

**“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.”  
(2 Peter 1:19)**

### **More Sure Word Of Prophecy**

J. Barton Payne's Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy lists 1,239 prophecies in the Old Testament and 578 prophecies in the New Testament, for a total of 1,817. These encompass 8,352 verses. Most consensus amongst Bible scholars is that there are a total of 31,273 verses in the Bible.

This would mean that 26.7% of the Bible deals with prophecy. A very high percentage indeed.

Prophecy shows that there is an emphasis that God has placed on knowing the future.

What a privilege to be living today in a time when it would appear that many of the prophecies concerning the second coming of Jesus are drawing near. God could have placed us anywhere in time, but He choose to place us here and now, in this time.

Jesus said in Matthew, thirteen:

“Many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.”

As Simeon remarked upon witnessing the first coming of Jesus:

“Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.” Luke 2:29-32

And what of those who will witness His second coming:

“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.” 1 Corinthians 15:52-54

In Luke, twenty one, Jesus told us:

“There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.” Luke 21:25-28

When we see all these stupendous prophetic End Time events coming to pass Jesus told us to look up, He is coming soon.

The outlook may not always seem so wonderful sometimes, but Jesus didn't tell us to look out, He told us to look up, because the up look could not be better.

“Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9

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