

Daybreak Gathering 7/27/23

## Assignment

[9 Essential Reasons for Understanding Biblical Prophecy](#) - by Jonathan Brentner

## Questions

### BE WATCHFUL AND READY

“He [Jesus] spent much more time talking about the signs of His return to the earth and told parables to encourage us to be ready for His sudden appearing.”

- 1) Why do you think pastors are willing to preach about the importance of the Great Commission but not other clear commands, such as being ready and watching for Jesus' coming?
- 2) In 2 Timothy 4:8, what does Paul refer to as a reward for those who love Jesus' “appearing”? How can believers receive this reward if they never hear about the prophetic promise of the rapture?

### ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER

Regarding the coming rapture, 1 Thessalonians 4:18 says to “comfort one another” and 1 Thessalonians 5:11 tells us to “encourage one another” with the hope of Jesus' appearing.

- 1) Have you ever used either of these examples to help prove we are waiting on a “rescue” when someone says they don't believe in the rapture?
- 2) What ways do you need encouragement as you wait? Do you give to others the type of encouragement you would find helpful?

### SPIRITUAL MATURITY

“Many passages in the New Testament connect Bible prophecy with spiritual growth.”

- 1) How do 1 John 3:1-3 and 2 Peter 3:10-13 urge us toward purity and holiness?
- 2) How does knowing the rapture is imminent help to loosen your grip on the things of this world?
- 3) Has studying Bible prophecy grown you in your relationship with the Lord? If so, how?

## OUR TESTIMONY OF HOPE

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.” (1 Peter 3:15)

- 1) How can placing our hope in the church or a certain candidate harm our ability to show and share our faith?
- 2) In what ways does a peace-filled reaction to oppression, suffering, and loss invite others to ask about our faith?

## INTEGRITY OF SCRIPTURE

“No other book stakes its integrity on fulfilled prophecy.”

- 1) In Matthew 16:1-3, why did Jesus chastise the Jewish religious leaders of His day? How are many believers today similar?
- 2) What are some yet-to-be-fulfilled prophecies that we are seeing the set-up for now?

## GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY

“My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.” (Isaiah 46:10)

- 1) Why do so many believe He stopped predicting the future after the first advent?
- 2) For what reasons might God “love” prophecy?

## COPE WITH THE CHAOS

The prophetic portions of the Bible bring needed relief.

- 1) How do the prophetic books of the Old Testament help us cope with the chaos of this world?
- 2) How do those who have no hope of the rapture try to cope?

## EXALTS THE PERSON OF JESUS

“The New Testament saints glorified Him through their eager anticipation of His appearing.”

- 1) How does keeping our eyes on Jesus and His yet-to-be-fulfilled prophecies exalt and lift up His name?
- 2) When some dismiss Jesus’ thousand-year reign, why are they on dangerous ground? How do they minimize Jesus in this?

## PEOPLE NEED JESUS

“The most pressing need for the proclamation of Bible prophecy is the urgency for people outside of Christ to come to saving faith in Him.”

- 1) Why are churches who are teaching about Bible prophecy seeing an explosion in growth?
- 2) How did the anticipation of Jesus’ “soon” appearing help to spread the Gospel during the time of the early church?