



HIGHER GROUND  
CALVARY CHAPEL

# SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

END TIMES PROPHECY

Class 01

The Last Days Versus End Times

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Welcome to our module on  
End Times Prophecy

Let me take a few moments to  
lay the ground work for this  
modular

Prophecy is not foretelling the  
future

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The Law of Moses makes it  
very clear that we should not  
seek fortune tellers, occult  
practices, star charts or other  
things that tell us the future

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While Jesus does tell us the signs, and He does tell us to watch and be ready  
God's prophecy is best understood in hindsight  
God's prophecy is not designed to foretell the future

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There are many people who speculate, rather than study  
They play the "What If?" Game

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Let me let you in on a secret...  
Why does God use prophecy?  
God uses prophecy for two reasons:  
1. To prove to you that He does exist;  
2. To prove to you that He is in charge

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This is why prophecy is best understood in hindsight

We see a prophecy come to pass and we now know:

1. God is real
2. God is in charge

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I tell you that three years from this date, if you go to this address, and are there at this time, you will see a man in his seventies come out the front door...

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He will be wearing a long-sleeve blue dress shirt  
The sleeves will be rolled up.  
He will be wearing black jeans  
He will not be wearing glasses  
He will be clean-shaven

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He will open the front door with  
his right hand

He will be carrying a book in  
his left hand

The book will be *the Collected  
Works of Robert Frost.*

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If I can predict the future like  
this in such precise detail, I  
would be pretty impressive

So three years later you go to  
that address at that time

And a man exactly like I  
described comes out carrying  
the right book

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Wow! I must be really good

But wait a second

You take a closer look

I am that man

FOUL!

I did not predict the future

I caused the future

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That is the exact purpose  
behind each of God's  
prophecies  
He is not predicting the future  
He is controlling the future  
He does exist  
He is in charge

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Isaiah 46:9 – 11:  
“Remember the former things  
of old: for I AM God, and there  
is [no one] else; I AM God, and  
there is [no one] like me...”

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“...Declaring the end from the  
beginning, and from ancient  
times the things that are not  
yet done, saying, ‘My Counsel  
shall stand, and I will do all my  
pleasure...”

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Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man who executes my counsel from a far country; yea I have spoken it, I will cause it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.”

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Isaiah was delivering God’s message  
The “ravenous bird” was the symbol on the banner of a king  
That king was Cyrus  
He came from the east to attack Babylon

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Isaiah identified this king by name  
He described how Cyrus would defeat and take the city of Babylon by redirecting the Euphrates River that ran through the city

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He even noted that Cyrus would have been raised by a shepherd

Wow! That's a lot of very specific details

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Jerusalem fell to Babylon in 586 B.C.

The Jews were in Babylon for 70 years – exactly as described by Jeremiah

So Isaiah is describing an event in 518 B. C.

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Isaiah was killed by King Manasseh

King Manasseh died in 642 B.C.

This means Isaiah could not have made his prophecy any later than 642 B. C.

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If we take 642 B. C. as the date of Isaiah's prophecy, and used 518 B.C. as the date it was fulfilled;

Then the shortest period of time from prophecy to fulfillment would be 124 years

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Here are some other things to consider:

Babylon was not an empire at this time

Assyria was the world power when Isaiah made his prophecy

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Persian and the Medes were not empires at this time

Cyrus was not even born at this time

There is a good chance that his father may not have been born, either

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Isaiah was shown what God was going to do in 124 years  
Isaiah nailed it  
He got it right, even down to the name  
How is that possible?

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God said, "This is what I am going to do."  
God controlled events in the world for 124 years to ensure that it would happen exactly the way that He said it would

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God showed Isaiah the end all the way back at the beginning  
It proved that God did exist  
It proved that God was in charge.  
That is why God gives us prophecy

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People speak of the Last Days and the End Times in a single voice as if they are the same thing  
They are not  
The Last Days began with the Resurrection of Jesus

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Hebrews 1:2:  
“Has in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds...”

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This comes from the teaching that a day with God is a thousand years by our time  
Psalm 90:4:  
“For a thousand year in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.”

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We have the same teaching in the New Testament

I Peter 3:8:

“But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”

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**This means that since the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus to present is only two days by God’s timing.**

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This gives new meaning to a verse in Hosea 6:1 – 2:

“Come, let us return unto the Lord: for He has torn us, and He will heal us; He has beaten us, and He will bind us up...”

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“...After two days will He revive us; in the third day we shall live in His sight.”

