

# Christian Doctrine

## The End Times (Part 8)

### The Marvel of Prophecy

#### *The Marvel of God's Hand through Prophecy*

Though the exact details of some points of prophecy will only be completely understood once they come to pass, God's Word has revealed much by which to be amazed:

#### ➤ **Prophecies Relating to God's People**

- Promises made to Israel:
  - God said Israel would rebel and be judged, but that in the latter days a remnant would recognize their sin and return to the Lord ([Deut. 4:24-31](#); [Zech. 12:10](#); [Hosea 3:5](#)). The NT confirms this, pointing to its fulfillment ([Rom. 9:27](#); [11:5](#); [Rev. 7:4](#)).
  - The specific promises made to Israel have not yet been fulfilled in full (example [Zech. 14](#)). However, the promises are still theirs and will be fulfilled when they return to Him ([Lev. 26:40-45](#); [Rom. 9:3-4](#); [11:12](#)).
- Promises made to the Gentiles:
  - God said that He would bless the Gentiles through Abraham ([Gen. 12:3](#)). Through faith in Christ, the Gentiles benefit from God's promises. In Christ (Abraham's seed), we are included as Abraham's seed and are therefore heirs of salvation ([Gal. 3:9, 29](#)).
  - Gentiles, who were "far off," have been brought "near." ([Is. 57:19](#); [Eph. 2:17-18](#); note [Hosea 2:23](#) with [Rom. 9:25](#); [Is. 65:1](#) with [Rom. 10:20](#))

#### ➤ **Prophecies Relating to the World Overall**

- A judgment on the earth was prophesied ([Is. 28:22](#)). The tribulation fulfills this ([Rev. 3:10](#); [6:17](#); [15:1](#)), ending with Christ's Second Coming ([Is. 66:15](#); [Rev. 19:11-16](#)).
- The Old Testament prophesied that people from all nations would be experiencing the salvation of God ([Ps. 46:10](#); [Is. 52:10](#)), which will be fulfilled ([Rev. 5:9](#)).

#### ➤ **Prophecies Relating to God Himself**

- God ensures He will do what He has said. [Isaiah 46:9-11](#) states, "I am God... declaring the end from the beginning... I have purposed, and I will do it."
- God will fulfill what He has prophesied for His own "name's sake" ([Ezek. 36:21-23](#)) and that His "name may be declared in all the earth" ([Ex. 9:16](#)).