



The Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy by J. Barton Payne, ...
There are 1,239 prophecies in the Old Testament and 578 in the New Testament.
Prophecies constitute 26.8 percent of the Bible’s volume.
In the prophetic verses, there are around 333 prophecies about Christ.
Of these 333 prophecies, 109 were fulfilled at Christ’s first coming, and 224 will be fulfilled at His Second Coming.

Five reasons to study prophecy

1. God Commands Us to Study End-Times Prophecy

Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord God does nothing without revealing His purpose to His servants the prophets.
2 Peter 1:19-21 Revelation 1:3

To further highlight the importance of end-time prophecy:
Out of 46 Old Testament prophets, less than ten mention Jesus’ first coming.
However, 36 of them speak of His Second Coming.
The Old Testament refers to the second coming of Christ 1,500 times.
One out of 25 New Testament verses alludes to His second coming.
For every mention of the first coming of Christ, the Bible refers to the Second Coming eight times.
And if that is not enough, Jesus talks about His second coming 21 times, and over 50 times, we are told to be ready for His return.

2. End-Times Prophecy Helps Us Recognize the Signs of Christ’s Return

Luke 19:44 Matthew 21:42-44

God Gives Us Prophecy to Recognize the Times

Matthew 24:42-44

3. Understanding Prophecy Gives Us an Eternal Perspective on the Last Days

Revelation 1:8 Ecclesiastes 3:11
Colossians 3:1-2 Hebrews 12:1-3

4. Prophecy Strengthens Our Faith and Gives Us Hope Amid End-Time Challenges

1 Corinthians 15:42-44 Revelation 21:1-3
1 Peter 1:3-4 Ephesians 1:13-14
Hebrews 6:19

5. Prophecy Reveals Jesus as King and Judge at His Second Coming

Revelation 5:11 Matthew 24:30
Philippians 2:9-11

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