

*Understanding
The Terms:
Prophecy Terms
Made Simple*

*FOR THE TESTIMONY
OF JESUS IS THE
SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.
—REVELATION 19:10*

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— Proverbs 23:23

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Understanding the Language of Prophecy

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DOES NOTHING, UNLESS HE
REVEALS HIS SECRET TO HIS
SERVANTS THE PROPHETS.”
—AMOS 3:7*

Prophecy can sound intimidating—especially if you didn't grow up in church or haven't studied the Bible deeply.

But God never meant for prophecy to be hidden or confusing. He gave it to us as a roadmap, so we wouldn't be caught off guard when the time came.

“Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.” — Amos 3:7

When you first begin studying end-time prophecy, it can feel like learning a completely new language.

Terms like rapture, tribulation, or abomination of desolation might seem overwhelming—especially if you've never heard them before.

But take heart—this guide was created with you in mind.

It's for the seeker. The curious. The remnant rising in this hour.

This simple resource will break down key prophetic terms, giving you clear explanations and context—so that you can better understand what the Bible says is coming, and most importantly...

What it means for you.

Prophecy Terms Made Simple

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A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO END-TIME LANGUAGE

PROPHECY

Definition:

Prophecy is a **divinely inspired message or revelation from God**, spoken or written through a human vessel, that reveals truth about the past, present, or future. It may offer warning, comfort, correction, or direction—and always aligns with God's character and Word.

Prophecy may be **foretelling** (revealing what will happen) or **forth-telling** (declaring God's heart and will in the present).

Why It Matters:

Prophecy is one of the most powerful ways God communicates with His people. It prepares the remnant, **warns of what's to come**, calls the lost to repentance, and confirms the truth of Scripture through fulfillment.

Jesus Himself fulfilled **over 300 prophecies** in His first coming, and **many more are yet to be fulfilled** regarding His return.

Understanding prophecy helps believers:

Recognize the signs of the times

Avoid deception

Stay rooted in the living, unfolding Word of God

Walk in discernment and readiness

Scripture:

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*“Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets.”
— Amos 3:7*

*“For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”
— Revelation 19:10*

*“And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh... and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy...”
— Acts 2:17*

*“Despise not prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good.”
— 1 Thessalonians 5:20–21*

APOSTASY (THE FALLING AWAY)

Definition:

Apostasy is the **falling away from true faith**—a deliberate turning away from God’s truth, doctrine, or Word, often to embrace false teachings, idolatry, or worldly systems. It is not ignorance; it is **willful rebellion** or **spiritual betrayal** by those who once claimed belief.

The Greek word for apostasy (apostasia) means defection, departure, or rebellion.

Why It Matters:

Apostasy is one of the clearest signs of the last days. Scripture warns that before Jesus returns, there will be a great falling away—not from religion, but from truth.

Many will still use the name of Jesus while denying His Lordship, distorting Scripture, or compromising with the world.

Recognizing Apostasy Helps Believers:

Stay rooted in **sound doctrine**
Discern between **true and false teachers**
Understand that **popularity ≠ truth**
Guard their own faith with **fear and trembling**

We are not just battling unbelief—we are living in a time of mass spiritual defection.

Scripture:

“Let no one deceive you by any means: for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first...”

— 2 Thessalonians 2:3

“The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.”

— 1 Timothy 4:1

“For the time will come when people will not endure sound doctrine... they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned aside to myths.”

— 2 Timothy 4:3-4

“They went out from us, but they were not of us...”

— 1 John 2:19

THE RAPTURE

Definition:

The **Rapture** refers to the future moment when Jesus will suddenly **gather and remove His faithful believers from the earth**, both living and dead, to meet Him in the air. The word “rapture” comes from the Latin *rapturo*, meaning **to seize or snatch away**, which is used to translate the Greek word *harpazō* in 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

It is a **supernatural rescue**, an act of divine deliverance and reunion.

Why It Matters:

The Rapture is a core part of end-time prophecy and represents a **blessed hope** for believers. While there is debate about its exact timing (pre-, mid-, or post-tribulation), Scripture is clear that Jesus **will come again** to gather His Bride.

Understanding the Rapture Helps Believers:

Stay **spiritually ready and watchful**

Live with **expectation and purity**

Recognize that **this world is not our final home**

Find comfort and courage during dark times

Scripture:

“Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

— 1 Thessalonians 4:17

“Behold, I tell you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed... in the twinkling of an eye...”

— 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

“Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.”

— Revelation 3:10

“Watch therefore, and pray always, that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass...”

— Luke 21:36

THE TRIBULATION

Definition:

The **Tribulation** refers to a specific **seven-year period of intense judgment, deception, and global upheaval** prophesied in the Bible. It begins with the rise of the Antichrist and ends with the return of Jesus Christ.

