Prophetic Foreshadows Bible Study 2017

Prophetic Foreshadows 1: The Full Circle

1. Introduction.

* Main Text: **Luke 17:26-30, 32**
* What does “foreshadow” mean?
* Understanding Types and Anti-types (Discuss); how are these different from straight up prophecies?
* In the text we just read, Jesus mentions two events that “foreshadow” His Second Coming, what are they?
* That makes them types of what?
* What is the reason Jesus is referring to these Old Testament stories to describe a future event? (Hint is in verse 32)

2. God wants to bring things full circle – only better

* Where will the believer spend eternity? **Revelation 21:1-2**, **3-4**
	+ Is that what you were taught to believe?
	+ What is heaven? **2 Corinthians 5:8**
* The Garden of Eden foreshadows life on the future post-millennium New Earth: **Genesis 2:8-9, 10-14, 15, 21-22, Genesis 3:8, Genesis 1:31**
* What are some characteristics of the Garden?
* Who was present with Adam and Eve in the Garden?
* The post-millennium New Earth resembles the Garden – note the similar characteristics:
* **Revelation 21:10, 22-27, Revelation 22:1-5, Revelation 21:5-8**
* Except that the people in the New Earth live in a city, does that surprise you?
* In what three very important ways that you can think of is the New Earth very different from the Garden:
	+ What will not be there? **Genesis 2:16-17**
	+ Who will not be there? **Revelation 20:10**
	+ How will mankind be different? **1 Corinthians 13:10-12**

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Prophetic Foreshadows 2: The Spirit of Cain

1. Review.

* Main Text: **Luke 17:26-30, 32**
* What does “foreshadow” mean?
* What are Types and Anti-types? How do they differ from straight up prophecies?
* In the main text we just read, Jesus mentions two events that “foreshadow” His Second Coming, what are they?
* Why does Jesus refer to these Old Testament stories to describe a future event?
* What prophetic reality is foreshadowed by the Garden of Eden experience?
* In what 2 ways will that future place/time differ from the original Garden?

2. End-times religious persecution by Cainites

* The spirit of Cain is prophesied in the end-times: **Jude 4, 8, 10-13, 14-15**
* Notice, Jude goes all the way back to the seventh generation of mankind and before the flood to find the first prophecy about this end-times issue!
* A Cainite would be anyone who follows “the way of Cain”
* What is Cain known for? What motivated him?
* Jesus described end-times persecution this way: **John 16:1-4**
* A study of Cain’s life in Genesis gives us a type of the kind of persecution:
	+ **Genesis 4:1-5, 6-7, 8, 9, 10-12**
* What motivated Cain that motivates persecution of real Christians and Jews today?
* What religion(s) are most motivated by the Cainite spirit?
* Cain is also the first person to receive a distinguishing mark as an enemy of God:
	+ **Genesis 4:15**, **Revelation 13:4, 7-8, 16-17, 14:9-10**
* Many religions use marks as signs of outward piety. Can you name any?
* This is why tattoos are condemned in the Word of God: **Leviticus 19:28**
* Now that you have accepted Christ you should refrain from “marking” yourself!
* Who is the personality behind this Cainite spirit? **Revelation 12:3-5, 13, 17**
* How has this prophecy of Cainite religious persecution intensified in these Last Days?
* Why? **Revelation 12:12**
* But we should rejoice! Because this is a sign of our LORD’s imminent return: **Matthew 10:23**

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Prophetic Foreshadows 3: Babylon the Original

1. Review.

* Main Text: **Luke 17:26-30, 32**
* What does “foreshadow” mean?
* In our main text, Jesus mentions two events that “foreshadow” His Second Coming, what are they?
* There is a theological principle in interpreting the Bible called “the Law of First Mention” – have you heard of it? Can you explain it?
* What is “the Way of Cain?” Who follows “the Way of Cain” today?

2. Babylon, Ancient and Modern

* Where is historical Babylon? **Daniel 1:1-2**
* Babylon has a long Bible history: **Jeremiah 50:1 Genesis 10:6, 8, 10**
* Ironically, Babylon is both a judge and a preserver of God’s people: **Jeremiah 24:1-7, 8-10**
* One of the mysteries of Revelation is the identity of the city described in Revelation 17 and 18: **Revelation 17:1-2, 5, 18**
* This city is called what? What problem is posed by that name? **Isaiah 13:19-20, 21-22**
* To fully understand “Mystery Babylon” we apply the Law of First mention – Where is Babylon first mentioned in the Bible? **Genesis 11:9**
* *Babylon is Akkadian "babilani" which means "the Gate of God(s);" The etymology of the name Babel in the Bible means "confused;" Babylon is a symbol of the confusion caused by godlessness. The name Babylon is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Babel.*
* To fully understand what Mystery Babylon means we should employ the Law of First Mention and note the characteristics of ancient Babel/Babylon; this will give us a prophetic foreshadow of characteristics of Mystery Babylon in the Book of Revelation
* Read and list some characteristics of the first ancient Babylon: **Genesis 10:8-10** **Genesis 11:1-2**, **3-4**, **5-7,** **8-9**
* These characteristics are mimicked in Mystery Babylon; find the city that resembles both ancient Babylon and Mystery Babylon and you can solve the Mystery
* Read and list similar characteristics to all the scriptures we have read for ancient Babylon; then also list unique ones for Mystery Babylon: **Revelation 17:1-2**, **4-6**, **9**, **15**, **18**, **18:1-2**, **4**, **9-11**, **15-18**, **19-20**
* Solve the mystery yet?

