

Introduction

Experience the Future Now!

The future is bright!

The last book of the Bible, Revelation, reveals God's great love for you as no other book can! It reveals God's love to you in both history and prophecy.

In order to understand the future, the great Bible prophecies, we must understand the past. History and prophecy are bound tightly together. They are twins. History is prophecy in reverse, and prophecy is history in advance. It is impossible to have a correct understand of either when separated from its twin.

In Revelation 1:3, Jesus says, "Blessed is the one who reads and hears and takes to heart what is written in it, because the time is near."

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reading this exciting book! Don't miss understanding, for the first time, what the newspapers can't tell you.

Discover the real story behind the movies "Star Wars" and "Raiders of the Lost Ark"! What is "the ark," and what does it have to do with prophecy? You will be amazed as you find the answers to these questions in *Prophecy Made Easy*.

You will also be amazed as you discover the true meaning of life! What is actually going to happen the moment you die?

Discover the real story behind the television show "Touched by an Angel." Who are the angels? And who is the devil? Is he real? You will discover for yourself whether the devil is real or just a made-up fictitious character designed to scare people. Does he really wear red pajamas? Does he really have horns, a tail, and a pitchfork?

What is the story behind the "mark of the beast"? *Prophecy Made Easy* reveals the true identity of the "beast" of Revelation and the true identity of its "mark." What many people are unaware of is that there are two different "beasts" or powers that are working together. Read about it in Revelation 13. *Prophecy Made Easy* takes you "behind the scenes"! You will discover facts in both history and prophecy that these powers do not want you to know. You will not only discover the identity of these two powers; you will know how to be victorious over them. Now, go ahead, be amazed—read tomorrow's news, today!

God knows what is going to happen before it happens! Through the prophet Daniel, He predicted in the Bible the exact year Christ would be baptized and the exact year He would be crucified, hundreds of years ahead of time! That is just one of the amazing prophecies that provides real evidence for the reality of God.

God is real. He loves you and has an exciting plan for your life. The future is bright for everyone who will invest time in preparing for it! If you have invested in the stock market, if you have invested in your future, and are unsure of what your future holds, I urge you to invest time with Jesus Christ. The stock market may fail you, but Jesus Christ never will. Invest your time today! Read *Prophecy Made Easy*. It will easily prove to be the best and most exciting investment you have ever made!

God Loves You!

If you were walking down the road and saw someone walking barefoot and about to step on a big piece of broken glass, what would you do? You

would probably shout to the person, “Watch out for the broken glass!” This book looks into the future and reveals to you, the reader, the hidden dangers and exciting choices! You will have a “behind the scenes” knowledge to be able to make the best choices. You will walk into the future more securely. Jesus Christ will be by your side, and the knowledge of a bright, secure future will put a smile on your face. Why not help a friend make this discovery today? Share this book with friends. Help them find greater success and power.

The Secret of a Life of Super Power

Do you want a life filled with real success and real power? Take a look at the very small corn kernel. Within that kernel is a huge stalk of corn just waiting to burst out and produce ears of corn. Look at the lowly watermelon seed. Within the watermelon seed are huge watermelons just waiting to burst out of the seed once it is planted.

We human beings sometimes think we have great power, yet with all our huge laboratories and scientists, we have never been able to produce an ear of corn or a watermelon without the lowly seed. God has placed huge watermelons within the lowly seed and ears of corn within the tiny kernel. Now that is power! Just imagine! Huge watermelons weighing forty pounds are just waiting to burst out of the little seed. Those little seeds planted in a garden produce wonderful vegetables and fruits of a variety of colors and tastes.

There is miraculous life in planting those tiny seeds. Those tiny seeds can turn a garden into a wonderful place of beauty and enjoyment and nourishment. We eat the product of the seeds, and we are benefited by receiving strength and health and *power*! Stop eating the products of seeds, and see how healthy and how powerful you really are!

Nature teaches us that real power comes from seeds. Did you know that God calls the words of the Bible “seed”? Luke 8:11. “The seed is the word of God.” God has put His very creative power in the Bible “seed.” If you really want power, you must “plant” God’s “seed”—His Word—in your mind. The power of God’s Word, the Bible, is released as you meditate on God’s promises and the great messages of power within God’s Word. You will never be a real power in this world without it! Jesus knew that. He is called the Word of God in the first chapter of the gospel of John.

