

**SERMON NOTES**  
***"Principles for Understanding Prophecy"***

- I. Be alert to breaks in chronological sequences. Be ready for further explanation of what has already been given.
  1. The Creation Week—Genesis 1.
    - a. Verses 1-26—the first six days of creation week.
    - b. Verse 27—the creation of man and woman.
    - c. Genesis 2:1-3—God blesses and sanctifies the seventh day Sabbath.
  2. The rest of Genesis 2 is a further explanation of what had already occurred in Genesis 1.
    - a. Verse 7—the creation of man with more details.
    - b. Verse 18—the reason for creation woman.
    - c. Verse 21—the creation of woman.
  3. The prophecy of the millennium—Revelation 20.
    - a. Verses 1-3—Satan is bound.
    - b. Verse 4—saints with Christ (what happened to the wicked?)
    - c. Verse 5—the wicked lived not again until the 1,000 years were finished.
    - d. Verses 5-6—an explanation about the first resurrection (John 5:25-29).
    - e. Verses 7-10—the wicked resurrected, they with Satan are destroyed.
    - f. Verses 11-12—gives more detail about the wicked—they are judged.
    - g. Verses 13-15—gives more detail on the resurrection, judgment and destruction of the wicked.
- II. History repeats itself through cause and effect relationships— Ecclesiastes 3:15 and I Corinthians 10:6-12—the relationship between prophecy and history.
  1. Prophecy=Preview of History—alerts us so that we can prepare.
  2. History=Review of Prophecy—establishes confidence in Bible and prophecy.
  3. History is important because it teaches us the cause and effect relationship. The same causes seen in the past will repeat the same effects.
  4. Daniel 3 and Revelation 13.
    - a. Daniel 3:1—made an image to Babylon. Revelation 13:14.
    - b. Daniel 3:1—60 x 6 - number of Babylon. Revelation 13:18—666 - number of Babylon.
    - c. Daniel 3:2—gathers and forces whole world to worship. Revelation 3:12—forces whole world to worship.
    - d. Daniel 3:6—death decree. Revelation 13:15—death decree.
    - e. Daniel 3:28—those who trust are delivered. Revelation 14:15,16—those who trust are delivered.
- III. Dual application of Prophecy
  1. The Destruction of Jerusalem and the Second Coming—Matthew 24.
    - a. Verses 1-6—rumors of wars.
    - b. Verse 7—famines, pestilences, earthquakes.
    - c. Verse 9—Peter, James and Paul killed.
    - d. Verse 11—many false prophets. Verse 15—the abomination of desolation. Pagan Rome=Roman standard--Sun—mark of authority. Papal Rome=a day honoring the sun—mark of authority.
    - e. Daniel 16-18—Christians to leave.