PERSONAL REFLECTION

Attention | What caught my attention tonight?

Connection | How does this connect with my life right now?

Invitation | What is God inviting me to do in response?

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Sat, Oct 24 | *Finding Hope in the Judgment*
Tues, Oct 27 | *The Bible's Longest Time Prophecy*
Wed, Oct 28 | *Prophecy's Greatest Promise*
Fri, Oct 30 | *Revelation's War in Heaven*
Sat, Oct 31 | *The Greatest Issue in the Book of Revelation*

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Certainty in an Uncertain World

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WELCOME

We sincerely welcome you to this exciting journey as we explore Bible prophecy to discover a real and rising sense of hope in an increasingly dark world. If you're holding this in your hand, it is most likely because you desire, like many others, to make sense of the times in which we live and to explore how this ancient book called the Bible can have relevance for our lives today. In these unsettling times, many are genuinely searching for a trustworthy anchor point. If you resonate with this at all, then we believe you will find this series of presentations to be a powerful catalyst in your search for certainty and meaning.

DISCOVERY TIME

On a scale of 1 to 10 (low to high), how would you rate your familiarity/understanding of the Bible?

How would you rate your desire to learn more about the Bible?

Our thesis tonight is that the ancient prophecies of the Bible speak directly to our day. This claim rests upon the underlying conviction that the Bible and the God of the Bible can be trusted. If we're going to trust the Bible, we must have reasons to do so…

CAN WE TRUST THE BIBLE? — LINES OF EVIDENCE

- ☐ Internal
- ☐ Translational
- ☐ Archaeological/Historical
- ☐ Experiential
- ☐ Prophetic

THE PROPHETIC WORD

- ☐ Isaiah 46:9-10 — God's ability to foretell the future is a distinctive sign of His divine power.
- ☐ 2 Peter 1:16-21 — God's prophetic word is like a _____ in a dark place. It gives clarity where there's confusion, faith where there's fear, certainty in an uncertain world.
- ☐ John 15:15 (see also Jn. 14:29) — The prophetic revelations of God in the Bible are relational in nature, not merely information. We can approach our study of the Bible not only to gain knowledge but to build trusting friendship with the God of heaven.

DANIEL 2 — BACK TO THE FUTURE

- ☐ Daniel 2:1-11 — In his anxiety, King Nebuchadnezzar sought clarity from those he thought he could trust. But even the wisest of men demonstrated insufficient ability to help and, even worse, a limited picture of divinity (v. 11).
- ☐ When King Nebuchadnezzar turned to other men, they failed. When Daniel turned to God, He proved _____ (Dan. 2:16-19).
  - Isaiah 49:14-16; 44:8
  - Psalm 27:10; John 14:18; Hebrews 13:5, 6
- ☐ Daniel 2:28-45 — God reveals a trustworthy vision of the future — not just of King Nebuchadnezzar's day but also of our day.



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- ☐ What part of the vision is next to be fulfilled?

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THE END OF THE WORLD — ANXIETY VS ASSURANCE

- ☐ Luke 21:25-28 — Picturing the end of the world may fill many with fear, but it doesn't have to. This is why the New Testament describes **second coming of Jesus** as "the blessed hope" (Titus 2:13).
- ☐ When our minds race with anxious thoughts about what lies ahead (see Dan. 2:29), God reveals Himself and His plans through Bible prophecy — not to darken our future but brighten it.
- ☐ Luke 12:31-32 — God desires not only to inform us about earthly kingdoms but to actually give us His heavenly kingdom.