“Superpower” is an illusion. The nation of Rome was the superpower that ruled the world when Christ walked the earth as a humble carpenter. Jesus Christ preached for three and a half years and then was put to death.

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Who was the real superpower? The nation of Rome, with all its military hardware—or the humble carpenter, Jesus of Nazareth? It appeared that Rome was more powerful. Rome had the power of life or death. The Jewish leaders and the Romans thought they were more powerful than Christ when they put Him to death on the cross. He was put in the tomb, and they gloried in their great power over Christ.

One question must be asked. How many of those strong Roman soldiers are walking around today? How many of the Jewish religious leaders who condemned Christ are alive today? And what about Christ? He walked out of the tomb Sunday morning after resting in the tomb on the Sabbath day. It is His voice that will bring these Roman soldiers from their graves to see the one they laughed at coming again in majesty and glory and wrapped in “flaming fire.”

Appearances were deceiving. They are still deceiving. Who is the real superpower? The billionaires? The United States? Those countries that are part of the nuclear club? Or the lowly person who has Jesus Christ in his heart? What are you seeking for? Are you seeking the illusory goal of success? The lowly carpenter, Jesus, said, “What does it profit a person if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?”

Life is strange! It is like a thirsty person lost in the desert who is sure he sees water, but it turns out to be a mirage—the illusion of water. When you are thirsty, you sometimes can see water where there is no water. It is the same way with power. We chase after power and success. We may reach the heights of success only to lose it all to the enemy known as death.

Who is successful—the billionaire who can buy anything he wants, or the lowly Christian who often faces hardships? How many of those billions of dollars would the billionaire spend if he could buy eternal life? Only one heartbeat separates the billionaire from his vast riches and eternal poverty. Don’t waste your time chasing mirages—illusions of power. Choose living power. Choose Jesus Christ!

Christ still has power over the grave. When you read the Bible with spiritual hunger, you are planting God’s power, God’s “seed,” in your mind. Just as a watermelon seed planted in the ground produces forty-pound watermelons from one seed, God’s seeds will produce their own gifts. You will become a different person—a happier person—with less fear. You will no longer fear death. You will trust Christ, who still has power over death. The grave will not be able to hold you. You will be able to help others discover this very same power in their lives. You will live forever in a world made new. Your power then will be as the power of the angels.

Read in chapter 3 on angels about the tremendous physical powers they have. Your powers will increase mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually. You will not see maximum power in this life, but you will see a definite increase in power over the fear of death. You will have power over the grave.

As we noted, within a lowly watermelon seed are huge watermelons weighing forty pounds. Within the seed we call the Word of God is eternal life. The Word of God appears tiny and insignificant. Yet the tiny seed has a power within it that not all the scientists and laboratories of earth can duplicate. Plant the seed, the Word of God, in your mind, and reap the harvest now and eternally.

Today the grave has power over all people everywhere. But I tell you that with Jesus in your heart, with His Word in your mind, you too will conquer the grave. You too will be filled with super power! “The harvest is the end of the world and the angels are the reapers.” Get ready for that day when everyone will finally realize that God’s Word was the only real superpower! God offers you His word, His super power! Matthew 13:39.

Fill your life with His Word, and you will have “super power.” You will one day have a “super life,” and you will have powers that not even the comic book character “Superman” dreamed possible. The apostle Paul tells us that we can not even imagine how wonderful it is going to be! Have you ever surprised someone you loved with a gift? How did you feel? I imagine you felt happy about giving them that gift. God has gone to prepare homes for us, and He tells us that they will be better than our wildest imagination. John 14:1-3; Isaiah 65:21.

God is looking forward to seeing the astonishment on your face as He gives you the gift of eternal life, without the headaches of pain and death. There will be adventure and joy and new discoveries to be made each and every day throughout all the time of eternity! The apostle Paul wrote: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9. Here the apostle Paul is quoting the prophet Isaiah—Isaiah 64:4.

Isaiah continues in the next chapter, talking about the future glories of the earth made new. “I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. The wolf and the lamb will feed together and the lion will eat straw like the ox. . . They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.” Isaiah 65:17, 21, 25.

Experience the New Birth!

Every person has a God-shaped “hole” in their soul! Everyone seeks to fill that hole with something. Some try to fill it with smoking, sex, drugs, movies, wild parties, crime—or even a life of honor, glory, adventure, and excitement, but the hole remains as big as ever! Only God can fill that hole. Our attempt to fill the hole just makes it bigger. Why not accept Christ into your life to fill that hole for you today?

