2-3)