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EXTRAS.

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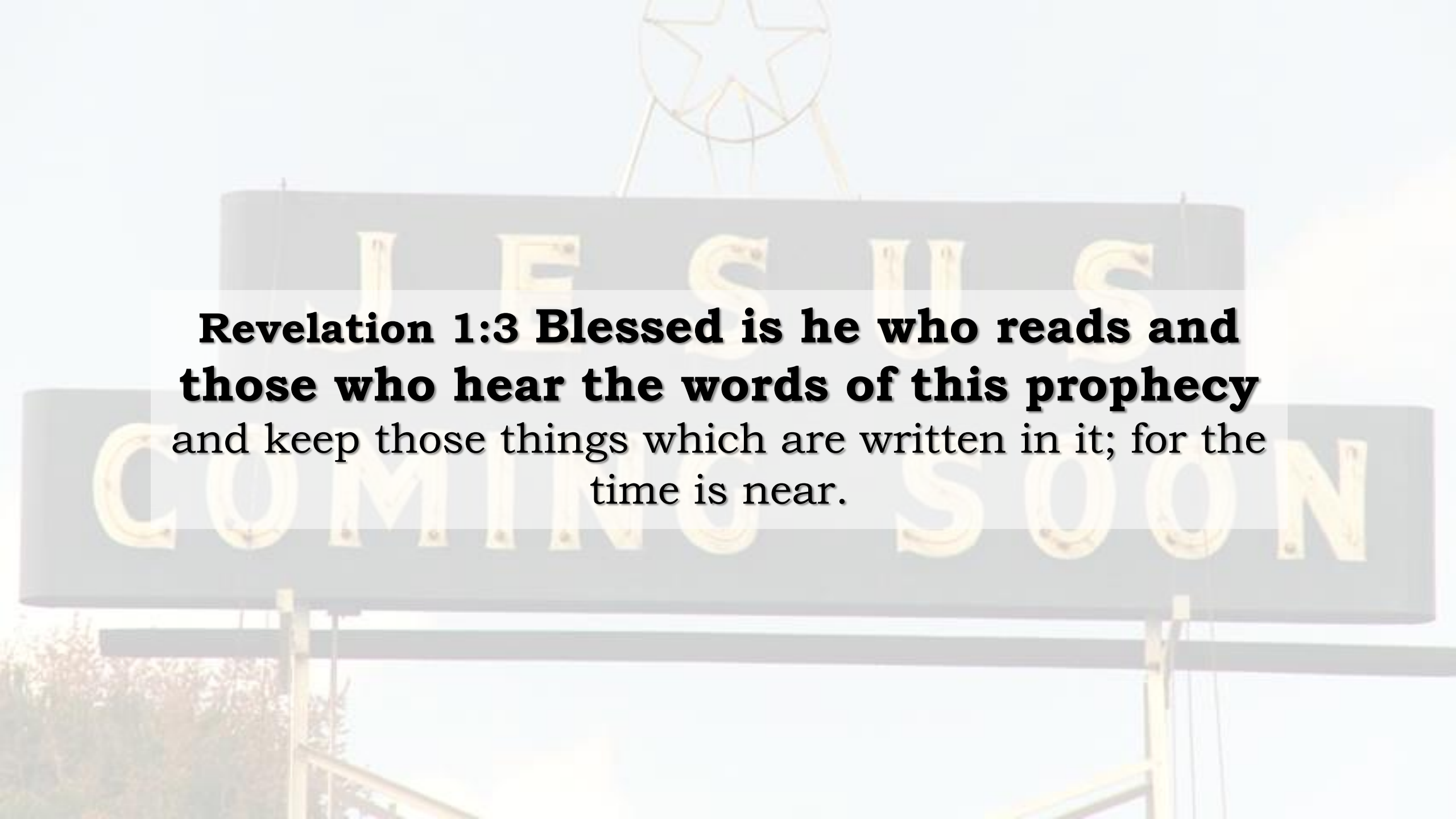
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# Long Island, NY 1938



