

. . . while we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ . . .

“PROPHECY GIVES US HOPE . . . NOT OPTIMISM”

1. a. From the opening lecture, or your own viewpoint, why should we study prophecy?

b. What are your personal goals as you attend the Bible study this year?
2. Our hope for the future has roots in fulfilled prophecy of the past.
The lineage of the Messiah was . . .
 - a. . . . promised through whom?
Genesis 22:15-18
Genesis 26:2-4
Genesis 28:10-14
Genesis 49:10
Isaiah 11:1
Jeremiah 23:5-6
 - b. . . . fulfilled by whom?
Matthew 1:1-6, 17
3. When Jesus was born, what did the Magi reveal to King Herod according to Matthew 2:1-6 (Micah 5:2)?
4. Attempting to destroy the Messiah, Herod ordered infants massacred prompting what action by Joseph that fulfilled prophecy? Matthew 2:13-15 (Hosea 11:1)
5. a. What impression did Jesus make in Luke 2:46-47?

b. Write Isaiah 11:2.
6. a. Scripture is silent about the life of Jesus from age 12 to 30. What are some challenges that you observe children facing as they develop into adulthood?

b. What do you think parents can do to influence their children with godly character as they reach adulthood?

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6. c. God has a plan for everyone's life. What was it for Jeremiah? (Jeremiah 1:5)

. . . for Jesus? (John 3:16-17)

. . . for you? (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14)

7. In Matthew 3:1-3, how was the prophecy of Isaiah 40:3 fulfilled?

8. a. Share briefly what happened . . .

. . . at the baptism of Jesus (Luke 3:21-22)

. . . during the wilderness temptation (Luke 4:1-12)

b. Write these prophetic Scriptures concerning:
the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 42:1)

Satan (Genesis 3:15)

c. Luke 4:13 says, "When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time." In your opinion, what are some "opportune times" Satan tempts us today?

9. As Jesus began His ministry, what happened in Luke 4:15-20?

10. Speaking to the Jews, Jesus said, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:" (Matthew 15:1-9) To what was Jesus referring?

11. Read Psalm 22. Select and write five verses that you think relate to the crucifixion of Jesus.

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

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12. Jesus is seated at the right hand of God (Mark 16:19). What prophecy is fulfilled in Psalm 110:1?

13. The miracles and teachings of Jesus throughout His ministry, as well as the many precisely fulfilled prophecies, give us our secure hope that all prophecies for the future will be fulfilled as exactly as were those concerning His first coming.
 - a. What is Jesus' promise to you as a Christian? John 14:1-3

 - b. What did Titus write about our hope (Titus 3:5-7)?

 - c. How is our "blessed hope" different from just being optimistic?

PROPHECY/REVELATION 1-4

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: