

## ***The purpose of Prophecy.***

Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord God ***will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto*** his servants the prophets.

Due. 29:29 The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which ***are revealed belong*** unto us and to our children for ever, ***that we may do all the words of this law.***

Note: While Satan is using man to destroy mankind, God in compassion for the benefit of man reveals His purposes for their improvement and salvation, lest they be deceived or overwhelmed and deny Him. Genesis 45:5 and 7. Job chapters 1, and 2.

## ***Why Prophecy Repeats in Scripture.***

Gen. 41: 25 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is ***about to do.*** . . . 32 And for ***that the dream was doubled*** unto Pharaoh ***twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.***

Note: Joseph learned this when? Gen. 37:6-10.

Hosea 12:10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have **multiplied visions, and used similitudes,** by the ministry of the prophets.

Note: *Multiplied Visions.*, We saw this defined in Genesis chapter 41 verses 25, 28 and 32. See verses 17-24 and 34-49, and chapter 47:13-26.

*Similitude.*, noun:—the quality or state of being similar to. Revealing a marked quality about the entity brought to view, of character, action, motive.

Note: In Daniel chapters 2 and 7 there are 4 successive—metals/creatures, universal empires and ten division of the last Rome. Chapters 8 and 9 as well as 11 and 12 drop similitudes and uses plain language covering the same ground that side of the 10—modern Europe. In Revelation's this side (for us not John) of the 10 division of Rome's Empire repeats in chapters 12, 13, and 17. It is important also to see as time advanced Babylon is dropped from the latter prophecies of Daniel.

Note: Why is prophecy repeated? In order that details of similitudes and events may be furthered. In human language it is impossible to explain multiple events at the same time. Dan. 2:21 And he ***changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth***

***kings, and setteth up kings:*** he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: 22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. 23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, ***and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee:*** for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter..

## ***Can A Prophecy be fulfilled more than once?***

Isa. 42: 9 Behold, ***the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring*** forth I tell you of them. Isa. 43:3-9

Note: In The above where is it said a prophecy can apply twice? then and now. And we hear among many, the 7 years of plenty and 7 years of famine in Pharaoh's dream are to be repeated in our day before our deliverance—the return of Christ. Do they know/forget there was 430 years between those two (Pharaohs dream and Red Sea) events—meaning there would be the same in our day. All aspects of a prophecy must be met before it can apply, and thus establish them fulfilled once and not a second time. The same has been done with the ram and goat of Dan. 8, with the ten virgins of Matt. 25 which are connected to the end of the 2300 days of Dan 8, with the 7 trumpets of Rev 8-11 which the 5th and 6th have a combined total of 541 years and 15 days associated to them.

Isa. 48:3 ***I have declared*** the former things from the beginning; and they went forth ***out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them*** suddenly, and ***they came to pass.*** 4 Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass; 5 ***I have even*** from the beginning ***declared it*** to thee; ***before it came to pass I shewed it thee:*** lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them. 6 Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare it? ***I have shewed thee new things from this time,*** even hidden things, and thou didst not know them. 7 ***They are created now, and not from the beginning;*** even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them. 8 Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time that thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb.

## ***Does Prophecy have Certainty?***

1Cor. 14: 6 Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with (a known language) tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either ***by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?*** 7 And even things without life

giving sound, whether pipe or harp, **except they give a distinction** in the sounds, how shall it be **known** what is piped or harped? 8 For if the trumpet give an **uncertain** (another meaning) **sound**, who shall prepare himself to the battle? 9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air. 10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification. . . 32 And the spirits of the prophets are **subject to the prophets**. 33 For God is **not the author of confusion**, . *Jer.26:17-19; 28:8; \*Dan. 9:2\**

Note: Two people quote the same Bible verse but say two different things about it, who's right? What's said must agree with what was said before in the Old Testament—Isaiah 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: **if they speak not according to this word**, it is because there is no light in them. *Rev. 19:10*

### ***Why do we have a Surety,***

2Peter 1:19 We have also a **more sure word of prophecy**; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, **as unto a light that shineth in a dark place**, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Note: Since prophecy came not by the will of man, neither does the interpretation of a prophecy come by the will of man. Gen. 40:7 And he (**Joseph**) asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to day? 8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, **Do not interpretations belong to God?** tell me them, I pray you. *Dan. 2:21-23*

Note: “more sure word,” why? multiple times has the line of prophecy been repeated by God’s own mouth making the explanation definite. 150 years before Daniel, Isaiah and his contemporary prophets said nothing else than Moses in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 regarding the Jews. That they would be subject to captivity under 4 Universal Monarchies. At the time of Daniel and his contemporary prophets, they warned of the same things. Making Jer. chapter 28 imperative:—

Jer. 28:1 . . Hananiah . . the prophet, . . , spake unto me in the house of the Lord, in

the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, 2 **Thus speaketh the Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. 3 Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the Lord's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon: See *1Thess 5:3*.

Jer. 28:5 Then the prophet Jeremiah said . . . 8 **The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries,** and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence. 9 The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the Lord hath truly sent him.

Jer. 28:12 **Then the word of the Lord came** unto Jeremiah the prophet, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 13 **Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the Lord;** Thou hast broken the yokes of wood; but thou shalt make for them yokes of iron. 14 For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also. 15 Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, **Hear now, Hananiah; The Lord hath not sent thee;** but thou makest this people to trust in a lie. 16 Therefore thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught rebellion against the Lord. 17 So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

Also in Isaiah, his contemporaries and Hezekiah's day Rabshakeh used scripture against Gods faithful:—

2Kings 18:22 But if ye say unto me, We trust in the Lord our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship **before this altar** in Jerusalem? 25 **Am I now come up without the Lord** against this place to destroy it? The Lord said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it. . . . 30 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord, saying, The Lord will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. 31 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me, and then eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern: 32 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The Lord will deliver us. 33 Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand

of the king of Assyria? 34 Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand? 35 Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, **that the Lord should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?**

Pro. 19:27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.

Jonah 2:8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

1Thess. 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, ***are not in darkness***, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

Eze. 12:21 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 22 Son of man, ***what is that proverb*** that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, ***The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth?*** 23 Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord God; I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, **The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision.** 24 For ***there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination*** within the house of Israel. 25 For I am the Lord: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; **it shall be no more prolonged:** for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and ***will perform it***, saith the Lord God. 26 Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 27 Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth ***is for many days to come***, and he prophesieth of the ***times that are far off***. 28 Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; **There shall none of my words be prolonged any more**, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord God.

Eze. 13:1-14:10 What God will do to false prophets