*The Hurricane of 1938 devastated Long Island's south shore and Fire Island. Photo: Wikimedia Commons*



**Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.**



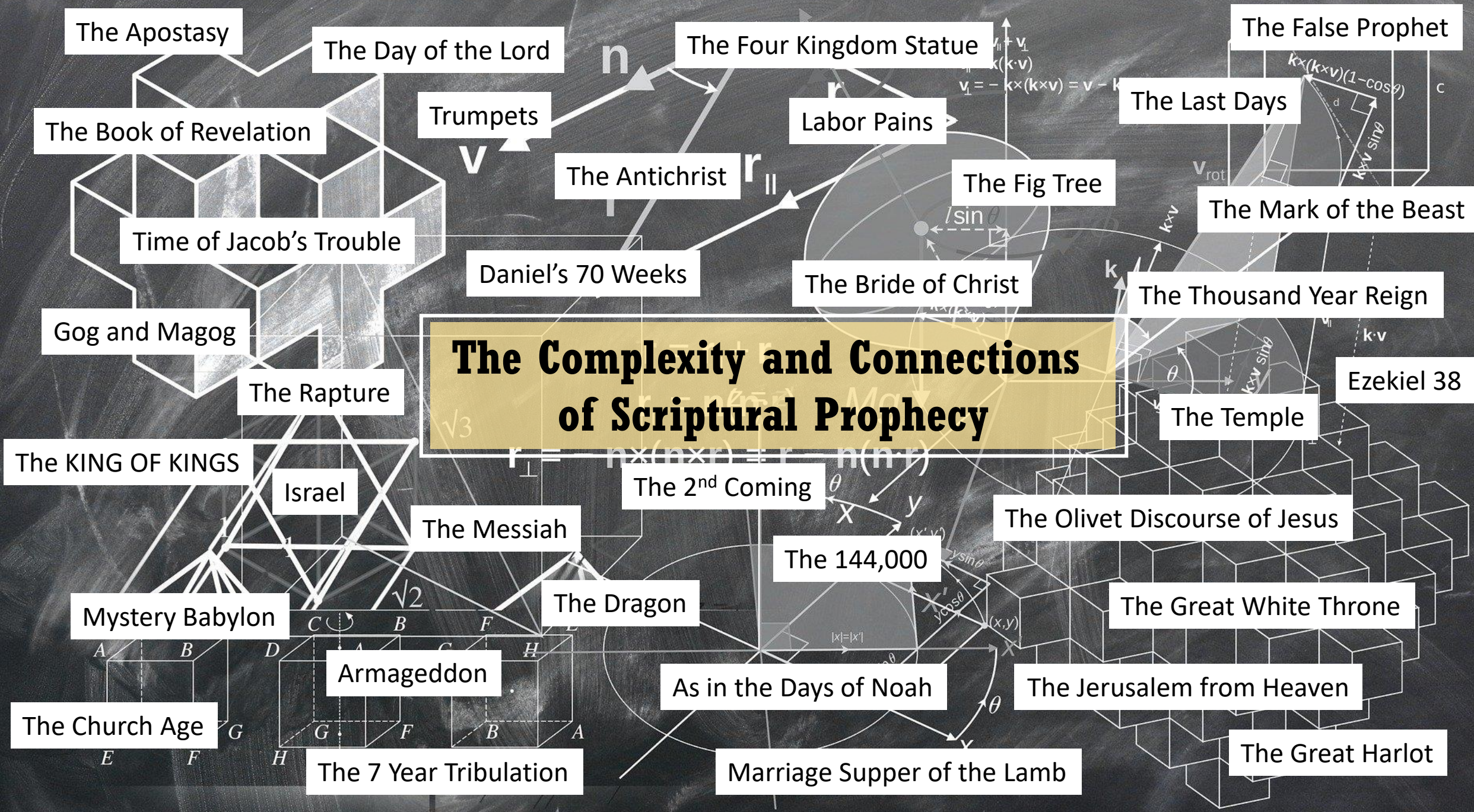
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**September 12<sup>th</sup> – BE AWARE** -- The Purpose & Past of Scriptural Prophecy

