

# Prophetic Insight

## The Window of Revelation

2 Peter 1:19-21 (NIV)

And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and **you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.** <sup>20</sup> Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

### I. Seeing Through the Curtain of Time

Deuteronomy 29:29 (NIV)

The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

#### A. Don't try to understand the secret things

#### B. Be obedient to the things which are revealed

Matthew 16:13-17 (NIV)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "**Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.**"

#### C. Awareness of Scripture

---know what you are looking for

Daniel 9:1-4 (NIV)

In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom-- <sup>2</sup> in the first year of his reign, **I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.** <sup>3</sup> So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>4</sup> I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands,

## II. Revelation & "the End Game"

Revelation 1:1-3 (NIV)

**The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants** what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, <sup>2</sup> who testifies to everything he saw--that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

#### A. The Book of Revelation --- a revealing of Jesus and the events surrounding His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming

## 1. Linear perspective---presupposes an end!

Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Revelation 21:1 (NIV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

Matthew 24:14 (NIV)

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

## B. The objective of "the End Game" is ---

*the establishment of God's Kingdom*

## C. The result of "the End Game" is peace

Luke 1:79 (NIV)

to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, **to guide our feet into the path of peace.**"

### 1. Jesus is the Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6 (NIV) (Zechariah's prophecy re: Jesus)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called . . . Prince of Peace.

### 2. Jesus was an expression of peace with God

Luke 2:11-14 (NIV)

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and **on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.**"

### 3. Jesus paid the price for peace on earth

2 Corinthians 5:19 (NIV)

**God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ**, not counting men's sins against them.

### 4. Jesus peace given to His followers

John 14:27 (NIV)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

## D. Pathway to Peace "made known" in Revelation

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for providing for my future. Open my eyes to understand the fullness of your provision for my life. Give me the wisdom to make choices which allow your purposes to be triumphant. May your peace flourish in my heart and mind. Holy Spirit help me to overcome through the name of Jesus all obstacles to God's purposes for me. I put my trust in my God and my redeemer. Amen.