The final half (3.5 years) is known as the **Great Tribulation**, marked by unprecedented persecution, plagues, and the full release of God's wrath upon the earth.

This is not general suffering—it is a prophetic, **set-apart period** foretold in Daniel, Revelation, and by Jesus Himself.

Why It Matters:

Understanding the Tribulation helps believers discern the prophetic timeline and avoid confusion or fear.

The Tribulation separates:

Man-made trouble from God-ordained judgment

**The trials of life from the final refining of humanity before
Jesus returns**

It also teaches that even in judgment, God is working to awaken souls, redeem the remnant, and prepare the Earth for the Kingdom to come.

Scripture:

“For then shall be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

— Matthew 24:21

“He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering...”

— Daniel 9:27

“So I looked, and behold a pale horse... And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.”

— Revelation 6:8

“These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

— Revelation 7:14

THE ANTICHRIST

Definition:

The **Antichrist** is a coming world leader who will rise in the last days with deceptive power, political authority, and spiritual influence.

He will **oppose everything that is of God**, exalt himself as divine, and ultimately demand worship. He is also known as the “**man of lawlessness**,” “**the beast**,” and “**the son of perdition**.”

While there are many antichrists (false teachers and deceivers), **THE Antichrist** is a single end-times figure prophesied to emerge during the Tribulation and be destroyed at Christ's return.

Why It Matters:

The Antichrist will not appear evil at first. He will come **promising peace**, unity, and solutions to global crises. He will even perform signs and wonders to deceive many—even some who claim to follow Christ (Matthew 24:24).

Understanding Who and What the Antichrist Represents is Crucial For:

Discerning deception in global leadership and religion
Recognizing how **prophecy is unfolding** in real time
Refusing the **mark of the beast**, and standing firm in truth

This figure is the **climactic counterfeit**—a false messiah rising just before the true Messiah returns.

Scripture:

“Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition.”

— 2 Thessalonians 2:3

“who oppose and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”

— 2 Thessalonians 2:4

“And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.”

— Revelation 13:5

“Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.”

— 1 John 2:18

*“Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;
But in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to
sacrifice and offering...”*

Daniel 9:27

ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

Definition:

A prophetic term used to describe a **sacrilegious and defiling act** that takes place in the **holy place or temple of God**, which signals the nearness of the end times.

It is an event that desecrates what is sacred and ushers in a period of great tribulation.

Why It Matters:

Jesus Himself warned His disciples to **watch for this sign** (Matthew 24:15).

It will be a pivotal event where the **Antichrist stands in the holy place** and proclaims himself as God (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).

This act will reveal the **true identity of the beast** and mark the **midpoint of the seven-year Tribulation**, triggering the most intense time of judgment and persecution in history.

Understanding This Term Helps Believers Recognize:

Where we are in the prophetic timeline

The importance of Israel and the Temple Mount

Why Jesus called this moment a signal to **flee and prepare**

Scripture:

“So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.”

— Matthew 24:15–16

“And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week... and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate...”

— Daniel 9:27

“He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God... so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God.”

— 2 Thessalonians 2:4

70 WEEKS OF DANIEL

Definition:

The **70 Weeks of Daniel** is a prophetic timeline given by the angel Gabriel to Daniel (Daniel 9:24–27) that outlines **God’s plan for Israel and the world**—from the rebuilding of Jerusalem to the coming of the Messiah and the final judgment.

Each “week” represents seven years, making the full prophecy span **490 years**.

The first 69 weeks (483 years) were fulfilled at Christ’s first coming. The **70th week**—the final **seven-year period of Tribulation**—is yet to come.

Why It Matters:

This prophecy is the **backbone of biblical end-time chronology**.

The 70 Weeks of Daniel Tells Us:

When the Messiah would arrive

When He would be “cut off” (crucified)

That there would be a **gap** before the final week

And that the last seven years will include **a false covenant, a desecration**, and the return of Christ

Understanding the 70 Weeks Helps Believers:

See how prophecy **connects the Old and New Testaments**

Recognize that the Tribulation is **already prophesied and scheduled**

Understand the **specific role of Israel** in God’s plan

Scripture:

“Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins...and to bring in everlasting righteousness...”

— Daniel 9:24

“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks...”

— Daniel 9:25

“And after the sixty- two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for himself...”

— Daniel 9:26

“Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering...”

— Daniel 9:27

THE CHURCH AGE (AGE OF GRACE)

Definition:

The **Church Age**—also called the **Age of Grace**—is the period of time between Christ's ascension and His return, when salvation is freely offered to all through **faith in Jesus Christ**. It began on **Pentecost (Acts 2)** and will continue **until the Rapture of the Church**.

This era is marked by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the spread of the Gospel, and the building of Christ's Body—the Church.

