BIBLE PROPHECIES YET TO BE FULFILLED

Let’s remember that the prophecies found in the Bible are what sets it apart from every other book and from all the religions of the world! Hundreds of prophecies about the Lord have already been fulfilled, and therefore we have complete confidence that the prophecies of things to come will surely happen just as the Scriptures foretell.

Are there many prophesies yet to be fulfilled? Where are they found?

It’s amazing! Unfulfilled prophecies are found throughout the Bible. For example, look at Genesis 3:15 has been partially fulfilled - Messiah has come and he was wounded by Satan, not killed, for he rose triumphantly from the dead!

The Savior, Messiah, will yet crush Satan’s head. The final blow to Satan is prophesied in the Book of Revelation.

“And the devil that deceived (us) was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, . . . and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

[Rev 20:10]

Also in Genesis, the great promises given to Abraham have not yet been fulfilled. In Genesis 11 and 12, God promised him land, seed as numerous as the dust, and that his people would be a blessing to all. This has not been fulfilled.

As we studied King David, we saw God make a Covenant with him, and a promise that the Lord himself would sit on his throne. This promise is repeated many times, the most famous one in Isaiah:

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

[Isa 9:6]

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. [Isa 9:7]

Which parts of this prophecy have yet to be fulfilled? On and on throughout the Old Testament and even in Jesus’ life in the New Testament there are promises of things still to come. Let’s look at what lies ahead of us.
Coming events in heaven

1. The Rapture of the saints.

   For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. [1Thess 4:16-17]

2. The Judgment of the saints.

   For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body (lifetime,) according to what he has done, whether it be good or bad. [2 Cor. 5:10]

This judgment will take place before Jesus Christ, involving every Christian who has ever lived. It is not a punishment for sin — our sins were paid for by our Savior! It involves gain or loss of rewards for our service to God.

Coming events on earth

1. The 7-year Tribulation

   For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. [Mt 24:21]
   And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened [Mt 24:22]

   This ends with the war of Armageddon

2. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ

   Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: [Mt 24:29]
   And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. [Mt 24:30]

3. With the Second Coming of Christ, many events immediately follow:
   a. Christ will send his angels to gather the “elect”, all those who came to faith in Christ during the terrible tribulation years.
   b. Anti-Christ and the false prophet will be cast in hell fire.
c. Israel will be regathered (Isaiah 43:1-7)
d. The Gentiles will be judged (Matt. 25:31-46)
e. Satan will be bound in the abyss (Rev. 20:1-3)
f. Old-Testament and Tribulation saints will be resurrected and judged (Rev. 20:4, Daniel 12:1-3)

And the next great event on earth is
THE MILLENNIUM

A millennium means 1000 years just as a century means 100 years. The Bible says a lot about a very special 1000 years that is ahead of us! The Biblical Church calls it “The Millennium” – not just any 1000 years, but a very special time when Jesus Christ will reign as The King of His Kingdom on the earth. An amazing thing: we will be there with him!

You might wonder: Why haven’t I heard about this? Is this heaven?
One of our recent classes was on the subject of “Joy”. We all agreed that the greatest joy ahead of us lies not here on earth – but in HEAVEN. And yes, when our bodies finally give way to the curse of death, and are separated from our spirits, then we shall be with the Lord in heaven. This is our final destination.

But the MILLENNIUM is not heaven. It takes place on earth after the Tribulation period – when Satan is bound in the abyss for the 1000 years. It is coming - God has ordained it and it will be a time of joy!

At the end of the Millennium
The Great White Throne Judgment of the wicked, the unbelievers of all ages. Satan and his wicked angels along with the wicked, are forever cast into the lake of fire.

Eternity - HEAVEN begins. Will I be there?