

WHY STUDY PROPHECY?  
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LONGING TO KNOW ABOUT THE FUTURE

*Ecclesiastes 3:11, Hebrews 1:12*

- **20%** of Americans believe that the world will end in the next two decades!
- As of 2010, Pew Research reported that **41%** of Americans **believe** Jesus will “probably” or “definitely” return to Earth by 2050.

THE LAST DAYS?

*1 Timothy 4:1, 2 Timothy 3:1, James 5:3, 1 Peter 1:20, 2 Peter 3:3*

THE REAL PROPHETS AND THE PHONIES

*Matthew 7:15-16, Deuteronomy 13, 18:9-22, Jeremiah 23:9-40, Ezekiel 12:21-14:11*

4 CHARACTERISTICS OF A REAL PROPHET

*Amos 7:14-15, Matthew 7:15-16, Isaiah 40:1-2, 1 Corinthians 14:3*

1. **Called**
2. **Character**
3. **Courage**
4. **Comfort**

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*Revelation 1:3, Revelation 19:10*

1. The Bible is a book on **prophecy**
  - **28.5%** of the Old Testament is about prophecy
  - **21.5%** of the New Testament is about prophecy
  - **27%** of the Bible is about prophecy
  - Of the 333 prophecies about Jesus, only 109 were fulfilled in his first coming leaving **224** yet to be fulfilled in his second coming.
2. There are **blessings** for those who study prophecy
  - **Read it**
  - **Hear it**
  - **Keep it**
3. It's all about **Jesus**

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**TALK IT OVER**

ICE BREAKER - Tim McGraw said in his country song, "Live Like You Were Dying" what would you do if you knew the end was coming soon for you?

1. What stood out to you about the message and why?
2. Read Colossians 3:2. Why do you think this is important as a Christian?
3. Many people look to other places to find direction for their life, why is it so important to look to God's word?
4. Why do you think so much of the Bible is about prophecy? What should we do as believers in light of this?
5. As a believer experience a great deal of blessing in your life as you seek to live by God's word and ways! Today take a moment and plan on how you will take the truth and live it out. Read Revelation 1:3 slowly. Focus on how you will secure your blessings as God's promises to reward those who seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)