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Prophetic Foreshadows 4: The Pre-Tribulation Rapture

1. Review.

* Main Text: **Luke 17:26-30, 32**
* In studying the Old Testament we often speak of “types” and “anti-types” of things to come in the New Testament – can you explain these terms? Can you give examples?
* Can you remember what the word Babel means?
* What is the Greek word for “Babel?” Where is it located?
* The ancient Sumerian/Akkadian word, *babilani,* meant what?
* What was Satan’s goal at the tower of Babel? What is Satan’s goal for Mystery Babylon?
* How do we know that “Mystery Babylon” is not the same place as the ancient city in Iraq?
* What did God do about Babylon that He will do again with Mystery Babylon?
* Who remembers the parable of the good and bad figs? Briefly describe it.

2. The Rapture: Not exclusive to the New Testament; not a modern “invention”

* **Matthew 24:30-31** -- The Rapture is the term for the catching away of the Church before the final judgment of mankind at the end of the age; we believe this will take place before God brings divine judgment on a Christ-rejecting world; this period of final judgement is commonly referred to as “The Great Tribulation;” although there are problems with that term, “The Great Tribulation,” it is commonly accepted and will be used in this study.
* Note the timing in **1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 15-18, 5:1-3, 4-8, 9-11**
* This suggests that the Rapture will save us from what? (Hint: vs. 9)
* *Rapture* or *rapturos*, from the Latin translation of the term “caught up” in **1 Thessalonians 4:17**
* This “catching up” occurs two times in the Old Testament as types of the Rapture:
* **2 Kings 2:1-4**, **5-6**, **9-11** – Elijah is taken up, why is Elisha left behind? This will be important to understanding God’s plan in Rapture theology.
* What is one key difference between Elijah’s taking up and the Rapture of the church? **1 Thessalonians 4:16** and **1 Corinthians 15:51-52**
* The most famous type of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture and a foreshadowing of the Last Days is an event from “the days of Noah:” **Genesis 5:21-24**
* Why did Enoch get taken? What was coming that God spared Enoch from?
* Again, to understand God’s plan consider who was left behind? **Genesis 5:28-29**
* Why? **Genesis 6:8, 13-14, 18**
* Elijah is a type of the Church, Elisha is a type of Israel; Enoch is a type of the Church, Noah is a type of Israel
* As Noah and his family repopulated the post-flood “new covenant” world, the people of national Israel after the final return of Messiah will repopulate what?
* Why was Enoch raptured? What must Christians do to be Raptured? **Mark 13:32-33**
* We looked at two types, one of which was a genuine prophetic foreshadow of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. Can you think of an anti-type?
* Consider this one from last week’s Bible study, how can it be considered a kind of anti-type for the Rapture? **Jeremiah 24:1-7, 8-10**

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Prophetic Foreshadows 5: Plagues of Egypt Revisited

1. Review.

* Main Text: **Luke 17:26-30, 32**
* What do we mean by “foreshadows,” “types” and “anti-types” of things to come in the New Testament – can you explain these terms? Can you give examples?
* What do we mean by the Pre-Tribulation Rapture?
* Can you give a foreshadow, a type and an anti-type?

2. A Plague of Plagues

* In Revelation we read about some horrific disasters that will hit the earth during the time of Jacob’s Trouble: **Revelation 16:1**
* I want you to read these first couple of Revelation disasters and tell me if they sound like something familiar from the Old Testament: **Revelation 16:2-4, Revelation 16:10-11**
* Where have you read about such disasters previously?
* The most famous plagues in the Bible occur in Exodus. Can you remember the reason God sent plagues on Pharaoh and the Egyptians? **Exodus 5:1-4, 10-11, 17-18**
* Why is God going to send plagues on the Anti-Christ Kingdom in the Last Days? **Daniel 9:27, James 5:4, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4**
* This would make the plagues of Egypt a *foreshadow, type* or *anti-type?*
* Compare the two sets of plagues:
* **Exodus 7:20-21**, **Revelation 8:8-9**, **16:3-7** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Exodus 8:1-6, Revelation 16:12-13** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Exodus 8:16-17, 20-21, 10:4-6, Revelation 9:3-6** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Exodus 9:1-3, Revelation 8:7** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Exodus 9:10-12, Revelation 16:2, 8** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Exodus 9:22-26**, **Revelation 16:21** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Exodus 10:21-23**, **Revelation 8:12, 16:10-11** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What is the purpose of these plagues in both Exodus and Revelation?
	+ **2 Peter 3:9**, **Revelation 9:20-21**
* Which Exodus plague is missing from the list? Why might that be?
* Throughout the plagues of Egypt, God spared one place. Can you remember where it was and why? **Exodus 8:22-23**
* What Last Days location may be spared from some of these plagues for the same reason?

