

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 God is in control, 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 what "time" 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 in the meantime? (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.