Why It Matters:

We are living in the Church Age **right now**.

This is the Season Of:

Grace and mercy
Invitation to salvation
Spiritual awakening and preparation

But this age will not last forever. Once the Church is caught up (raptured), the **70th week of Daniel**—the final seven years—will begin.

Understanding the Church Age reminds us:

Time is short
Salvation is now
And the **Bride must prepare herself**

This is the **age of harvest**, and the Church is called to watch,
warn, and witness until the trumpet sounds.

Scripture:

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that
not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.”
— Ephesians 2:8*

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...”
— Matthew 28:19*

*“...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were
being saved.”
— Acts 2:47*

*“...blindness in part has happened to Israel, until the fullness
of the Gentiles has come in.”*

— Romans 11:25

*“To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all
generations, forever and ever. Amen.”*

— Ephesians 3:21

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

Definition:

Mark of the Beast is a **mandatory identification system** that will be enforced during the Tribulation by the Antichrist and his global system. It will be placed on the **right hand or forehead**, and without it, no one will be able to **buy or sell**.

This mark is **more than economic**—it is a **spiritual allegiance** to the beast.

It symbolizes the **worship of the Antichrist**, and those who receive it **reject God** and will face eternal judgment.

Why It Matters:

This is not just a barcode, chip, or technology—though those may be used. It is a spiritual seal of rebellion.

Accepting the mark is an act of worship toward the beast and a rejection of Jesus Christ.

Understanding This Prepares Believers To:

Refuse the mark at any cost—even unto death

Recognize how technology and globalism are **setting the stage**

Trust in God's provision when buying and selling becomes restricted

Warn others with love, clarity, and urgency

This is the line in the sand. There is **no repentance** for those who take it (Revelation 14:9–11).

Scripture:

“He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark...”

— Revelation 13:16–17

“If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God...”

— Revelation 14:9-10

“And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image...”

— Revelation 14:11

“And I saw... those who had gotten the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark... standing on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.”

— Revelation 15:2

THE SECOND COMING

Definition:

The **Second Coming** is the **visible, physical return of Jesus Christ to Earth** at the end of the seven-year Tribulation.

Unlike the Rapture, which is a **private event for the Church**, the Second Coming is a **global event** where every eye will see Him.

Jesus will descend with His saints, destroy the Antichrist, judge the nations, and establish His **Millennial Kingdom** from Jerusalem.

It is the **climax of all prophecy** and the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise to rule and reign in righteousness.

Why It Matters:

The Second Coming is the hope of the remnant, the dread of the rebellious, and the signal that **justice has come**.

It Reminds Believers That:

Evil does not win

The true King will return

And every knee will bow to **the Name above every name**

Understanding This Moment Helps Us:

Differentiate between the **Rapture** and the **Second Coming**

Recognize the **sequence of end-time events**

Prepare our hearts to **reign with Christ**, not just escape judgment

Jesus came once as the Lamb. He is coming again as the **Lion of Judah**.

Scripture:

“Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him...”

— Revelation 1:7

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days... they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

— Matthew 24:29-30

“Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations... and His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives...”

— Zechariah 14:3-4

“And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen... followed Him on white horses.”

— Revelation 19:14

THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Definition:

The **Millennial Kingdom** refers to the **1,000-year reign** of Jesus Christ on Earth following His Second Coming. During this time, **Satan will be bound**, the nations will be governed with righteousness, and the glorified saints will reign with Christ.

It is a literal, prophetic period of peace and justice where Jesus rules from **Jerusalem** and fulfills all remaining Messianic promises.

The word millennial comes from the Latin mille, meaning “**a thousand.**”

Why It Matters:

The Millennial Kingdom is the **promised age of restoration**—when creation is renewed, justice prevails, and God’s will is done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

This is Not Eternity Yet—But It's a Foretaste of It,
Where:

War ceases

The curse is lifted

The remnant rules with Christ

Nations come to worship the King

Understanding the Millennial Kingdom Reveals:

The **purpose of prophecy** beyond judgment

The **role of believers** as rulers and priests

God's plan to redeem not just people, but **the entire Earth**

Scripture:

“...they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

— Revelation 20:4

“The wolf shall dwell with the lamb...They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord...”

— Isaiah 11:6–9

“And the Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—‘The Lord is one...’”

— Zechariah 14:9

“...They shall beat their swords into plowshares... Nation shall not lift up sword against nation...”

— Micah 4:3

“Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection... they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”

— Revelation 20:6

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

Definition:

The **Great White Throne Judgment** is the **final judgment of all the unsaved dead** at the end of the Millennial Kingdom.

It is the moment when **every soul not found in the Book of Life** is judged according to their works and cast into the **lake of fire** for eternal separation from God.

This is not for believers—those in Christ are covered by grace and are part of the **first resurrection**.

