## "Days & Hours; Times & Seasons"

Sunday, September 7, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
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Selected Scriptures

**BIG IDEA**: Pay attention to "times & seasons".

"Therefore be alert, because you don't know either the day or the hour." Matthew 25:13 (CSB)

"About the times and the seasons..."

1 Thessalonians 5:1 (CSB)

## What is prophecy?

- o Forth-telling.
- o Fore-telling.

## How do we study prophecy?

- We must be <u>born again</u> to study prophecy.
- We must be know the Bible to study prophecy.
- We must be <u>depend</u> on the <u>Holy Spirit</u> to study prophecy.
- We must <u>accept</u> the <u>big picture</u> to study prophecy.
- We must <u>avoid extremes</u> & <u>excess</u> in studying prophecy.
- We must must <u>focus</u> on <u>Jesus</u> <u>Christ</u> to study prophecy.

O We must must practically apply truth to study prophecy.

## **Why** do we study prophecy?

- o Prophecy reminds us God is in control.
- o Prophecy reveals God's attributes.
- o Prophecy should purify us.
- Prophecy causes us to establish godly priorities.
- Prophecy encourages us.
- o Prophecy motivates us to evangelize others.

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Read: Matthew 25:1-13

**Think:** Think about the study of prophecy and then ask yourself the following questions: *In* the parable of the 10 virgins, why are some considered foolish and others sensible? What is the significance of the door being shut to the foolish virgins? Why does the Master say, "I do not know you" to the foolish virgins? How does Jesus expect us to be alert, yet not know the day or the hour of His appearing?

**Do:** Make a list of questions you have about the end times and prophecy. Talk with your spouse or a friend about the significance of prophecy in your life. Ask God how He wants your study of prophecy to affect you.