

Life-study of Revelation

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 creative, artistic modes. Rarely in modern times is the voice of God heard audibly, although this manner of receiving prophecy is chronicled throughout Scripture.

Prophecy: Greek *Prophētēs* (proph-ay'-ehs; Strong's #4394). The strictest definition of prophecy is "to speak for another." In this sense, prophecy is the declaration of that which cannot be known by natural, cognitive or intellectual means. Prophecy is more the "forth-telling" of the will of God, whether with reference to the past, present, or future.

Kingdom Life—Earnestly Desire Prophecy

Some people object to the study of prophecy. Many believe the prophetic gift is fulfilled with the revelation of Jesus Christ, and through the coronation of the church as God's bride. They claim that the study of prophecy is unnecessary and charlatans. They claim focusing on prophecy diverts reality and diverts sincere believers from service and activity in the work of the church today.

There always have been students of Scripture who became so absorbed in the study of prophecy that they neglected the present purposes of God. Their quest for spiritual understanding becomes indiscriminately focused on solely pursuing matters of the eschaton (the last days). This is a serious error. The student of prophecy must always balance discernment and wisdom when approaching the study and understanding of Holy Scripture.

Others object to the study of prophecy. They see it as mere writings of man, hard to comprehend with certainty. Yet, God seems to consider prophecy to be important. More than one quarter of the canon of Scripture is prophecy. There are seven books in the Old Testament and four in the New Testament that are whole books which are, in essence, prophecies (for example, Zechariah, 1 Thessalonians, Revelation). Some prophecies have been fulfilled, some are present, and some have yet to be fulfilled.

Behind the Scenes

Although certain books are recognized as being predominantly prophetic in content, prophecy is found throughout the Bible. It has been calculated that Scripture contains about 160,000 words of predictive prophecy. This number is nearly equate-

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