**September 19<sup>th</sup> – BE WATCHFUL** -- The Prophecies of Jesus and The Scriptures Regarding the Last Days

**September 26<sup>th</sup> – BE UNDERSTANDING** -- The Prophecies of Jesus and The Scriptures Regarding The Great Tribulation

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> – BE READY** -- The Promise of Jesus' Imminent Return & Glorious Kingdom **[YES, I still believe in the Rapture of the Church!]**

# Four Approaches to Prophecy

## Views of Prophetic Interpretation

***Apocalypse** = From the Greek words apo, “away from” and kalupsis “cover”. It is the uncovering or unveiling (revelation) of God’s plan concerning the end times.*

- 1. Futurist** — Apocalyptic texts in the Bible are predictive prophecy about events that, even now, have not yet occurred.
- 2. Historicist** — Apocalyptic texts in the Bible that are symbolic retellings of certain epochs of history.
- 3. Idealist** — Apocalyptic texts in the Bible are idealized expressions of struggles between good and evil that occur in every age.
- 4. Preterist** — (From Latin praeteritus, “past” or “bygone”. Apocalyptic texts in the Bible are symbolic descriptions of events that happened near or soon after the time when the text was written. \*Related to Jesus’s prophecies – soon after His death and resurrection.



# **A Contemporary Example**

**NOT Prophetic in any way but certainly possible.**

**Illustrative of 4 Perspectives in One Paragraph**

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**The United States with its \$28.7 Trillion in debt and 125.75% debt to GDP ratio is staring at a future market collapse that exceeds the collapse of the 1929 stock markets, resulting in the great depression. The captains of industry and political leaders built a house of cards nearly 100 years ago that is being re-built in our lifetime; only it's a far larger house that's made of many more cards.**

**ALL Employed: Futurist | Historicist | Idealist | Preterist**

**The Context clarifies the understanding and interpretation.**

# Multi-Faceted Purpose of Prophecy

## Primarily Related to Us as Believers

1. **To know and believe that God alone knows the future** – *Isaiah 46:10* Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'
2. **To know and believe God alone controls the future** – *Isaiah 14:24* The Lord of hosts has sworn, saying, "Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, And as I have purposed, so it shall stand". *Lamentations 2:17* The Lord has done what He purposed; He has fulfilled His word Which He commanded in days of old...
3. **To grow our faith and trust in the God of our past, present, and future** – *Revelation 1:8* "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."  
*I John 5:4* For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.
4. **To settle us, ready us, and use us in service while we watch and wait for the return of Jesus** – *Luke 12:36-37* and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching...  
*Luke 19:13* So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.'



# **The Past & Perfection of Biblical Prophecy**

There are hundreds and of Biblical prophecies already fulfilled. Dr. Harold  
Wilmington (Liberty University) lists 416 prophecies that have so far been fulfilled.

# The Past & Perfection of Biblical Prophecy

From the Garden of Eden to the time of Christ

1. Messiah
2. The Tribe and Birthplace of Messiah
3. The Virgin Birth of the Messiah
4. The Working of Miracles by the Messiah
5. The Rejection of the Messiah
6. The Type of Death the Messiah Would Die
7. The Exact Time of Jesus' Final Week Before Crucifixion
8. The Creation of Israel as a Nation
9. The Bondage of Israel as a Nation
10. The Setting Free of Israel as a Nation
11. The Conquering of the Promised Land by Israel and descendants of Abraham
12. The Desire of Israel to Have a King
13. The Turning Away from God by Israel
14. The Judgment, Destruction, and Captivity of Israel
15. The Restoration of Israel after Captivity
16. The Foretelling of the Babylonian, Persian, Greek, and Roman Empires



# **The Past & Perfection of Biblical Prophecy**

From Jesus' Earthly Ministry into Modern Times

## **1. The Prophecies of Jesus about His Own Death and Passover Week**

- Who would convict Him
- How He would die
- How many days he would be in the grave
- That He would rise from the dead

