

# **HOW TO INTERPRET THE BIBLE - PART 11**

# Outline #11 The Bible and Prophecy

### Let the Word of Christ - Colossians 3:16

# 1. Historicism and Prophecy

- a) Daniel 2:27-45 How does the image in the dream illustrate the unbroken flow of history from the present to the last days?
- b) How is it possible for a dream or vision to be revealed to King Nebuchadnezzar and then to the young prophet Daniel that outlines the history of planet earth? Isaiah 46:9-10, Amos 3:7
- c) Daniel 7:1-14 Instead of different metals in a huge metal image, how are successive kingdoms represented in this vision?
- d) According to Jesus, what else does prophecy accomplish besides revealing what will happen in the future? John 14:29 (see also John 16:1-4)

#### 2. The Year-Day Principle

- a) What key is provided in Scripture when interpreting time prophecies? Numbers 14:34, Ezekiel 4:6
- b) Daniel 9:24-27 How does the year-day principle help us to unlock this amazing prophecy?
- c) Daniel 8:14, 26-27 How would you explain the prophet Daniel's reaction to this vision of the 2300 days?

#### 3. The Little Horn Power

- a) Daniel 7:8, 21, 25, 8:9-12
- b) According to the Protestant reformers, all of the identifying characteristics of the Little Horn pointed to which earthly religious power?

c) According to this prophecy, the Little Horn would seek to change times and laws (Daniel 7:25). How was this prophecy fulfilled?

# 4. The Investigative Judgment

- a) Daniel 7:9-14, 8:14
- b) When does this remarkable time prophecy begin? Daniel 9:25
- c) 2,300 years after the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem in 457BC is 1844 AD. How did early Adventist believers interpret this prophecy?
- d) How do the following texts help us to understand that there is a judgment prior to the return of Jesus? Revelation 22:11-12

# 5. Typology as Prophecy

- a) Exodus 17:5-6 Who did that rock represent? 1 Corinthians 10:4 (see also John 7:37)
- b) Exodus 12:1-7 Who did the lamb represent? John 1:29, Revelation 5:6-13
- c) Numbers 21:8 Who did the bronze serpent represent? John 3:14-15
- d) What other types do you see in the Scriptures? (the ark, the earthly sanctuary, baptism, etc.)