God offers to fill the “hole in your soul” and make you completely whole. He offers you a way out of the mess you are in—a way out of sin. The results of sin are death. God lowered Himself and chose to become a human, to live a sinless life, and to experience the most painful death possible to make a bridge across the chasm of death. Christ is that bridge, and He is a ladder out of the pit of unhappiness and pain.

Have you ever felt weak? Christ felt weak when the weight of your sins and mine was crushing out His life in the garden of Gethsemene. Have you ever felt guilt, or darkness, or depression, or pain, or loneliness, or the hatred of others? Christ felt it all—and so much more than we have. He felt it so much that great drops of blood and sweat were forced from the pores of His skin, rolled down His face, and fell to the earth as He prayed in the garden the night before He was crucified.

Christ felt it when He was brought, under the direction of the jealous religious leaders, to the Judgment Hall and then to the cross. His back was ripped open by the whips of the soldiers. Blood ran down His back. Blood also ran down His face as the crown of thorns was beaten into His head—and from His hands and feet as the nails were pounded through them.

He was nailed to the cruel instrument of torture, the cross. Strong Roman soldiers lifted the cross and let it drop into the hole prepared for it. The tremendous jolt of the cross hitting the bottom of that hole caused the most extreme pain. But the worst pain He felt was the mental anguish, the sense of separation from God His Father, when He cried out, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”

Why did the King of the universe leave His home to come to Planet Earth? Why did He choose to become a human—a little baby boy—and then grow up with the religious leaders hating Him? Why did He allow His enemy, Lucifer, to bring Him pain and suffering? Why did He allow those He made to spit on Him without retaliation? Why did He suffer the ultimate humiliation of dying naked on two pieces of wood—on “The Old Rugged Cross”—hanging between heaven and earth? It was out of love for you. And it was out of love for me. If you had been the

only sinner who needed a bridge over “the valley of death,” God would have done it for you alone.

What would it be worth to you to have Jesus Christ in your home today? I mean to have Him really come walking up to your door and knock on it? What would you do if Jesus Christ, who loves you personally so very, very much, walked up to your door and offered you a crown? What if He said, “_____,” (imagine your name in the blank—He knows you by name!) “I just stopped by to bring you this crown. It is a much finer crown than has ever been worn by any king. Also, I am inviting you to come to my house—to my mansion. I have a special place of honor for you.”

“To him who overcomes I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame, and sat down with my Father on his throne.” Revelation 3:21. “In My Father’s house are many mansions.” John 14:2, NKJV.

What would you do? I know what I would do. I would shout with joy! I would be excited! If you accept Jesus as your bridge over “the valley of death,” He will one day be just that physically close. The Bible, God’s Word, says that every person is a sinner. It says that sin is disobedience to God’s Ten Commandment law. It also says that everyone must die, because the just penalty for sin is death. There is a law that says that weight keeps an object on the ground. That law is the law of gravity. But we have discovered another law—the law of aerodynamics—that overcomes the law of gravity and allows very heavy objects, like airplanes, to fly through the sky.

Sin holds us down, just as gravity holds us down. The power that overcomes gravity is the power of aerodynamics. The only power that overcomes sin is Jesus Christ! People are trying every other option. Many of the other attempts to overcome sin have good-sounding religious names. But the only problem is, they don’t work. The only one that works is Jesus Christ. It was Jesus who said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but by me.” If you want to go to California, you had better get on the right highway. If you want to get eternal life, Jesus Christ is that highway. If it is truth you are after, you will find truth when you choose Christ. If it is life that you want, you will find that in knowing Christ. It is Christ who says, “I am the way, the truth and the life.”

Jesus says, “For God so loved _____ [say your own name here] that He gave His one and only Son, that” by believing in Him you should not die “but have eternal life.” John 3:16.

Won’t you invite Jesus Christ into your life right now? You can pray this prayer: “Jesus, I am a sinner, and I need Your help. I need Your forgive-

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ness. Thank You for dying for me so that I can live with You forever. Please forgive me for the wrongs I have done. Enter my heart, be my Saviour from sin, be my Master and my King. And please teach me day by day. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Prayer is not big words. Prayer is not a lot of words. Prayer is talking to God as to a friend. When you sign a check that somebody gives you, it does not require a lot of words, but unless you sign that check, the check is no good. So if somebody gives you a check, sign it and put it in the bank.

