



PROPHECY AND A FLAG

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Guys, let's start with making sure we understand what prophecy is.

CAN ANYONE TELL US WHAT PROPHECY IS?

A prophecy is a statement about what will happen in the future. Only God knows for sure what the future will be like. Because of prophecy we can know that God is real!

For example, the prophet Micah wrote where Jesus would be born over 400 years before Jesus was born in Bethlehem (MICAH 5:2; MATTHEW 2:1; LUKE 2:4).

The prophet Daniel predicted over 450 years before Jesus that the Messiah would appear in Jerusalem as King. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey on the first Palm Sunday and was hailed as the King, it fulfilled Daniel's prophecy to the day (DANIEL 9:25-26; LUKE 19:37-38)!

ONLY GOD CAN DO THAT!

In the adult bible study we are discussing how God has used the nation of Israel to teach us about his covenant. Remember, a covenant is like a promise but bigger. Like the biggest promise ever.

When we believe on Jesus Christ, when we repent of our sins, we begin a journey with Him. He is going to give us His name (that's why we get baptized) and he is going to live in our hearts (the Holy Spirit) AND He is going to give us a gift so we can know that we are not alone, and that's the gift of spiritual tongues.

Every day a flag flies over the Holy Land, that was promised to Father Abraham, and that flag testifies of Jesus!

In that day the heir to David's throne (That's Jesus!) will be a banner of salvation to all the world. (That is a flag!) The nations will rally to him, and the land where he lives will be a glorious place.

11 In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to bring back ... (his people)

12 He will raise a flag among the nations and assemble the exiles of Israel. (exiles are people who are not living in their homeland) He will gather the scattered people of Judah from the ends of the earth.

Here what I want you guys to see: God makes commitments to his people. AND HE KEEPS THOSE COMMITMENTS!

Just as God made a commitment to Abraham, and God made a commitment to King David, God has made a commitment to all of us who believe upon Jesus Christ.

John 1:12

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12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD!

1 John 3:23

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23 And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us.

BELIEVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS! AND LEARN TO LOVE PEOPLE! BECAUSE GOD LOVES PEOPLE!

1 John 5:23

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13 I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. 14 And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. 15 And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

BELIEVE IN JESUS! AND HAVE FAITH TO ASK GOD FOR GOOD

Parents: Ask your children if they have repented recently. Lead them in repentance. Talk to them about baptism, how they are adopted by God, given God's name. If they have not received the spiritual gift of tongues, pray with them that they would learn to become worshipers. Because God inhabits our praise. (Please do not use the gift of tongues to scare them! It is a gift of God. It will happen naturally if they learn to be worshipers! I repeat: It is a gift!)

Now, pray over them, then ask them to pray for you. Let each child lead family in prayer. If they feel emotional, reassure them, they are feeling the presence of God. They could receive the gift of tongues in your home.