**Daniel 11:32**

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Prophetic Foreshadows 6: The Mark

1. Review.

* Main Text: **Luke 17:26-30, 32**
* What do we mean by prophetic “foreshadows?”
* Why are they important to our understanding of prophecy?
* There are two types of plagues that strike the earth during Revelation – the Trumpet judgements and the Bowl judgements – Where are these “foreshadowed” in the Old Testament?
* Why did God send the plagues against Egypt?
* Why does God finally judge the earth in Revelation?
* Why did God spare Goshen? What does that mean for us?

2. The Badge of Service

* In the Book of Revelation, two different sets of people are set apart and given distinctive “badges” – *the Seal of God* and *the Mark of the Beast*. For purposes of this study we shall call them both “marks.” These marks are thoroughly misunderstood by most interpreters of prophecy. We need to read God’s Word at face value instead of trying to find some esoteric or hidden meaning. These people are marked for service… to two very different masters.
* First mentioned is the Seal of God: **Revelation 7:2-4** – Consider:
	+ Who are these people? That means they are not… (What?)
	+ Who are they serving?
	+ Where is this seal placed? What is the significance of this? **Deuteronomy 11:18**
* The second is the more infamous Mark of the Beast: **Revelation 13:11-15**, **16-18** -- Consider:
	+ Who are these people? What is the purpose of this mark?
	+ Who are they serving? Note: The mark is for *worshippers!*
	+ Where is this seal placed? What is the significance of those locations?
		- **2 Corinthians 10:5** **Matthew 5:30**
		- It might surprise to know that God has used these marks previously to make a distinction between those who are *reprobate in their sin* and those who are *secured in Him.* These foreshadow the marks of Revelation – Discuss each as it relates to the Revelation marks:
			* **Genesis 4:13-15** – Why is Cain marked? What is the warning to those who judge Cain?
			* **Exodus 28:36-38** – How does the mark of the priesthood pertain to us? **Ephesians 1:13-14** **1 Peter 2:9** **Ephesian 4:30**
			* **Ezekiel 9:1-2, 3-4, 5-6** – How might this give insight to Revelation’s Seal of God?
		- Consider the Mark of the Beast for a moment -- Why might God have given this command in **Leviticus 19:28**
		- God knows the end from the beginning. He alone knows who will *ultimately* be saved and who will *ultimately* be damned. Our job is to live for Christ and witness to *everyone.* It is clear in prophecy that God executes His judgments based on this knowledge:
			* **Revelation 14:9-11 Revelation 22:11 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10**
		- Remember Goshen! What was special about Goshen? And why should we remember Goshen?

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Prophetic Foreshadows 7: The Demise of Satan

1. Review.

* Main Text: **Luke 17:26-30, 32**
* Explain the terms *foreshadows, types* and *anti-types.*
* How do they help us to better understand prophecy?
* Who are the two groups of people who are “marked” in the Book of Revelation?
* Why are they marked?
* What do these “marks” mean?
* Where are these marks “foreshadowed” in Bible prior to Revelation?

2. The Oldest Prophecy of All

* God’s first prophecy was given to an unlikely recipient. Can you guess who it was?
* **Genesis 3:14-15** – Explain: Who is the serpent? **Ezekiel 28:13-15**
* What does this prophecy mean?
* Who is the woman’s “Seed?” Who is the Serpent’s seed? Has this prophecy been fulfilled in any way? Explain your answer.
* Read the following story and explain how this foreshadows the ultimate fulfillment of this ancient prophecy – consider, as you do, all the parallels: **1 Samuel 17:2-4, 8-11, 12, 20-26, 28-29, 40-44, 45-47, 49-51**
* Consider the final demise of Satan in **Revelation 19:11-13, 15-16, Revelation 20:1-3, 10**
* Satan’s end is foreshadowed in the demise of certain kings who were enemies of God’s people. These demonic kings were sometimes even possessed by Satan making them a type of the anti-Christ – consider, again, all the parallels: **Isaiah 14:3-4, 9-11, 12-15, 16-17**
* Another example is the Prince/King of Tyre in **Ezekiel 28:1-2, 6-9, 11-15**
* Note what happens to the most famous Babylonian King when he takes on Lucifer’s spirit of pride: **Daniel 4:28-30, 31-33, 34-37**
* What is the most important difference between Nebuchadnezzar and Satan/Lucifer that makes Nebuchadnezzar’s fall an anti-type of Satan’s demise? **Luke 13:2-3**
* Jesus even taught that the defeat of demons by the evangelistic outreaching of the Apostles foreshadowed the demise of Satan: **Luke 10:17-19**
* Satan is a defeated foe who will have no choice but to bow his knee to Christ from the depths of the pit: **Philippians 2:9-11**
* *Good news indeed!*

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