

What is Bible Prophecy?

There are many sources of prophecy. We are only interested in one. That source is God. He is the divine creator of all things. He alone “upholds all things by the word of his power” in Heb.1:3. Myles Monroe Says “The purpose of a thing cannot be known by asking anyone other than the designer or the manufacturer.”¹ God is the creator of all life and He is the head of the Trinity. That is why Jesus said “ I only do the will of my Father” and “I only say that the Father has said” John 17:8 God know exactly why He was sending His Son and what He wanted Jesus to accomplish here on this earth. This all makes a lot of sense when you understand what bible prophecy is. Bible prophecy is simply Gods plans or history revealed in advance.

Dr. Tim Lahaye, noted bible scholar and author of the Left Behind series, says that bible prophecy “Is Gods history in advance”. It was spoken by “A prophet, one who speaks on behalf of another and a prophecy is the message that it conveys. Bible prophecy is Gods infallible message to man, spoken or written by prophets especially chosen by God²”.

Notice the word Infallibility. God’s word is not like the word of a man or a created being. Our words can and do fail, but the word of the Lord is sure and stead fast. The bible says that “heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” in Matt. 24:35. In 2 Peter 1:19 the bible says “ And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the day star arises in your hearts”. We can be

¹. Myles Monroe, “How to Release Your Potential,” in *Releasing Your Potential* (n.p.: Destiny Imagothe, 1992).

². Dr. Tim Lahaye, “What Is Bible Prophecy?” in *Charting The End Times* (Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House, 2001).

confident in the word of the Lord. For His word will not return unto Him void. Rev. Clarence Larkin in his book "The Book of Daniel" tells us that "Prophecy is HISTORY WRITTEN IN ADVANCE, and PROVES the FOREKNOWLEDGE of God". He goes on to say that "Prophecy is two fold, "Descriptive" and "Predictive" The Prophets were both "Forth-Tellers" and "Fore-Tellers." They had both "insight" and "foresight". Their prophetic utterances were not the deductions of reason, but were imparted to them by the Holy Spirit."³ The bible says in 2 Peter 1:21 "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but Holy Men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost". Many people today even many church going believers say that all bible prophecy does is scare them. To that I answer God did not give bible prophecy to scare us but to prepare us. Bible prophecy demonstrates Gods love for man by letting us know what will happen in the future so we can prepare ourselves and know what we should do. In I Chron. 12:32 the bible say's "And the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do. Today it is know different. God want us to know his plans for man and be ready at "The Coming of

³. Clarence Larkin, "Introduction," in *The Book of Daniel* (Glenside, Pa. 19038, U.S.A.: Rev. Clarence Larkin Estate, 1929).