God's checkbook is the Bible. God has thousands of checks made out to you. God's checks are His promises. Why not sign some of God's checks today? Take each promise personally. That is like signing a check made out in your name. Just as a check that is never signed and never cashed is worthless, so God's promises are powerless until you personally accept them.

Two thousand years ago, Christ was nailed to the cross. Two thieves were dying on crosses on either side of Him. One of them watched and listened and became convinced that Christ was truly the King of kings, the King of the universe, and would live again and rule the universe again. He turned his head toward Christ and said, "Lord, remember me when You come into your kingdom."

In those few words, he was asking for the gift of eternal life. He was asking for forgiveness. He was asking for the new birth. Jesus turned and said, "You will be with me in Paradise!" The promise Christ made to that dying thief that day is a promise, a check, made out to you too! If you come to Christ and ask Him to remember you when He comes again, just as the dying thief asked Christ, His answer will be the same. He is saying to you—just as He said to the dying thief—that you too will be with Christ in paradise. You will be with Him in the beautiful earth made new. Luke 23:43; see John 14:1-3; see Revelation 21 and 22.

God's promises are meant for you individually. He says, "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, that everyone who has faith in him may not die but have eternal life." If you put your name in this check—this promise—eternal life begins now. You are on the way. You are on the right highway. Read the road map, the Bible, often, and you can continue your journey with Christ right into eternal life.

The Bible is your road map. Satan will try to get you to take a detour. So read your Bible, your road map, often, and talk to God as if talking to a friend, because He *is* your best friend. He loves you enough to bleed and

suffer in your place. Continue following Jesus wherever He leads. You will find strength and healing and forgiveness and love in the Bible, and in prayer and in sharing this marvelous plan with others.

If you have trouble understanding your road map, the Bible, read *Prophecy Made Easy* and take the free Bible study course offered at the end of this book. This book was designed to act like a magnifying glass, making it easier for you to read and understand the road map, your Bible, and help you avoid Satan's detours.

God Bless You, Child of God!

The author freely borrows material and thoughts from the books of Daniel and Revelation, other books of the Bible, the book *The Great Controversy*, and Emilio Knechtle's oral presentation, "Eden to Eden." I have also used several Bible versions and translations in making the prophecies come alive for the reader.

Prophecy Made Easy has been written in part to help fulfill the prophecy of Habakkuk, who wrote, "Write the vision, and make it plain, . . . that he may run that reads it." Habakkuk 2:2, NKJV.

God called John to "write the vision" in the last book of the Bible, Revelation. God has called me, and others, to help "make it plain." And once you understand God's last message of love, God is calling you to "run" with this vision. When God says "run," He means He is calling you to rapidly help your loved ones, your friends, and your neighbors to find the freedom and joy you are finding from understanding the "vision"—the book of Revelation. One way to do that is to share this very book with someone special, and then with yet another person.

Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." You will be able to see through the popular false prophecies that are sweeping across the country. You will know a freedom to teach the Word of God. You will know more about the true God of the Bible in a short amount of time than many theologians know in a lifetime.

Ask God to guide you as you read *Prophecy Made Easy*. God will answer your prayer with finer teachers than have ever taught from any theological seminary! God will send angels and the Holy Spirit to guide you and teach you and give you a new freedom you have never felt before. You will not need a Ph.D. in theology to understand *Prophecy Made Easy*. It was not written for the theologian. It was written with you in mind. God is calling you. God expects ordinary men and women to teach others the Word of God. This is a job Jesus never ever left to "religious experts."

For Those Unfamiliar With the Bible

Don't be fooled by T.V. preachers who refer to Bible texts fast as a machine gun. Don't be fooled by those who tell you what the Bible says in this book or that book of the Bible but don't allow you time to look up the text. If they don't put the texts on the screen so you can see them, be careful what you accept from that individual. Those who teach the Word should not be afraid to let you examine the Bible texts they refer to. Those who teach the Word should teach truths that are in complete harmony with the entire Bible.

Prophecy Made Easy has many Bible quotations all through the book. If you are unfamiliar with your Bible, let me explain. I will give you the quotation as in the following example: John 3:16.

That means the Book of John, chapter 3 and verse 16. The book name always comes first. That is followed by the chapter number. And that is followed by the verse number. The Bible is like a library of 66 different books. Let's say you do not know where the book of John is located. You can open up your Bible to one of the beginning pages and usually find a list of the books of the Bible and the page number for that particular book.

