

DOOMSDAY

What You Need to Know to Survive the End-Times

Lesson 1: How Do I Interpret Bible Prophecy?

Isaiah 46:9-11



- * Two key thoughts to keep in mind about the future are, first, God is _____ and in control over everything (Isa. 46:9–11).
- * The second thing to remember about the future is that the _____ outlines what will occur in “the end times” or “latter days.”
- * Concerning _____ about the future, the Bible says, “*No prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God*” (2 Peter 1:21).
- * When considering how to understand and survive in the end times, we should ask and answer these three questions:
 1. How should I interpret what the Bible says about the future (biblical prophecy)?
 2. What does the Bible say will happen in the end times?
 3. How should what the Bible says about the future affect the way I live today?

I. How to Interpret Biblical Prophecy?

- * Biblical prophecy should be interpreted (1) _____, (2) with a _____ view, and (3) in what is called a “premillennial” manner.
- * Encouraging a _____ interpretation is the fact that there are over 300 prophecies that concern the first coming of Christ, all of which were literally fulfilled.
- * And, while there is _____ used in various prophecies (e.g., dragons, horsemen, etc.), all of it portrays _____ beings or events, in much the same way as Jesus is spoken of as a lion and a lamb.
- * Regarding a futurist view, the Bible clearly states that prophetic books like Daniel and Revelation contain not only accounts of _____ events, but also predictions of _____ events.
- * Perhaps an even stronger argument for a futurist view involves the _____ God made to Abraham (Gen. 12, 15) concerning the land of _____.
- * Lastly, with respect to _____ being interpreted in a “premillennial” manner, this means that, first, the church will be (caught up) raptured (1 Thess. 4:16), then the world will experience a seven-year Tribulation period, and then Jesus Christ will return to reign over the earth for 1,000 _____ years (Rev. 20).
- * But what does the Bible say will happen before then?