## **2. The Prophecies of Jesus regarding Jerusalem and the Temple**

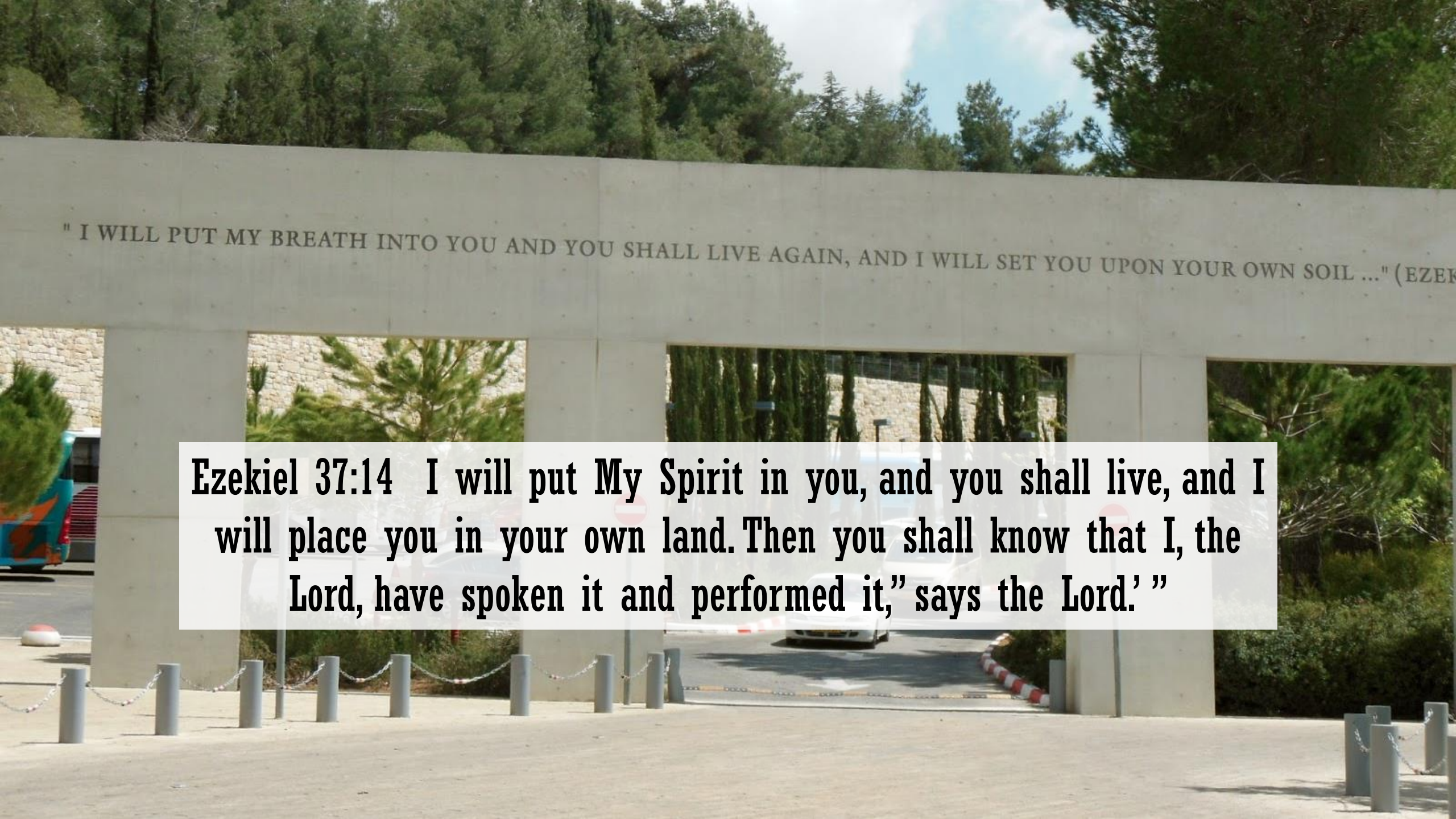
- That the Temple would be destroyed
- That Jerusalem would be surrounded and would mourn & weep