The Bible is divided into two sections: The Old Testament (written before Christ's birth) and the New Testament (written after Christ's birth). If you were looking for the book of John, you would notice that it is the fourth book of the New Testament. You would turn to it and then to the appropriate chapter and verse. You can do that with any verse quoted in *Prophecy Made Easy*.

This book was written to reveal what God says in the great prophecies of the Bible. God talks about organizations. He uses strong words in reference to some of the organizations of which we—the common man and woman—might be members. Remember that God loves the members, even when He speaks strong words about the direction the organization is going. Remember the story of Jonah? God sent him to Nineveh with a message. It was not a "happy" message, and Jonah did not want to carry an "unhappy" warning message to anyone. He tried to avoid his duty and took a trip by boat in the opposite direction of Nineveh.

But God still wanted Jonah to carry His message to Nineveh. God created a terrible storm so that everyone on the boat was close to death. Jonah told the people on the boat that He had run away from telling the people of Nineveh that God was planning to destroy the city. Jonah said, "Throw me over the ship into the water, and you will be safe." They did—and they were safe—but Jonah was swallowed by a large fish or whale. The whale got near

land and spit him out, and Jonah went to Nineveh to warn the city of coming destruction.

Conditional prophecy has two tracks on which it can travel. We see this in the words of Moses in the book of Deuteronomy (11:26-28). “I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse—the blessing if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today; the curse if you disobey the commands of the Lord your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.”

Ezekiel the prophet gives a foundation for conditional prophecy. He writes: “If a wicked man turns away from all the sins he has committed and keeps all my decrees and does what is just and right, he will surely live; he will not die. . . . But if a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits sin and does the same detestable things the wicked man does, will he live? None of the righteous things he has done will be remembered.” Ezekiel 18:21, 24.

You remember that the people then turned to God for forgiveness, and the city was spared. This is what we call “conditional prophecy.” Some prophecies have conditions attached to them. God’s great love is behind prophecy. His love is a combination of His great mercy and His great justice. If God prophesies destruction upon a sinful people, and they repent, God will display His great mercy. If they do not repent, prophetic justice will prevail. If, on the other hand, God prophesies blessings on a people, and they choose to turn their backs on God, justice will prevail, and the promised prophecy will result in justice instead of blessings. The prophecy of Nineveh’s destruction was changed as a result of the repentance of the people. It was not destroyed. God’s message through Jonah was not a “happy” message, but the results were “happy” results.

I sympathize with Jonah’s feeling, as God has called me also to be faithful and tell you exactly what will happen in your lifetime. There are “happy” parts and “unhappy” parts—but I must tell you the whole story. The truth is not always pleasant at first, so there is a natural desire to “sugar coat” the truth to make it more appetizing. God won’t let me do that, even though that is my natural tendency.

The prophecies of the book of Revelation, as discussed in *Prophecy Made Easy*, will come to pass. The choice is yours. You may choose to ignore these prophecies. The results of that are revealed in the pages ahead. Or you may choose to believe the prophecies. The benefits from choosing to believe these prophecies and to ask God to change your life and fill you with HIS

GREAT POWER are also foretold in the pages ahead. The choice is yours.

Warning!

If you want everything to sound sweet and “sugar coated” and are unwilling to put away your preconceived opinions and pray that God will send you His Holy Spirit to understand the great prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, I would not recommend this book for you. But if you are sincere with God and willing to learn what He thinks is important, this book is for you.

Are the prophecies of the Holy Bible trustworthy? In Chapter 1 of *Prophecy Made Easy*—“The Messianic Prophecies”—we will look at how dependable Bible prophecy really is. Can the true Messiah of prophecy be identified by the clues that the prophets give us in their great prophecies? Find out who the Messiah of prophecy is! This chapter is the anchor chapter for the rest of the book. When you see how, with pinpoint precision, the Messianic prophecies were fulfilled, you will be able to trust the God of all biblical prophecy. It will give you an assurance that *Prophecy Made Easy* will provide you with answers to all the important questions of life! Questions such as “Where did I come from?” “Why am I here?” And “Where am I going?”

The ancient truths within this book have been known to God’s children from Adam and Eve, our great grandparents, on down through every generation that has ever lived. Many of these truths have been lost sight of to a large extent by our present generation. It is my desire to share with you what prophecy has to say about these truths, the future, and God’s message for those living here on Earth today.