



### The Key Definitions

- Prophecy
  - *Prophetes* (προφήτης)
  - From two Greek words:
    - *Pro* = before
    - *Phemi* = to speak
  - Means “to speak before” or “to speak for another”
  - Ex. 7:1-4; 4:10-16
  - Two distinct forms
    - 1) Predictive revelation
    - 2) Moral or ethical revelation

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- Eschatology
  - *Eschatos* = last
  - *Logos* = speech or discourse
  - “a speech or discourse about last things”
  - Based on the biblical expressions:
    - “Last days” (Is. 2:2; Mic. 4:1)
    - “Last time” (1 Pet. 1:5)
    - “Last hour” (1 John 2:18)

### The Common Pitfalls

- Being preoccupied with eschatology
- Satisfying curiosity without personal application
- Being sensational
- Being overly and equally dogmatic about every
- Setting dates
- Ignoring or undervaluing prophecy
- Refusing to interpret and take a position

## Its Crucial Importance

- The Percentage of Revelation
- The Priority in the Ministry of Jesus
- The Ministry Example of the Apostles
  - Paul
  - John
- The Purpose of Eschatology or Prophecy

## The Purpose of Prophecy

1. Rebukes sin & calls for repentance (e.g., Jer. 18:1-11)
2. Produces purity of life (1 John 3:1-3)
3. Provides comfort (1 Th. 4:14-18)
4. Creates spiritual stability (1 Cor. 15:58)
5. Stimulates a desire for service (2 Cor. 5:9-10)
6. Produces conversion (Acts 3:12-23)