## **3. The Prophecies of Jesus regarding the Church**

- That the Church would see tribulation and hatred
- That many would come in Jesus' name and cause deception

## **4. That Israel would be re-gathered to land from the ends of the earth (1948)**

- From the Prophet Ezekiel but also expressed by Jesus in His Olivet Discourse



" I WILL PUT MY BREATH INTO YOU AND YOU SHALL LIVE AGAIN, AND I WILL SET YOU UPON YOUR OWN SOIL ..." (EZEK

**Ezekiel 37:14 I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken it and performed it," says the Lord.' "**




**Know The Truth | Believe The Truth | Stand On The Truth**

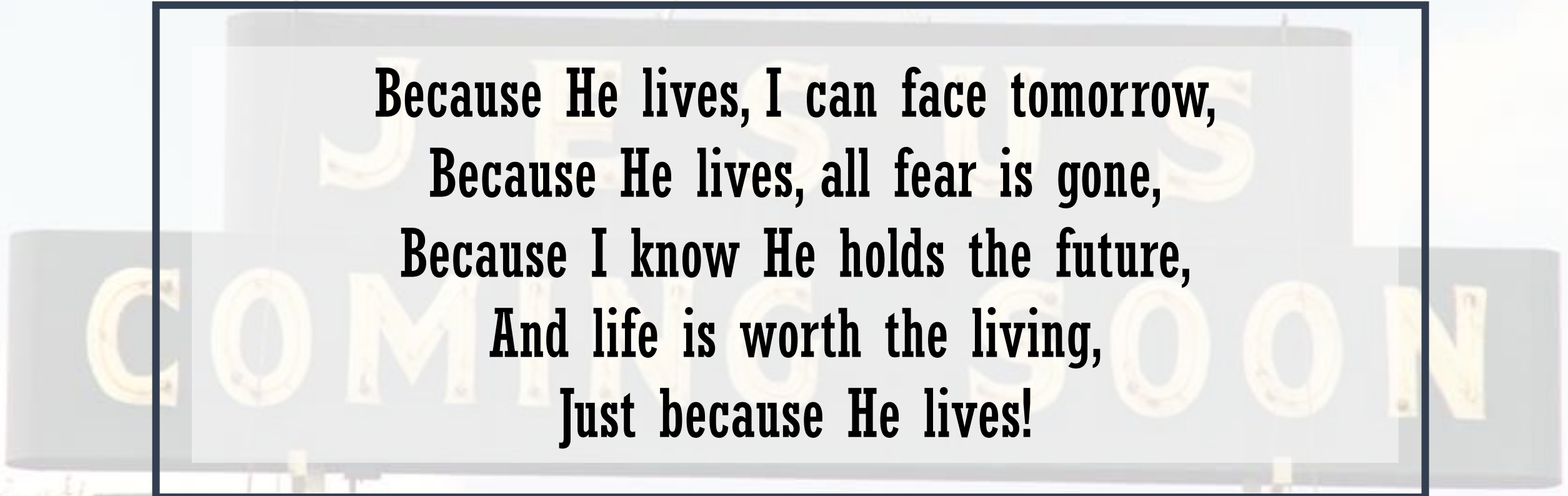
**II Peter 1:21** For **prophecy never came by the will of man**, but **holy men of God spoke** as they were **moved by the Holy Spirit**.

**Romans 10:17** So then **faith comes by hearing**, and **hearing by the Word of God**.

**I Corinthians 16:13** Watch, **stand fast in the faith**,  
be brave, be strong.



**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone,  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living,  
Just because He lives!**





## Psalm 40:8

I **delight** to do **YOUR WILL**, O **MY GOD**,  
And **Your law is within my heart**.

1. **Pray It – Ask God for His help** to not only do His will but to fully delight in it.
2. **Say It – Speak the Word of God** to ourselves and meditate on His sure promises of help and joy.
3. **Obey It – Do the small things** with a heart of gladness and keep doing it in each area of our life; while continuing to pray it & say it.





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