This judgment is for the **second resurrection**, where **every knee will bow**, and the truth will be eternally confirmed.

Why It Matters:

This is the **final courtroom of Heaven**. There are no appeals, no second chances, and no debate.

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT PROVES:

God is perfectly just

Sin will be judged

No one escapes truth—not kings, not peasants, not angels,
not demons

Understanding This Judgment Reminds Us:

Why salvation through Jesus is urgent

That hell is real, final, and eternal

That those who reject Jesus choose separation from Him
forever

It also gives peace: **God will right every wrong, and no
injustice goes unseen.**

Scripture:

*“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it...
And the dead were judged according to their works, by the
things which were written in the books.”*

— Revelation 20:11-12

*“And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast
into the lake of fire.”*

— Revelation 20:15

*“It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the
judgment.”*

— Hebrews 9:27

THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

Definition:

The **New Heaven and New Earth** is the **eternal dwelling place** of the redeemed after the final judgment, where **God Himself will dwell with His people** forever. It is a completely restored creation—free from sin, death, sorrow, and pain.

The old world will pass away, and God will bring forth a **new, incorruptible reality** where righteousness dwells.

This is **not a metaphor**—it is a literal, final fulfillment of God's promise to renew all things.

Why It Matters:

This is the final hope of the saints. After the Millennium, after Satan is cast into the lake of fire, and after the Great White Throne Judgment—eternity begins.

The New Heaven and New Earth Shows Us:

God's justice ends in mercy and beauty

Heaven is not just an escape—it is the final union of God
and humanity

The story doesn't end with destruction—it ends with
restoration

Every moment of suffering, every act of obedience, every
tear cried in surrender—it will all be redeemed in this place
of perfect peace and glory.

Scripture:

*“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first
heaven and the first earth were passed away...”*

— Revelation 21:1

“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them... and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes...”

— Revelation 21:3-4

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered, nor come to mind.”

— Isaiah 65:17

“Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

— 2 Peter 3:13

Closing Encouragement

*“Son of man, I have made you
a watchman... therefore hear
the word from My mouth and
give them warning from Me.”
—Ezekiel 3:17*

Understanding these terms isn't about sounding spiritual—
it's about being spiritually awake.

You don't need a theology degree to understand prophecy.
You just need the Holy Spirit and a heart that's humble and
ready to receive truth.

These words, these warnings, and these promises are not
for scholars alone—they're for the remnant.

For you.

Now that you understand the language of the final hour,
you're no longer asleep. You're equipped to **see**, to **warn**,
and to **stand**—as a Watchman on the wall.

*“Son of man, I have made you a watchman... therefore hear
the word from My mouth and give them warning from Me.”
— Ezekiel 3:17*

*Remnant
Affirmation:
I AM Aligned with
Prophetic Truth*

*“Surely the Lord God does
nothing unless He reveals His
secret to His servants the
prophets.”
—Amos 3:7*

Before You Close This Guide, Pause To Remember:

You were drawn here by the Spirit to receive understanding,
but also to walk in truth.

These aren't just terms. They're living realities. And you are
part of the generation who will see them fulfilled.

Let these words anchor your identity. Speak them aloud.
Write them down. Declare them as a witness to Heaven and
a weapon against deception.

I AM Affirmations: Understanding the Times

I AM awakened to the truth of prophecy. I will not be led
astray by confusion or false peace.

I AM rooted in the Word of God. His timeline is unfolding,
and I stand on the rock that will not shake.

I AM sealed with understanding. The veil is lifting, and I see
with eyes wide open.

I AM chosen for this hour. I will speak, teach, and prepare
others in boldness and love.

I AM a watchman in training. I AM learning the terms of
Heaven so I can proclaim the truth on Earth.

Declaration of Readiness

“I AM not afraid of the storm—I was born to stand in it.”

I receive what has been revealed.

I will study what has been spoken.

And I will walk forward with eyes that see, a heart that
burns, and lips that proclaim:

“...Even so, come, Lord Jesus.” — Revelation 22:20

Divine Authority Prayer: Sealed in Truth

Heavenly Father,

I come before You with a heart awakened and a spirit alert.

Thank You for revealing Your Word to the remnant—

For opening my eyes to prophecy,

And for aligning me with Your eternal timeline.

I receive these truths not as information,

But as sacred preparation.

Clothe me in discernment.

Shield me from deception.

Strengthen me to speak boldly,

And to walk in obedience no matter the cost.

By the authority of Jesus Christ, the soon-coming King,

I take my place as one who watches, warns, and worships.

Let no lie move me.

Let no fear shake me.

Let no darkness blind me.

I **AM** Yours, sealed by Your Spirit,

And called for such a time as this.

In the name of Jesus—the Alpha, the Omega, the Word
made flesh—

Amen.