

“Days & Hours, Times & Seasons”

Sunday, April 24, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
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Matthew 25:1-13

BIG IDEA: Does anybody really know what time it is?

*“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?

- Prophecy is **FORTH-TELLING**.
- Prophecy is **FORE-TELLING**.

HOW do we STUDY PROPHECY?

- We must be **BORN AGAIN** to study prophecy.
- We must **KNOW** the **BIBLE** to study prophecy.
- We must **DEPEND** on the **HOLY SPIRIT** to study prophecy.
- We must **ACCEPT** the **BIG PICTURE** as we study prophecy.
- We must **AVOID EXTREMES & EXCESS** in studying prophecy.

- We must **FOCUS** on **JESUS CHRIST** as we study prophecy.
- We must **PRACTICALLY APPLY TRUTH** as we study prophecy.

WHY do we STUDY PROPHECY?

- Prophecy reminds us **GOD** is in **CONTROL**.
- Prophecy reveals **GOD’S ATTRIBUTES**.
- Prophecy should **PURIFY** us.
- Prophecy causes us to establish **GODLY PRIORITIES**.
- Prophecy **ENCOURAGES** us.
- Prophecy **MOTIVATES** us to **EVANGELIZE OTHERS**.

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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.