

Thriving in Babylon: The Pattern and the Promise

How can biblical prophecy encourage us when the world is swirling in chaos?

1. **Prophecy shows us that _____, and He has a plan.** (Daniel 7:13-14 NIV)
 - a. Prophecy assures us that God will ultimately win this cosmic battle between good and evil. (Matthew 24:1-8 NIV)
 - b. Man's "intelligence" may fail, but [prophecy assures us that] God knows the ending right from the beginning. (Matthew 24:9-14 NIV)

2. **Prophecy reminds us _____ we are living in.** (Matthew 6:9-13 NIV)
 - a. God won't end the battle "early" because that will not resolve the issues raised by the Fall.
 - b. God's heart is that He wants every person to have a chance to know about Jesus. (Matthew 24:14 NIV)

3. **What do we do _____?** (Matthew 24:42-47 NIV)
 - a. Keep watch and be ready. (Matthew 24:13 NIV)
 - b. Invest your skills and talents in building God's kingdom.