



We consider three applications of prophecy;

◆ Get ready; get _____ God

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(2 Peter 3:10-12) "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. {11} Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, {12} looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?"

◆ Get ready; you're _____

(1 Thessalonians 4:15-18) "For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. {16} For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. {17} 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. {18} Therefore comfort one another with these words."

(1 Thessalonians 5:9) "For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,"

(John 14:1-3) "'Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. {2} "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. {3} "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."



The Shepherds

Get Ready

God's words to Elijah in 1 Kings 19:15-17 raise two logical questions in regard to prophecy:

1. How were these prophecies fulfilled? 1 Kings 18:15-21, 2 Kings 8:7-15, 28-29, 9:1-3, 24, 27, 30, 33, 10:7, 10, 13-14, 17-19, 25-28

(1 Kings 19:20) Elisha left the oxen standing there, ran after Elijah, and said to him, "First let me go and kiss my father and mother good-bye, and then I will go with you!" Elijah replied, "Go on back! But consider what I have done to you." [paraphrase]



2. How then, will _____ prophecy be fulfilled?

(Deuteronomy 30:1-3) "'Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you, {2} "and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, {3} "that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you."



(Romans 11:22) "Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off."

(Matthew 24:21) "'For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be." {22} "'And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; ..