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A Study of Futuristic Premillennialism

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Is the understanding of prophecy necessary for _____?

So, why study prophecy?

1. The Bible exhorts believers to interpret the Bible with _____ (2 Timothy 2:15).
2. The Bible teaches that God’s word is _____ for teaching, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
3. The Bible teaches that God promises His _____ upon those who know and obey the things of biblical prophecy (Revelation 1:3; 22:7)

“Did God reveal in Scripture anything that is so unimportant or trivial that it could be considered optional for Christians (Acts 20:20; 25, 27)? Where in the Bible does one find the slightest hint that prophetic matters should be avoided because they might be controversial or hard to understand?” -Richard Mayhue

I. SCRIPTURAL CONTENT

Consider the following seven facts about eschatological information in the Bible, especially Christ’s second coming:

1. In Scripture, _____ out of 66 books contain predictive information.
2. In the Bible _____ percent (8,352) of all verses (31,124) refer to prophetic issues.
3. In God’s Word, _____ percent (1845) of all prophetic verses (8352) refer to Christ’s second coming.
4. All _____ authors of the New Testament mention Christ’s second coming.
5. Next to the subject of faith/salvation, the theme of Christ’s _____ is most prominent in the New Testament.
6. Only _____ out of 27 New Testament books do not mention Christ’s second advent.
7. Of the approximately _____ specific biblical prophecies dealing with Christ’s two advents, one third deal with His first coming and two-thirds deal with His second coming.

II. SCRIPTURAL COMMANDS AND COMMENDATIONS

The Scriptures are full of command and commendation to those who strive to know and keep all of God’s Word. (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:42; Acts 5:20; Acts 20:27; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 1:10-11)

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III. SCRIPTURAL CONSEQUENCES

What are the benefits and blessings that come from knowing and obeying prophetic scriptures?

1. Fulfilled prophecy proves that the Bible is true and inspires _____ in Scripture (Acts 13:32-35 with 42-44).
2. The study of prophecy promotes _____ and provides the gateway to God’s blessing (Revelation 1:3, 22:7).
3. Prophetic material _____ the saints to refute those who mock the Christian hope (2 Peter 3:1-13).
4. Prophecy provides answers to _____ questions that are found nowhere else, such as the relationship between the resurrection and the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
5. Prophecy gives _____ for holy living today (1 Thessalonians 5:6-9; Titus 2:11-14; 2 Peter 3:11-13).
6. Prophetic expectation _____ (1 John 3:2-3)
7. Prophecy provides a biblical basis for _____ (cf. Daniel 9:1-19 with Jeremiah 25:11-12).
8. Prophecy is a _____ of hope, comfort and encouragement for the Christian (1 Thessalonians 4:18; 5:11; Titus 2:13).
9. The study of prophecy encourages patient _____ in the midst of suffering and trials (James 5:7-11).
10. Prophecy assures that unjust persecution of the righteous will be _____ by God (2 Thessalonians 1:5-10).

IV. SCRIPTURAL CONFIDENCE

“What will be the ultimate fruit from studying God’s Word, including those portions explaining Christ’s second coming?” Perhaps the prophet Isaiah summed it up best in Isaiah 55:10:11 saying,

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10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; 11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.