

What about Prophecy?

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As I attempt to decode end-of-time prophecy, *I do not believe that I am necessarily correct or that my views and my views alone guarantee anyone Salvation, including myself.* My sincere wish is to stir the thinking of others, prayerfully without bringing too many pots to boil.

So here goes . . .

In Genesis 3:15, the Lord promised Adam and Eve a Saviour, *unto Salvation.* Though the promise was made to them, Adam and Eve did not live long enough to receive the fulfillment of that promise. If your understanding in Scripture is, that Adam and Eve are dead and not yet in Heaven, as some might believe, then *even until this day, the promise made in person to them, has never been fulfilled.*

In Genesis 6:8, 9, “Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord . . . Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.” In Hebrews 11:7, “Noah . . . prepared an ark to the saving of his house.” Just how “saved” were Noah and his house? *Noah, his wife, his sons and their wives are all dead and gone.* Continuing in the same verse 7, “Noah . . . became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.” The Scripture says *Noah was an “heir.”* He was to inherit something but Noah is dead and gone and I cannot but conclude that *Noah has yet to receive his inheritance.*

God moved Abraham, and moved Abraham, and moved Abraham. God promised Abraham, and promised Abraham, and promised Abraham. But Abraham is dead and gone. Did Abraham ever receive “all the north, south, east and west lands he was promised?” In his lifetime did he produce offspring, “more numerous than the stars in the heavens?” There is no room for debate here, not if Scripture is to be received in plain English:

“These all died . . . **not having received THE PROMISES.**” Hebrews 11:13. And again,

“These all, having received a good report through faith, **received not THE PROMISE.**” Vs. 39.

The same promises, with non-fulfillment, were given to Isaac and Jacob and, and, and . . .

God interrupted Moses’ retirement, telling him that “he was elected by Heaven to lead the posterity of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob from Egyptian bondage to the Promise Land.” *But Moses never got there!* Neither did all those folk leaving Egypt, believing that promise. If I reason correctly in Scripture, **the OT exodus was not The Exodus!**

And what glorious promises the Baptist preached! **But John never lived to see The Day he promised! John is dead and gone.**

Then there were Jesus’ promises—*do you recall any of them?*

“I will come again, and **receive you (then living Disciples)** unto myself.”

“A **little while**, and ye shall not see me: and again, **a little while**, and ye **(then living Disciples)** shall see me.”

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure **to give you (then living Disciples) the kingdom.**”

You must agree, those men to whom Jesus promised “**a little while**,” are dead and gone for **2,000 years!**

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As for those “then living” Disciples,

“He (Jesus) sent them to preach *the kingdom (of God is at hand).*”

And of course, Paul’s promise, “*We which are alive and remain shall be caught up . . .*”

But those Apostles and those to whom they preached are all dead and gone—*2,000 years gone!*

Have you caught the drift yet? **Not a single grand promise from Heaven, save the coming of “the Son of Promise has been met—NOT YET!**

These unmet promises just keep coming. The last living of the Twelve—John, exiled on Patmos, with a command from Heaven, assured us, “Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy . . . *for the time is at hand.*”

And again, “BEHOLD, *I come quickly.*”

And again, “SURELY *I come quickly.*”

Doubtless, there are those who will judge these comments irreverent and likely judge my conclusions incorrect. But my thoughts and comments are not intended to be irreverent, *far from it.*

If you have followed my comments without too much discomfort, then you will grasp the larger context of Scripture and conclude with me these observations are sound:

“Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.” I Corinthians 10:11.

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.” Romans 15:4.

Hopefully you have concluded that I have not “wrested the Scriptures.” If so, then you will conclude with me that **the “Garden promise” is still A Promise; that the flood was not *The Deluge*; that the “sufferings” of Job were not *Job’s Sufferings*; that the wanderings of Abraham still produce *Wanderers*; that the plagues upon Egypt and Pharaoh were not *The Plagues*; that the OT exodus was not *The Exodus*; that “the promise land” was not *The Promised Land*; that Joshua was not *JOSHUA*; that Passover in Egypt was not yet *PASSOVER*; that Pentecost was not yet *The Promised Baptism of Fire* and the multiplied promises of the coming kingdom are still-to-come Promises!**

A God of love will not leave any generation without hope. We should see more clearly that God’s promises are **PROMISE PROPHECIES!**

If you agree and if you see, then you will understand that **“Jezebel” was not JEZEBEL** and **“the tower of Babel” was not *The Tower of Babel* . . .**