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The End Times is different.  
The End Times begins with the removal of the Church and God returning to use the nation of Israel instead of the Church

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Daniel 12:4:  
“But you, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”

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We know that God was referring to the End Times here because there were two signs:

1. People shall run to and fro. In other words travel and the speed of travel shall increase

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2. Knowledge shall increase. We have seen this growing and increasing faster. Technology has been exploding since the 1960's. This was not happening in Jesus' time

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So how precise is God in His timing?  
How careful is God when it comes to dates for His prophecies?

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We are going to look at three events and how exact God is in His scheduling of events...

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The Coming Prince by Sir Robert Anderson was written in 1894.



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Sir Anderson was the second assistant commissioner of the London Metropolitan Police. He is credited with breaking the Seventy Weeks Code of Daniel Chapter 9

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Sir Anderson noted that the Hebrew word for “weeks” literally means a “set of seven.”

It could mean seven days, seven weeks, seven months or seven years.

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He determined that a “week” in Daniel Chapter 9 meant a set of seven years.

He used the Babylonian year since Daniel was in Babylon  
This would be 360 days, and not 365 days.

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I, personally believe the 360-day year is God’s prophetic year since the years in the Tribulation will also be 360 days long.

[Perhaps we had a 360-day year prior to the Flood?]

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Gabriel told Daniel in Daniel 9:25:

“Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto Messiah the Prince...

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...shall be seven weeks and threescore and two [69 weeks] the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.”

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Now we suspect that there was, as yet, some undiscovered event that took place at the seven-week mark. Then there was the period of time for sixty-two weeks when the Messiah was revealed.

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There were three major returns  
from Babylon to Jerusalem  
The first was under  
Zerubbabel  
The second was under Ezra  
The third was under Nehemiah

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Zerubbabel and Ezra returned  
to rebuild the Temple  
Nehemiah returned to rebuild  
the wall  
He rebuilt the walls of the city  
of Jerusalem in troublous  
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According to Nehemiah 2:1 the  
decree was made to return  
and rebuild the walls was:  
“...In the month of Nisan, in  
the twentieth year of  
Artaxerxes the king...”

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In Jewish tradition, if the day of the month is not listed, then it is referring to the first of the month.

The month of Nisan is part of the Jewish calendar which fluctuates and it hard to track

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Fortunately, the Rabbis keep very meticulous records

The first of Nisan in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of Artaxerxes is March 14, 445 B. C. by our calendar

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Using the code and 69 weeks, Sir Anderson calculated:

69(7 years X 360 days)

The Messiah would be revealed 173,880 days from this date

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Sir Anderson brought in astronomers and scientists and counted out 173,880 days and came to April 6, 32 A. D. by our calendar

Using references made by Luke in his gospel, this was the same date as Palm Sunday

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That day would have been the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, the same day when the Jews were required to select and identify the Passover Lamb

Jesus declared He was the Messiah, God's Passover Lamb on that day.

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Now, if you pay attention to Daniel 9:24, the Angel Gabriel had declared that 70 weeks – not 69 weeks – had been assigned by God to the nation of Israel to accomplish several tasks

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These tasks are listed in Daniel 9:24 and each task was accomplished when Jesus died on the cross

Each task except for:

“To bring in everlasting righteousness”

“To anoint the most Holy.”

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The “Most Holy” is a reference to the Messiah

The Jews still have to recognize Jesus as the Messiah, anoint Him and make Him King.

This task still has to be fulfilled

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Notice that one week is left for the nation of Israel

This is a period of seven years

Each year will be 360 days long

The same length of time as the Tribulation in Revelation

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God will remove the Church and return to the nation of Israel

He will use the nation of Israel for seven years [360 days per year] to eventually “anoint the most Holy.”

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The precision of God’s prophecies will blow you away with the specific detail with which they are given and dispatched.

Some prophecies are not obvious and it may take a little research to see it.

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I want to discuss two concepts dealing with the fall of Jerusalem and the Captivity in Babylon

The first concept is the Servitude of the Nation,  
The other is the Desolation of Jerusalem

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Many Bible scholars believe that these terms speak of the same thing  
But they do not  
They are two different events  
And they deal with modern-day Israel

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The Servitude of Nations refers to the loss of self-rule and there is no king of David upon the throne.  
Israel will be ruled by others  
This began with the first taking of Jerusalem by Babylon  
Babylon took Jerusalem 3X

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The Desolation of Jerusalem refers to God withholding His blessing and the land becomes barren and unproductive.  
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Let's look at a few verses concerning these topics...  
This is something Dr. Chuck Missler presented in his lesson on Leviticus Twenty-Six

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Lamentations 1:3:  
“Judah has gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude, she dwells among the heathen, she finds no rest; all her persecutors overtook her between the straits.”

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Isaiah 64:10:  
“The holy cities are a wilderness. Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.”

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Jeremiah 22:5:

“But if you will not hear these words, I swear by myself,’ says the Lord, ‘that their house shall become a desolation.’”

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Jeremiah 25:18:

“To wit, Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse; as it is this day.”

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Jeremiah 44:2:

“Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, you have seen all the evil I have brought upon Jerusalem and upon the cities of Judah, and behold this day, they are a desolation, and no man dwells therein.”

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Now let us take a look at four verses from Leviticus Chapter 26...

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Leviticus 26:18:  
“And if you will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.”

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Leviticus 26:21:  
“And if you walk contrary unto me and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.”

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Leviticus 26:24:

“Then will I walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.”

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Leviticus 26:28:

“Then I will walk contrary unto you, also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.”

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Now most Bible scholars will tell you that the number seven refers to “complete” because God completed the Creation and then rested on the seventh day.

They do not see it as anything else

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But God is a literal God  
He says what He means  
And He does what He says.  
Now consider Ezekiel 4:1 – 8  
Ezekiel was giving prophecies  
during the Captivity in Babylon

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Ezekiel 4:1:  
“You also, son of man, take  
you a tile and lay it before you,  
and portray upon it the city of  
Jerusalem.”

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Ezekiel 4:2:  
“And lay siege against it, and  
build a fort against it, and cast  
a mount against it, set the  
camp also against it and set  
battering rams against it round  
about.”

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Ezekiel 4:3:

...This shall be a sign to the house of Israel”

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Ezekiel 4:4:

“Lie you also upon your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it; according to the number of the days that you shall lie upon it you shall bear their iniquity.”

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Ezekiel 4:5:

“For I have laid upon you the years of their iniquity according to the number of days, three hundred and ninety days, so shall you bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.”

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Ezekiel 4:6:

“And when you have accomplished them, lie again on your right side, and you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days; I have appointed each day for a year.”

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How many days did Ezekiel lay siege against the city of Jerusalem?

There was 390 days on his left side

Then there was 40 days on his right side

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So he laid siege 430 days  
If each day is symbolic of a year he was picturing 430 years

Now 70 of those years is referring to the Babylonian Captivity so we remove those seventy years

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430 yrs – 70 yrs = 360 yrs  
So we now have 360 years  
We take God literally at His  
word and we multiply this 360  
years by 7 [punish 7 times]  
We now have 2,520 years  
Again, we are dealing with a  
360-day year

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We take 2,520 years and  
multiply it by 360 days  
 $2,520 \times 360 = 907,200$  days  
Dr. Missler converted this to  
our 365 day year for purposes  
of identifying specific dates

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2,483 years [using 365 days  
per year]  
9 months  
21 days  
How many actual days are  
we talking about here?

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2,483 years [365 days] =  
906,295 days

We then add 614 days to  
adjust for Leap Year

9 months is = 270 days

Then we have 21 days

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906,295 days

614 days

270 days

+ 21 days

= 907,295 days

Now what do we do with this?

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There were three sieges of  
Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar:

The first siege began in 606  
B.C. Jerusalem fell and began  
70 years of servitude

This ended in 537 B.C. when  
Cyrus issued the decree to  
return home

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We are not interested in the second siege  
The third siege began in 587 BC and this one left Jerusalem desolate  
There were 70 years of desolation and ended in 518 B.C per Book of Nehemiah

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Concerning the Servitude of nation we begin with the first siege by Nebuchadnezzar  
Count out the 907,295 days and we come to May 14, 1948  
The day Israel became a nation once more [self rule]

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We do not know the exact date of when the walls were completed, but Dr. Missler calculated out approximately and added 907,295 days and he came to June 7, 1967  
The day Jerusalem returned to control of the Jews

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We are going to be looking at various End Times prophecies  
We will be taking each prophecy to be literal unless there is some kind of code or symbol involved as in this case

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We will be looking at passages from the Old Testament and passages from the New Testament  
We will discover something that Paul taught

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Colossians 1:26:  
“Even the mystery which has been hidden from ages and generations, but now is made manifest to his saints.”  
Paul is speaking of the Church

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It is interesting how the prophets of the Old Testament would give us very detailed prophecies leading up to Jesus' birth, crucifixion and resurrection, but then jump to the Antichrist and Tribulation

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We see this in Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and others.

The Church is hinted at in some prophecies, but never revealed

The Church is hidden as Paul declared

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## QUESTIONS



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